Poetrn.

SOW! SEW! SO!

Walking fast, walking slow,

Father knows,

While hie goor,

All he loves will have a share, .

. . So he throws,

As be goes.

This is the way iny mother cows,

Working, singing soft and low,

. As also sows

Jackets, trousers, aprous too,

Johnnio's hat and baby's shoo,

l'atching old, or making new,

So she sews.

I can neither sow nor sow;

But while little, as I grow,

Little bits of love I'll show.

As I go.

Tending baby, calling Nan.

Holping mother all I can.

Running errands like a man,

Love will grow where it began,

Ah! I know,

Boo, 'tis so .-

Twill overflow !

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ear, on a fair June day, gazing through

of the Alleghany on your right.

thinking of those blue Titans.

-Eva Lovett, in "Youth's Companion.

Little bits of love count up,

Like drops of water in a cup.

Bot Bot Bu!

For I know.

While sho's sitting there to sow.

Mother knows.

Lovo runs all the stitches through.

This soo knows.

Bow! Sow! Sow!

When I'm big, I'll learn thom, though,

Sow! Sow! Sow!

As up and down long soams she goes,

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conductor's voice in this doubtful announceshawl-strap, book and umbrella. But she the kitchen door. Strange! There Frames, Pictures, Artist need have felt no uneasiness; passengers Headquarters for Presents, station, and the gentlemanly old conductor would not even let the porter earn the tip back as she reached the door. he had received, but carried her traps himself, helped her down, hoped she had had a pleasant journey, and was she sure her WATERS BROS. carriage would meet her?

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE GUELPH ... Prepare for Winds. and the train was gone. We would call your attention to the fact

voice, as the little wagon rattled, up. living, would have to sell the farm. that we are prepared to supply you with lumber of suitable length for your Barn "Jemp right in, please! I couldu't leave Red-eye, or I would have been on platform."

SASH...... DOORS Ailsy looked askance at the young horse corretting about restlessly. "O, you needn't be a bit afraid; there is. MOULDINGS. o harm in him; he is just kittenish. etc. for building. Storm Doors put up at raised him myself." "The mule wagon will come by in a

> while and pick up your trunk," exclaimed the young driver, "Will it be safe?" asked Ailey somewhat anxiously, for there was no station house, and not a soul in sight. "O yes, perfectly. Are you tired and

> hungry and homesick?' "I am only one of those three things," said Ailay, smiling; "I leave you to guess

"For your own sake I hope you are hangry, as you will be expected to cat an enormous supper. It is Rosa's week to. cook, thank goodness! And it harts her feelings if we don't stuff ourselves. Now my week--" "But I thought you were Rosa," inter-

rupted Ailsy. ing. Being equipped with a gas brazing machine I am prepared to debrazing on Bleyeles Frames &c. Wheels converted from Direct to Tangen Spokes. Handle Ban bentite any desired angle Full line of spokes kept in stock. Satisfaction guaranteed. Bleyeles enamelled in any color. that all. It would be hard on her beauty me. I'm Kit, when you're in a hurry, or Kitty or Catharine. I have another name, T. J. SPEIGHT, Georgetown but I don't let anybody but Bob call me

that." "Who is Bob ?" Kit gave her new acquaintance a slight stare, and laughed with a pretty rippling

"You are evidently an explorer of a dark said, sitting down among them, after a continent," she said. "Why I know, all brief greeting of his new relative. "I got about you, and the little brothers and sistore, names, ages and all. But I sopnose city folks have too much to take up their attention to bestow any of it on country relations ?" "I don't see that we think much of any-

not told me about Bob?" CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR "Bob is our big brother, the handsomest

This is the way my father sows, is at college." As up and down the field he goes; "Isn't this vacation?" Right and left the grain to throw. time to sigh now. "We haven't seen him since Christmas. He got a place as sum-That the grain thrown bere and there By and by good crops will bear. stay, Ali, there is old Uncle Rafe ; excuse If the grain he throws with care. me a minute." and sho roined up her colt

to hail an old negro on the roadside. A few more turns brought them to the edge of Inframent farm, and Kit eagerly. pointed out what were to her objects of deep interest all the rest of the way. "O, what a dear place!" oried Ailsy,

Kit's face flushed with gratification. "I is the dearest place in the world." she said softly. "I am sometimes afraid I won't want to go to heaven."

impulsively, as the house and yard came in

It would be hard to say what there was in the plain farmhouse and the old-fashioned yard to call forth Ailsy's exclamation but the air of neatness and care and simple decoration gave it a charming aspect of home and comfort. The mother and the older daughter were

strikingly alike, with a dignity of look and manner curiously unlike Kit's free-andeasy ways, and equally remote from one's ideal buxon and bustling farm wives. They both had a look of care and, anxiety, too, from which Kit's face was still free This careworn look was yet more marked on the father's scamed brow, and hi silence was only saved from moodiness by his evident enjoyment of Kit's sullies. Ailsy had her wish. She studied human

nature among these rustics, but of a simple, strong, unworldly and unselfish type quite new to a citizen of Vanity Fair. "If hardly seems fair to my home folke," she said to Kit, one day as they sat out under the muple tree stoning cherries for

rather leisurely pace down the beautiful preserving; "but I almost wish I could stay valley of Virginia, as if it would give you here the year round. time to gaze your fill upon the Blue Ridge "O, but we are not half so nice in winter on your left hand, and the eccentric spurs confessed Kit, lightly. The roads are horrid, and work is twice as hard in cold One of its passengers sat in the parlor

weather. Your hands get rough and your nose red; and potatoes and hominy and the wide win lows with earnest eyes, yet turnips seem everlasting." with that sir of abstraction in their depths This seemed to Ailsy a good opening for that showel plainly how little she was a little scheme which had been brewing with her. "Kitty, dear," she said eagerly. Ailsy Benton was in fact absorbed with "I want you to promise to come to see me plans and prospects for the coming sum- | next winter for a long visit. All the things mer. She belonged to that great migra- we do in the winter would be so nice if I

tory flock which rises up from city homes | had you in them, and, really and truly, I every June and settles by the seashore. by want to try to be more comfort to my the lakeside, on the mountain top and else- prople, to be as much of a Kit as I can in where for the summer. Ailsy had gone our house. Won't you come?" around with her family to these places | Kit drew a long breath and colored high year after year, over since she had worn with pleasure. There was nothing said long dresses and chewed on a coral rattle, for a minute or two, and then her voice and now in her sixteenth year, having a had a tremulous sound, like the vox turn for originality, she had begged off, humana stop in an organ.

and elected to spend her summer in the "You must not tempt me," she said deepest seclusion. Her mother was too presently. "It is almost like showing me much exhausted with the fatigue of decid- the kingdoms of the world and the glory of ing the yearly question, "Where shall we them. But I could not possibly do it. go?" to contend. She wrote to a distant | There are many reasons that you can see would make it impossible-money reasons, was distant, not the location), and engaged and clothes reasons, and so on, but, even it board for Ailsy in the farmhouse of this some fairy godmother would furnish the ball dross and the pumpkin coach, I could It was in what was called "The Tinkling | not go. You see I could not leave father. Spring Congregation," for there was no I don't do half as much for him as mother village within a radius of six or seven miles | and Rosa, but there is one thing that I can around the old Presbyterian Church, built do better than anybody, and that is to in colonial days, when 'His Majesty's cheer him up. Dear old daddy! There he Council telerated dissent west of the Blue comes now; he has been to the poetoffice. Ridge, but by no means east. The church and how tired he looks! You just finish was still distinctly the centre of the. com

these, Ailay, there's a dear, while I run and munity; a plain, equare, brick building, got him a glass of cold tea." under whose roof it would seem impossible Tears of disappointment stood in Ailsy's to preach anything more frivolous than eyes. This was a thing she had so set her heart on. But perhaps cousin Ellen. and "They will be simple-minded people, of Rosa would manage it yet; since it would course," she was enying to herself, "just give Kit so many chances of improvement. rustics, in fact, and I mean to study human | And then Ailsy secretly wandered whether Kit needed any improvement; she was so

"Tling Sprin-g-gl" The sound of the altogether dear and sweet as she was. The cherries being fluished, she carried ment made Ailay clutch wildly at her bag. | the great-yellow-bowl-with-proud-arms-to nobe ly there, though the sugar was on the are guests as far down in Virginia as this fire. Alley set the bowl down and went into the sitting-room, but started

Come in, dear," it was her cousin's voice; "we need you to comfort us." They were gathered about the table where the father sat gazing dumbly at ac There was indeed no carriage in sight, open letter. Kit whispered its contents to but a little spring wagon waited a few her : An old friend for whom her father yards from the track, with a young girl had gone security soon after the war had driving, who waved her hand and nodded died suddenly, leaving his affairs in hopeto the conductor. He understood that his less disorder; his bondsmen would now be passenger was in good hands, lifted his cap | called upon to pay his dobts; and the family at Inframont, not having a dollar "Is this 'Allay?" said a rich, sweet ahead of their careful, economical, daily

> Rosa was solbing passionately, but the rest were calm. "My daughter," said 'the old man, in a stern yet tender voice, 'oan you not bear the afflictions God sends more bravely?"

"I do not care for myself," sobbed the girl, "but Bob will have to give up his A spasm of pain passed over the rugged face of the fafter, and Kit's head dropped;

but the old Christian rallied promptly. "Is Robert left out, then, in the allwise ordering of God's providence?" he said. Rosa's toars coased, and she went round to her father's side and kissed the top of his white head. I will try to remember, father," she said patiently. "I'm sure

Bob will not doubt God's love." Ailsy looked on in awo; these wererustics, then, whom she had meant to patronize and do good to. Why they were giants, and she felt herself a pigmy among them. How bravely and patiently they bore this trouble? How forgetful each of self, how tenderly thoughtful of one

anotherl "It must be the shalow of old Tinkling Spring Church," she said to herself, "that grows such people as these," but her to be taken for a freekled faced thing like | thoughts were suddenly I roken off by the opening of the outer door. "Bob-O Bob I" screamed the girls, and

short, thick-set fel'ow, with Kit's freckles and reddish hair came in and took his mother in his arms. Alley's visions of Bob as a knight of romance were instantly snuffed out. "I see you have all heard the news,"

word of it yesterday, and took the early train this morning to be in this family He had seen a lawy r, and had found out that Inframout would not have to be

with an impatient sigh. "But you have already laid for his own work next year. He knew also of a chance for Rosa or Kit as companion for a sweet invalid girl smartest, dearest fellowin the world. He | who would give a lovely home and many advantages of study and improvement.

He was evidently not a man to make "Yes, but not for Bob." It was Kit's scene, or talk much about what he felt but Kilsy's heart thrilled with loving admiration for her rustics when she heard mer tutor in Athena, to coach some boys | Bob say to Kitty, "Think, Kathleen Mafrom the far south, so be felt obliged to vourneed, how much better off we are than the poor Bells. Suppose it was our father's momory left with this stain ou.it !" -

"Our father, indeed !" cried Kit, making a little secret dash at her checks, to got rid of a tear or two. "You might as well talk about George Washington's statue getting down off its pedestal to cheat at playing marbles !"-- ELIZABETH PRESTON ALLAN, in

Presbyterian Banner.

A CHILD'S GENEROSITY. At this time, when the English nation is rejoicing over the long and prosperous reign of Queen Victoria, a simple little incident of her childhood, told by Mr. Alfred Story in the Quiver, is not inappropriate, showing as it does that the qualities which have made her beloved as a queen were already manifest in the little princess.

When she was seven or eight years old his little lady was particularly fond of dolls, of which she was allowed to buy a goodly number, always provided that she lisland, and it was soon discovered that the took good care of them, washing and dress. ing them herself, and supplying them with | French uniforms. the neatest and most becoming clothing. The clothing she bought with money carn-

d by steady application to study. On one occasion she took a great fancy to a doll displayed in a shop near her home. Unfortunately she had spent her allowauce for the month, and no more would be dne for a fortnight; but the princess was not discouraged. Having explained the matter at home, she was permitted to ask the storekeeper to put the doll uside for

her. The storekeeper, who knew her willingly consented, and thevistle lady fele that the doll was safe. It was a happy day when, with six shillings in her hand, she went to the shop after the treasure. The money was paid and the doll handed over to the new mistress, and then the child turned to the door. Before she could step outside, however, her eye fell on a miserable-looking

tramp; who opened his lips as if to speak to her, and then shut them again, irre-olutely. He stood aside to let her pase, mute appeal in his sunken cheeks and "Did you wish to speak to me?" asked

"I am very hungry," said the man in

rembling voice. "If I were not ready to sink I would not ask for help." "I am so sorry," replied the child. have no money, or else--" His lips trembled forth a humble Thank you, lady," and he was shuffling off when the childish voice cried, "Stop !"

She stepped back into the shop.

the princess.

"Oh, would you mind taking the dol back and keeping it for me a little longer ?" she asked. "Certainly I will take it back, and return you the money," was the reply. The child took the money and turned to door. She placed the whole of it in the hands of the starving man. He stared at

t for a moment, and his eyes filled with "Please go quickly and buy something to at," she said. "Yes, miss, I will, and may God bless you all the days of your life, and prosper you in everything you do," said the man, Then as he hobbled off he murmured, ."I

the Almighty made you a queen it would

not be more than you deserve." MINISTERING TO OTHERS IS

PRIVILEGE. The privilege of giving obeer to some weary fellow pilgrim, journeying with us toward the blessed home of eternal rest, should always be an occasion of heartfelt when he said : "Blessed be God, even the not lage enough for the visitors, cach Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort

wherewith we ourselves are comforted of When we are called to administer comfort at the bedside of some afflicted one we are never prepared for this hely ministry in the highest sense until the privilege of such service is our inspiration-an inspiration that is the product of our own experience of divice verities. When we are truly in this spirit words of comfort may be wholly unnecessary. There is a silence that under certain circumstances, is more fitting and helpful than words. In such instances the ability to refrain from audible utterance for the sufferer's good is the avidence of a truly spiritual ministry, whose chief characteristic is the power of a

loving, sympathetic heart.

DOES YOUR DINNER ADD YOUR WEIGHT? In Williamstown reside two young men of a scientific turn of mind. They have been discussing whether a man weight more after eating than before, and have decided that eating adde nothing to the weight, while drinking makes itself known in avoirdupois. Monday they weighed themselves just before going to dinner. Mr. Porter weighed 101 pounds and Mr. Whelden 165. They also weighed, what they ate for dinner, and the experimentshowed that the smaller man was the better feeder, for, according to the scales, he got away with three and a half pounds of catables, while his companion's capacity was only two pounds. The men weighed themselves again directly after dinner, and both declare that their weight was not norcesed at all .- Boston Record.

CAREFUL WITH CENTS:

A gentleman standing in a hotel lobby whi's taking a match safe from his pocket acc lently dropped a cent on the floor. He picked it up carefully and as he did so would not otheent to the increase. So I came to the conclusion that if a company with a capital of \$1,000,000 can figure RELIEVED AT LAST.

Sentinels have accomplished wonders faithfulness and endurance, but the service of a sentinel on the island of Rucen, as reported by himself, is a unique example of patience. A detachment of the French General Davoust's army was stationed on the little island of Rugen. An order to leave it-immediately was received, and the soldiers embarked and sailed away with the greatest haste. One man was for-

He was, on sentinel duty, Back and forth he marched for hours after it was time for some one to relieve him. Finally he lost patience and returned to headquarters and found the post deserted. His company had departed in obedience to imperative orders.

"I am lost, 'roined, disgraced," ho lamented ("I shall be sout for and shot as

desertor !" His distress touched the heart of a goo fellow who witnessed it, and he took him home with him, cheered him up, and adopted him into his family. As time passed, and no summous came from France, the soldier took heart and became a good citizen of Ruger. He en-

deared himself to his adopted family, and married the daughter of his protector. Five years after the departure of the French soldiers, a eail was sighted from the men on board the approaching ship wore

. "They have come for me!' cried the exsentinel. A happy, thought struck him He ran home ; hurried into his old uniform seized his arms, and by the time the French were ready to disembark he was solemnly murching back and forth on th

"Who goes there? he demanded in voice of thunder, as the soldiers were about "Who goes there yourself?" replied the

any way?" "A schtinel."

stonished Frenchmen. "Who are you

"How long have you been on duty?" As might be expected, such a model of patience and perseverance was relieved from duty until his case could be inquired into, and when the matter was reported to General Davoust, he laughed heartily, and saying that the fellow must need rest, gave him his discharge.

SUBSTANTIAL HANDSHAKINGS.

It was years since, in the Ozark region, where I was riding a circuit, that I saw a minister enjoy a most substantial handshaking, eays a writer in the Globe Democrat. Shaking hands was his pecularity He believed in the potency of a cordial grasp to win men to the church, but though successful in getting souls he was unfortunate in the matter of getting dollars. In fact poverty continually stared him in the face. He owned a little farm and mortgaged it as long as it would yield a dollar. The mortgages were falling due, but there was no prospect of paying them. But this did not

bother him a bit. He shook hands more eartify than ever. "I have unbounded faith in handshaking to bring everything out right," he often said, until his penchant came to be the talk of the town. At last came the day when the mortgages must be foreclosed that would deprive him of the little that

sholtered his family.

On the eve of that day a knock at the goods cost much money and the merchant's door of his house called him. When he opened the door a whole crowd rushed in and without saying a word commenced shaking hands. He felt something cold in the palm of the first man, and when the hand was withdrawn it stuck to his own. "That's the most substantial hand shake I have ever experienced," he said, as he held up a five dollar gold piece. But the next Thou shalt also consider him that is thy man stepped up and a silver dollar was left in the preacher's palm. No one would say a word in explanation, but pressed in on him as fast as he could stick the metal thanksgiving. It was thus with the apostle and bills into his pockets. The house was of whom deposited from \$1 to \$10 in outstretched hand. Each left the moment his little errand was accomplished, and not a word could be had in explanation, except the last one, who as he turned to go, remarked, "We wanted to play a little joke on you, and we have." The several "jokes" netted just \$871. His home was

> saved and a neat balance was left. THE PROPER WAY TO ROAST

> > DUCKS AND GEESE.

"Prime ducks must be fat and lyoung, the lower part of the legs and webbing of the feet soft, and the lower part of the bill sufficiently soft to break early," writes Mrs. S. T. Rorer in her cooking lesson on "The Cooking of Poultry," in the May Ladies Home Journal. "The usual rules for roasting and baking will apply to ducks and geese. They contain, however, much more fat than either turkeys or chickens; this, multing while they are rossting, may be saved for frying purposes and used in place of butter. Instead of using breadcrumbs as dressing for ducks | pre-occupation paid no attention to him or geese use potato. For a medium sized duck allow four good-sized potatoes or two cupfule of mashed potatoes. While the potatoes are hot and light add to them one oup of thopped English walnuts, a teaspoon- And what do you think it was? A sprig ful of sait, half a cup of chopped celery of forget-me-not!" and a saltspoouful of popper. When thoroughly mixed put the dressing into the duck or goose, sew up the vent, and it is ready to roast. The peculiar flavor imparted by the celery in the reasting gives a tame duck much the flavor of a wild one.

ENURMOUS CONSUMPTION OF PAPER. The New York World's great Christmas

number was sold to the enormous number of 681,089 copies. This represented an output of 5,600,000 eight page sheets, weighing at least 828 tons, which would represent at least 425 cords of spruce wood, or a product equal to eighty acres of average growth of spruce lands. The same day the New York Herald issued 403,700 copies of an 84-page paper, and the New York sai.: "I have only lately realized the value Journal published an enormous edition. of a cent. I have a small account with a cach issue carrying sixty-eight pages of trust company, and the other day I receiv- printed matter, and undoubtedly consumed my book, with interest computed at ing between 250 and 300 tons of paper. \$13.00). I worked at the figures quite a Here, then, were three New York papers while, and found that the exact amount | which consumed in one day in their Christwa: \$13.994. Then I argued with the mas issue upwards of 800 tone of pulp, the secretary that it ought to be \$14, but he product of 1,200 to 1,400 cords of spruce

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"FEAR NOT; I WILL HELP THEE!"

"For I, the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto ther, Fear not : I will belie thee,"-Isa, xli., Il. I will help thee, hear the promise Of the One who reigns above:

Though I'm weak and heavy laden, He will fill fuy heart with love. Led by Him and trusting over

In his grace from day to day. I shall be secure from dauger; From him shall I never stray Keep me over near thee, Jesus. With my hand enclosed in thine; Then, when duty calls or danger.

. I'll not murmur nor repino."

With thy constant, loving presence Ever near to holp bestow, I can labor in thy vineyard And need never four the foe.

-Lydia M. Arnold, in Christian Herald.

GREENLAND DELICACIES. Greenlanders have no regular mealimes, but eat when they are hungry. They seem able to go without food for a remarkably long time, and also to out at a sitting the most autonishing quantity. Among their principal duinties is the skin of different kinds of whales. They call it matak, and took upon it as the some of delicioueness. It is taken off with the layer of blubber next to it, and is eaten raw without ceremony Mr. Nansen declayes that he must offer the Eskimos his sincerest congratulations on the invention

of this dish. I can assure the reader that now, as ? write of it, my mouth waters at the very delicate taste of nuts and oysters, mingled, And then it has this advantage over bysters, that the skin is as tough as indirubber to masticate, so that the enjoyment

can be protracted to any extent. Of vegetable food, the primitive Greenanders used several sorts; I may mention angelica, dandelione, sorrel, crowberries, bilberries, and different kinds of seaweel One of their greatest delicacies is the contents of the reindeer's stomach. If Greenlander kills a reindeer, and is unab to convey much of it home with him, he will, I believe, secure the stomach first o all; and the last thing an Lekima lady enjoins upon her lover, when he sets of reindeer hunting, is that he must reserve

for her the stomach of his prev. It is no doubt because they stand in mel of vegetable food that they prize this so highly, and also because it is in reshty a very choice collection of the finest most and grasses which that gourmet, the reindeer picks out for himself. It has undergong & sort of stewing in the process of semi-digestion, while the gastric juice provides a somewhat sharp and aromatic

Many will no doubt make a wry face at the thought of this dish, but they really need not do so. I have tasted it, and found it not uncatable, though somewhat sour, like fermented milk. As a dish for very special occasions, it is served up with nioces of blubber and crowberries.

SOME NEW COMMANDMENTS. 1. Thou shalt not go away from home to do thy trading, thou nor thy sons nor thy daughters.

2. Thou shalt patronize thine own merchants, also the printer, and they shall patronize thee. Make baste, therefore, and purchase that which will cause thy countenance to shine with intelligence. bring prosperity to both.

3. Thou shalf not ask for credit, as

heart is wearied with bills. His children clamour daily for bread, and his wife abideth at the home for want of each raiment as adorneth her sisters. Thrice blessed, is the man who pays cash. 4. Thou shalt employ thine own mechanics that they be not driven from their home to find bread for their little ones.

neighbor above them that dwelleth in a strange town. 5. Thou shalt not ask for reduced prices for thy influence, for behold guile is in thy heart, and the merchant-readeth-it-like-an

shoutheth to his clerks, ha, ha ! 6. Thou shalt do whatever ligth in thy power to encourage and promote the welfare of thy town, thing own people 7. Thou shalt spend thy earnings at home that they may return from whence they came, and give nourishment to such as may come after thee.

pride to overcome thee, and if other towns entice thee, hearken not unto them, for thou mayest be deceived. 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against the town wherein thou dwellest

8. Thou snalt not suffer the veice of

but speak well of it to all men JOGGING HIS MEMORY

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forgot to give Brane his dinner, and in my

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