"ABBA" Dear God, where art thou gone I cannot see thy face-I dare not live alone; Lord, grant me grace

Till I can feel thee near In every place!

Father, where art thou gone? I cannot feel thy hand. With groping steps and slow, In a strange land, Blindly I struggle on

At thy command.

Why dost thou leave me, Lord, In this mine utmost need? I trusted in thy word; Is this the meed Of those who follow thee Where thou dost lead?

Dear child, foolish and blind, Footsore and weary-lo! Mine arms about thee twined Feel thy heart-beating. No, I have not left thee-I

Will with thee go. Through the dark, chilly night-The silent right-and I Will strengthen thee, when sight Is gone, and with lone cry Thou seemest God-forsaken,

Fain to die. Behind the lonely cloud, Through which must lie thy way, Behind the weeping crowd There lingering to pray,

The angels sing aloud

In endless day !

The Lireside.

A VEXED QUESTION. returned, from evening meeting not long since, that it?" "do you think that Christians ever exaggerate

unconsciously, when they relate their experience ?" "Rather a delicate question, Mrs. X," I answered, "for if I should say frankly 'Yes,' I should lay myself open to all manner of severe criticism. Mr. she appealed to me to know "how it was fixed." A. would immediately quote regarding the mote "Is the backbone one long bone, or a great and beam, Mr. B. would assert that I had not the many little bones?" I asked. true spirit of Christianity within me, and Mr. C. "A great many little bones, with a soft cushion of

I was hinting at him. which I do not do, nor have ever yet done."

and you ask the helper for strength, and-"

not feel that I am giving God my divided heart, give us a stiff neck." a trooper."

where I am ofttimes at a loss. I want to do my | made them." Master service, and I want to make a subsistence for my family, and just where to draw the line between duty to God and duty as connected with things that occurs in my Christian life."

this. I remember hearing old Captain Stacy say- rest and shed light on the right path. grandma's who lived next-door neighbor to the captain. Well, the old gentleman had been annoyed, and with reason, by his neighbor's hens, and he had chased them round the garden, and tumbled bad chased them round the garden and secured as regards to height, so the sould be garden and tumbled bad chased them round the garden had chased them round the garden, and tumbled over the cucumber-frames and broken a pane of over the cucumber-fram glass in the hot-house, and by the time he had driven them out he was so angry that it seemed as though he would burst. I was peeping over the though he would burst. I was peeping over the wished; and then, at last, they covered up nursed your patient through his illness, and he is seemed as wished; and then, at last, they covered up nursed your patient through his illness, and he is seel, has appointed the subscribers Manufacturing Agents. garden wall, unknown to him, and I well remember the lamp altogether, and they chose only the about the house, or perhaps going out again. This improved School Furniture is sold as low as any my feeling of horror, when the old gentleman, pleasantest path. But there is often a thorn under Strength does not come back in a moment, and other kind now made. wiping the perspiration from his brow, looked all the rose, and so they found it. They got into a the days when the little things worry and little Childs' Folding Chair and Table Combined. round the garden to see if there was any one with- great deal of trouble. A friend met them and efforts exhaust, when the cares of business begin to in hearing, and then said between his teeth, 'Those told them that they were in the wrong road, and press, but the feeble brain and hand refuse to devilish hens!' And when I heard him that evening relating his experience as I have said I thought all covered up. He took off the clay and it all covered up. He took off the clay and it all covered up. ing relating his experience as I have said, I thought all covered up. He took off the elay, and it shone sick one, and then comes the need for your very naturally that he was a hypocrite. And I see | the right way as before. now very differently."

"Yes," I answered, "Captain Stacy is a man Lord the whole story, and the peace of mind that suits the parable. peace than perpetual warfare; while old Uncle life. Elnathan Jones, who seems never to have come out from under the shadows of the Law into the bright sunlight of God's love, exhorts his hearers to selfbating for about thirty years."

our female prayer-meetings that I do not say some- incline your heart to obey its precepts. This will The poor wife hastened to obtain what her husband thing which after thought tells me is not strictly be a nice short prayer for you, "Cause me to asked for, wondering, no doubt, at the strangeness the truth; and yet the tarthest thing from my know the way wherein I should walk." (Ps. iii. of his request. She soon returned turnshed with thoughts when I rise to speak of my own peculiar | 8.) feeling in the divine life, is that of saying anything except that which I really teel."

"To sum at all up," I added, "I think we must To sum it all up," I added, "I think we must come to the conclusion that when we have felt in our hearts that afterglow that comes only from the indwelling of the Spirit, and which does not come at all times, its remembrance seems to lift us so the conclusion that when we have felt in our hearts that afterglow that comes only from the indwelling of the Spirit, and which does not come at all times, its remembrance seems to lift us so the conclusion that when we have felt in made my way through the entry to the small back of the DEEPEST. Will confound the Sceptic, strengthen the faith of Christians, and awaken the limes, its remembrance seems to lift us so the confound the seed in the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle smelling the grease on its head, and not being able to discover where it was, crept to the twine, then to place the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the entry to the small back of the beetle on the made my way through the strengthen the faith of Christians, and awaken the intensity of the proper spirit, whose gracious and not being able to discover where it was, crept to the twine, then to place the beetle on the made my way through the strengthen the faith of Christians, and awaken the faith of Christians, and awaken the intensity of the proper spirit, whose gracious and not being able to discover where it was, crept to the twine, then to place the beetle on the made my way through the faith of Christians, and awaken the faith of Christians, and awaken the intensity of the proper spirit, whose gracious and not being able to discover where it was, crept to the smal far above the atmosphere in which our petty trials and vexations have taken place, that we seem only go." Here Ned kicked his toes angrily against trom its hind leg carefully drew it up. When he to breathe the purified air, and hence in speaking, the post to the great danger of his new boots. we leave all else out of our narration."

"Well," said Mrs. X. softly, as she took the family Bible for evening devotions, "God understands,"-Frank Converse, in Christian Weekly.

NELLIE'S QUESTION.

playing with her doll, but without a single word. | go and find my knife."

into mine as she asked, "Cousin, is there a God?" ly forth and brought the knife to his young master. "Why, Nellie," said I, "who made you and me, Give it to him," said Ned, pointing to me; and and this beautiful world."

"Lillie says it happened so; that it is all chance," This is a knife worth having," said I; "four for inflammatory rheumatism—it is charity to print a the market, said the child, in a low tone. Lillie's father was an infidel, and the children had been discussing an infidel, and the children had been discussing are said Ned. "Father shake well and bathe parts affected; wetting red shake well and bathe parts affected in the parts affecte the belief of their parents.

your finger?"

"My thimble," she said, wondering what that had to do with her question. "Where did you get it?"

"Aunt Jane gave it to me last summer." "Well, Aunt Jane bought it at the jeweller's, "I was afraid you would be laid up al! but where did the jeweller get it?" "Why, he made it," was the answer.

ways found just as we have them, all made by and father often staid with me." chance ?"

cannot be, for they are made on purpose to sew slight pout puckered his lip. with. They have little dents to put the head of "I suppose there are none who have your the needle in, and a smooth place left for the name; interest and happiness so much at heart." and then they are of different sizes, to fit everybody. Somebody must have made them."

know that somebody must have made us, because wisdom, are you not sure that they would not had the stiff neck last week?"

so glad we don't always have to do so."

"Well, why don't we always have to do so?" then said, with a bright smile: "O, because we ian. have a kind of a joint there, as we have in our elbow. You told me the other day it was a hinge joint, so we can bend our arm just as we can open and shut the lid of a box."

"Yes, we have such a joint where the head joins what you call the backbone; but would that make the head turn round?"

"No," said the child, "that makes us bow and lean our heads back. What does make it turn round?" "Think again, Nellie."

She thought, and then with another bright smile she said: "O, such a joint as we have at the shoulder. You said it was like Charley's cup and ball, only the string was so short that the ball could not fall out, but was held tight in its place John," said Mrs. X., a little timidly, after we had | but yet it could turn round in the cup. Is not

"Well," I asked, "how are you going to fix the two joints? We must have the two motions, up and down, and around."

Nellie's stock of knowledge was exhausted, and

would assume an antagonistic attitude and ask if gristle between, so they will not rub against each

"And yet," I continued thoughtfully, "that very Yes, said I, "and on the top of the last little question rose in my own mind, when the other bone is the head, joined to it by a hinge joint, so evening I made use of an expression relating to a we can bend our heads backward and forward. desire for self-consecration. For if I understand Then we want to turn them around, but we the term, to consecrate one's sell to the service of cannot have a cup-and-ball joint very well so God, means to give him the best energies, the best we have another contrivance. In the upper houghts, and the undivided affection of my heart, bone to which the head is joined is a hole; now the little bone next below it has a tooth on the "I am sure, John," said my wife, "I don't see upper side, which is so long that it passes up into why you need say so; you try hard to do right, this hole, so that the upper bone and the head turn upon it as though it were a pivot. But to "That's just where it is," I answered. "I try. prevent its slipping off it is tied to its place by but I make ever-constant failures. Now I am as strong cords and tendons, which make it perfectly you know, straining every nerve to pay up for our secure, and yet do not prevent our turning our Don't whisper in the sick-room. When the little home, and lay by something for the future, heads as far around as we need to do. We can doctor comes to see you, remember how many and I am giving my best efforts to that end, and feel the movement of these tendons when we turn pair of stairs he has to climb every day, and go using my best energies in that direction; yet I do our heads, and when we take cold they swell and down to him if you are well enough. When you

first the kingdom of heaven, and all these things dors when she turned her head, and fully well self unnecessary exhaustion. Remember that sick shall be added unto you,' never intended a Chris- satisfied she said: "Now I know why you asked people are not necessarily idiotic or imbecile, and tian to remain on his knees asking for help in his me about my thimble. I said I knew somebody that it is not always wise to try to persuade them worldly affairs. I think he intended him to first made it, because it is just what I want to sew with; their sufferings are imaginary. They may even at ask, and then to rise and go forth and work like and somebody must have made all these curious times know best what they need. Never deceive a "Not slothful in business," quoted Mrs. X. softly. and bend our heads, but they are a great deal Is is not only wrong to allow any soul to go into "Exactly," was my answer, "and that is just more curious than a thimble. God must have eternity without preparation, but how can you

THE LAMP.

my daily work, is one of the most perplexing he promised to give each of them a kingdom. But flowers and jelly, but lend her one of your pictures he wished them to travel for some time. And they to hang in place of hers, or a bronze to replace the "I think," said my wife thoughtfully, " that our asked the king which way they should travel. And one at which she is so tired of staring. Don't different temperaments have something to do with he said he would give them a lamp which would have any needless conversations with the doctor

ing, in an evening meeting—this was before I my- They went on for some time very happy, and irritate a nervous patient sooner. If you do have self had become a Christian—that it had been a when they were in difficulty they took out their such conversations, don't tell the patient that the most heavenly day with him, that all had been a lamp, and it never failed to show them the road; doctor said "nothing." He wont believe you, and peaceful calm which nothing could disturb; and and though it did not always point out the pleasant- he will imagine the worst possible. that day I had, as it happened, been over to est path, yet they were enabled to overcome the in lifting the sick, do not take them by the

Now, what does this friendly lamp mean? Oh, the Bible; I know that in a minute. "Thy who had a violent temper to subdue, and pro- word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my

But how can aanybody cover up the lamp?

I WANT TO GO FISHING.

spaniel came bounding up the garden walk.

"It is mine," cried Ned, in an altered tone. escape. "Did you not know I had one?" "No indeed. What a fine little fellow. Where

did you get him, Ned ?" Nellie was a bright little girl, who had never and I teach him many things. See him find my keep stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white and white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff white stirring it till it thickens it been known to sit still ten minutes at a time, and knife;" and Ned, wiping away his tears, threw his keep stirring it till it thickens; put a rich puff yet there she sat by my side, on her little low stool, knife in the clover. "There, Wag," said he "now paste round the edge of the dish; pour in the pud-

ed at length; and the thoughtful face looked up deal of smelling and wagging, he came triumphant- died lemon and citron if you like. Wag laid it at my feet.

gave it to me on my birthday; and he gave me a flannel with it, lay it on. It does not cure, but "Nellie," said I, " what is that you have upon splendid box of tools too," Ned looked up bright takes away the redness, reduces the swelling, and ly and quite forgot his crying.

"Let me think," said I. "Was it this knif that you hurt your foot so with." "Oh, no," cried Ned, "that was done with an Manufacture those celebrated Bells for Churches, ACA. axe; but I've got well now."

spring.' "Well, it was mother's nursing, the doctor "Nellie, the other day, as I was walking in the says. Mother and father took very great care of fields, I found a thimble. Now, how do you know me. It was lonely, staying in the house so; but but the jeweller found yours, and that they are al- mother used to leave her work and read to me,

"I should think you had very kind parents. "Why," exclaimed Nellie in astonishment, "that | Ned." The boy looked down on the floor, and a

"But I want to go fishing," muttered Ned. "And can't you trust me, Ned, and willingly "You say somebody must have made them be- agree to their wishes? You may not, indeed, cause they are just what we want to sew with, and know the reason why they object to your going ; are evidently made with a plan. Now, Nellie, I but from all your experience of their kindness and all the parts of the body are exactly fitted for cer- cross your wishes without good reasons for doing tain things; I can see a plan in them. That some- so? And surrounded as you are by so many proofs body must be God. Do you remember when you of their love, will you set there and murmur and and cry and fill your heart with angry and stubborn "O yes; when I wanted to see anything at the thoughts against them, because of this one little side, I had to turn my whole body around. I am denial of your wishes? Is not this a poor and ungrateful return for all their kindness? It is little enough that a child can do for a parent, but Nellie was very thoughtful for a moment, and that he ought to do most cheerfully."-Presbyter-

SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS. Let us gather up the sun-beams Lying all around my path; Let us keep the wheat and roses,

Casting out the thorns and chaff, Let us find our sweetest comfort, In the blessings of to-day, With a patient hand removing All the briars from the way. Chorus. Then scatter seeds of kindness,

Then scatter seeds of kindness For our reaping by-and-by. Strange, we never prize the music, Till the sweet-voiced bird has flown! Strange, that we should slight the violets, Till the lovely flowers are gone! Strange, the summer sky and sunshine Never seem one half so fair

Then scatter seeds of kindness.

As when winter's snowy pinions Shake the white down in the air. If we knew the baby fingers, Pressed against the window pane, Would be cold and stiff to-morrow-Never trouble us again-

Would the bright eyes of our darling Catch the frown upon our brow? Would the print of rosy fingers Vex us then as they do now? Ah! those little ice-cold-fingers, How they point our memories back To the hasty words and actions

Strewn along our backward track

How those little hands remind us, As in snowy grace they lie. Not to scatter thorns--but roses-For our reaping by-and-by!

WHEN THERE IS SICKNESS.

are sitting up at night with a patient, be sure to for I firmly believe that he who said, 'Seek ye Nellie tried the experiment of feeling the ten- have something to eat, if you wish to save youroints, because they are just what we need to turn | dying person unless by the doctor's express orders. tell but that he has something he ought to tell or do before he goes away?

If you have a sick friend of whom you wish to There was once a king who had some sons, and be of use, do not content yourself with sending her outside the sick-room. Nothing will excite and

tenderest care, your most unobtrusive watchfulness -Scribner's Monthly.

A PERSIAN TALE. - There was once a prince, who the Manufact bably after his fit of wrath was over he told the path." (Ps. cxix., 105). How nicely this verse having been much displeased with one of his in the Province, and employ skilful workmen. he did feel before and after his rage, he spoke of Yes, dear reader, it does; but will it apply to us? commanded that he should be shut up in a high practical knowledge of machinery and stock for over 18 in the evening unconsciously as having been pre- Are we making God's word our guide? You are tower. Into this tower there was only one ensent with him all day. And so it is," I continued young, but you have as much need to be led in the trance, which was walled up immediately after the after a pause, "that Charlie Goodhue, who is of a right way as a grown-up person, for children are nobleman had been placed there. Thus all hope and decrease in the first cost of material they are able to sell their goods CHEAPER THAN EVER. sanguine, enthusiastic temperament, always speaks easily drawn aside. Take this lamp with you, of escape seemed to be cut off, and the unhappy of the Christian life more in the light of perpetual and follow its light, and you will go safely through man was left to perish. Inside the tower there was a long winding staircase, by which the prisoner reached the top. While looking down from The Jews covered it up with their traditions. there he observed his wife, who had come, indulg-"Ye have made the Word of God of none effect," ing, a faint hope that she might be able, by some mortification and a constant retrospect of their said our Saviour, "through your traditions." And means or other, to aid her husband in escaping past sins, a view of religion that his wife, who is a sin, and prejudice, and pride, hide the light of from his place of confinement. On enquiring if she cheery little body, has been unsuccessfully com- truth from the minds of many persons now. Pray could be of any service to him, he replied, "O yes; to the Holy Spirit that he, by his blessed teaching, go and procure a black beetle, a little grease, a "I," said my wife presently, 'never take part in may make you understand the Bible, and also skein of silk, a skein of twine, and a long rope." the things. Her husband then directed her to put the grease on the beetle's head, to fasten the silk to its hind leg, the twine to the silk, and the Opening the door of a friend's house one day, I rope to the twine, then to place the beetle on the "Mother won't let me go fishing. Harry and up the tower in search of it until it arrived at the to co-operate with us in its circulation in every Church, came to the end of the silk he found the twine, paid, on receipt of \$2.00. For full particulars address R. A. H. MORROW & CO., "Whose dog is this?" I asked, as a brown and next he came to the rope. Fastening this to a crook he let himself down, and thus made his

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