IN THE DARK.

O, in the depths of midnight
What fancies haunt the brain,
When even the sigh of the sleeper
Sounds like a sob of pain.

A sense of awe and of wonder
I may never well define,
For the thoughts that come in the shadows
Never come in the shine.

The old clock down in the parlor,
Like a sleepless mourner grieves,
And the seconds drip in silence
As the rain drips from the eaves.

And I think of the hands that signal
The hours there in the gloom,
And wonder what angel watchers
Wait in the darkened room.

And I think of the smiling faces
That used to watch and wait,
Till the click of the clock was answered
By the click of the opening gate.

They are not there now in the evening—
Morning or noon—not there;
Yet I know that they keep their vigil
And wait for me somewhere.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

THE SUBORDINATE STOLE.

But His Superior Was Punished With Him.

Official responsibility in China is a very different matter from official responsibility in this country. In the Pekin Gazette recently the governor of the Henan province reported that some thirty boxes of bullets, weighing about a ton in all, being government stores, were deposited in a temple at Kai-feng Fu under charge of a soldier, subject to inspection twice in twenty-four hours by a petty officer. The soldier being very poor—for no doubt his pay was in arrears, as usual with Chinese troops—determined to help himself to these bullets, and proceeded to abstract them from the boxes at various times and sell them to a tinman, who melted them down. In this way the soldier gradually carried away the greater part of his charge, and then, seeing the theft must be discovered, sooner or later, determined to make it appear that the bullets had been carried off by outside robbers. In the middle of the night he took the empty boxes out and scattered them about in the street, leaving the temple door open.

In the morning the petty officer came round as usual, discovered the empty boxes, and believed the soldier's story as to a robbery having been committed in the night. He reported the theft to his lieutenant, the latter to the general, who invoked the aid of the civil authorities. As soon as they investigated the matter, they came to the conclusion who was the real culprit, and he confessed. In the first place, the soldier, the actual robber, is condemned to penal servitude on the frontier—a sentence nearly, if not quite, as bad as death—and a flogging of 100 blows. The petty officer, who no doubt looked at the boxes twice a day, but did not take the trouble to see whether they were full or not, is condemned to receive eighty blows and is dismissed the service. The lieutenant is cashiered in order to be tried for connivance in the theft, but he disappears, and his case has been postponed until he is arrested on one of the warrants out against him. Finally, the board in Pekin is requested to determine the penalty to be inflicted on the general in command.

Here the chain of responsibility is followed up to the highest official concerned, and no one is allowed to say he had nothing to do with it; that it is impossible for him to concern himself with such details; that he does his best in selecting his subordinates, and does not guarantee them. This feeling of interdependence and responsibility runs from the canal coolie in the street right up to the emperor. Heaven punishes even the emperor if his subordinates misgovern, and if heaven continues the punishment, the people recognize the emperor's unfitness to rule.—London Times.

John Bright's Colored Guest.

While the late Col. John W. Forney was in London as the commissioner of the centennial board of directors, influencing tradesmen to send exhibits to Philadelphia for the centennial exposition, he one day met Professor John M. Langston, the colored scholar, and having an engagement with Hon. John Bright the evening of the same day he insisted upon Langston's accompanying him. He did so, and was hospitably received by both Mr. and Mrs. Bright, says the Philadelphia Press.

As the evening wore away Mr. Bright became so much interested in the scholarly attainment of his colored visitor that he and Col. Forney were detained so late that their host and hostess entreated the gentlemen to remain all night. When the Irish servants, who for the first time saw a colored man, were instructed by Mrs. Bright to prepare two rooms for Mr. Bright's guests, they, according to the story as told by the lady herself, stared in wonder, but obeyed the order without saying a word. "When the professor came down to breakfast next morning," Mrs. Bright said, "would you believe it, all the servants in the house ran up to the room which he had occupied and looked carefully over the sheets to see if he had blackened them. Mr. Bright always enjoyed the story."

Stonewall Jackson's Successor.

Gen. Walker, the famous ex-confederate, who succeeded to the command of Stonewall Jackson brigade after the latter's death, recently paid a visit to Gen. Isaac S. Wister at the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The first time the two veterans met was on the battle field after a heavy fight. Wistar had been badly wounded and lay upon the field unable to move any distance. A confederate private who found him in this plight, took to taunting him as he lay on the ground; ordering him at the point of the bayonet to move this way or that, in pure maliciousness. While engaged in this brutal pastime Gen. Walker and his staff rode up and discovered the private's occupation. The general rebuked him bitterly and going up to Wistar asked if there was anything he could do for the wounded man. Neither knew the other at that time. They met after the war and became good friends, learning of their precious meeting by accident. Gen. Walker is now engaged in the development of Southern industries, and is said to be amassing a fortune.

The President's Exchange Reader.

The official at the White House who does the president's newspaper reading and clipping is Benjamin Montgomery, the telegraphic secretary. He is one of the most valuable officers of the force, as in addition to his knowledge of telegraphy he possesses a wonderful acquaintance with men and measures, and is singularly active in clerical work. He now attends to a duty that was formerly performed by Col. Lamont, namely, perusing the newspapers of the country and transferring to a scrap book all articles regarded as worthy of the president's consideration, either because of their praise or criticism of his administration.—Exchange.

A SCOTCH preacher in London recently speaking of the frequent complaints of preachers for being dull, gave his hearers this shot. "The fault is not that we are poor preachers, but because you are mighty poor stuff to preach to."

HOME AND HOUSEWIFE.

HOW TO CLEAN THE WINDOWS IN THE BEST WAY.

Take a Bright Day for It, but do It When the Windows are in Shade. Use no Soap and Keep the Water Warm. Adding Household Ammonia to Soften It.

The cleaning of windows seems to be a very easy matter, yet many housewives would prefer to do any other part of the housecleaning than this. As at this season of the year the whole house is supposed to receive a thorough cleaning, the windows must, to be sure, come in for their share.

Never begin this work until all the paint is cleaned, but, more especially, that part about the windows. If the window glass is done first, it is almost impossible to wash the paint round it without smearing the glass.

Never wash windows on a damp day, although a cloudy one is not objectionable for the work. A bright, clear, sunny day is the best, choosing that part of it when the windows are in the shade. Windows washed while the sun is on them are sure to be streaky, no matter how well they may be done, for the sun dries them quicker than they can be wiped, and, consequently, the water dries just as it is put on by the wash cloth.

Always dust the windows thoroughly, both inside and outside, before beginning to wash them. Use small, dry paint brushes to get into crevices and corners when dusting.

Wash the inside of the window first, and it will be much easier to detect any defect when doing the outside. Take as much clear water as desired, but have it as warm as it can be conveniently used, without parboiling the hands, and add to it enough hot household ammonia to soften it. With soft cloth that is free from lint wash each pane of glass thoroughly, using a small pointed stick with a cloth on it to go into the corners.

Use old cotton to wipe with, and dry each pane immediately after washing. Where the water is quite hot, if the glass is not wiped immediately it will dry so that it will have to be rewashed ere wiping.

Where the ammonia is not convenient, use clear water, and never, on any account, use soap of any kind if you want your glass to be clear. After washing in clear water, a nice polish may be obtained by rubbing the glass with tissue paper, but where ammonia is used the latter gives a nice gloss without any extra work.

Baking soda on a damp cloth is said to be nice to give the windows a good polish. Cleaning windows with a cloth wet in kerosene is recommended by some for the same purpose.

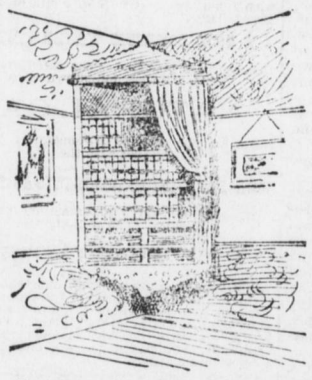
In the general house cleaning it is a good plan to clean the outside shutters ere beginning the windows. Have a small, dry paint brush, and with it brush the blinds thoroughly inside and out; then take another brush of the same size, and dipping it into clear water, go over the blinds with it, rinsing it frequently.

When done, change the water and rinse the blinds well with the clear water. Although this will occasion a little more work, the appearance of the windows will repay any labor spent on them.

A Pretty Book Case.

The illustration from the American Agriculturist shows clearly how to make a pretty book case for a corner.

A strip of inch board three inches wide and four feet long is screwed to the front of the shelves at each end. A piece of board two and a half feet long and eight inches wide, cut in any ornamental pattern, is attached to the top shelf as a cornice, and a similar piece five inches wide to the bottom shelf as a sort of frieze.



If preferred the pieces may be cut plain and covered with any bright colored plush that will harmonize with the curtain. A rod of bad wood, oiled or stained to match the shelves is fastened by brackets in front of the top shelf and provided with wooden rings to which the curtain is attached.

The curtain may be cretonne, plush, Canton flannel or any other material desired.

The lower two shelves are designated for holding newspapers and magazines, the next three are for books, and the top one for bric-a-brac.

To Prevent Mold in Fruit Jars.

One of the great troubles in preserving fruit in glass jars is to prevent the formation of mold on top, and the consequent spoiling of fruit when it rises above the top of the syrup. A very effective, cheap and simple device is a disk of thin veneer of wood, from one-sixteenth to one-twentieth of an inch thick and from two-and-three-quarters to three inches in diameter, for one quart jars, made from gum, beech, birch, elm or ash, as these woods have no taste nor flavor and will not injure the fruit.

To use, dip in hot water to prevent cracking, slightly bend so as to slip in the neck below the shoulder of the jar; press down on the fruit so as to allow the syrup to rise over it. The shoulder will keep it down and in place. When you wish to use the fruit, remove by running a fork under and picking it out.

Teach Your Children Neatness.

A disorderly, ugly, gone-to-rack schoolroom is a poor place in which to teach children neatness, thrift and appreciation of beauty (which is virtue)—things more important to be learned than the geographical location of Tomsk or the biography of Rameses.

Ragout of Onions.

Cut a couple of bunches of young onions in slices; add double the quantity of potatoes, peeled and sliced; season with salt and pepper, and cover with broth of any kind; simmer until the potatoes are done; add a teaspoonful of butter, and eat very hot.

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