The sacred music of a tender strain, Wrung from a poet's heart by grief and pain, And chanted timidly, with doubt and fear, To busy crowds, who scarcely pause to hear-These are not lost.

The silent tears that fall at dead of night Over soiled robes, that once were pure and white; The prayers that rise like incense from the soul, Longing for Christ to make it clear and whole-These are not lost.

When dreams had less of self, and more of truth; must have a guardian dveil, I lasted so. The childhood's faith, so tranquil and so sweet, Which sat like Mary at the Master's feet-These are not lost.

The kindly plans devised for other's good, So seldom guessed, so little understood; The quiet, steadfast love that strove to win Some wanderer from the ways of sin-These are not lost.

Not lost, O Lord! for, in thy city bright, Our eyes shall see the past by clearer light, And things long hidden from our gaze below, Thou wilt reveal, and we shall surely know These are not lost.

The Fireside.

THE GREEN BOTTLE.

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS. "I believe I'll have a glass of something com

fortable," said Tom Barnaby. Tom Barnaby was not a member of any temperance society whatever, and had no dislike to the taste of liquor. Not that he was a drinking man. Oh dear, no? Never was drunk in his life; never even slightly overcome by liquor. But still-well, still every now and then a nice glass of something comfortable struck Tom in a comfortable light, and he generally took it when it did.

To-night, it was cold and chilly and gloomy, and He answered her with an oath. the wind rattled the shutters, and crooned down the street; and Tom, who was not very fond of reading, could not lose himself in book or magazine, Jack ! and there was no one to talk to, and the resolution thing in the world. "A glass of something comturn in."

in which to bring the necessary liquor for the comstirred the fire and put the kettle on, that everything might be ready on his return.

Mrs. Tom was absent from home, and Tom was keeping house for himself. He was on his knees before the stove, raking it, when he heard a groan. It was faint, far-away, sounding groan; but it had such a ghostly sound that he started. "What's that ?" he cried; and something an-

swered: " Only me."

And jumping to his feet, Tom Barnaby stood staring about; for there was nothing in the room that ought to have had a voice but himself-not even a kitten or a canary bird. "Who is me?" cried Tom.

"Tom ought to know," said the voice. And this time Tom saw it came from the green

"I declare, if it isn't in the bottle!" said Tom. "Is it spirits, or what?"

And the bottle answered. "Yes, worse luck. It is spirits. Bad spirits

too. Gin, rum, and brandy-whisky and alcohol!" "Oh, that kind!" said Tom.

"Yes," said the bottle. "Five devils. I've been possessed by them all. Years and years they led me such a life that I wished I was smashed; years and years until your wife got me, and put blessed vinegar in me. Nice, sharp, respectable vinegar, that never did worse than give some poor cabbageeater the colic. And I thought I should end my days a decent vinegar bottle, and here I am -going to have one of the devils back, I know. Oh, what did that dear woman go away for? Why did

she go? Tom, who had grown used to the phenomena of a talking bottle, and did not mind it at all by this time, nodded his head sagely.

"Right there," he said. "It's exceedingly un comfortable to have wife away, but you are very foolish to talk as you do. What harm is there in a moderate drink? All you'd hold wouldn't harm a fly. You've been listening to teetotalters."

"I haven't been listening to anybody," said the bottle. "I've formed my own conclusions. There was a time when I thought as you do. It was when I was a bran new bottle, with a gilt label, 'Best Holland Gin,' on me, and my owner the liquor dealer, took me out of my case and handed me over to Jack Barker, who had just finished painting the store." "Here, Jack," says he, "this will help you keep

Christmas.'" "Thank ye," said Jack; and off I went under

And then, in a bright little room, with a pretty wife and a nice old grandfather, and two cunning little babies looking on, he opened me. "What a nice smell!" said she—the pretty wife.

looked at the light shining through my green sides | what handsome does." and the gilt label on me. And the old grandfather at that because it was such a good joke.

I liked myself then, and what was in me.

to be such a favorite that I was. again; and after a while I began to see things baby; -but on the whole, I guess I'll eat it mychanging about me. The wife's face was not so self. As I haven't my purse with me, suppose you bright; the old grandfather never laughed; the ba- charge it to my account." bies toes were out; and one day Jack staggered in, "Whatever shall I do? They's most eaten' 'em took me up, drank the last drop from me, and tum- all! oh dear! oh dear!" The little orange vender bled into a chair. The wife began to cry.

came into the house !" in me that she meant.

thing has changed. You don't love me any more. the boys hailed as "Newsboy Sam." "Here you You don't care for the children. It's all that Jack! Jest ye hold onter these yer papers, an' I'll bottle."

He staggered over to the table, took me by the thither, picking up oranges, fresh and clean from neck, and carried me to a liquor store. There they every nook and corner; one-two-four-eightput another devil into me. That one drove the a dozen: the thieving little urchins (regular tornfurniture out of the house; but by bit it was coats) making great parade of helping. It was pawned.

Then they left the house itself and were in a er and favorite among them; and some how he cellar somewhere. She took in washing; some of shamed all meanness, for Dick Murphy hastily the money she earned went for more evil spirits to emptied his pockets of the stolen fruit. fill me.

Didn't I loathe myself? One night I sat on the | two very flabby looking oranges with a suspicious table and saw the old grandfather lying dead, and | hole in one end, that Dick put into Peg's basket. Jack drunk on the floor at the foot of the bed. But Sam didn't laugh. Sam knew better than Didn't I loathe myself? I tried to topple off, but you or I, what a strong temptation it was for poor, I couldn't manage it. If ever bottle did desire to half-starved Dick to keep those luscious oranges smash itself, I did. But it was no use. Happy that he had tasted.

bottles, beautiful cut glass, cologne bottles, innomost desire to last, no doubt; but I, who had be- caught in a mean trick. come a dwelling place for devils, I lasted.

They carried the old grandfather away, and his heart. - Do you know - boys - how nice it feels to poor daughter got a black dress somehow. One laugh away down in your hearts? never had a decent dress again.

him, and hear her say things about me that were boys. But now he stepped out on the pavement. very natural, seeing she did not know how I hated | "Stop a moment, youngster," he cried, addressbear. But he fell down stairs with me in his pock- a sudden desire to depart,-"I have seen you et, and broke his head, and didn't break me. He somewhere before. Ah yes: I have it, I have it," The happy dream that gladdened all our youth, hit me against things to their injury, not mine. I he continued half to himself. "Now," said he,

snow, and sleet everywhere—just five years from fine chap." me in his pocket-my neck sticking out. Up came the proprietor.

"'Now, Jack Barker,' says he, why don't you ragged creature with his toes out, and a black eye | start. and a broken nose. He used to be called Hand-

Think of that. "Now he looked up with a miserable abject !

you, Jack Barker.'

"She was very sick and there was a little baby | is little Cad? Tell me all about Cad." beside her. Just think of another baby there. Happy Christmas, old girl!'

bottle came to us first on Christmas.' "It takes so little to put a drunken man in a rage.

"'Anybody would think I was drunk to hear you the chimney, and made a banshee of itself along talk,' said he. And the poor woman answered: "'Oh, Jack! are you ever sober? Oh, Jack! "And then he flew at her. He took me by the other boys. Sam'll be out pretty soon.

above recorded seemed to be the most natural neck, and beat her over the head with me. The It mingled with her blood. "At first she screamed. Then she lay still. Her | printed address upon the back.

He staggered along muttering to hims: If. At last he came to a wharf, and stumbled across it. I believe a boat lay there on which he had been once before, and where they had given him drink. "'Sea-bird, ahoy !' eried he, Hullo ! hullo ! Sea-

bird, ahoy!' "Nobody answered him:

"'I'm coming aboard,' he muttered-'I'm coming aboard. I shan't stay at home to be preached to. I'm my own master.' "Then he took one step more. Splash-crash! He was through the thin ice, under the water.

"Thank Heaven,' said I, 'my miserable career "Then I turned as cold as ice myself, and there

was a roaring in my neck. " Next thing I knew it was broad daylight, and

was floating on the water.

and caught me. "'There was a man drowned here last night,' said he to another boy at his side.

"'Did you see him?' said this one. this bottle to Bill, the junk man.'

water had washed the blood off me. I had no smell | the next day. of liquor left, and along comes your wife.

want. How much for it?' she brought me.

And I expected something else; but, bless the dear oven. soul, she put vinegar in me-nice, sour, innocent, respectable vinegar-and I've been a good reformed bottle ever since. And now yon-you-youher husband, are going to put the devilish spirits want to destroy another household.

"You shan't," said Tom Barnaby. "Here you go back on your shelf. I leave you o innocence and vinegar; and I think I'll make a cup of strong coffee." "Right," said the bottle.

And so the bottle stands still beside the cruet, on Mrs. Barnaby's dresser; and Tom Barnaby 18 still a sober man .- State Sentinel.

GENTLEMAN SAM.

"Oh! oh! oh! My oranges! oh dear! my oranges!"

"Well, rag-boy; why don't you pick 'em up?" And then he made some stuff with lemon and sneered a well-dressed boy, tall and-handsome, I sugar, and they all drank some; and the babies was about to say; only, you know, "Handsome is

"Oh dear! I can't, it's so slippery an' they roll said the drink had gone to his head, and he should so fast! Do, do help me! You joggled my arm have to be carried up stairs, and they all laughed and made me drop 'em-indeed you did! Oh just look at Dick Murphy crammin' 'em into his pocket! An oh! there is Billy Keeler eatin' 'em, Before I was empty the first time I telt pleased an' Dan, an'-oh dear! dear! do help me!"

"When I'm in the orange business, Miss Ragtag, Ah, dear, I was filled up again, and again, and I'll let you know. Here's one of your oranges,

ran back and forth on the icy pavement like one "Oh, Jack !" says she. "Oh, Jack ! how I hate distracted, as the boys poked out one orange after that dreadful bottle! We were so happy before it another from some crack where they had lodged, and then coolly imitated the example set them. She blamed me, but I knew it was the evil spirit | "Hold on, Peggy !-Herald! Ecenin' Herald! -Don't ye cry so !- Latest 'dition ! News up to 5 "You've lost your place, Jack," says she. "Every o'clock !- I'll help ye!" cried a new comer whom stan' treat ter nights fur ye.-Now Peg-here But Jack was too tipsy to care what she said. goes!" The spry newsboy darted hither and very plain to see that 'Newsboy Sam' was a lead-

"I hooked 'em;" was all Dick said. They were

No: Sam didn't laugh. But another boy laughcent water bottles have been broken when they ed so long and loud that Dick slunk away as it Somebody else laughed too-laughed in his

night Jack went sneaking out of the house with a This somebody that laughed in his heart was bundle under one arm and me under the other. | good old Squire Bond. He laughed at two things. The bundle was his wife's mourning dress for her He laughed to see 'Newsboy Sam' helping little father. He took it to a pawnshop and pawned it Peg, and all the boys (but one) helping Sam in his for enough to fill me twice. The poor little woman generous act; and he laughed still more when poor, untaught Dick restored the stolen oranges. off with me. Think of it! I had to aid and abet him. He had his own reasons for watching those

the devils that lived in me, but that were hard to ing the well-dressed boy, who seemed seized with "Who are you-? and who's your father? I should "One day--it was such a bitter day, ice, and like to know who had the bringing up of such a

the Christmas I'd been made a present to Jack, he | Something in Mr. Bond's tone stung the boy, stood, ragged and dirty, at a bar room stove with and he drew himself up proudly as he replied: 'My name is Sam Houston, Sir, and my father, my father is a gentleman! "Ah indeed!" said the squire. Then he sud-

denly wheeled about to look for the newsboy, who "He was ashamed to have him there, you see, a was busily sorting his papers, preparatory to a tresh "And what's your name, my brave, little fellow?"

some Jack Barker before he took to filling me. "Sam Scott, Sir."

gentleman, too?" "Now he looked up with a miserable abject whine.

"Oh, no, Sir! I hain't got no father now. An "Go home with an empty bottle on a Christmas Eve?' says he. 'You didn't use to say go home when I came here with full pockets, Mr. Jones.'

"Oh, no, Sir! I hain't got no father now. An I ruther guess he warn't no gentleman neither Leastways he used to 'buse Marmy awiul, an' me an' Cad. An' now he's dead, an' Marmy—she's Goods of all kinds, such as Crape, Silk, Woolen and Cotton and Woolen Shawls; Dresses of all descriptions, both whole and ripped; Sacques, Capes; Velvets of all descriptions; Plush, Damasks, Fringes, Gimps, Braids, Tassells, Ribbons, &c., &c. Kid Gloves and Plumes dyed or cleansed.

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"He filled it-no one knows with what-and the | "Stay! Step into this book store yonder, I poor wretch staggered home. Oh, the wretched guess we'll get rid of the whole lot for you. Beceliar-the miserable straw bed in the corner; the sides I want you to run an errand. My old legs By the leading Banks, Business and Profesional Men, the wife lying sick upon it. I remember them so well. are not so spry as they used to be. But first, who Towns; Express, Insurance and Mining Companies. "Cad's my little sister, Sir. She's older nor me,

"' Happy Christmas!' said he, as he staggered in. for she's nigh on ter sixteen. But oh, Sir, she's so little! She haint grown none since she was a tot, "'Happy!'said she, 'Oh, this dreadful day! That an' I guess she be'n't very bright in 'ere. But she loves me, Sir,—Cad does—and there ain't nothin'

SPRING! 1876! SUMMER! I would'nt do fur Cad." "God bless you, boy-you and Cad! the old

man said with emotion, when they disappeared Reader it will be to your interest to remember the uuder the awning. You and I musn't follow them into the book tore. We'll wait outside with Dick and the

Sam did come out pretty soon and darted up cork fell out, and the liquor poured over the breast, street, never minding the ice, nor looking at us fortable," said Tom, " and a biscuit, and then I'll and over the face of the little baby lying upon it. boys. Inside of his bundle of papers, he carried a card with something written on one side and a

face grew white. I knew I was a murderer. Oh, It so happened that Mr. Bond was silent partner fortable something from the corner store, and spied let me break!' I cried. Let me be broken into in one of the wealthiest and most widely known on an upper shelf a green bottle, with a fat body fragments!' But her fair flesh was smashed to pulp, firms in the city. It happened also, that that very and long neck, which had nothing in it, and smelt her delicate bones broken, and I was sound as ever; day they had been talking of taking Sam Houston of nothing, and he set it upon the table, while he when Jack, led by Heaven knows what mad fancy into their employ. Sam Houston didn't get the left his victim and staggered into the street again. | place, but Sam Scott-' Newsboy Sam' did; and The snow was falling. The air was white with it | then all his former companions began to call him Gentleman Sam.'

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SHORT RECIPES.

HAM TOAST .- Mix with one tablespoonful of finely chopped or grated ham, the beaten-up yolk of an egg, and a little cream and pepper; heat over "'There's a bottle,' said some one, it was a bare- the fire, and then spread the mixture either on hot legged boy. He stooped over the side of the boat, buttered toast, or on slices of bread fried quite crisp in butter; serve very hot.

STEWED PRUNES .- Wash the fruit in warm water; for every pound allow half a pound of loaf sugar and one pint of water; boil the sugar and "' Yes,' said the first. 'He was drunk and kill- water together for ten minutes, then put in the ed his wife. They've got an inquest on her, down fruit, and let it boil gently until perfectly tender, in the cellar over there. I say, I'am going to sell so that it will break if touched with the finger; drain the syrup from the prunes, and set them "So I was saved, and, much against my will, aside whilst it is boiled until it becomes thick, then stood in the junk-shop window for a week. The pour it over the prunes, and let them stand until

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MINUTE SPONGE CAKE .-- Beat six eggs two minutes; add three cups of sugar; beat five minutes; add two cups of flour, with two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar; beat one minute; add one cup into me again. Oh, do break me first. I don't cold water and one teaspoonful soda; beat one minute; add four cups flour, juice and rind of one

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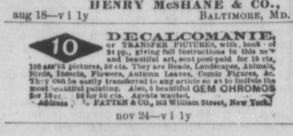
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