If I should die to-night, My friends could call to mind with los ing thought Some kind deed the Icy hand had wrought; Some gentle word the frozen lips sped,
The memory of my selfishness and pride,
My hesty words would all be put aside,
And so I should be loved and mourned

Poor hands, so empty and so cold to

If I should die to-night, Even hearts estranged would turn one more to me, Recalling other days with The eyes that chill me with averted Would look upon me as of yore, per chance, And soften, in the old familiar way-For who could war with dumb, uncon-

scions clay? So I might rest forgiven of all to-night Oh friends, I pray to night, Keep not your kisses for my dead, The way is dark and lonely, let me feel them now, Think gently of me: I am travel worn; My faltering feet are pierced with many a thorn,
Forgive, on hearts estranged; forgive I
plead!
When dreamless rest is mine I shall not

THE FATHER'S RETURN.

BY EMMA GARRISON JONES.

What a pleasant little home it was! The family sitting-room had never before looked so bright and attractive on the livery of royal purple, the er. Lizzie Green is so happy, I think; as on that autumn afternoon. A cheer- hills their russet gold, Violet Stan ful fire blazed on the hearth-ston. Tie crimson curtains were closely to day, with an indescribable beauty drawn, filling the room with a warn in her face. She seemed to have er, he knows about us up in heaven? reseate light, and in the midst of this, grown young again; all the cares and in her low, sewing chair, sat the troubles of life dropped off like a young wife, a dainty bit of embroid- mautle, leaving ther clothed in the ery on her lap, at which she worked away with deft fingers, humming all the fair, fresh winsome girl that the while a gentle lullaby to the little sleeper in the wicker cradle at her amid the clover-bloom of her country side. On the rug, at her feet, lay a home five years before. The little little girl, her first-born, worn-out children wandered about in the yelwith play, her curly head pillowed low sunlight, dyeing their fingers on a great, shaggy Newfoundland, with berries, and peeping into the and both fast asleep.

father, atood noiselessly on the thres- all aglow with excitement. hold, contemplating this pretty home. picture with a full heart. After a her little pianafore filled with golden tow moments he made a step into the fruit. "see here! the golden pippins om. His wife looked up quickly, are ripe-will father come home toher ses brigtening with pleasure.

in, I want-

her all ut once, and she sat looking He, spoke at last, his voice and nusteady.

'Albatross' sails to-morrow . Violet," he said.

y her passionate inquiry.

while the babies slept at her feet, she sai down to wait. thinking of the desolate hours in store "Will father come to-night, mothwatched her with a swelling heart. | twilight. After awhile he approached her, and stroking her bright, rippling hair, morrow, love!" said tenderly.

mustn't take it so hard."

She made no answer, but throwing cottage dcor. The year had rounded her arms round his neck, sobbed for a -why did not the wanderer come? she was ready for her work, and there lessly, followed by faithful old Leo; was plenty to do. Clothing to over- and after noon, growing impatient look, socks to darn, besides all the and anxious, Violet went down to packing. The whole night long she the post-office. Perchance there was at it, and in the chill, drear might be a letter, or some tidings dawn, pale and weary, but with wide, from the "Albatross." sleepless eyes, she followed him down A crowd of men surrounded the to the wharf. The "Albatross," door, evidently in eager discussion, swung at anchor, all ready for her but they made way for her deferendeparture.

lay asleep in their little cot-bed, and now he turned to his wife.

features working with the emotion he struck her. struggled to keep down, "I may as well say it at once, as it's got to be ing from one to another. done; take care of yourself and the babies, and don't worry about me; her, she snatched a paper they had a year'll soon slip by, and then I'll been reading. There it was in flambe back again, God willing. Kiss ing characters! me, and run home like a good little wife; you're shivering with the cold due at this port on the nineteenth in-

She kissed him, clinging to his bo. and every soul on board was lost!" som for a moment, and then she hurried away. But on the top of the the glory of the autuan evening, hill she paused to look back. She clutch ag the paper in her hand. The could not discern his face or figure in children met her at the gate.

men that thronged of departure came; home?" and shouts, and

e, her white sails igs in the un-

er ve aneked or o a and devolate. The air keen and biting; the stars out Due Vance was a state little w. man, in countless thousands. The mother despite her childish face and rippling and her little ones gathered in their huir; and although heart and hands faggots, and threw a heavy log upon

or human ills and woes. The glory of autumn faded, and his trundle-bed. winter came. The snows fell white and deep round the sailor's little cottage, and through the dreary, weary curly head. nights the patient mother worked and watched her babies. Little Annie, the eldest born, could remember her father, and over and over again she would ask.

"Mother, when will father come home from over the big sea?" And the mother would answer, her blue eyes brightening at the thought

"When summer-time comes, darling, and the golden pippins get ripe, then father will come home."

And the winter went by at last and spring came, bringing the bloom of primroses, and the odor of violets. and the golden pippin-tree was one mass of fragrant blossoms. Little Annie watched them, and led ber baby brother beneath their rustling shadow, telling him of the coming day when father would come home. Al mest a year had gone by, and in all this long, long time only one letter had come. Midshipman Standish found but few opportunities to send letters; but this one sufficed. He was well, and the "Albatross" would

be at home in autumn And autumn came; the trees put dish went about her work, from day tiny homes of the robins; and one Richard Standish, the husband and sunny morning both came rushing in

"Mother, mother!" cried Annie.

said; "how god I am. I was so gladness. She looked out at the blue afraid you'd be detained late. Come sky, the floating, fleecy clouds, and mist crowned hills, with something But something in his face silenced like a prophecy at her heart.

"I think he will, darling!" she reup at him with tender, entreating plied; "we will m ke ready for him, any way. Go gather all you

And the children toddied off again the burden of life through an-Violet," he said. the little, sturdy boy looking so like other year? It was so hard, she not fell between them, broken his father, that his mother ran after other year? It was so hard, she him and covered his brown face with Dick, is there no help? Must kisses. Then a harried back and her children's sake. Glancing over her go the little south, and the pair of fell to work. She cleaned the cot curly heads, she resumed her needle tage till a speck of dust could no with fresh vigor. The hours wore no more, knowing that his where he found, put fresh linen on was inexorable. Once be- the beds, and fresh flowers in the s, since their marriage, he had windows-and then she went to cookgone, leaving her for a whole dreary ing. Every delicacy, for which he and new he was going again. The had ever expressed a fancy, was preembroidery fell from her fingers, and pared; and as the sun was going she sat gazing into the red coals, down, dressed in her prettiest grown,

for her and them. Her husband er?" asked Annie, stealing up in the

"If not to-night, he will come to-

To-morrow came, the golden pipins "Poor Violet, poor, little wife, you hung ripening on the tree; the grain waved in yellow sheaves around the few moments on his bosom; and then The children wandered about rest- whining. Violet put down her work

tially. There was no letter, and no He had kissed the babies as they tidings from the "Albatross." The her with pitying eyes—so did the hands clasped, her sweet, spiritual terday afternoon, right on the mouth; "Good-by, Violet." his bronzed by-standers. Something in their faces

"What is it?" she questioned, look-

Then, an awful fear thrilling through

"Losses at sea! The 'Albatross, stant, took fire on the Indian Ocean, She tottered homeward through

"What is it, mother? questioned

gazed through the Annie, looking up affrighted at her rning, wistful eyes, white face. "Won't father come "No, no!" she wailed, in answer.

"Albatross" start- "He will never come home any more -never any more!"

The autumn passed again, and winter followed, with dreary nights of ward, the storm and darkness. But Violet peed her Standish lived and worked, for the aching mother-love in her bosom was strong. All Spring came, with its beauty and bright eyes. the another summer, and autumn again. his neck. "I knew that God would ship, to the same body. We never ed The golden pippins ripened, and An- let Kriss-Kringle bring you home to- entertained any doubts as to the value

were alike aimless and nerveless, she the fire; and Leo stretched his huge went resolutely to work, and after a length before the blaze. Then they time she worked herself into a genial, sat down to their work, for work was hopeful humor. For these simple, becoming a necessity in these latter homely tasks, that make up our life days; and even little Annie's tiny drudgery, are often the saving of our fingers did their part. The sturdy, souls; this ceaseless labor, from which little boy, growing more and more we flinch at times, is the one sover- like his dead father, cracked nuts, eign remedy, the universal panacea and shot straws at Leo, and finally grew weary, and betook himself to

"What'll Kriss-Kringle bring me mother?" he asked, popping up hi

His mother glanced across at hi chubby stockings suspended against has been made up with ribbon ever the wall, and her eyes filled with since. tears. Her store of Christmas-gifts was very scant, vet she answered pleasantly.

"Something nice, perhaps, darling, f you'll go to sleep like a good boy. Annie worked until her blue eyes grew heavy; and she followed her brother to the little bed. but not to sleep-she lav awake listening to the voice of the wind. It was a terrible night, cold and windy, and the distant boom of the sea was incessant. Her mother trimmed the lamp, and

continued her sewing. "Don't work any more, mother, said the child. "Come to bed, please -I'm so lonesome."

"But I must finish this garment tonight, love. We shall need more coal on Monday; and there's no money till this is paid for. Go to sleep. there's a darling; you're not lone-

some with mother so near." But the child still remained awake soon be homeward bound-he would her blue eyes full of solemn inquiry.

"Mother." she began again, after a pause, "how nice it is to have a fathher father takes her everywhere, and gets her such nice things. I wish my father had lived. Do you think moth-Can he see how lonesome we are?" The poor, pale-faced woman put

out her hand as if the child's prattle ortured her. "My darling, yes; he knows about us, and sees us, I think," she replied. speaking with an effort. "But go to

sleep now, please; mother is too tired "Yes, mother; only let me tell you what I've been thinking. What if the Lord should let Kriss-Kringle bring father home to-night-wouldn't

t be nice, mother? "Yes, love; but that cannot be. Father cannot come to us: but we

shall go to him by and-by.' Annie fell into silence, and the on steadily. She was a brave, strong woman, and kept her sorrow beneath

should faint in the end yor, but for honey goes, pop goes the weasel!" her children's sake. Glancing over on; Christmas morn would soon be did'n tender.' dawning-Christmas with its peace on earth, and ite promise of glad-

ness to all men. What would it bring The winds rose, driving the light snow against the windows. Leo put up his ears and listened, then he arose and trotted off to the door. Presently he began to whine plain-

"What is it, Leo?" asked his mis-

The dog came to her side, looking up in her face with an intelligence that seemed almost human; then be went back to the door, pawing and wind lulled, she caught the sound of a step, a firm, quick step, crunching the frozen snow. The dog leaped to the window, barking and whining, and showing every manifestation of

joy. The step came nearer and nearer. A wild terror filled the lonely woman's heart. What danger threatened her children? She glance I to- child; you hurt him much." "Well ward the little bed, and there sat then, papa, you ought to whip sister's Annie, .. her white nightrobe, her face fairly radiant with joy.

"Oh! mother, mother!" she cried, 'don't you know, don't you feel it- tried to choke him." it is father coming home?"

A wild thrill shot through the poor wife's heart, terror, hope, doubt, all commingled; her limbs trembled, and she grew faint; but as the step came nearer and nearer, obeying an impulse stronger than her will, or her fear, she opened the door. A brawny, broad-shouldered man, in a pet-stretcher." The boy and the sailor's garb. One instant she gazed on him, and then she clasped him in

her arms with a wild cry. "Oh! it is-it is my husband! Oh, Dick! you are not dead! God has sent you back to me again?"

"Yes, Violet," his hot tears raining

great drifts round the little cottage; ble and full of glory.

Brevities and Levities,

A good example is the best sermon The beginning and end of a chicken's life-hatchet.

True politenass is to say, The kindest thing in the kindest Doesn't a man contract a debt when e pays part of it?

Rhenmatism is always a joint affair, and yet there is only one person to it. Why is the busy bee like human contentment?', Because it's a humbug The latest slang phrase is: "O

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Let the nigger attend to his voting,

The Sable Mether's Warning.

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"Playin' wiff de white folks' chil

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on're too new, the dust sticks to you.' From Adam they took a rib-bone to make fair woman. Fair woman

A great many children get on the wrong track because the switch i misplaced. Only a ring is necessary to engage

wife, but nothing short of cash will secure a good hired girl. An Irish bull: "It's a very grea pleasure to be alone, especially when your sweetheart is wid ye."

A wag suggests that a suitable opening for many choirs should be, Lord, have mercy on us, miserable "Jane, it is eleven o'clock; tell that

young man to please shut the front door from the outside.' In Switzerland donkeys have bells on their necks. In this country it is not unusual to see them with belle

Wit is the boomerang, that strikes and graciously returns to the hand Sarcasm is the envenomed shaft that sticks in the victim's gizzard,

American toast: "The ladies: th only endurable aristocracy, who rule without laws, judge without jury, decide without appeal, and are never in the wrong."

The editor of an American paper recently insisted that poets must be brief. He received a composition en titled, "The Ballad of the Merchant." Trust-Bust.

"Luke, is Jim Akers honest? Danno, boss. Jim mout be; an' den agin he moutn't. But ef I was a chick'n an' know'd Jim was about, I tell ye wot, I'd roost high."

"What ails dis beoples of America." says an old traveller from Germany, "is dot dey walks mit der legs too much in der shtreet gars out, und don't got some muscles some more? A very neat definition of the word

'suspicion" was that given by a jeal- 'municatin' wid de white trash any ous husband: "A suspicion is a feelnight waned away. The stars burn- ing that impels you to try to find out your black head with a brick ! "Oh: Daband! is it you?" she Violet's heart gave a great leap of ed, and the winds mouned, and the something which you don't wish to A few evenings ago, a mother was action, etc., are referred to Mrs. Wm. E. we ask for the place.

hearing her little three-year old lispher feet; but it rose up strong and ing boy say his prayers, and when he files to night. Old memories of her reached "Dod bless mama and uspa." reached "Dod bless mama and papa, h by girlhood came trooping back.
for d words, loving smiles, tender cases. Her tried soul was full to A little girl hards penny given be-

When she dropped in the coin sh exclaimed. That's the way the

'The difference,' said the cook, 'between a child of royal birth and a curly heads, she resumed her needle young lamb is that the first is tended with fresh vigor. The hours wore in splendor, and the other is splen-

An epitaph at Princetown, Mass reads :

"Here lies John Dodd Who doged all he could And dodged a deal of evil, And after dodging all he could He could not dodge the devil."

Robinson went up to his room the other afternoon, and noticed that there was only one match remaining in the box. "Now, if that shouldn't burn to-night when I come in," soliloquized he "what a fix I should be in." So he tried to see if it was a good one.

An old-fashioned minister was preaching in a tight, unventilated hurch, in which by some means a window was left partly open. A good deacon during the sermon closed it-The minister stopped, and, turning to the deacon, said in solemn tones, "If I were preaching in a jug, I believe you would put the cork in."

" Papa, didn't you whip me once for biting little Tommy?" "Yes. my music master, too; he bit sister, yes put her arms around his neck and

"What!" said a young lady to a sister companion, " you are not going to marry that tall, lean, slender, consumptive-stricken fellow, are you? "Yes, she is," volunteered the young lady's little brother, looking up from his broken cart wheel; "she's going to marry him and use him for a carcart wheel passed out through the

JUST AS WE EXPECTED .- The no fence law as operated in this con-ty is proving its merits. At first with some, the measure was prejudicially on her cheecks, "from the very jaws received; but we are glad to know of death He has sent me back to that the prejudice is rapidly dying out and the system is gaining the ap-She held him close for a moment, probation of all. We are informed and then the mother-love began to that Saluda Township, which is not stir in her heart. She turned and now under the law, has sent to the pointed to the little bed. The stur- Legislature a petition signed by 185 dy, little boy was sound asleep; but persons asking its extension to the Annie was awaiting him with wide, North Carolina line. Another petition of similar import, has also been "I knew it, father, and I told moth-sent by citizens of Highland Townof the change to the middle and low-

ville Enterprise.

Hew Democrats Will Control the The Nigger," Senate.

The following, clipped some time; The Washington correspondent of ago from the Lemars Sentinel, a lead- the Bettimore Sun says: "There is ng Republican organ, and saved for not in political circles here anything use, shows that President Hayes and like so much interest exhibited in the his party would do well to begin at possible attitude of Gen. Mahone in home, when they whine about neg:o the Senate as there was for some time after the November election. This for the reason that it seems now to be ling nigger is at the generally believed that in no proba-

ble contingency can Gen. Mahone even if acting uniformly with the The nigger's highest idea of civil publicans, do more than make a tie. The Republicans have been counting entirely on making a tie, and ob taining a majority by the casting vote of the Vice-President. But, as sevaral Democratic Senators said to-day, the Republicans should not forget that they set an example all through the last session in the House of Representatives, which the Democrats would be very foolish not to follow. The House Republicans over and over again broke a quorum by refusing to vote. The Senate Democrats can do the same thing. If the Republicans, through the aid of Mr. Mahone, ob-To vote for the candidates of the tain 38 votes, the Democrats can on every political question refuse to vote and thus there will be no quorum. After a century's faithful probation and the Vice-President can not have

a the school of ordinary citizenship, the opportunity to give the casting His fitness to fill civil offices might vote. Democratic Senators say that if it comes to a tie they will certainly In the meantime the republicans take this course unless an arrangewill listen to the claims of no one but a ment just and satisfactory to both sides is effected.

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