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POETRY.

There by the open door.

GRANDMOTHER READING THE Hush, little feet | go softly Over the cohoing floor, Grandmother's reading the Bible

All of its pages are dearer still, Now she is almost down the hill The golden summer sunshine Round her is gently shed, Gold and silver together Crowning her bending head, While she follows where saints have trod Reading the blessed book of God.

Grandmother's past the morning, Past the noonday sun, And she is reading and resting After her work is done; Now in the quiet autumn eves She has only to bind her sheaves.

No little feet to follow Over this weary road, No little hand to lighten Of many a weary load ; Children standing in honored prime Bless her now in her evening time. Grandmother has closed the volume

And by her saintly look Peace I know she has gathered Out of the sacred Book; Maybe she catches through the door Glimpses of heaven's eternal shore.

OUR STORY.

TONGUE-CRUSHED.

Among the sources of social and domest disquietude, one of the chief is the habit of husbands and wives correcting each other in public. I mean that habit of correction which lets no slip of the tongue pass without a reminder, making the corrected party feel cheap, and casting a shadow upon the

At a party one evening Charles Lee was telling a knot of his friends about the wonderful yield in his strawberry bed. He prided himself on that bit of horticultural,

"We shall gather a hundred quarts of berries from that bed this season," he said, with a flourish. "Oh, no, Charles," interposed his wife,

who had just come up; "if we get fifty quarts we shall do well. "Why, you have picked as much as fifty quarts already."

your hobby!

"Unhappy-I?"

strawberry bed?"

ike to know?"

" Yes," he replied.

ago that they couldn't pay him a shilling? " No. no." And you know how worried he was. I de-"But, Laura, you forget how many are clare, I don't believe they ever mean to pay eaten direct from the vine. And, again, a farthing. Didn't poor papa tell me with when I say a hundred quarts, I mean as we his own lips that he dared not push them?" have to buy them, with the hulls on." Charles Lee was ready to sink from "Oh, Charles, that strawberry bed is

ed to listen were three directors of the And the wife laughed. But the husband principal bank in the town. He would did not laugh. He was cut to the quick, have stopped his wife's speech had it been and turned away without speaking further. possible, but she rattled on in spite of his Now, any experienced gardener, overlookimploring look. ing Charles Lee's strawberry bed during the " Laura," he said, " you do not undermonth of July, would have risked a goodly stand. Your father has no fears." wager that its yield for the season would be "Oh, Charles, when he said distinctly

over a hundred quarts. And Chales had that the two thousand pounds now due, and meant to tell only the truth. the two thousand more in a month, he "Laura," he said, after they reached home, "do you know that you made me

"Oh, you mean what I said about that

"Well, Charles-now I believe if you

"Stop, Laura; I shall not discuss that.

We cannot measure the berries to-night.

only wish to remind you that this habit of

correcting me in public is a most disagree-

able one to all who hear. It makes me feel

unpleasantly, and it perplexes others. And

my dear wife, the habit is growing upon

"Really, Charles, one would think to

awful: What harm can there be, I should

"There is a great deal of harm, Laura

"Aye, Laura. Of all the evils to be

"Oh, pshaw! I will not listen to your

"Then, Laura, a greater evil may be

Laura's father, a genial and large-hearted

man; dearly loved by his children. He

tured a good deal of cloth, most of which

was sent to consigners in the east. He

kissed his daughter and took into his arms

and kissed the two likle children, and then

sat down. Gradually the smile faded from

his face, and an expression of deep concern

had a remittance of two thousand pounds a

week ago, and another like remittance will

be due next month. They cannot make

"Why don't you push them, as you call

t?" demanded Laura. "I think if they

owed me, I would know why I didn't have

"Ah, my child," said the old gentleman,

"I'd drive them if they owed me and

smiling, " pushing them might be the worst

thing I could do. They are not the men to

if you don't get pay for your cloth?"

either of them. It is bad, isn't it?"

" Very bad," said Charles.

took its place.

my money."

be driven."

dreaded in social life an unguarded tongue

The habit is an evil one, and can only lead

"Evil?" she repeated.

you do not try to restrain-"

wife had swept from the room.

were to measure every lot of berries-"

ouldn't get." The bank directors turned away, and so very unhappy this evening?" did Charles Lee. His wife saw that he was "Yes-unhappy, because indignant."

very pale, and she thought it was from anger, so she embraced the first opportunity to slip away from him. On their way home Laura said-"I suppose you are very much put out, Charles ?"

"About what?" "About what I said concerning Claxton Simmonds." "I am distressed, Laura; but if you did

right I have nothing to say." "Goodness mercy! Anybody would think I had been doing something dreadful.' "Don't speak of it now, please; I wish to give you no more lectures. For the present, let the matter rest as it is, so far as you and I are concerned."

"But, Charles, you were telling Mr. Burbank that Claxton & Simmonds were good." "I was telling what I firmly believe to be the trath, Lanra. You did not hear the whole of your father's disclosures the other evening. He and I both believe Claxton & Simmonds to be financially stronger than is one of the most dangerous. I wish you ever before, but the opening of new and distant markets for their goods has, for the time, absorbed their surplus capital, and

in their soundness that I have lent my yours. I speak now from my heart. If name to carry their paper." They had reached home at this point and the conversation was dropped.

thus cramped them. I have so much faith

Before he could finish the sentence his On the very next morning Mr. Fuller came in pale and haggard. Two weeks later, Charles Lee and his " Papa, what is the matter?" cried Laura, wife sat together in their cosy drawingroom, when Mr. Fuller came in. He was

He kissed her and gently put her aside, and having taken'a seat, he said to his sonowned a large woollen mill, and manufac-"Charles, I am orushed!" "Father!" "The banks won't touch our paper. The

directors know that my sole reliance is upon

the solvency of Claxton & Simmonds, and

somebody has told them of the letter I re-

ceived from the firm; but the whole truth

"Charles," said he, "I have received a had not been told them. They know that etter from Claxton & Simmonds. I have my Liverpool consigners are short in their got to extend their paper. I should have returns four thousand pounds." " What will you do?" "What can I do? If I cannot raise two thousand pounds within a week I must suspend. Oh, this is dreadful! Charles.

> have you told anybody the substance of that letter ?" "I have not whispered it outside of my

> directors have heard of it." Thus far Laura had listened in silence. head upon his knees.

"Oh, papa, I did it! I am the wicked didn't pay. How can you run your factory one! Oh, what can I do?"

Her father gathered her up in his arms, and with her head upon his shoulder she confessed her fault.

"Oh, papa, I shall die if I have ruined-"Let me look at the letter," said Charles. | you!" Mr. Fuller handed it to him, and while "Hush, my child. I shall not be ruined; he was reading it Laura went away with | Charles and I will find some way out of

hat's where the pinch comes."

the children to put them to bed.

them to open up these markets."

quire for two months to come."

respondents ?"

made out for the bank.

im on the shoulder.

they heard the question.

sistance to you, you may command it."

shortly afterwards her father went out

On the next day Charles called at Mr. Ful-

A few evenings thereafter there was

from Claxton & Simmonds, of Liverpool?"

Charles replied in the affirmative.

"And what is their condition?"

'Do you mean financially?"

"Laura!" he exclaimed.

They were standing within hearing of

"Their condition is undoubtedly good."

"I have perfect confidence in them."

"Can they meet their maturing obliga-

"Well, I'd pinch Clarton & Simmonds,

the strait. But surely this should be a "It doesn't seem so bad, after all," lesson to you." "It will-it will! Never, never, will I do Charles said, laying the letter upon the table.

"Oh, no," responded Mr. Fuller; "if I | that wrong again!" . can only give them time they will come out Laura's misery, for the time, cast other all right. I know 1 can rely upon their | troubles into the shade, and both her father word. They have sent a heavy consignment and her husband tried to be cheerful. But of clothing to America; and there's been a she could find no joy. A great grief was hitch in exchanges. As they say, I believe upon her, and she was to suffer more both ventures will turn out remarkably bitter hours than she had ever suffered well. In fact, I am rather inclined to be before in her life.

On the second evening from that Mr. pleased with the prospect—only I must help Fuller entered the cozy drawing room, "My dear sir, if my name can be of as- radiant. "Hi! Charles! Laura! I've got good "It can be of great assistance, Charles.

news. Read that. With your name I can get all the money And he threw upon the table a bit of from the bank that I shall absolutely re- paper, Charles took it up, and found it was a telegram. Laura looked over his "And by that time Claxton & Simmonds | shoulder as he read:

"Liverpool, Sept. 12th, 1886. To John Fuller, Esq., Manchester: will have heard from their American cor-"America all right. We mail to you "Yes. I have no fear of their ultimate this day a draft for four thousand pounds. send next consignment as soon as possible Put on your whole force for manufacturing. Laura returned at this moment, and

"CLAXTON & SIMMONDS," In one week from that time the directors of the Manchester Bank took off their hats ler's counting house, and the papers were to John Fuller, and asked his pardon. And Laura was happy, not more for the good | with a cup of coffee and a biscuit hastily fortune which had come to her father, and party at the house of a friend, where many in which she was sure to share, than for of the chief business men of the place were the change in her own life. She was represent. Charles and his wife were of the solved henceforth to study the right, and number. In the course of the evening a gentleman approached Charles and tapped | to do it-to set a guard upon her tongueto be silent when necessary, and to be circumspect always. " By the way, Lee, have you heard lately

As To Canadian Fruit.

several gentlemen, who gathered nearer as Ex Mayor Wickham, of Philadelphia, has been in Eugland. He is at home now. In conversation with a newspaper man the travelled Philadelphian made some remarkable statements. This is a portion of the interview printed in the Philadelphia

> What do you hear about the American exhibition of next year?

Not much; it is a private speculation "Oh, Charles," cried Laura, who had If it were under better anspices it could not compare with the British colonial exbeen hanging upon his arm, " how can you hibition of the present year. That was really wonderful. The arrangement of it was most admirable, and it gave an ex-"When they wrote to papa only a week traordinary idea of the productions of the world as tributary to the British. The Australian exhibition was remarkable. The Canadians showed a fine exhibit of things really belonging to them, like lumber, but in my opinion, the fruits they presented and a good many other things come from over the American line. I certainly never heard of peaches growing in Canada as big shame and mortification. Of those gatheras a large coffee cup, but they had them there all put up in bottles, pickled, spiced or preserved. Since that exhibition every

Englishman is talking of federation. And so, Mr. Wickham, you did not know that peaches grew in Canada-big peaches. One would naturally suppose that you might have learned something about your own continent, Mr. Wickham, before you went to investigate another one; but you evidently did not, Mr. Wickham. ideas of Canada were badly gleaned, Mr. Wickham, from some friend who had visited the Montreal ice-house. But we really do grow peaches-big peaches-here; and we grew all those other fruits you saw the bottles, pickled, spiced and preserved And if you will go back to the exhibition of Canadian fruit, neither bottled, pickled, spiced or preserved, that will further open your Philadelphian eyes in respect to the climate and soil of Canada. Or, Mr. Wickham, if you have not time to cross the ocean, you might come to Hamilton this week and see a fruit exhibition. We will guarantee that you will be astonished, even more than you were at the Colonial exhibition, Mr. Wickham. Canada does not require to exhibit fruit from over the American line, Mr. Wickham, and she is just lazy enough to do nothing that she is not required to do .- Hamilton Spectator.

"Land o' the Leal."

There are expressions in Scotch songs as suggestive as a sermou. Lady Nairn's Land o' the Leal" is not only a pisture of the land of the living that lies beyond the land of the dying, but a source of consolation to those who have been parted rom friends that have gone before.

"There's use sorrow there, John,
There's naither cauld nor care, John. The day is aye fair

In the land o' the leal." When the late Dr. Dickson, a godly olergyman, of Edinburgh, lost a sweet little girl, he sang "The land o' the Leal" at family worship. So real was it to him, that he said, "It's a pity but what that was among the paraphrases! Since I've thought more of 'our bonnie bairn's being there,' I must say that I cannot sing so

heartaly,

-Youth's Companion.

" ' And oh ! we grudged her sair To the land o' the leal :' for she is safe and happy in the land 'nae sorrow' in the land of the true-hearted.

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"It is certainly known. Some of the cholera and kindred summer complaints, making the change, and I think I can safewho might have been saved if proper reme. | ly assure my brother man, who is working dies had been used. If attacked do not the treadmill of business or professional and now, gasping and trembling, she sank | delay in getting a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kel- | life as I was doing, that he is grinding an down at her father's feet, and bowed her logg's Dysentery Cordial, the medicine that unprofitable grist, and if he has no little never fails to effect a cure. Those who | Nell to remind him of the fact, I trust that have used it say it acts promptly, and there some other monitor will arouse him to a oughly subdues the pain and disease.

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WHOSE CHOICE? Some faces are supinely fair. Some sparkling in their splendor; Some are demure and debonair, And some divinely tender.

Some win us with one fatal glance. From eyes too brightly beaming, Some smile that smile that brings a trance, Till life is lost in dreaming.

Some flit before us, sweet and gay, To fill our hearts with laughter: Then fade as fancies fade away, And leave no aching after.

And some—some faces, sorrow-kissed, When holiest thoughts are thronging, Come back, come always in that midst. Of everlasting longing.

So faces come and faces go: Some make existence sweeter: And some they make life sad, we know, Yet being sad, completer.

(Heaven knows each heart; |don't doubt The future fades, the past is past ! We cannot live without it! We ask not if men call her sweet,

Or fair, or wise, or clever;

Until one face comes up at last-

" Will you be mine for ever.

Time for a Kiss

We ask, we passionately entreat,

"Kiss me, papa-if you has time," said my little five-year-old daughter one morning, as she sat leisurely finishing her breakfast, while I was hurrying off to my work,

stowed away in my stomach. "If you has time!" What unmeant and inconscious irony lay in those four little words! Like a silver arrow tipped with gold they went to my heart. Was I then so busy that my little child must ask, in all earnestness and sincerity, if her father could really spare the time to give his darling a good-by morning kiss? Shame upon me and my business! What, then, was this great work in which I was so mercilessly absorbed: The matter of getting bread for four little mouths, shoes for eight little feet and clothes for four little backs. This was the real problem, reduced to its simplest terms. And has it come to this, in our boasted era of labor-saving machinery and in our vaunted land of inexhaustible resources, that the little ones must be in doubt whether or not father has time to kiss them? Shame upon me and my work! I kept saying. And shame upon

our civilization, our machinery, our riches

and our achievements, if this is the best

The words of baby Nell kept compan with me down the street; indeed, they kept me company all that day, running through my mind at every interval of leisure. They made me recall the manner of my recent living: Eating breakfast with half the family at table while half were still dress ing; hurrying as if at a railway station nervous, preoccupied, silent; so absorbed in the plans of the day that the little angel by my side was hardly more noticed than if her chair had been vacant; and at last leaving home as if the house were on fire. I thought of all this and I asked myself what I was getting out of life to pay me Your for all I was losing. I was drudging to obtain the comforts and some of the luxuries of life, and I was not enjoying them. There were books in my, library, but I had no time and little inclination to read them. There were pictures on my walls, but how often did I spend five consecutive minutes in looking at them? There was a piano in the house, and my wife was reputed a good player before her marriage, but the instrument was silent most of the time now for some cause or other, prohably for the reason that there did not seem to be any convehient time for me to listen. There were plenty of people round about us, but we did not have any intimate friends. Perhaps it was because it takes some time and some attention to make and to keep friends, and we really did not seem able to spare the time for it. We thought, year by year, that we would make some effort to be sociable, but the time slipped past so rapidy, and we were always so busy that the

> I thought of all this, and I concluded that I was getting too busy; that, in fact, I had been too busy for some time. reflected that while there were so many men out of employment and anxious to be employed, it was not good economy for one man to be trying to do the work of two. I determined that thereafter I would only try to do one man's work, and would try to have one man's time for enjoyment as I went along. I began taking life more leisurely. I spent an hour or two more at home each day: I set deliberately to work to remedy the defects in my personal and domestic life, which I plainly saw existed: I sought to revive my dormant love for literature by reading each day in some book or magazine. I talked and played with my children, who at first did not quite know what to make of the novel innovation, but soon came to enjoy and expect it. We had games and music and evening talk. Occasionally we had friends in to spend the evening, or went away to spend the evening with them. We ate breakfast together as a family, and Nell did not need to ask again if I had time to kiss her.

long-looked-for leisure never came.

Is it necessary to say that one year of this kind of living appeared longer and to have more in it than two years of the treadmill period? And, contrary to my oldbuy it are on mutual grounds in confidence I possibly lost in being away from it more of the time seemed to be fully made up by Very many persons die annually from gains in other ways. I never regretted true sense of his situation. - Selected.