

The Family Circle.

The Unfinished Prayer.

"Now I lay me"—Say it softly;
" Lay me," hushed the tiny lips
Of my daughter, kneeling, bending
O'er her folded finger-tips.

My Father Holds the Rope.

A traveller in Scotland observed some
chole and rare plants growing on the
edge of a precipice. He could not reach
them, but offered to a little Highland boy
a handsome present if he would consent
to be lowered to the spot by a rope around
his waist. The boy hesitated. He looked
at the money, and thought of all that it
would purchase; for his parents were
poor, and their home had few of the com-
forts of life; but then, as he glanced at
the terrible precipice, he shuddered and
drew back. At length his eye bright-
ened, and he said, with decision, "I will
go, if my father will hold the rope."

So a rope was procured, and after fast-
ening it firmly around the boy's waist, his
father lowered him over the side of the
rock. Though he was swinging over such
a deep abyss that if he fell he would be
dashed to pieces, the boy's cheek did not
pale or his lip quiver with fear; for he felt
sure that his father would take care of him.
He picked the flowers, and then his
father drew him safely up again, to re-
ceive the promised reward.

Thus no one need fear any danger who
is sure that God, his heavenly Father,
holds the rope, or is taking care of him.
The missionaries who go to tell the heath-
en about Jesus often pass through many
dangers; but they are not afraid, because
they know that their Father's arms are
around them. They will be safe so long as
he wants them to labor for him; and when
their work is done, he will take them up
to the mansions which are provided for
them in their Father's house.

When little children are afraid, they
must remember that their Father's hand
holds the rope, and nothing can harm them
while they are in his care.

A little boy was heard crying in his bed
one night. His mother went to him to ask
him what the matter was. "O, mamma!
I don't like to be alone in the dark," was
his reply.

That little boy forgot that God was
holding the rope, and that he could take
care of him just as well in the night as in
the day; for the darkness and the light
are both alike to him.

A little girl, who was very timid, espe-
cially in a thunder-storm, said to her
teacher one day:

"Once last summer, when the thunder
was very loud and the lightning very
sharp, I was frightened, for I was all
alone in my bed; but I remembered what
you had told me about God taking care of
me, so I prayed to him, and then I felt as
if he were close by me, and wouldn't let
anything hurt me. And I didn't feel
afraid any more, but went to sleep.
Since then, I always pray when I am
frightened, and God takes all fear
away."

Happy child! She had learned to trust
in God as her Father; so she did not feel
afraid, because he held the rope.

A little brother and sister went out
once to gather blackberries. On their
way they had to cross a railroad track.
As they looked up and down, to be sure
that no train was coming, they saw some-
thing lying across the track. They ran
up to it, and found it was a large tree
which had been blown down. It might
throw the train off the track, and many
lives would be in danger. They could
not lift it, and there was no time to call
any one. The only thing they could do
was to try and stop the train. So they
ran along the track until it came in sight,
and then shouted and swung their arms
and hats. The engineer saw them, and
supposing from their excited manner,
that something was wrong, stopped the
train just in time to prevent a serious ac-
cident.

It was rather dangerous—was it not?
for those children to run so near that en-
gine when it was coming so fast. But

they did not think of themselves. They
thought only of saving the lives of the
people in the train. So God kept them
from getting hurt, because they were do-
ing their duty. Their Father held the
rope.

It is a good thing to be sure of this;
for God does not promise to take care of
those who are not in the right way. The
boys who go sailing, or riding, or skating
on God's holy day are not safe. Their
Father does not hold the rope for them.
Neither does he hold up those who go in-
to danger against the commands or wishes
of parents or teachers. It is a good rule
never to do anything or go anywhere if
you cannot ask God to be with you.
Always be sure that you can say, "My
Father holds the rope."

"The steps of a good man are ordered
by the Lord; and he delighteth in his
way. Though he fall, he shall not be
utterly cast down; for the Lord uphold-
eth him with his hand."

Miscellaneous Items.

TAKING CARE OF THEMSELVES.—The
freedmen had \$835,520.47 in their Sav-
ings Bank on the first of September.
"The improvident fellows!" exclaims
the Boston Commonwealth.

A WEALTHY MAN.—Probably the rich-
est colored man in the United States is
Stephen Smith, of Philadelphia, who is
worth about half a million of dollars. He
owns not less than a hundred build-
ings in that city, besides bank and rail-
road stock, and U. S. bonds.

SHOCKING TO THE CHIVALRY.—The
Southern Opinion, at Richmond, Va.,
breaks out in terrible indignation, over
the fact that Mr. John Oliver, a colored
man, formerly of Boston, is employed in
the assessors' office in that city, and that
his fellow-officials actually address him
as "Mr. Oliver."

THE DIFFERENCE.—It seems in all of
these fatal riots the poor colored people,
although so aggressive and bloodthirsty,
always receive more blows than what
they give. The bloodthirsty negroes in
the last riot in New-Orleans lost only six
killed, while the peaceable and long-suf-
fering whites had three reported mortal-
ly wounded.

EDUCATIONAL TEST DISCARDED.—When
the Georgia Legislature were debating
the subject of the expulsion of the col-
ored members of that body, one of them
made the following offer:

"Now, I will make the following propo-
sition to every member in this House,
that if I will read the Bible in more lan-
guages than you can, you will agree to
leave the hall, and will go out of your own
accord."

The white members did not accept the
offer, and the learned colored man had
to vacate his seat.

SCHOOL AMONG THE FREEDMEN.—Gen.
O. O. Howard—writing to the Indepen-
dent of his trip South, at every point of
which he is received by loyalists with the
demonstrations of love his past services
merit—says:

"This is Sunday, and I have just re-
turned to the hospitable roof of Gen.
Saxton, after visiting Storrs Sunday
School. You ought to have been at this
school to-day, to have deepened your ed-
ucation in the cause of education and
of truth. Some three hundred scholars
neatly dressed, with eyes sparkling with
intelligence, looked up to me; and I
assure you I hardly thought of the color
so wickedly tabooed, while listening to
their prompt responses to their superin-
tendent, and while drinking in the sweet
melody of their Sabbath-school songs.
Their school-building is the picture of
neatness. The children, great and small,
were quiet and attentive, even to our long
speeches. There is a completeness of
order and training here that has not de-
stroyed, but only deepened, the peculiar
enthusiasm of this people. This school
is the offspring of the Congregational
church."

LEARNING THE CATECHISM.—Under
the above heading, Brick Pomeroy has
the following notice of John Quincy
Adams:

"John Quincy Adams, one of the old
Federal. Abolition stock of Puritan
Massachusetts, is down South, teaching
Governor Vance, Wade Hampton, and
others, the New England Primer."

If Brick and his friends had studied
this more their ideas would be brighter
and better, and their party would not
now, perhaps, be laboring under such a
bad spell of adversity.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.—The Philadelphia
Press says "that Washington fought and
won the battles of the Revolution, and
was made President. Jackson fought
and won the battles of the second war of
Independence, and was made President.
Taylor fought and won our battles in the
war of Mexico, and was made President.
Grant fought and won our battles in the
late rebellion, and is made president.
Are republics ungrateful?"

SPAIN.—One of the most important
changes that has yet been introduced into
Spain by the Provisional Juntas is the
authorization given at Seville to the
American Protestants to build a church
within the walls of the city. Under the
reign of Isabella the Protestants were not
only prohibited to build churches, but
they were forbidden to assemble for
private worship or to read Protestant
books. At the outbreak of the recent
revolution several Protestants were in
rebellion for transgressing these barbarous
laws.

Cases in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF
SOUTH CAROLINA.
In the matter of DAVID RIKER, Bankrupt.
By whom a Petition for Adjudication of
Bankruptcy was filed on the 10th day of
Sept. A. D. 1868, in said Court, in Bank-
ruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 10th day
of Sept. A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy
was issued against the Estate of David
Riker, of Charleston and State of South Carolina who
has been adjudged a Bankrupt, on his own
Petition; that the payment of any Debts and
Delivery of any Property belonging to said
Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the trans-
fer of any Property by him are forbidden by
law; that a meeting of the Creditors of the
said Bankrupt, to Prove their Debts, and to
choose one or more Assignees of his Estate,
will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be
held at No. 72 Broad street Charleston S. C.
before R. B. Carpenter, Register, on the 10th
day of Nov. A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
J. P. M. EPPING,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA.
In the matter of ALBERT
BARUCH, Bankrupt.

By whom a Petition for Adjudication of
Bankruptcy was filed on the 8th day of
Sept. A. D. 1868, in said Court, in Bank-
ruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 6th
day of Sept. A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bank-
ruptcy was issued against the Estate of
Albert Baruch of Charleston, in the District
of Charleston and State of South Caroli-
na, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his
own Petition; that the payment of any Debts
and Delivery of any Property belonging to
said Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the
transfer of any Property by him are forbidden
by Law; that a meeting of the Creditors of
the said Bankrupt, to Prove their Debts,
and to choose one or more Assignees of his
Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy
to be held at No. 72 Broad street Charle-
ston S. C. before R. B. Carpenter, Register
on the 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1868, at 9
o'clock A. M.

J. P. M. EPPING,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA.
In the matter of OWEN
P. FITZSIMONS, Bankrupt.

By whom a Petition for Adjudication of
Bankruptcy was filed on the 20th day of
May A. D. 1868, in said Court, in Bank-
ruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 20th day of Aug.
A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued
against the Estate of Owen P. Fitzsimons of Edisto
Island, in the District of Charleston and State
of South Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bank-
rupt, on his own Petition; that the payment of any
Debts and Delivery of any Property belonging to said
Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the trans-
fer of any Property by him are forbidden by
law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Bankrupt
to Prove their Debts, and to choose one or more
Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of
Bankruptcy, to be held at No. 72 Broad Street
Charleston, S. C. before R. B. Carpenter, Register,
on the 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1868, at 9 o'clock A. M.

J. P. M. EPPING,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH
CAROLINA.
In the matter of
THOS. S. HEYWARD SR., THOS. S. HEY-
WARD JR., W. N. HEYWARD, Copartners
under Firm of T. Savage, Heyward & Sons,
and in their individual capacity, Bankrupts.

By whom a Petition for Adjudication of
Bankruptcy was filed on the 30th day of
May A. D. 1868 in said Court, in Bank-
ruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 25th day
of August A. D. 1866, a Warrant in Bank-
ruptcy was issued against the Estate of Thos.
S. Heyward Sr., Thos. S. Heyward Jr., W.
N. Heyward, Copartners under Firm of T.
Savage Heyward & Sons, and in their in-
dividual capacity, of Grahamville, Beaufort
District and State of South Carolina, who
have been adjudged Bankrupts, on their own
Petition; that the payment of any Debts and
Delivery of any Property belonging to said
Bankrupts, to them or for their use, and the
transfer of any Property by them are forbid-
den by Law; that a meeting of the Creditors
of the said Bankrupts, to Prove their Debts,
and to choose one or more Assignees of their
Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy,
to be held at No. 72 Broad street,
Charleston, South Carolina, before R. B.
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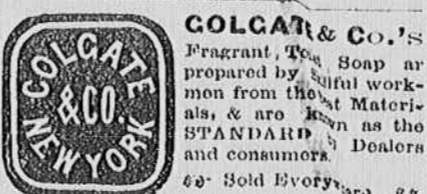
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