He creeps so fast to eatch his toys, And then he sets up such a noise; His horse and dog, and book and bell, He throws them all about pell-mell. O. Mother Goose! if you could see This little boy, so full of glee, Your sides would sche, I fear.

In hammock low among the trees, Rocked back and forth by passing breeze, The baby swings, and coos to see The gentle rustle of the tree, The lights and shade, the leaves that fall; The sunshine brooding over all-Tis Indian summer here.

Way over head, in the blue sky, The downy clouds float softly by, A lullaby fair Nature sings, And through the air its music rings; All things peaceful tenor keep; My little one falls fast asleep, His mother watching near.

Two baby boys! a God of love Sends us a gift from heaven above: And like the shifting rainbow bright, Tingeing the drifting clouds with light, Their souls, so fine and sweet, shine out, Breaking through mists of grief and doubt, And make my pathway clear.

-Boston Transcri

A FIRESIDE STORY.

I love to see the wife and mother move around and within her little home circle. with sunny smiles beaming on her face, as if all other spots were blanks to her where her husband and children dwell. But of this we will say no more, for it was our intention when we first dipped our pen in ink to-day, to give the reader a tale of facts; so now for the introduc

Mr. and Mrs. Pason, with their children, occupied a humble tenement in a narrow court. But though their rooms were small and few, there was an air of comfort prevading all, which plainly told that the mechanic's home was managed by a skilful housekeeper.

On the evening our story opens, a stove in the little parlor, and near it was drawn a small round table. A group of three children were variously engaged around it. Emma, the eldest, was hemming an apron. Eilen, two years younger, was petting her favorite kitten; while but a little distance from her sat her only

The mother of this little group busily engaged about the room with various duties, but still her large dark eyes were often turned toward the table, beaming with love and pride. At length stepping lightly behind the chair occupied by Charley, the youngest of the group, she leaned over and gently touched her lips to his cheek.

For the last half hour the child's whole soul seemed to be wrapped up in his occupation, and now being so suddenly disturbed, quick as the lightning's flash even looking up to see who leaned over the girls cried, in a breath-"Why, brother, you have struck ma!"
"I don't care if I have," was the re-

sponse. "She ought not to plague me when I am busy. Charles, though young in years, was

old in intellect; he knew that he had done wrong, and he expected to be reent was ever kind; but in this he was disappointed, for the mother only turned hard grade ed her dark eyes upon him with a sorrowful expression and the mother of the children for to
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new and then the glance that the passionate boy bestowed on his parent. None of these glances were returned and in a little while Mrs. Pason bade

ly and trying to catch his mother's eye; but still Mrs. Pason did not answer, nor a new bonnet this evening, and——" ly and trying to catch his mother's eye; did she look angry, she only broke his

"Come, Charlie," said Emma, "hurry, mother wants us all to be in bed before father comes."

threw himself stubbornly between the one says that ever worked for him; and snowy sheets of his trundle bed, and the his success in busines seemes to only leave the city at this season of the year, door shut out the form of his mother.

to cast no gloom over that neat little parlor where the industrious wife had built her afternoon fire, and prepared the evening meal for the family.

The words came faintly, and yet it seemed the family, though our the family left; so when they came to arbitrary in the family left; so when they came to arbitrar

window and peered into the night gloom without, but it was too dark to distinguish features, so she turned away, and stepped quietly in to the side of the little engaged in and undertake some lighter trundle-bed, and kneeling she leaned over the nillow and cover the nillow and peered into the night gloom have the mind to be industrious. But how would you like to leave off such serious ill-intended by the mechanic, the latter was furnished with a variety of useful articles, and a neat sign over the door anathematizing his ill-luck in losing a valover the pillow, and once more touched her lips to her boy's cheek, whispering, as she did so: "O, Charley darling, you little know the sad hours your hasty tem-per has cost your mother, but I feel that harsh treatment will never overcome it."

one derisive remark from her he loved, would unman him more than all the epi-thets his employer could heap upon

hand, and in a few moments she was buried in deep thought, and yet her mind did not roam from home; she was thinking that to-night was the time her was made, her face was so close to her husband would receive his month's pay, work, that its expression was not oband ere the hard earned money was placed in her hands, she was mentally striv- looked up, she spoke as if in continuang to dispose of it to the best advantage.

heart, buried his head in her bosom. naughty boy, but I won't be so any about it, and she and I took a walk down prosperity. more, if you will kiss me and say you love me. I was not asleep when you came to the side of the bed, for I could could hire that cottage, garden, shop and could hire that cottage, garden, shop and could hire that cottage, garden, shop and

angry."
Mrs. Pason returned the child's embrace, but ere she could answer, the outer door opened and her husband stepped within the parlor. within the parlor. "Why don't you put that child to bed,

Susan?" he exclaimed, shaking the snow from his overcoat, and looking sternly into the face of his wife. "You know into the face of his wife. "You know that I have often told you, that I want you to put the children to bed early."

"Well, I am half inclined to send for this wife. "You know that I want you to put the children to bed early."

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few moments later the noble boy was soundly sleeping, for now he had received his kindly good-night kiss.

When Mrs. Pason returned to the par-

lor, her husband was standing near the fire, and there was a dark frown on his face; he had divested himself of his out- rising, she went to her husband's side er garmonts and thrown them upon a and putting her arm around his neck chair; the wife took them up pleasantly, she said, "Robert, this is the anniversary and carrying them into the entry, shook off the snow, and then hung them in neir accustomed place; then returning to where her husband was standing, she lifted the tea-urn from the stove, and placed that and the other dainties on the table that stood near.

"Tea is ready, Robert," she said, in a

soft tone "Then take your seat at the table,"

Mrs. Pason, with woman's quick in white arm around his neck, she whispered in his ear:

Do come and take a seat beside me at the table, I shall be very lonesome without you, and beside I have prepared a favorite dish for you."

Gradually the husband's firmness gave

way, and at last if anything unpleasen had occurred to him during the day or evening, he seemed to forget it, and ere they arose from the table he not only when compared with that retreat of love chatted, but laughed quite heartily, when long, now, as the interest would be such his wife related some of the remarks that an assistance in the future; but after I the children had made since they came saw that little cottage the other day, I from school.

> able-cloth and rolled back the side-ta- a trifling sum which I immediately de ble, she glanced at the clock on the mantle, and she saw that the iron finger ointed to nine, and yet her husban had not handed her a part at least of his chase us a home; but never mind now,

month's pay. Her blood moved a little quicker as she thought of this, for she knew that unless he gave her the amount soon, it shall be so, dear," replied the husband, would be too late for her to purchase the clasping her to his breast; and then movarticles she had promised the children ing nearer the light, he read over the vashe would, in order to make them appear better dressed the next day, when had been made from time to time, for they attended Sabbath school

Mrs. Pason did not like to ask her husband for the money, for now that he had brother, Charles, engaged with his slate again taken his seat at the fire, she saw the same dark frown playing over his features.

"What do we want for to-morrow, Susan?" exclaimed the husband, nervously, a few moments later, and springing his teet. "Don't name too many things," he continued, "for I have a light purse to-night. My employer didn't pay me; nothing but necessity makes me work for him, for every day he grows more tyrannical, and to-night he informed us that rips were sewed in Charley's best cap, he should give us less pay in future; and poor Barton has gone home discouraged, for he has cut his wages to such a small he dealt a blow in his mother's face, not pittance that he said it would hardly keep his wife and children from starv him. The mother did not speak, while ing. This toiling to make another rich, the girls cried in a breath—"Why broth- wasting all the best years of my manhood! I am tired of it."

And the industrious mechanic threw himself heavily back in his chair, and covered his face with his callous, sunburnt hands.

For a moment Mrs. Pason's lips trembled with emotion, for well she knew that if her husband had not received the idly away to finish her preparations for tea.

Emma was about to speak again, but her mother motioned for her to keep silent, and then all went on as before, save lent, and then all went on as before, save for some time past, although not quite matters that the silence that the silence of t mature yet."

"Never mind, Robert, if he didn't pay

"Pshaw, Robert, what do you suppose

"Well, then, half the difficulty is surmounted, for I thought you would be very much disappointed when you learnther comes."

"I don't care," was the answer, "I metallight her added, with a sigh, shant go if she does want me to," and "but the future, dear, looks very drear that Robert would leave his employ in a ere the sentence was finished, the boy to me. Barber is a tyrant, and that every few weeks, and go into the country. increase his spirit of oppression towards with scarcely a penny in his pocket. The night of which we write, the frost those who are making him richer. I ty breath of winter was creeping in at every crevice in the tenement occupied by Mr. Pason's family, and yet it seemed who are making him richer. I wish I could get something else to do and leave his employ. I should like to show him that I am not obliged to bear er and more numerous than those that

her afternoon fire, and prepared the evening meal for the family.

Echoung footsteps went by, and for a long time Mrs. Pason sat and listened that she might distinguish her husband's step from among the rest. At length becoming weary of waiting, she went to the window and possed into the right close.

Wind blows chill about us.

For a few moments, Mrs. Pason sat in silence gazing into the fire, and then lifting her handsome eyes to her husband's afew dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they must enter mane purchases, or let a few of their rooms remain idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter course, but her husband said, "No; that a few dollars for furniture would make but little difference in the sum they man in idle. Mrs. Pason chose the latter co

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not sleep when I was atraid you were all, for what we now pay for this teneangry."

all, for what we now pay for this tenement; and, Oh, wouldn't it be nice to ionable part of the thriving town, and

"Three weeks leave this crowded city for such a re-

"It would, Susan, but why tempt and to true me with pictures that can never "don't you remember James Barton, that strange—I seem to forget everything."

Mrs. Thornton gazed anxiously on the strange of be realized; for you know I have not a I used to speak of so often? farthing towards the furnishing of such a store."

wife, in a low tone.

"Mother forgives you, darling," whispered the wife to her child, and then added in the same low tone, "Try and be a good boy in future, and remember that it always grieves me to see you inthat it always grieves me to see you indulge in a hasty temper," and then with another kiss she led him to his bed, and "Wife, in a low tone.

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And the excited man rose and paced the floor with rapid strides; seating himself once more, he said, in the same tone "but come, tell me what you want for to-morrow; it is getting late. "Nothing," replied the wife. and then

of our wedding. We have been married twelve years.' Robert started. peen married so long?"

"Yes, husband. We were very young when we were married." "I was penniless then, and I am penniless now; and yet I have been more industrious than thousands who have in was the reply, without lifting his eyes that time accumulated fortunes; but so to her face, "for I want no supper goes the world;" and the mechanic drew

a deep sigh. stinct, saw that something had gone drew her arms and left the room, but be-wrong with her husband, but she re- fore her husband had noticed her audrew her arms and left the room, but besolved that she would not question him, sence she returned, and reached him a at least, not until he had refreshed him-small book. He opened it carelessly, self with food; so passing to his side, she but as he looked on the pages and read gently leaned over the chair where he the figures, the red blood flashed to and had seated himself, and winding her fro from his temples downward, till he could control his emotions no longer Tossing the book from him he clasped his wife's hand in his, saying:

"God bless you, darling! I was not prepared for this, nor can I now scarcely elieve I am owner of six hundred dol lars clear of the world "

"It was my intention to increase it to

thousand before I made it known to

you that I had saved from your earnings that sum, for it would not have taken me half made up my mind that I would tell When Mrs. Pason had shaken her you I had saved from each menth's pay When I first commenced to lay by these small sums. I thought to add to it till we had sufficient to pur-Robert; perhaps, if we prosper, we may some day own that same little cottage. "If effort of mine can make it ours, it rious small sums in which the deposits and the last ten years. For another hour they sat by the fire and laid plans for the hus- future, and then the husband sought his pillow, resolving that ere another month

> city, and let his children breathe the pure air of the country. After Mrs. Pason was left alone in the little parlor, she placed the irons on the fire, then went to a little closet close by and brought to the table the little worn and brought to the table the little worn bonnets belonging to the children. In a short time the ribbons were removed and smoothed, and the bonnets re-trimmed for the morrow's wear: and various little smoothed, and the bonnets re-trimmed and the tassel combed smooth, that he might the better withstand the morrow's dismay. diappointment in not having the prom-

hould pass, he would leave the crowded

Scarcely had the sun risen when Mr. Pason slid gently from her pillow, and went into her neat little carpeted kitchen, and began to prepare the morning meal; but hardly had the heat from the little stove driven out the bitter cold, and thawed the frost from the window approaching, and in another moment the nother recieved a kiss from each of her children.

"And where is my cap, mamma?" ask-

mature yet."

made those promises to you yesterday, I had not the least doubt that I could reher children put away their playthings and work, saying that supper was ready.

"I don't want any supper," said Charles, throwing down his slate heavi-

The boy cast his eyes on the carpet and for a moment he was disposed to vent his disappointment in tears and pasdid she look angry, she only broke his bread in his plate ready for his milk, and then took her sewing to wait for her tea till her husband should come.

A half an hour later Charlie had not spoken, neither had he eaten any supper, but he stood at the bed-room door leading off from the little parlor, with one hand clutching the white drapery of his night-dress, and the other the knob of leading her will be happy to stay at heme with you and read it."

At this moment there seemed to be removed from the husband's spirits half their depression, for he drew his form erect in his chair, and with a smile said:

Take, I leave a new bonnet? I have a very interesting book that I must return to the owner in a few days, and I assure proof of the previous evening, he nestled his head in her bosom and drying his tears, exclaimed in a whisper, "I will be a good boy mother; while the girls, remembering the previous lessons of patience that had been taught them, turned away in silence; but a little later their lips were wreathed in happy smiles when they saw the improvements that thought Mrs. Benton, the landlady, as

> the following Monday he was informed few weeks, and go into the country.
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> "Foolish fellow," he exclaimed, "te

nounced that they were for saic. speak so," replied the husband; and there was evidence in his most eye that one derisive remark from her he loved,

that for a few minutes she did not notice that a little white-draperied form stood before her, and then a pair of tiny arms were about her neck, and Charley, while sob atter sob came forth from his full heart, buried his head in her bosom.

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now he was obliged to hire a clerk.
"Susan," said Mr. Pason, one day,

"Yes," replied the wife.
"Well, I am half incined to send for

leave there, for he has a very extravagant ture in the rain, and drew out of the deam wife, who would never lay by a dollar it Frank's pocket book. his income was twice what it is, unless "Thre weeks ago. his income was twice what it is, unless she could be prevailed upon to learn wisdom; and the fact is, my dear little wife, a part of the reason why I want them to come here is that you may give her a few practical lessons in economy, and teach flushed, eager face and trembling hands, her to be the making of her huspand, as She shook her head doubtfully and sadly, you have been the cause of our present prosperity."

"Yes, I should like to have them move "Can it be possible, Susan, that we've here, for I always thought Mrs. Barton a kind woman at heart, although she thought so lightly of economy." Long did Mr. Pason and his wife talk that evening, and a month later, Mr. Barton and family moved into the little cottage, while the proprietor of the large variety store rented a larger dwelling, with the agreement that in a short time he You are hoping against hope, my daughshould purchase. Mrs. Pason was a frequent visitor at Mrs. Barton's, and when the new made assistant was paid his first month's salary, five dollars were drepped was left for all who might inquire for it. the new made assistant was paid his first month's salary, five dollars were drepped into a secretive money box, with the resolve that next month the same act should be repeated, and the sum should that his last letter arrived just as we were

be larger.
Reader, we have but little more to add, only that ten years have passed since Mr. Pason first took that little bank book in his hand, and that he is now a wealthy man, while Mr. Barton owns the little cottage and the adjacent garden, and is a partner in the firm of Pasen & Co. All Merrifield! He fersook you in poverty: brought about by economy in trifling ex-

THE THIRSTY STRANGER.

It was a weary traveler From west to east his journey led The man through thick and thin.

Sore spent with toilsome, wintry ways, He pined for drink and food; Certes for such a fainting soul The best was none too good. 44 Ho! damsel!" quoth the thirsty lips
 To one who seemed the maid,
 46 Go brew me hot, from boiling pot,
 A mug of lemonade.

And let the merry peel float there, For that's the efteat way To make the liquid comforting, I've heard old people say."

The awe-struck maid looked up afraid, As one who hears a sound That rends the whole astonished air From caves of guilt profound; Then low replied, with eyeballs wide,
To him who would carouse:
'The lemon is forbidden here;
We keep a temp'rance house!"
-Harper's Magazine.

A SHOWER OF RAIN.

Down came the rain in a pelting, merciless shower. At one crossing a minature lake had formed, several feet in length and breadth, and three or four inches deep; its shores on every side were

stop at this one crossing and hesitate, with faces expressive of disgust and

What chance had Ethel Thornton's poor little weary teet, so miserably clad, in such a slough as this? She glanced a ound despairingly. The next moment she found herself lifted in a pair of strong arms, carried high and dry over mud and mire, and set down on the other side, while her rescuer, raising his dripping hat, with a pleasant bow and panes, when light footsteps were heard smile, passed quickly on his way.

She stood where he had placed her as if turned to stone, following his tast disap-pearing figure with her dark eyes. Her

Just then her foot struck against some-

her handkerchief, pressed it to her lips and slipped it into her bosom. As she did this she threw her veil aside and tears and rain together nearly blind- for all, contained Frank's address. The

ed her.
I doubt if Frank would have recoged away in silence; but a little later dealer and their lips were wreathed in happy smiles when they saw the improvements that thought Mrs. Benton, the landlady, as stared at the name. "An odd coincide she let her in, and stared at her utterly she let her in, and stared at her utterly and coincide she let her in, and stared at her utterly "There are plenty".

Glad indeed was Ethel to reach the quiet of her own room, glad of the cup of tea her mother gave her, glad to lie down and rest. She groped blindly to her little desk,

and put the pocketbook away.

"To-morrow," she whispered to herself.

"His address will be inside. I'll send it back to-morrow." Then sinking back wearily on her bed she murmured, "Mo-

She lay still without speaking for some "I failed again-no work-no hope-

Her eyes closed, her voice ceased, she athematizing his ill-luck in losing a val-uable pocketbook with bills, receipts and money-all sorts of important matters in

"It must have been when I carried per has cost your mother, but I feel that harsh treatment will never overcome it."

And though she tried to restrain her tears, a low burst of grief broke the stillness, but the sleeper did not stir; so covering him warmly, she sleeply areas to can make no such change, tor the wish ness, but the sleeper did not stir; so covering him warmly, she slewly arese to her feet, and once more sought her low rocking-chair by the fire-side.

Mrs. Pason bowed her head upon her hand, and in a few moments she was buried in deep thought, and yet her mind did not rocking the fire-side.

Will and good. The wife and children, too, were better dressed now, and some thing, she looked so wet and miserable, and something about her somehow repleasant proprietor of the variety store on Summer street, was an ornament to the fire-side.

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Among Mr Pason's acquaintance none tle frail false heart, why can't I let her go? seemed more astonished at his prosperity Why does her sweet face haunt me everythan did his former employer, as he heard of it from time to time, by the way of his old friends who often took a trip into the country to see him, and to learn el, how much I loved you! How hap-

eart, buried his head in her bosom.

"O, Mamma," he cried, "I have been a and so pleased was I with the location, own fireside, that the economy of the that's the present question. There is months and so pleased was I with the location, own fireside, that the economy of the that's the present question. There is months and so pleased was I with the location, wife gave him the first impetus toward ey in it; the finder is welcome to that. The bills and papers are what I want, Four years passed away, and the little and-her portrait. Yes, there's no use village store was not large enough to ac- denying it to myself, I am fool enough commodate the once penniless mechanic; to care for that. I'll advertise it in the

> "Three weeks, mamma? Three weeks lying here delirious? Why, what could have made me so ill? My head is so Mrs. Thornton gazed anxiously on the poor girl's wasted face-almost as white as the pillow on which it lay.
> "You got badly drenched and chilled,

there, unless some friend assists him to Then she told her mother her adven-

Mrs. Thornton looked pityingly at the and said: "You love Frank Merrifield still, Ethel, low, don't you?

No reply in words, but the poor pale face was hidden upon the pillow with a great sob, and a little hand stole into the mother's pleadingly. Mrs. Thornton caressed the hand and put it to her lips. "If he were worthy, dear, I should say ter. It would be cruel in me to encourgoing to your cousin Ethel's wedding that was just a week before our trouble

Ethel made no reply. Her face was hidden again, and sobs shook her slender form. Mrs. Thornton continued: "Would you had never seen Frank and even when the far greater sorrow of your poor father's death came upon us, he gave us not one sympathizing word. Oh, Ethel, think no more of him, but rather try to reward the true and devoted lover who has proved so true a friend to us. Dr. Jones has been like a son to me through all your sickness. In time to come you will get over this infatuation for one so unworthy, and reward a devoted love as it deserves.

Ethel looked up wearily. "I don't love Dr. Jones, mamma, although I esteem him, and am grateful, oh, very grateful, for his goodness to us both. But I shall never love any man but Frank. Some day I will tell the doctor so, and then, if he chooses to accept esteem and gratitude, I will for your sake, mamma— She stopped, and quite broke down in

a storm of sobs and tears. Her mother soothed her and presently she became calmer. "Don't let us talk of it any more," she said, sighing. "Let us find Frank's address, and send him his pocketbook."

So they opened it and examined its contents. Notes, bills, memoranda, receipts, a considerable sum of money, but At last, in an inner pocket, they found letter, and in it a photograph. Ethel took it out-it was her own picture. "Mamma, mamma, look here!" and

the poor girl's trembling fingers clutched at a scrap of newspaper that was fluttering to the floor. "O, what is this?" Bending their heads together they read the following notice: "Married-On June 4th at Grace

Church, Henry Rollins, Esq., to Miss Ethel Thornton. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple started on a Bridal tour. Mrs. Thornton looked up in bewilder-

"Why, what is that doing here?" said she. "It is the announcement of your cousin Ethel's marriage."

"Yes, yes; and Frank thought it was mine! I see it all now. He has believed "Again they read together. This time Shakespeare's lines, though slightly altered:

"Wert thou but constant thou wert perfectthat one error Fills thee with faults." "Oh, my poor Frank!" cried the hap-

py, weeping girl. "Oh, why were cousin Ethel and I named the same! And Frank deem them, but I was disappointed in obtaining the money with which I thought to make the purchases; now it how the mistakes have occurred? And "Frank's!" she said, quietly and hope-lessly; then she wiped it tenderly with ever but for that shower of rain! Look at the letter, mamma. I must fnd his address now." The letter was examined, and happily

next morning he received the following note by mail. "Sir.—My daughter, whom you kind-ly assisted during a shower of rain three weeks ago, desires to restore your pocket-book, which she found. Sickness has prevented our attending to this earlier. Please call at your earliest convenience and inquire for Mrs. Thornton."

An address was given. Mr. Merrifield "An odd coincidence," thought he. "There are plenty of Thorntons in the world, of course," and he set off to reclaim his property.

A lady in deep mourning received him.

He started violently.
"Mrs. Thornton!" he cried, "can it be really you?" and stopped, confused and angry. She was perfectly self possessed.
"I thought you would have recognized the name," she said quietly, "though our

He interrupted her in surprise: Ethel ill! Ethel whom I carried?"

Then getting more and more bewildered, "I thought that Mrs. Rollins was abroad. understood so." "Mrs. Rollins? Oh certainly! Mrs. Rollins is my niece. I was not aware you

were acquainted with her. It was of my daughter Ethel I was speaking." Frank started to his feet excitedly. "Your daughter Ethel? Whatdoes this mean! I heard she was married. Oh madam, have pity on me—have I been deceived? You know of our love and our engagement. Are there two Ethels.

and can mine be still true?" A cry answered him, a cry from the next room. Mrs. Thornton flung open the door. "Go to her," she whispered.

The next instant Ethel was clasped in her lover's arms. Who shall describe this meeting? Suffice it that they were as happy as they had lately been miserable. All misunderstandings were cleared away, and confidence returned.

"As soon as you are strong and well again we will be married, my darling," said Frank. "Thank God for the storm!" cried Ethel, earnestly. "And God bless the dear muddy crossing!" "Gh, Frank, it seems to me that, under Heaven's mercy, we owe all our happiness to tnat shower.

Thieves' Dialect. The following definition of words from

recently issued at Philadelphia: Cracking a crib Burglary, or housebreaking Cops. Police-officer Cops. Police-officer Lushing-ken Drinking-h use or gv j-shoj Patter or track To wali Dancers Stair Slam Dooi Slop jush to pals Sell drink to the boys or thieve Boozing-ken A place to hide thieves and booty A fence Receiver of stolen good Wipes Pocket-handkerchief- Kinchin-lay To steal from children Trape, limbo Prison or lockup Lagged Arreste Swag Stien projecty Fogie-hunter Pass counterfeit money Beak Anagistrate Pad the hoof To walk ou Jerk the tinkler To ring the door-bel
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Ohio at Work. Our state having secured the highest honor of the late convention—the nominee for President-we must begin the work of electing the native to the presdency. Lest this prove too much for those engaged in it, the following from Mr. T. Triem, our popular druggist, will afford a suggestion of relief: I take pleasure in adding to the numerous testionials regarding the efficacy of Hamburg Drops. I sell largely of the remedy; it gives better satisfaction than any other medicine. So many remarkable cares by its use have come to my notice, that I deem it a duty to testify in its behalf.

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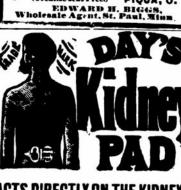
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