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and he washeth his face and he rubbeth his

And he talkoth a space, as there he stands, With the brook that babbleth free. "Now tell me, waters so cold and clear, And whence then best come sofar ?" "From the farther side Of the hill we flow,

Where the snow is bride

Of the last year's snow-

Children thereof we are !" And whither dost thou pursue my way. olumes Alta Edition 12 mo. Oh, waters cold and clear and fair?" "Where the rose is gay In the love of spring

"We shall journey on

To the vinegard where

Oh, honest water, sweet and cool :"

Through the balmy shake

Where the mulberry maid

And silently fareth the dark, little blade,

And he giveth nor rese nor vine a look,

But panying he goes to beat the brook, Wooling that mulberry maid.

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Old Uncle Josh

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without besitation.

The drizzle of the morning had frozen apou

ed locks and shattered frame bespoke the

allotted age of three-score-and-ten, with

in his hand a small parcel in au old printed

brothers-Alpheas and Rodalphas.

Then the aged wayfarer asked if Alpheos

heard the question,-brightened at first,

her fireside. with a cup of milk in his hand,

and then became clouded.

babes while she was away."

"Don't her brothers help her i" the old

don't even seem to recognize ber us a sister.

was. He was thrifty, while I was noth-

And then they talked of the other times,

and Old Joshus Langdon gained further

been known, it would have appeared that

thirty, had established himself in an ex. to me? To be sure he was my father's

knowledge of his nephews and niece.

both had families.

cotton handkerchief, entered the village | ceived. At length Alphens asked :

had been informed that there were two how ill at ease he was:

Up from the waters that babble on

Drippeth the vine with des

"Nay, speed we fast

Till we come at last

Swings by the crystal pool.

Till we come anon

Through the mesdows fair .

Books, strong cloth cover Me petty sast. and good paper, at Our songe to ring To the lambking bleating there." "Oh, I should stay where the roses bloom Thou waters sweet and good and true !".

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prices as low or lower than those to call you ?" orn goods elsewhere. "Yes, Margaret, I am old Josh-or, at Everybody can be suited, for we have al least, what's left of him. Aye, those of whom we have spoken are children of my brother Levi. Levi, you may remember, was | sloud.

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so long as you could find a bit of help for them as was in want and sufferin'. Tell pecial Lines. Good Goods, Newest Style and Best value for the money at the truth, Uncle Josh. I know you was a wanderin', onessy mortal, but I never W. Williams', Acton. heard 'at you run in debt, or that you ever refused to divide your last crust with a years." Custom work and repairing given careful atten tion. Trunks and values in variety. haugry brother."

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the younger children retired, when a ring | not allow the memory to dwell with him. scentily clad, desired to see the master.

vagrant that comes along."

But the servant was not to be put off Josh might have a bed in the charaber over Mrs. Langdon heard her husband go to the back door, and shortly afterwards she of the kitchen, and, pretty soon, Alpheus

deepest trouble upon his face. been christened Nancy it is Old Uncle Josh!" And be sank into a chair from emergency on all such occasions. "Send him to the overseers, as I said before : orif you prefer, you may bid him go and find

and the poor old wayfarer, when he saw knew just as well what was in the heart

written upon an open scroll before him. The servant had set out a bit of bread and meat, and was preparing to he a bowl of warm drink, when the old man stopped her; and then, turning to his nebbew, he

" Alpheas, let us be frank and truthfu

It is old-as old as the formation of society, and the distribution of families. []" "There is nothing new gader the san," an With a chicking gasp Alpheus answered old writer once said : and it is generally "Ye-es, Joshua, you are, that is, if you admitted that history is continually repeatthought to make any stop. Of course, you ing itself. In short, before we can have can rest here, and you shall be belped forentirely new stories of entirely new life. ther if you need; but you know my posiexperiences, we must have an entirely new | tion in society; you must bear in mind earth, with newly constructed inhabitants, that my wife is particular about her home I suppose the simple story of poor Old | not leave behind you a very -"

Uncle Josh has been acted over and over The old man put out his hand imploring. again, in the lives of men and women, of ly, and a pained look came upon his worn all climes, and all ares; but that will not face. "Alphene, I have not drank a drop of for a hungry man's lanch. make the story any less interesting. The events we are about to transcribe are of the | spirit for more than ten years. I have present generation, and many who will been where it flowed like water, and where read the story will focate the characters people drank it as freely, but I had desire to touch it. I had seen its evil, and It was a chill, bleak day in November. felt it terribly. So don't think of that."

" Really, Uncle Joshus, I am glad

the hard earth, and the change of the wind | hear you say that, and let me hope that that had swept away the dampness from | you may have strength to maintain yourthe atmosphere had brought upon its wings | self in that good way. I will pray for you, a chill that was nipping and searching. | be sure," Eate in the day, an old man, whose silver-" I thank you, sit.," A long silence followed, during which the girl Matilda had finished the work garments worn and scant, supporting his setting food and drink upon the table. feeble steps by an oaken staff, and carrying | She had prepared a pot of hot tea, not with-

"Where have you been during the last" from the westward. To those who had asked him whither he had travelled he had | ten or twelve years, Joshua ?" replied-had replied for many a day, and "I've been in a good many places, boy over many a weary mile, -"To the East." mostly, however, down South. But when he had reached the village he Another silence, and then the host san had asked for a man named Langdon, and every look, and every movement showing

men of that came residing there-two "There, Uncle Josh, you can est, and will go and confer with my wife, and see Then be had saked how they were situated what she will do with you for the night." Alpheus Langdon went away, and when, | glad ?" in life : and he had been informed that the brothers Langdon were both well off in the ball an hour later, he returned to the in the way of wordly possessions ; they were kitchen, old Uncle Josh had gone. both engaged in lucrative business, and It was Mr. Langdon's usual custom,

before retiring, to read a short prayer, presence of his wife and elder children. and Rodolphus Langdon had a sister living. from the Service Book, but he omitted it Those of whom he first inquired shook on that evening. their heads. They had never heard of a Rodolphus Langdon, at the age of three- against Tem Nash's moral character. sister. But by and by he found an old ! woman whose face brightened when she and thirty was living very fashionably, and moving in the best circles of society. He was not a free-liver, nor did he love to

"Yes," she said to him, while he sat by spend money, but his wife could spend it for him, and for the sake of peace he allow-"I know her well. I knew Kate Langdon ed her so to do. He had six children, and when she was a wee thing, not higher than | they were expensive also. Yet he did not that. She's Kate Nash now, sir, Tom live quite up to his income. Unlike his Nash is her husband-an bonest man, and brother, he was a driver in business. good at heart-good as gold-but, ah me ! shrewd and grasping, and could stint him-Tom is poor; he works hard, but don't self for the sake of having his bank acknow how to save. Others that are poorer | count balance on the right side. than he get much of his hard-earned wages. On this cold November evening. Rodol-It makes it hard for Kate, but she bears | phus Langdon and his wife, Lydia, with

up. Bless her dear heart! it's only a their eldest daughter, were retiring to their month ago that she came and watched rest for the night, when the door bell was with me two whole nights when I was rung. Who could it be at that hour? down with fever, and Tom took care of the Past ten o'clock. "An old man at the door wants to see you. He looked so rouch and poor 'at I wooldn't let him in." So said the servant,

"Ah! no, sir. I'm sorry to say they who had been on her way to bed when the alarm sounded. Rodolphus Langdon went to the doorjourneyman blacksmith-they threw her the rear door-and was gone a long time. over. And, though Tom's in business for His wife knew that he had brought some himself now, they don't treat her or him one into the nitchen and she heard a any different. They are high up in the strange voice-a voice rough and brokenworld, as they estimate life, and Tom is in conversation with her husband. By low down. But tell me, sint you Joshus and by, when her patience had become well Langdon-Old Uncle Josl:, 'as we used night rhansted, and she had arisen for the purpose of going to see, Rodolphus return-

" Pather .- who is it?" Langdon sank into a chair and groaned

"It is-that old reprobate, Uncle Josh !" their cottage-the only room which they lways a little higher up in the world than "What on earth !" ejaculated the wife, horror stricken. "What will you do !" ing but a happy-go-lucky, de happy-go ill-"We must keep him until morning, and | but Tom, thinking how cheap he would feel t didn't much difference, so't I had enough "And," added old Margaret, earnestly, " But, he didn't think of fastening him- | phatically and said " No."

"I don't know. He took the trouble to When they they were ready for bed, Kate tell me that he had reformed. He says he | kissed the old man good night, and said to hasn't drank a drop for more than ten him :

"Did you believe him!" " No. I wouldn't trust him as far-as could swing an ox by the tail, and I told him so. I've got enough on my shoulders Alphens Langdon, at the age of five and now without taking any more. What is he

tensive business, and was generally sup- brother, but if-" At this point the daughter quietly broke posed to be wealthy; but had the truth " Papa, haven't I heard you say that Old for the sustaining of his position in society -the position of himself and family-he | Uncle Josh was real good to grandpa and

That family consisted of a wife and four Josh that's come now?" children-two boys and two girls-the There were two female domestics, a garden. his lather and mother were poor and sick- money. It was a landlord, who held Tom's There's no M in " Pasha." when a great calamity had befallen them | note for a thousand dollars, secured by a | Mamma-Don't let me speak to you It was late in the evening of the chill -and when this trother, then young and mortgage on the cottage and the shop; and again, Tommy.

which he had been reading a chapter before | a woman might have done. But he would was heard at the bell of the back door, and "This is my Uncle Joshua." he replied | payment of the interest." directly afterwards a servant announced to his child; "and you have heard me that an old man, way worn and cold and speak of a time when he was different from

what he is now." "Tell him," said Mrs. Langdon, a lady . "Yes," put in the wife and mother. And whose every tone and every movement then, in her daughter's ear, she spoke a smacked of "culcbur," " that the overseers | word of her husband's uncle that made the of the poor will attend to his wants.' And, little one shudder, and which ought to Matilda, you need not be quite so precise have caused the speaker's tongue to cleave in describing the appearance of every to the roof of her mouth forevermore. After a time it was arranged that Uncle

readily. She pressed her errand upon the the woodshed for the night; and Rodolmaster. The man had inquired particularly | phus went out to tell him; but the old man for him. And finally Mr. Langdon went. had gone. He had not waited for the kick. In another part of the village, upon the heard heavy, dragging feet upon the floor | edge of the mill pond, and near to the grist and sawmill, on this same chill November returned to the sitting room with a look of evening, in a comfortable, cheery room of a small, poor cottage, sat a woman at a table | Old Seth Robbins, the landlord, had seen "Goodness gracious, Nancette she had engaged in sewing by the light of an oil Old Joshus Langdon's money belt, and he lamp. She was a woman yet young-not | could swear that there was full a thousand

sheer exhaustion. "What shall we do?" of that color of skin and contour of face and a million of money at least. Why, the old "Do !" exclaimed the wife, equal to the form which the world calls beautiful in fellow had pulled out a thousand-dollar his other nephew. Of course, Alpheas, we large blue eyes, her dimpled cheeks, the as though such things were his daily habit. cannot have birn bere. Mercy ! what a pers and onique nose, the full mouth with Three days later Alphens Langdon had Mr. Langdon went back to the kitchen. | quaint, saucy chin with only one dimple to | National Bank in their village, and when prevent it from being really homely-all be entered the banking room he found his that face, with its burden of fear and these, though far from the ideal lines of an brother Rodolphus there ahead of him. charrin -of absolute anxiety and terror artist, were nevertheless, beautiful in their What do you think Alf? Old Uncle by to-morrow marning. If you will once been Kate Langdon, but now she was Kate Nash. She had three children -- abed, long ago, for it is eleven o'clock. And why

does she sit and sow so late ? It cannot be necessity. The look of the surroundings tell of lack of wealth, if not of poverty, but not, thank Heaven ! of want : and then ber with one another. I am in your way aint | face does not look like the face of one who " So did I." toils thanklessly. No. Hark! ... But it remained for the two wires to ex-Through the crisp November air comes

the clang of a heavy hammer upon a black-Nash, has been called upon by an unfortunate traveller whose carriage has broken down, and who would be on the road early and new springs of action all through. So, and, Uncle Josh, you know that you did in the morning; and Tom is at work with might and main to belp the man on his way; and Kate will not retire while her them-said they deserved it. At all events husband works. She has the coffee pot on the stove, and in the oven is a dainty mess | them alone, for they blessed hundreds of

> The clock has struck eleven-it is ten minutes past-when a knock upon the door arouses Kate Irom a mood of meditation. Without besitation she takes up the lamp and goes to the door. At first she is start led, but when she can throw the light upon the face of the man who stands upon the door stone, she feels no sense of fear. It is an aged face, sad and worn, and kindly in every line and forrow. And she steps back guarding the flame of the lamp with her hand, and asks the wayfarer to come in And he follows her to the little living-room

-the room which is kitchen, sitting room and parlor all in one. "Kate, you don't know me!" standing the pegative motion she had re-She starts-a gasp for breath, as the surge of emotion sweeps in upon her heart and then she bounds forward and throws

her arms around the old man's neck and his fortowed cheek. "Uncle Joshua! O, thank the Lord for this! Uncle Josh!"-holding him from her, and gazing through her tears of joy upon the well-remembered face-" Uncle Josh! this is joy indeed. Dear old soul

Ah ! bark! Tom is coming. Won't he be And presently Tom Nash came io. He He was a splendid-looking fellow handsome as a picture-that is in all that goes to make up the strong, vigorous, true-hearted man. He was not polished but good; and when those who had objected to Kate's marrying with him had said their worst they had not been able to say one word

who this is!" "Yes, I can." Then somebody's told you." "Only your own happy face. Kate. know there isn't but one man of that age on the footstool whose presence could light up your pretty face like that." "And that ?"

"Is Old Uncle Josh, to be sare." 'Aye, you're right, Tom. 'Tis Uncle Josh. And, Uncle Josh, this is my hosband Tom-the darlin'est, bravest, best Tom

Could it be the same man? Was the man who, when Kate had set the hot coffee and the remains of a chicken pie upon the table drew his chair up to keep Tom company, the same old man who had visited at Alpheus and Rodolphus Langdon's! It did not seem possible. That man had been sad, and sorrowful, and broken-hearted; but this man was gay and jubilant.

you say now Mrs. Hoity-Toity?"

"Why, I could almost say that a little cherub, sitting on your shoulder. Tom had whispered into your ear." It was finally explained to Uncle Josh that an old man, who rat the grist-mill, had wanted to hire a little corner room of

were not obliged to occupy-and Kate for

the sake of the pecuniary help, would let it,

then bondie him off. I have told him as | with not a room beneath his roof where he could put a friend, put his foot down erc. Never mind the talk for the next hour.

> you have at last found a home, where you [imperial clothes,] seventy-five astrologers holds out, can give you sweet sleep, then these Kuang-Hau, Emperor of China, has

sleep soundly, and may God bless you the "That's for me, too !" cried Tom, who had overbeard.

And the old man did not try to hide the great tears that streamed down his furrowspent fully up to, if not beyond his income. | grandma ever so long ago ! Is this Uncle | Was it fatality or what wasit? On the following morning, when Uncle Joshua And with the question of his child came | came out from the little corner bed-room

"Where's the note?" asked Uncle Josh. Of course you expected to endorse the

The man showed him the note. "Why .- bless me this note is over-due!"

*Certainly." " Sakes alive! that won't do." And Unnole Joshus threw open his waist cost, and his inner flannel frock, and took from his loins a buckskin belt; and from one end thereof he took a roll of United States Treasury notes, one of which bore upon its face the mystic x and 1000! Then from a pocket of his vest he took a roll of bills, of small denomination, and having therefrom made up the interest due, he passed the whole over to the landlord, and

took the note. "Here Kate .- I'll give that to you, and da you collect it!" In an hour from that time a wonderful story was flashing through the village. more than thirty-and though not possessed one-thousand-dollar Treasury notes in itwoman, yet she made the eye glad that | note, and tossed it over as though it had rested upon her because of the goodness | been but a worthless piece of paper, and he that shope forth in every lineament. Her | had given the redeemed note to Kate Nash its fresh lips, and its pearly teeth, the learned that Uncle Josh had visited the

way-they made up a face attractive and Josh has deposited four hundred thousand winsome, and wholly lovable. She had dollars here! And they say he has another bank account in San Francisco!" A painful silence, and then said Alpheus "Dolf, we missed it dreadfully! Who'd

> " It's too late now, Alf. At all events, i is for me. I cut the old man too severely for him to ever look it?"

hibit the climax of chagrin and suffering. Thenceforth there was to be a regret mingsmith's anvil. There is no mistaking the ling with every hour of life that would sound. Ah! her husband, stout Tom make itself felt in sorrow and vain repin-And Tom Nash and his true-bearted Kate! Ah! for them the sun of joy and

others as they had themselves been blessed.

BE LITTLE SUNBEARS. Children, you are household sunbeams don't forget it; and when mother is tired and weary, or when father comes home from his work feeling depressed, speak cheerfully to them and do what you can to help them. Very often you can help them most by not doing something, for what you

would do would only make more work for them. Therefore think before you speak or act, and say to yourself, "Will this help mamma?" or, "Will this please papa?" There is something inside you that will always answer and tell you how to act. It won't take a minute, either, to decide, when you do this, and you will be repaid for waiting by the earnestness of the smile or the sincerity of the kiss which will greet you. One thing remember alwaysthe effect of what you do lingers after you are gone. Long after you have forgotten.

by them and after you are asleep they talk about it and thank God for their little.

household sunbeath. NO FEAR OF HOOPSKIRTS. 'Never fear," said a bright woman, yesniture, manners and clothes. Hoopskirts obliging ways to make friends of people, were all very well for a generation that and to lead them to speak well of you. bowed and courtesied and set its sofas, That will be a stepping-stone to your tables and pianos primly back against the success in life. walls. There was a fine clear space in the middle, where social evolutions could be fitly and with dignity performed. Greek draperies are the only ones really compa-

York Mail and Express. WITNESSES' BETORTS.

at Farmington, Me., receptly : " What day | teu : that is high libense. Kill the snakes : did you fix up the line fence?" asked that is prohibition. the attorney. The 7th of September. When a school-boy, a drunkard's son was "When did you go to work for the plain. asked to spell g lass. The teacher, after tiff ?" "The 1st of September," was the the letters had been slowly pronounced reply. "How long after that when you asked, "what do you put in your window went to fix the line .fence !" "About at home ! The boy answered, "Papa's "Ha, my Kate!" cried Tom, after they a fortnight." "Is it a fortnight from old hat." had moved back from the board, "wasn't the 1st of September to the 7th?" ask. Many a man has ruined his eyesight by I a prophet ! Didn't I know what I was ed the astonished attorney. Whereupon sitting in the bar-room looking for work. doing when I told you 'at old Buster could the witness cooly replied, "Yes,' sir; I A correspondent from South Dakota not have that spare room? Hi! what d' think it is." A quicker-witted reply was | writes: "We have had only one saloon in that given by a witness at the close of a our town for a year past and that is now tedfoor cross-questioning. "Now tell how closed. The proprietor was converted last many sheep you ever saw, under oath, Sunday night in the Disciple church and now remember." "I never saw a sheep this morning poured all his beer and liquor

closed the cross-examination .- Lexiston thing to be done in these parts.

under oath," -replied the witness, which in the street." We have known the same

A ROYAL BABY: Probably the magnificent state of the estimation. royal baby of Spain surpasses that of any other infant of western lands, but the retinge of the Emperor of China shows how they do such things in the East. The list of his attendants was as follows: Eight nurses, twenty-five fau-bearers, twenty-five palanquin bearers, thirty physiciads and surgeons, seven cooks, twenty three; assistant cooks, fifty servants and messengers, "Dear Uncle Josh, if the thought that | fifty dressers (to put on and take off the can rest in peace while the lamp of life sixteen governors, sixty priests. With all

Journal.

Who kills all the dead letters ?-Miss

Live within your income, because it is very inconvenient to live without it. It hurts less to his the nail on the head

A Mythical Person-Emin Pashs. Why oldest twelve years and the youngest four. back to him the memory of the time when he found a man pleading with Tom for this foss about a man who does not exist!

than it does to hit it on the finger.

November day, and Alphons Langdon had strong, had given to them all he had of he had come for his interest, which ought Tommy-You bet I wouldn't if I knew still sit in beathen darkness.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

THE "ONLY ONE. BY MRS. M. I. KIDDER

I knew a bold but luckless youth Who might have made a noble man If parents had not interfered

With Nature's well-directed plan They ever let him have his way In leaving duties all undone, And when their course was questioned, said :

"Ab, friend : he is our only one ! We can't be hard spon the boy Because he hates so much to mind : Tis frue be rules the house; but then, He's not so different from his kind."

l'oor logic : as the sequel told, When that sad mother mourted her son Who carly came to grief, and all Because he was her only one. pampered lad! A forward youth. Who carly learns to idly roam,

Who never knows the sweets of life

Because there is so rule at home; There is no sadder sight than this Of all the sights lieneath the sun, and sadder still, he's scarce to blame, This ruined child-this only one. Oh : take the little trusting hand. Held up to you in youth's fair niorn, And though you lead through flowery pathe.

Teach him, your child, restraint betimes, Although he be your only one.

Still teach the lesson of the thorn:

That life bath bitter with the sweet-

That pleasure is not endless fun;

WINNING A GOOD NAME. Charlie Leslie," called out a farmer to boy who was passing, " we are short of hands to-day. Couldn't you give us a torn at these pears? They must be off to market

" Not I," said 'Charley; "I'm off ou a fishing excursion. Can't leave my business

to attend to other people's ;" and with a laugh be walked ou. - That's what boys are good for now-adays." growled the farmer. " These pears might ret on the trees for all the help I could get from them. Time was when neighbors, men and boys both, were obliging to each other, and would help in a pinch, and take no pay but 'thank ye.' Lads now a days are above work, if they haven't

a whole jacket to their backs." "Could I belp you, Mr. Watson," said a pleasant voice, as Fred Stacey , appeared around the clump of lilac-bushes which had hid him from Mr. Watson's view. He had gladness had arisen inflood. And what was heard the conversation with Charley; and, perhaps best of all, people-the mass of as he was an obliging boy, he was sorry to see the farmer's fruit waste for want of the sun of their gladness shone not for hands to gather it. I have nothing par-

ticular to do this afternoon, and would as lief work for you a while as not." "Might know it was you, Fred," said the farmer, well pleased. "I don't believe

The matter was sood arranged, and Fred pulled off his jacket and went to work with a will, picking and lassorting the fruit very carefully, to the great admiration of Mr. " If that boy had to work for a living I

but he'll make his way in any business. One so obliging will make a host of friends, who will-be always willing to lend a helping hand." Fred would take no pay from the farmer, who he well knew was working hard to pay off his mortgage.! But he did accept a

so warmly on his taking them. Ever after that Fred was sure of a good the smile or cheerful word which you gave friend in farmer Watson, and one who was your father or mother, or the little act you always ready to speak a word for him whendid to make them happy, it is remembered ever his name was mentioned. -Oh, if boya knew what golden dapital this "good name" is, they would work hard to get it. Wall did the wisest man say, " it is rather to be chosen than great richss." It has helped many a man to acquire riches. It is of great importance to a boy what the men of ter day, "that hoopskirts will come in they | his place say of him. Never fancy they do can't. They're an impossibility under the | not know you -that they have no interest present social regime. Hoopskirts go with | in what you do. Every business man toes formalism, conventionality; limp skirts, and estimates the boys that pass before him are necessary with mtheticism and-occa- at pretty nearly their own worth. Every sional chairs. There are three things man with sons of this own takes an interest which act and react on our another-fur- | to other men's sons. There is nothing like

A racy speaker put the different phases loose on your premises: that is free whis-

ing at the open bar is rapidly becoming disreputable." It was always so in our

HISSION NOTES. Methodist missionaries first went to Japan n 1872. Their labors, with those of other churches, have been most encouraging and successful. The editor of a Japanese newspaper recently collected statistics of growth from all the Protestant churches of Japan, showing their increase during the last three years. From thirty-eight churches they have grown to 151, and from 3,700 members

Although missionary work and methods during the past year has been criticised with more severity than for some time past, yet there has been a positive increase in the various missionary funds, evidencing the real and confidence of the christian

An average of \$1.00 per member is given by the Methodist Church for missions. There are multitudes in this great' and good land who ought to inquire what return they can make for all they have received. The Gospel has made them free, and has given them peace. Remembering all that it has done for them, it ought to be their supreme concern to send it to those who

lived to be seventeen years old .- Young

there's another boy about, who would offer his services."

would engage him quick enough," he thought

basket of pears for his mother, as they were. very excellent ones, and the farmer insisted

TEMPERANCE THOUGHTS AT RANDOM

tible with the present method of arranging of the temperance problem in a nutshell, at drawing rooms. No, hoopskirts in a horse a recent prohibition meeting. He said: car civilization are impracticable."-New | " Take twenty-five snakes, and turn them key. -Put the same snakes in a box, and bore twenty-five holes in the box: that The following dialogue occurred in court is low liceuse. Shat up-all the holes but

The Mail says, editorially-that " drink-