COULD WE KNOW.

Could we know the loss and sorrow That the days to come may bring, Would we toil on bravely, darling? Would we ever care to sing? Ah, I think our steps would falter And our eyes with tears grow dim, And our music catch the cadence Of a sad, despairing hymn.

Could we see the thorns and briars Growing tall about our road, Hearts would lose their hope and courage And sink down beneath their load. We should shrink before them, crying, Lo! the thorns will wound our feet; If we try to venture through them We shall surely find defeat.

Oh, thank God, the clouds are hidden That the coming days may bring; In the sunshine of the present Let us journey on and sing: Let us pluck the flowers growing In the grass above our feet, And forget about the briars Till their thorns we chance to meet.

Let us bridge life's snares and pitfalls With a faith that's brave and strong, And keep up our hearts by singing, One and all a cheerful song, Many a voice will lose its sadness
As it joins the helpful strain
By remembering that the sunshine Always follows after rain.

JOHN RAY.

cause, a civil word to the lowly, a helpsuffering, and gentle words for all, will my sons will pay you. They arebring you love in return, and will become you more than anything else that I know

did not believe that politeness paid.

I hate to see an everlasting grin on gestions, my friend. anybody's face,' he said one day, when he and several others were discussing of life it is every one for himself. I have not time, nor inclination, nor hypocrisy, smile to every one I meet. Nor do I for ! I tell you I'm in a harry to reach care to be friendly with every one. 1 choose my companions and friends, and 'I tell you,' said the big driver, in an give you no references.' they are few and select.'

emergency. He rejoiced in perfect a minute before.' health, with never a thought that his trate, languishing, helpless with disease. wild. He was prosperous, not rich, but held a

reverses. Sometimes they teach great me!' And she caught the young man's they called, and in came the old lady of lessons. Mr. Bently should have deduct- hand in hers. 'I want to go to O--, the day before. 'Mother, which of ed a lesson from the reverses that sir, and I left my money at home—and these young men do you recommend to followed in the wake of his loss of I must get there to-day.' position. But he did not. He had no friends to rally to his aid, for he had the youth with a troubled air. 'I was John and said, taken no trouble to make friends in his going there to see the Thomas Brothers 'I recommend by all means, my dear prosperity. He made every effort to about a position in their store. I ought sons, the young man who was kind procure another position, but all situa- to be there to-day—to-morrow may be enough to aid a helpless 'old beggar' to tions in his town seemed full.

He answered an advertisement in an -I-yes-you shall go! O-paper. The city of O-was he received a reply to his letter of appli- to Ocation. The letter was from the firm of young man to pay them a visit in person money? as soon as possible. If his papers personal appearance, etc., suited them, they would employ him on a salary of his box. Not he! He was on his way as soon as you reach O-. to 0 --- for the one thousand dollar cerkship.

'Wili you please tell me-

be one thousand dollar clerk.

agent is paid to answer questions—apply Ray's hands as vigorously as she nodded.

'Yes-but-sir-' She stopped, for I tell him? her. 'Oh, I shall be left!'

and the old lady looked up to find a in the city. with a frank and open countenance, appearances. Should I put up at a less panying you? reaching his hand for her bundles,

minute, then uttered an exclamation of or a place in which to sleep.'

lady. I'm going there to see my sons. with the Thomas Brothers.

you will-

Oh, will you? cried the old lady, the situation. ing hand to the needy, kindness to the appealing to that gentleman. Indeed,

But she was interrupted.

Never mind what your sons are-I Mr. Bentley was a young man who now. Then, turning to the man, he yet. Is it not so, William? said, Don't be so free with your sug

'I presumed—' began the driver. the subject of politeness. 'In the struggle interrupted Mr. Bentley, harshly. 'If who sat quietly with his face averted. kindling wood, etc. beggars I see, I should be unable to pay away, and he knew his face would show to be spreading my mouth in a forced my wash bill. What are you waiting his disappointment.

angry voice, and looking at Mr. Bentley You must have reference, said the about to establish large works for making He was taciturn, morose, and utterly and ignorant, but I am a man as won't application.' selfish. He never helped any one in take an insult without resenting it. If 'I have none,' again said John Ray; and it is said that the material is excheer the sick nor solace the bereaved. liberty of dumping you out of there in pale face showed it. Even his 'few and select' friends knew the first mud hole we come to. As for I think, young man, you come well further advantage would be in their THE ROYAL DANDILION COFFFE.

But nevertheless, he immediately strong frame would some day lie pros- prepared to start. The old lady grew brothers got closer to John Ray.

that position. But in less than a year from the time he uttered the above wit! Will some one—' and she ran the denouement.

Wear and tear to both permanent way and rolling stock reduced to a minimun. A greater adhesion also would be offered way and rolling stock reduced to a minimun. A greater adhesion also would be offered way and rolling stock reduced to a minimun. A greater adhesion also would be offered way and rolling stock reduced to a minimun. A greater adhesion also would be offered way and rolling stock reduced to a minimun. sentiment, he had lost it and was out of employment.

against the same young man who had lost it and was out of helped her on the train at C—— 'Oh, laughed and repeated,—

They both by these rails to the driving wheels of the engine, and the working expenses The most prosperous will meet with I am so glad! I know you will help 'Good recommendation! Mother!'

'I am on my way there myself,' said The old lady walked straight up to

some fifty miles away. In a short time the contents to pay one fare on the stage for a reward, boys. No, he thought I to make a short visit. During the con-

Thomas Brothers, and it invited the asked she, 'if you give me all your Ray more than all the recommendation

one thousand dollars a year. This was said the woman, with emotion. 'A with a crestfallen air.

'My name is John Ray,' he said.

An old lady at the depot stopped him. old lady, as he helped her into the coach. through eternity. 'I wish you success. I think you will But she was interrupted by the would get the place.' She nodded vigorously. Yes, yes, I hope you will, John Ray.' 'Madau;' he said rudely, 'that ticket And, with beaming eyes, she shook John 'Oh, won't Eli-what won't he do when

very last time is hill go any place alone. to walk twenty miles. And the simple for intruding, in the usual way, and half dead; like half money.' Oh, my-oh dar- the train is coming soul filling his place in the coach would walked beside her. She entered into -how will I get on, or how am I to tell shed tears whenever she thought of him conversation in a pleasant way, and the when I get on the right one? I'm just walking wearily alone over the road. 'masher' began to think he had made a the peace of 'Jim' Webster, who was unsure to get on the right one. The just we steer, who was unsure to get on the wrong one—oh. good-But her eyes shone through the tears. Conquest. At length he asked her to go der arrest for stealing chickens. 'I ness me! Sav. please—Mr —sir! will Could you see those tears, John, the with him to a certain restaurant. She dunno, said the darkey. 'When were you help me? again stopping Mr. Bent road would seem shorter. Could you politely declined, but said that he you born? What am de use of my ley. 'Is this the train that goes north? know the gratitude in that good heart, might go to her home. After a little you born, what am de use of my buffday; you ain't Take this satchel for me—oh!' Mr your limbs would be less weary. he said:

Mr. Bentley registered his name, in a there? her. Oh, I shall be left! Mr. Bentley registered ms name, in a there?

'Let me help you, 'said a kindly voice, large hand, in the most aristocratic hotel Oh, yes,' answered the girl; 'you will

thanked him heartily. He took her to position I am after,' Then he thought of treated me like a gentleman, father and the train, saw her safely and comfortably John Ray, and the fragment of conver- mother do not know anything about it, seated, and then found a seat for himself sation he had overheard between him and they will treat you like one. I am in the same coach, in order to see her and the old lady, 'Ha! ha!' he laughed sure they would be glad to see you, at the thought. 'What kind of a chance and they might, prehaps, offer a prayer can so shabby a fellow have against me?' in your behalf. The old lady left the train at L-, I am not quite sure but that the 'me' By this time it was pretty hot for the as did Mr. Bentley and the young should begin with a capital letter. It 'masher,' and he hastily excused himself stranger. They hurried off to take the sounded so very important. 'He is from proceeding in the direction of the stage, as O—was not a railroad town. trudging along now between here and L— sensible girl's home. 'Madam,' said the stage driver, as the Why, what a fool the fellow is! I am old lady went to get into the stage,' my sitting comfortably here—shall soon eat a order is to collect the fare before start- warm supper-while he is dragging The old lady fumbled in her pocket a without money to buy anything to eat, Commerce thinks, will have no fireplace.

My goodness gracious! I forgot to reflections. The contemplation of the to disappear altogether in places having bring my money! Eli-that's my hus-deprivation and suffering of others factories. Gas has become so cheap band—told me I'd forget it. What seems to be a prodigious comfort to that already it is supplanting fuels. A shall I do-oh, what shall I do? And many. It had quite a solacing effect on single jet fairly heats a small room in she dropped a bundle, tried to pick it Mr. Bentley, for he was not rich. It cold weather. A New York artist has up, and dropped another. I'am going must be admitted that his success de- produced a simple design for heating to O-, continued the distressed old pended on his securing this position entirely by gas at a mere nominal

They will pay you. indeed they will, if It was so late in the evening when the gas throws off no smoke, soot, or dirt. Won't do, said the driver. My orders house of Thomas Brothers was closed. of colored glass, and placed several are strict. Can't disobey orders. Won t But early next morning Mr. Bently jets beneath. The glass soon became take any risks-for you know I might waited on the brothers, and presented heated sufficiently to thoroughly warm a Be polite; be agreeable. There is lose my job. Maybe this gentleman his recommendations. There were other room 10x30 feet in size. This design nothing that will bring you such quick will loan you the money, pointing to our applicants, among whom was John Ray. does away with the necessity for chimneys returns with so little invested. A smile friend, Mr. Bentley, who was seated in Mr. Bently would not recognize him. since there is no smoke; the ventilation takes nothing away from your face, but one corner of the coach; or, what'll be Truly, if it depended on appearance may be had at the window. The heat it beautifies it. A good action in a good the same to me, will guarantee the pay. John Ray stood no possible chance for may be raised or lowered by simply

Bently's references.

don't care to have their biography just the brother. 'Best ones we have received for blue flames, and hues for all the

swelled with vanity.

'You presumed in your ignorance,' asked William, turning to John Ray, such disagreeable objects as ashes, I should give money to all the old No wonder, for his hopes were fleeing

> 'I have none,' he said. 'I never filled Organ des Mines, of Paris, the paper a like position, sir, and consequently can rail is to become a practical reality.

And this was Mr. Bentley's character. fiercely, 'that I may be presumptuous brothers, 'or we cannot consider your rails from paper near St. Petersburg.

distress or trouble. He never tried to you can't be more civil, I'll take the and now all hopes had flown, and his tremely durable, and can be produced

he could not be depended on in a case of going, I'll go when I get ready, and not recommended,' said William. 'Does he lightness, not only on account of the not, Peter?'

'The best reference in the world, 'Oh, must I be left?' she cried. 'What cried Peter, with such an affectionate joints will be fewer, and consequently position that was remunerative, never will my sons, Peter and William, think ? look at John that William feared he less oscillation to the carriages, and the dreaming that he might possibly lose I wish Eli was here. I'll never leave meant to embrace him, and put out his wear and tear to both permanent way

us for a clerk?

too late—but—well, you shall go reach home; who loved the memory of day. his mother so well that he walked twenty He took out his purse and emptied long miles to let your mother ride. Not was poor and helpless; and now, if a versation which followed Johnny asked 'Oh, but how will you get there,' deed like that won't recommend John him: that were ever written, indeed, then, I don't you?' 'I can walk,' he answered cheerily. don't know my dear boys.'

Never mind me, I am used to walking.' And each of the brothers got John by 'You are an honor to your mother,' the hand, while Mr. Bentley retired Why, ma

far better than he expected. His good good mother, I'll be bound.' And then, Let us hope that this little episode luck was returning. He donned his seeing the tears spring to his eyes, she taught Mr. Bentley that kindness brings Johnny explain the allusion, and the clouds. He did not see Mr. Little nod, mother, and continued. 'Yes, I under our fellow man is the highest earthly nor hear Mr. Small speak. Oh, no i stand; and you couldn't bear to see an pleasure to be enjoyed. That to be kind What had he to do with the common old lady in trouble without helping her and sociable to all is to win love. To be herd? He could not see the poor and for your own dear mother's sake. What accommodating, sympathizing, helpful, no good action or kind word is lost, but for going to the Sabbath school?" is written with an indelible pen in the Well, good by, John Ray,' said the Recording Angel's Book, and preserved right on without sayin' a word back.'

MISCELLANEOUS

SHE WAS TOO KIND .- One of Buffalo's would-be 'mashers' severals times met a he had we rel away and left her. 'Are you all ready?' cried out the young and good-looking girl and deter-

Bentley turned red and hurriedly passed They at length arrived at O_____. Will I be liable to meet any one

see my father and mother.'

pretentious house than this it might be 'No, sir,' she replied. You have done sfather.'

She surrendered them to his care, and the means of my failing to get the me no harm, and, though you have not

FUEL OF THE FUTURE.—The house of himself along, hungry and tired, and the near future, the Boston Journal of steam pipes, chimneys, or flues. Wool. He seemed to take delight in these coal oil, and other forms of fuel are about expense. It is a well known fact that stage reached O ____ that the business The artist filled a brazier with chunks regulating the flow of gas. The colored 'Good papers!' cried William Thomas, glass gives all the appearance of fire when he had finished reading Mr. there are black pieces to represent coal, red chunks of flames, yellowish 'Splendid recommendations!' echoed white glass for white heat, blue glass remaining colors of spectrum. Inven-Mr. Bently flushed with pleasure and tion already is displacing the present fuels for furnaces and cooking ranges. 'Where are your papers, young man?' and glass doing away with delay and

PAPER RAILS,—According to the That paper states that a company is The paper is subjected to great pressure, at one-third the cost of steel rails. A saving of the cost of carriage and laying Peter laughed and nodded, and the but also because they could be made in longer lengths than is the case at the present time, therefore the number of reduced accordingly.

> Johnny, who had been sitting in the room while his father had been reading Bacon aloud to his wife, put his own construction upon several of the passages. He dwelt particularly upon the phrase, 'Reading maketh a full man,' and pondered over it the balance of the

During the ensuing evening one of the prominent men of the place dropped in

'You must do a great deal of reading,

'Well, yes, my little man, considera-

'Why, ma said you were full about

all the time.'

The gentleman did not wait to have finest clothes; his head was lost in the surmised that he had recently lost that its own reward. That to be loved by young man was compelled to have his Bacon anoin ted by his father's slipper.

' Robert, what did you say to the bad blind organ grinder, or 'drop a penny in is your name? My sons will pay you is to retain that love when won. That boy this morning when he taunted you

'Didn't say nothin.' I just went

'That was right, my son, and I am glad to see you had manliness enough not to notice him.'

'Yes, but you ken bet if he hadn't been bigger'n me I'd thumped blazes out'n him.' acoda hadauhmon vida orl

A Chinaman whose life was heavily 'Law, wha II I do?' she cried. 'The driver. 'Because if you ain't, I want mined to become acquainted with her. insured, fell from a waggon and was my better manners than you to understand I ain't in any hurry; He tracked her to a prayer meeting at a badly injured. There was some doubt as he has. I was young, men didn't take your time. All ready, hey! Then prominent church one evening recently. to his even getting better, and at length treat old war as here. Well; law off we go! After the service noticing that she was one of his brother Chinamen wrote to me! I was as here. This is the And off they went, leaving John Ray alone; he approached her, begged pardon the Insurance Company.— 'Charley

> · How old are you ?' asked a justice of gwine ter make me no buffday present.'

young man in a threadbare coat, but 'Much depends,' he soliloquized, 'on But won't they object to my accom- intervals during the day: 'Fanny Finch inherent to a newspaper office. fried floundering fish for Francis Forbes' ADDRESS,



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