FATHER, TAKE MY HAND.

The way is dark, my Father. Cloud on cloud
Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud
The thunders roar above me. See, I stand
Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand,
And through the gloom
Lead safely home
Thy child.

The day goes fast, my Father! And my soul
Is drawing darkly down. My faithless sight
Sees ghostly visions. Fears, a spectral band,
Encompass me. O Father, take my hand,
And from the night
Lead up to light
Thy child.

The way is long, my Father! And my soul
Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal;
While yet I journey through the weary land
Keep me from wandering. Father, take my hand,
Quickly and straight
Lead to Heaven's gate
Thy child.

The path is rough, my Father! Many a thorn
Has pierced me; and my weary feet, all torn
And bleeding, mark the way. Yet Thy command
Bids me press forward. Father, take my hand.
Then, safe and blest,
Lead up to rest
Thy child.

The throng is great, my Father! Many a doubt
And fear, and danger compass me about,
And foes oppress me so. I cannot stand
Or go alone. O, Father, take my hand,
And through the throng
Lead safe along
Thy child.

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne
It long, and still do bear it. Let my worn
And faunting spirit rise to that blest land
Where crowns are given. Father, take my hand,
And reaching down,
Lead to the crown
Thy child.

NEW BOOKS.

NEW HOLIDAY BOOKS.—Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, of Boston, the noted New England publishers, have just issued from their presses the following works:—

"Flower de Luce." A new volume of Poems. By Henry W. Longfellow. With illustrations by various artists. 1 vol. Small quarto.

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Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co. are the general agents for the publications of Ticknor & Fields in this city.

THE NEW BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

—Children's books multiply as Christmas approaches. The new issues are the following:—

"Fonthill Recreations; The Mediterranean Islands—The Two Sicilies"—by M. G. Sleeper, published in Boston by Gould & Lincoln; pleasant stories, handsomely illustrated.

"Gracie's Mission—a Tale of Norway," by Helen Well Pierson, published by James S. Claxton, Philadelphia.

"Take but Earn, or Sunny Meadow"—published by James S. Claxton, Philadelphia.

"Cripple Dan," by Andrew Whitgitt, published by Robert Carter & Brothers.

"Stories of Many Lands," published by Ticknor & Fields, is a charming book for children, written by Grace Greenwood. It will interest boys and girls alike.

—A valuable contribution to the literature of the war is Mr. P. C. Headley's "History of Massachusetts in the Rebellion"—a complete record of the work of the Bay State during the war. It tells the story of each regiment, gives sketches of all the engagements in which Massachusetts troops took part, describes the manner in which the people of the State contributed to the comfort and support of the army, and contains brief biographies of Governor Andrew, Edward Everett, Charles Sumner, and other Massachusetts statesmen. One chapter, devoted to "Massachusetts Poets and the War," is peculiarly interesting. Thirty steel portraits illustrate the volume. (Walker, Fuller & Co., Boston.)

—The religious works of the week are—"Personal Piety, a Help to Christians," published by the Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge: a new volume by Mr. Spurgeon, entitled "Morning by Morning, or Daily Readings for the Family Closet, published by Sheldon & Co.; "The Story of Martin Luther," edited by Miss Whateley, and published by Robert Carter & Brothers; "A Child's Book, for Sunday Schools and Homes," compiled by Rev. O. B. Frothingham, published in Boston by Walker, Fuller & Co.; and another volume of Lange's "Commentaries," edited by Dr. Schaff, issued by Scribner & Co.

—Harper & Brothers republish Charles Lever's novel, "Sir Brook Fossbrooke," as No. 281 of their Library of Select Novels. The same house has issued "Personal Recollections of Distinguished Generals," by W. F. G. Shanks—a readable book. Mr. Shanks was the war correspondent of a New York journal for several years, and derived the material for his sketches from personal intercourse with the officers of the army. The portraits of Grant, Sherman, Thomas, and others, although simple wood-cuts, are often striking likenesses.

—A "blue and gold" edition of the poems of Jean Ingelow, with a striking portrait, is published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. This complete collection of the works of a poet who has obtained a sudden but well-deserved popularity, will be welcomed by her admirers in this country. Her "Songs of Seven," included in this volume, were issued as a Christmas gift-book last year, and had a large sale.

—A new edition of "The Arabian Nights, Entertainments," with notes by Rev. George Fyler Townsend, is published by Hurd & Houghton, in a plump volume of six hundred pages. It is illustrated by Houghton, Dalziel, and others.

—Hurd & Houghton also publish "Christmas in England"—a series of pleasant extracts from Irving's "Sketch Book," illustrated by wood-cuts exquisitely engraved. The book is a small quarto, with a fine Christmas flavor.

—Little, Brown & Co., Boston, have published the ninth volume of their fine edition of "The Works of Edmund Burke." This volume contains the charges against Warren Hastings and Burke's grand speech on opening the trial.

—D. Van Nostrand, No. 192 Broadway, issues another military book, "A Treatise on Intrenchments," by Brevet Brigadier-General Francis J. Lippitt.

—Chapman & Co., No. 116 Nassau street, issue another volume of the cheap "Sunnyside Series," entitled "The Haunted Wood."

—Leypoldt & Holt publish "Skirmishing," a novel, by the author of "Who Breaks, Pays." It is a story of fair quality.

—John Wiley & Son publish "Plane Problems in Elementary Geometry," by S. Edward Warren.

—Loring, of Boston, republishes "Lords and Ladies," a new English novel.

—In England there are six hundred and fifty-one "Provident Societies," established on the co-operative plan, and possessing an aggregate capital of nearly four millions of dollars in American money—£761,313. Groceries, meat, shoes, clothing, coal, flour, and even farriery, are included in the plan upon which these societies operate.

THE TRINITY CHURCH LITIGATION.

The Heirs to Manhattan—Duchess Anneke Jans and Her Descendants—Sketch of the Dutch Gentlewoman Who Owned New York, Etc.

From the Rochester Union.

Who was Wyntie Sybrants? Who struck Billy Patterson? Anneke Jans was a Duchess from Holland, who came to New York about two hundred and fifty years ago; this was during the childhood of Gideon Welles, and before George Washington's father bought him the hatchet who couldn't tell a lie. It was previous to the advent of Barnum and the Siamese Twins, who are not heirs of Anneke's. Rip Van Winkle might have been a cousin, but of that we have no certainty. Very few of the present inhabitants of New York remember Anneke—none above Forty-seventh street; those who do, recall her as a promising young lady in good society, a little too stout, and a little Teutonic, perhaps, with a fine set of artificial teeth, a glass eye, and a "Government leg" (Bly's patent), all of which were bequeathed her by King William of Holland—gin. About the year 1634, Ev. Bogardus, a young clergyman, a graduate of Columbia College, who boarded at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, preached in the Tabernacle, and lunched at Crook & Duff's, became enamored of Anneke, and offered her his hand, which she accepted, after a brief consultation with her father-in-law, familiarly called "Old Jans of Fulton Market." Bogardus, who previous to the marriage had pretty much "gone to grass," was now "in clover," and was supplied by Anneke with the wherewith to pay his tailor's and sundry other little bills, including his dues at the German Club, and for lack of which he had been "posted" and threatened with expulsion.

Bogardus also descended from King William, as did also his brother Stephen Bogardus, who used himself up in Harlem stock. These brothers were of "even tenor and date;" in other words, were of the same age. They, however, were not twins, although brothers, "and both boys,' they were "rights and lefts," and could not readily trace their descent to King William. There appeared to be "a break" somewhere—probably at Bushnell's Basin, and they could not get around it. Anneke Webber was Anneke Jans' grandmother, and was also descended from King William, as appeared from "a strawberry mark on her arm." She was much older than Anneke Jans, and of different build. She had a stoop in her shoulders, and a plantegrade walk, where she spent much of her time. She was near-sighted, and fond of eleven o'clock lunches of rye and croton.

Anneke Jans was possessed of much "stamps;" and these she had invested in land lying along the west side of Broadway ("contagious" to the Astor House, which was the uppest of the up-town hotels at that early day), and just out of reach of the omnibus drivers, who were also descended from King William of Holland. In the course of a few years, more or less, the land increased muchly in value, and the heirs of Trinity Church leased a portion of it, which they now claim as their own; but which the heirs of Anneke Jans, so far as heard from, dispute the claim, and "join issue" instead of joining the church, which they should do. In the year 1647 Anneke Bogardus (*nee* Jans) took down her waterfall and slept with her fathers, who were also descendants of King William of Holland. Anneke left property which had been constantly increasing in value until it is supposed to have reached at this time the enormous sum of twenty or fifty millions—but "commentators differ" as to whether twenty or fifty millions is so many dollars, or only intended to represent the number of heirs claiming to share the property—and who are also descended from King William of Holland. A proposition has been made to dispose of this vast aggregation of property on the "Gift Concert" plan. Something of the kind will have to be done at once in order to forestall the Board of Aldermen, who are also descended from King William of Holland, and who are supposed to be moving to add the estate to the "Contingent Fund," which otherwise is liable to be overdrawn, on account of the enormous prices now demanded for municipal suppers at Delmonico's and other first-class restaurants.

It is reported, also, that the railroad company, which is also descended from King William of Holland, is covertly making arrangements to lay a double track, about four o'clock on Christmas morning, through the entire property. To prevent this some of Anneke's heirs have made propositions to Vanderoilt to run the Hudson River cars into it, and issue convertible bonds to all the unconvertible heirs.

What the end of all this will be it is difficult to foresee. A great many babies are now being christened Anneke Jans and Evardus Bogardus, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who is also descended from King William of Holland, having recently decided that this is not an infringement of the spirit of the law, nor in violation of any of its amendments, and further, that a stamp is not required to make the ceremony legal. A number of enterprising young men are advertising for situations as heirs, with a specimen of which we conclude the present article:—

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William the Conqueror as a Benefactor to England.

Rev. S. Pradeaux Tregelles, an English scholar, has been making an extended tour of exploration in Britanny and Normandy, among the descendants of the ancient British emigrants who went to France in the sixth and seventh centuries. In his travels he came to Falaise, noted as the birthplace of William the Conqueror. His descriptions and remarks are curious:—

"Between the castle and the town William's equestrian statue has been erected, and on the other side of the castle I was shown the tanpits of his mother's father; this was accompanied by the remark that I might see that the business was still carried on, 'though not in the same family!' * * * Since the Saxon invasion, no individual has so influenced the whole course of English history as William; probably, at the time, he was the greatest benefactor of England. This will sound strange to some; but, let it be remembered, that the whole framework of Saxon society had become utterly corrupt and degenerate for a century. The nobles and rich men were sunk in debauchery and sloth; cruelty and oppression were rife; and, however much Saxons may have suffered under Norman rule, it was but a part of what they had been accustomed to impose on their own subordinates whom they held in bondage.

"The benefits conferred by William on the social condition of the English were immense. He laid the foundations of personal freedom in his enactment:—'If any slave remain without being claimed for a year and a day in our cities, or burgs, or castles, from that day he becomes free, and let him be free for ever from the yoke of servitude.' What Saxon king or what contemporary of William dreamed of doing so much for the removal of slavery? So, too, did he absolutely prohibit the exportation of slaves. 'Let him beware (he says to the slave-dealer) that he destroys not a soul whom God has redeemed with His blood!' Thus the Norman conquest led to the formation of a large free population, strongly attached to the Norman institutions, by which they had so much profited; while the Saxons, who could no longer hold their bondmen, but saw them endowed with every privilege of liberty, and made their equals, regarded all such measures of right and equity as injustice to themselves. Such were some of the benefits resulting from the day of Hastings. England need feel no shame or regret at the Norman character impressed on so many of her institutions."

Shabby Treatment of an Inventor.

THE SNIDER GUN AND MR. SNIDER'S TROUBLES.

The death of Mr. Snider, inventor of the Snider gun, was recently announced. An English paper gives the following account of the treatment he received in England:—

"So far back as 1859, Mr. Snider, it appears, presented the Storm system of breech-loading to the English Government, and was called on to convert two Enfields upon that plan. Subsequently, it was suggested that the ammunition should be made up with Government powder and bullet; and, Mr. Snider having applied for and received these articles, the trials duly proceeded before the Ordnance Committee. A demand was then made upon him for the sum of £1 1s. 2d. for the material thus furnished, and it is affirmed that the Government actually sued him and obtained judment against him for that amount. At that time his experiments occupied about eighteen months. Early in 1861 he went to the Continent to pursue his researches into the best system of breech-loading. In 1863 he returned to England, and first exhibited a model of a gun which formed the basis of his present invention. He was assured that the Government would never consent to look at a system of breech-loading carrying its own ignition, but the scientific persons having the subject in charge zealously met his views, and after eight years of labor and heavy expenditure, he had the satisfaction to see his system practically successful and adopted by the State.

But the further pecuniary and painful part of the history is described to be as follows:—In June last he addressed Lord Hartington, the then Secretary of War, saying he thought the time had now come when he should be informed how he was to be dealt with. The reply was that his claim must be considered under three heads:—First, reimbursement for expenses; two, compensation for services while employed in the department; and, three, reward for the invention; and it was added that the first two points could be speedily settled without waiting for the third. Mr. Snider named £2700 as due to him for expenditure and services, whereupon he was notified that the matter had been left entirely in the hands of Mr. Clode, the Government Solicitor for War, and that his decision was to give £1600 and no more. Harassed by creditors for debts incurred during his long and costly proceedings, and at the same time helpless from sickness, and being told that if he did not accept what was offered and give an acquittance in full, he would get nothing, Mr. Snider, about a fortnight back, consented, by the advice of his friends, to take the amount, the whole of which went immediately to his creditors, not one farthing finding its way to his own hands.

"The only mitigation of the story is that it is understood he has been informed that when he shall be well enough to present himself at the War Office, the matter will be reconsidered and a more fitting allowance made. Such are the facts as they have been conveyed in answer to inquiries; but there may be some minor inaccuracies in them, as Mr. Snider, in his helpless condition, is unable fully to state his own case. Not unfrequently the sorrows of inventors are traceable to their own improvidence or unfitness for business, and also to the inevitable operation of the Patent laws; but in this instance there is nothing on the surface to lead to any such assumption.

"Apart from his labors on the Continent, Mr. Snider was, it is believed, incessantly engaged for eight months in the service of the department of Woolwich, and, looking at the expenses of his previous models, drawings, etc., his charge of £2700 for actual time and outlay will strike most persons as extremely moderate, while the arbitrary cutting down of such an item to £1000 is sufficient to account for the existence of great pecuniary distress. In all countries where patents are conferred the Governments have the legal power to use such inventions free of cost; but this is merely for self-protection, and can never be properly pleaded as a bar to a liberal acknowledgment for benefits conferred. Mr. Snider asserted that, in accordance with a promise he originally gave, he always faithfully resisted inducements and offers held out to him by other Governments to furnish them with a copy of his gun."

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