

Family Reading.

The Song of the Sea.

Restless, mysterious heart of the ocean, Grandest of lyres ever swept by the wind. How does it answer each varied emotion That thrills through the turbulent heart of mankind.

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MRS. HURD'S NIECE:

Six Months of a Girl's Life.

CHAPTER III.

MIDNIGHT CALLERS.

It is midnight; but there is a noon-day sound of carriages rattling to and fro. One of the handsomest of the lighted coaches rolls up the winding drive through the Hurd grounds, and stops at a side door.

will you? I don't suppose she would mind, and I have such a curiosity to see her. You know I have never seen any of our relatives, and I have always thought that cousins were such a nice sort of relation—I have always envied Anna Francis and Nettie Stillman—they take a world of comfort together!

little Sunday-school women like Miss Barker. She looks like it.' She thinks this not unkindly.—Casting a thoughtful glance back at the pale sleeping face. Mrs. Hurd, meantime, with just the air of a forewoman in a 'ready made' emporium, has taken up the little gray gown and the plain white skirts.

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with wisdom. Like one who ventures into the sea, yet with a rope around his body, that he may be drawn in if he gets beyond his depth or strength, he gives himself to wine. He would test the joys of wine, without yielding himself to it as its slave.

look upon." The friend took it, cut it through (do the same); but, alas! at its core a worm! The stranger looked at the king, who looked down and sighed. Do you know what the king meant? He wanted to show his friend that, though everything about him looked so beautiful, there were troubles he could not see that spoiled it all.