ONE OF THE SIX HUNDRED.

A paragraph recently appeared in the New York *Sun*, announcing the death of John Fitzpatrick, one of the Light Brigade, who died of starvation in England. He had received a pension of sixpence a day, which, however, was withdrawn several years ago, and he endeavored to eke out a miserable existence by riding in circus pageants. Old age and disease unfitted him for this or any other work; the only refuge for the disabled soldier was the workhouse, from which he shrank in horror. The verdict of the coroner's jury was: "Died of starvation, and the case is a disgrace to the War Office."

Speed the news; Speed the news;
Speed the news onward!
"Died of starvation," one
Of the Six Hundred;
One who his part had played
Well in the Light Brigade,
Rode with six hundred.

Food to the right of him,
Food to the left of him,
Food all around him, yet
The veteran hungred:
He who through shot and shell
Fearlessly rode, and well,
And when the word was "Charge,"
Shrank not nor lingered.

"Off to the workhouse, you!"
Back in dismay he drew,
Feeling he never knew
When cannon thundered,
His not to plead, or sigh,
His but to starve and die
And to a pauper's grave
Sink with a soul as brave
As through the vale of death
Rode the Six Hundred.

Flashed a proud spirit there,
Up through the man's despair,
Shaming the servile there;
Scaring the timid, while
Sordid souls wandered;
Then turned to face his fate
Calmly, with soul as great
As when through shot and shell
He rode with six hundred,
With high hope elate,
Laughing in face of fate
Rode with six hundred.

Hunger his mate by day,
Sunday and working day,
Winter and summer day—
Shame on the nation!
Struggling with might and main,
Still by disease and pain,
He, in Victoria's reign,
[illegible]

While [illegible] and with pride
Tells of the heritage
To the six Hundred
Who [illegible]
Wonder [illegible]
Some one [illegible]
Let us with bated breath
[illegible]
Of the Six Hundred.

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Well may men wonder
One of the Light Brigade,
One who that charge had made,
Died of sheer hunger!

The Wise Man's Choice.

BY GEORGE L. COTTEN.

It is a simple story we have to tell, and as it is a story of to-day, with the actors living and moving among us, we will not direct the stare of the multitude by publishing real names. Let us say that Mr. Ainley was a merchant, wealthy, respected, and influential, doing a business large enough to satisfy the ambition of an Astor or a Billy Grey.

Previous to the fell swoop of the fire fiend in Boston, his store reared its granite front on Franklin street, and multitudinous and bulky were the boxes and bales that found daily transit to and from the busy mart. In Mr. Ainley's employ were three clerks, Walter Webster, Emmet Seery, and Joseph Randall—who had entered to learn the mercantile business, and who had given promise of proficiency. The fact that they had been retained into the house a year or more, was positive proof to those who knew Mr. Ainley, that they were of industrious, steady habits, and youths of promise.

At his home Mr. Ainley had among his children a daughter—Florence by name—who often came to the store. The clerks could be gay and gallant on occasion, but never toward Florence Ainley. The feeling they entertained toward her was akin to worship.

In their hearts they adored her afar off, giving her respectful attention, and prizing her smile of recognition as a priceless boon. So far as the family connections of these three young men were concerned, they were all honorable, respected people. Mr. Ainley was not wont to seek his trusted servants among those who had been reared in ease and luxury.

On a certain occasion Mr. Ainley was heard to remark, that he would rather give his daughter in marriage to a man poor in purse and upright heart, than to the possessor of millions whose manhood was tainted in the least degree.

This remark came to the knowledge of the clerks, and it is not surprising that they thereupon experienced wild and brilliant day dreams in which no stupendous, and dazzling castles were constructed in the air.

As time passed on, they became more and more familiar with Florence's sweet smile, and were admitted to a degree of friendship, which proved, at least, that she did not despise them.

At last came the devastating fire of the ninth of November. Upon viewing the scene of desolation, and calculating the chances and the necessities of business, Mr. Ainley resolved that he would not immediately seek new quarters for the continuance of his trade. He had no need, and he did not commence for a while; so he secured an office where he could meet and consult with his correspondents, and outstanding accounts, in pursuance of which only the service of his private secretary and two book-keepers were required.

The three clerks were summoned to the merchant's presence. He told them what he had concluded to do, and why he had so concluded, and he advised that they should seek some other employment, until he was ready to start again.

"I shall round as soon as possible," he said, "and then your old places will be open for you. In the meantime, if you are hard pushed, do not hesitate to come to me for assistance."

Within two weeks of that time, both Emmet Seery and Joseph Randall called upon Mr. Ainley, and asked for a loan of a hundred dollars each. They had been unable to find employment and were in arrears for board. The merchant kindly gave them the money, and with it a little paternal advice touching care and economy.

One day after this, as Emmet and Joseph were walking down the market-road, which had once been Franklin Street, they saw a young man in a gaudy frock whom they thought they recognized. They crossed over, and found it to be their fellow-clerk Walter Webster. They were astounded and scandalized.

"In mercy's name, Walter, what does this mean? Is it only an escapade of yours?"

"No," answered Walter, wiping the sweat from his brow, "I am fairly and honestly at work, and I earn my dollar a day. That's a great deal better than nothing."

"Heavens!" cried Emmet Seery, with a start, "here comes Mr Ainley and Florence. Good-bye yours, Walter, before they see you."

But the young laborer did not budge an inch. Just then the boss called out to "hoist away!" and Walter applied himself to the work.

Meanwhile, Mr Ainley and his daughter had come upon the scene once more to look upon the ruins of the grand storehouse. Seery and Randal bowed respectfully, and then drew aside in mortification that one of their fraternity should be found in so menial a position, for it was evident that both father and daughter were astonished to see youths in the garb and grime of toil, as the former clerk.

"Hello!" cried Mr. Ainley, as soon as he was sure that his eyes had not deceived him. "Is this you Walter Webster?"

"Yes, sir. The contractor gave me this berth until he can find one better."

"What does he pay you?"

"Just the same as he pays others—two dollars a day; but I earn a dollar extra in the evening by keeping his accounts. It's better than nothing, sir. I tried for a clerkship, but there was at least a dozen applicants for every vacant place. Of course I couldn't starve; and while I have my health and strength I will neither beg nor run in debt. I was brought up to work, you know and, thank Heaven, I am not afraid of it—nor do I feel above it."

"Hoist away!" shouted the master; and Walter Webster applied himself again to his work.

Mr. Ainley went over and talked with the contractor, and from the fact that they looked several times toward the windlass where the young clerk was at work, it was reasonable to suppose that they were speaking of him. And during this time Miss Florence spoke with Emmet and Joseph, and a delicious fluttering seized them as they met her welcoming smile.

They expected she would speak of the sad and humiliating spectacle exposed before them, and they were prepared to tell her how mortified they felt; but she made no allusion to the circumstance. She did not even intimate to them that she recognized the young man at the windlass.

By and by Mr. Ainley came out of amid the ruins, and having drawn the arm of his daughter within his own, and bowed to his former clerks, he departed. He did not bow an adieu to young Webster, for just then the laborer was busy at his work. And Emmet Seery and Joseph Randall, walked off, talking of their pity for poor Webster.

"Mercy!" cried the former, "I wouldn't have been in his place when Florence Ainley came upon the scene for all the money in Boston."

"It was certainly humiliating," asserted the other. "But," he added reflectively, "Webster never was very high toned. I guess his family is rather low bred anyway."

And in this conclusion both young men fully agreed and they further agreed that they should not recognize Walter Webster as an acquaintance.

A week later, Seery and Randall had occasion to call at the office where Mr. Ainley had established his business head quarters, and they were not a little surprised at beholding Walter Webster seated at the desk of the confidential clerk. [illegible] confident. It was a private room, [illegible] door, which Walter occupied, and they did not go in there but they ventured to ask one of the book-keepers if Webster had been permanently employed.

"I don't know about that," replied the book-keeper. "I only know that Mr. Ainley seems to have taken a sudden and strong liking for the young man—that he entrusts him with his private correspondence, and has given him a home beneath his own roof."

Another day came—a day when the sleighing was excellent, and the merry bells were jingling far and near. Through the kindness of a friend Seery and Randall had managed to secure a team for the afternoon, and they drove out into the surrounding towns. In W——n, they met Mr. Ainley's superb double sleigh, drawn by a pair of rattling bays. Upon the front seat sat the merchant and his wife, and upon the back seat smiling and chatting with all the grace and charm of friends who had given to each other their fullest trust and confidence, sat Walter Webster and Florence Ainley!

What did it mean? If Emmet Seery and Joseph Randall are not stupid beyond belief, they must ere this have solved the problem; and may the solution give them new and enlarged views of life and its duties.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Carrot Soup.—Boil some carrots in salted water; when thoroughly done drain them and pass them through a hair sieve; mix the pulp thus obtained with as much vegetable stock as will make it of the desired consistency; add pepper, salt, and a pinch of sugar. Melt an ounce of butter, and mix with it a tablespoonful of flour; then gradually add the carrot *puree*. Let it come to the boil, add a small pat of fresh butter, and serve with slices of bread fried in butter.

Cheese at Port.—Cut off the bottom crust of a quartern loaf, leaving the same thickness of crumb as there is crust. Cut it out in rounds the size of a sixpence. Soak these rounds in some good clear stock; lay them in a well-buttered tin, and put them into the oven to remain till quite dried up. Then lay them in the soup tureen with pieces of carrots, turnips, and leeks that have been used in making the stock; cut out in rounds, pour some clear stock boiling hot over, and in a few minutes serve.

Pea Soup.—Wash one pint of split peas in cold water, put them into a saucepan with plenty of cold water, two onions stuck with cloves, a blade of mace, a bay leaf, two sprigs of dried mint, some parsely, whole pepper and salt to taste; let them boil until thoroughly done, adding at intervals small quantities of cold water. Pass the peas through a hair sieve, make it hot again, season with pepper and salt, add a small pat of butter, and serve with dice of bread fried in butter.

Jared Straw. Take any thin pieces of mutton that have been cut on the loin or breast, and cut them in pieces four inches long. Put them in a saucepan and cover them with boiling water. Add two dozen whole onions, pepper and salt, put on the cover closely, and stew it to the size of the onions, and let it boil slowly from hour. Add a little [illegible] water. Warm and [illegible] of [illegible] in the saucepan among the onions [illegible] then boil quite fast. Stir [illegible] with the mutton until it becomes smooth, then dish it hot.

FASHION ITEMS.

Tie is so conspicuous a new feature in dress trimming in the absence of the many scarves in the back of bonnets and polonaises. Many have infinity a side piece beginning in the middle and a seam down the back. Others, however, retain the long scarf from the shoulder and have two side pieces, and it will be difficult to dispense with them, as they do much toward producing the slender effect now considered stylish. Tulle and lace will be worn around the necks as heretofore. Everything that will look picturesque is exceedingly fashionable. Large Spanish lace scarfs and white scarfs are to be the style; tulle and lace about the throat very high, ruches and contrasts of crape and crape lisse, tulle and lace continue popular, and silk tulles, in cards and plain, are worn embroidered and with lace edges. Very few plain ones are seen.

The new bonnets are mostly fine chips and soft colored straws; they are modiste shapes, large in the head and close fitting in front some of the brims are cottage shaped others are coquettes. Beads will be quite a feature in Spring bonnets, not the long cut beads now in use, but round beads as large as peas, strung in rows on fine wire, these edge the brim of a bonnet, are interwoven among the loops and bows of satin. Satin is favorite material for trimming, and ribons that are satin on one side and gros grain on the other; watered ribons are also used in conjunction with glossy satin. Black chip bonnets are edged with gold beads, white straw with pearl beads, ecru chips, with smoked pearl beads; gold cord will take the place of gold braid. Olive, pale blue and cardinal red prevail in the boquets that trin the bonnets to be worn with the bourette costumes, in which those colors are combined. Clusters of loops of satin ribbon, about an inch wide, Alastian bows, satin pipings, white satin bows and strings, gold colored bows and strings, are all remarkable in the Spring bonnets.

Above everything else, embroidery is selected for dress trimmings, from the simplest gingham or lawn up to the richest silk. For the latter colored beads are worked in the figures; for simple washing dresses the embroidery is mostly in Madeira, or Scotch work, but in such elaborate designs, and includes so many colors in each patters, that it seems at the first glance to be the most artistic hand work. Embroidered with silks of darker shades, others of gauze are embroidered with gold and silver intermixed with the silks; others are of black net worked with chenille and colored jet. The most costly scarfs are worked with seed pearls and coral beads, and are fringed with chenille. Sometimes two scarfs are worn across the skirts, but a single wine one is newer, and it is placed low on the skirt, the fringe reaching to the feet, but is not continued to the train; the bodice is trimmed with similar embroidery, forming a double sash at the waist, and fringed with chenille.

Things to be Avoided.

There are many ways in which we can annoy our friends without intending to do so. A few of these are easily stated. Never call upon people out of season—in business hours. Idle persons are apt to have too little consideration for those who are busy. Call upon business people on business in business hours, but not for a long friendly chat on matters and things in general. Call upon your neighbors in their leisure hours such hours as they will be prepared to receive you, and not before they are down stairs in the morning, or while they are at dinner, or just as they are going to bed. Never stop people upon the street if they appear to be in a hurry, and buttonhole them for ten or twenty minutes. Neither is it good taste, when you see two persons engaged in earnest talk, to step in and enter upon miscellaneous conversation. A man's ordinary instincts ought to know at once when his company is desired and when it is a nuisance. It is also a great impertinence to strike in with something entirely foreign to the subject when one is in the midst of a story or statement, or an argument, and to persist in talking about "this, that and everything" to one who is trying to read the morning paper, or a book or anything else. Whenever a man is so absorbed that he does not care to reply to what you say, it is time to stop talking. There are a host of other annoyances, equally trying: Carelessness in keeping appointments; keeping other people waiting your own convenience; coming in late to church, or the concert, or the lecture, and always in creaking boots; delay in answering important letters; borrowing new books from the owner before he has had time to read them, and returning the same at a late date, perhaps never; scribbling foolish comments on the margin; always depending upon a neighbor for a sight of the daily or weekly paper, when you are as well able to pay for it as he is; learning to play on musical instruments in the full hearing of sensitive and nervous people. But we may as well stop here. From your own experience you can complete the list.

Confession of a Murder Committed Fifty Years Ago.

About nine miles from this city, on the old Levant road to Kendpskeag, is a hill known as the Jameson Hill. At its foot, some half mile this side of the bridge that crosses the Kenduskeag, about forty-five years ago stood a public house. The hill and house took their name from the man who built the tavern. About the year 1830 a drover by the name of Richards, having considerable money on his person, stopped at the house. He was never seen afterwards, and no trace of him could ever after be found. Besides the landlord it was known that there were at the hotel that night two men and a boy. Nothing could ever be elicited from either of them in relation to Richards. Grave suspicions long lingered in the public mind that the four persons in the Jameson House that night knew what became of Richards. No one, however, was ever arrested, and no public investigation was ever made to ascertain the fate of the missing man. In a town in an adjoining county, the boy or young man who was at the Jameson House on the night that Richards disappeared now lies at the point of death, which may occur at any hour. We learn from authority, which we deem reliable, that he has, within the last four days, told the whole story of the fate of Richards, and made a full confession of the knowledge he had of it. It is to be made public after his death. One of the men who was at the Jameson House that night subsequently went to Ohio. A few years ago another of the men had a fatal sickness come upon him in a northern town in this country. It is related that the Ohio man came hurriedly to Maine, and stood by the sick man's bed day and night until his death, to prevent, as it was supposed, any confession of the knowledge he had of the fate of Richards. Since then the Ohio man has gone to his last account. The remaining men whose name was connected with the mystery went to California some years ago. He was well and widely known in Eastern Maine years ago. It is reported that he died during the year. The old people of this city will remember the excitement that followed the disappearance of the Richards, and will again with the intensest interest and curiosity the revelation of a mystery that has beneath the weight of nearly half a century. The revelation will probably come within the next week.—*Bangor, Commercial.*

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