Did you hear that, Fred, as you came through th With your milk-pail full to the brim ? No envy hid under your curly brown pate-You were watching a star in the morning sky, And a star seemed shining out of your eye: Your thoughts were glad, you couldn't tell why

And to carry in on his arm."

But they were not of toys, or of him. Yet the city boy said what he kindly meant, Walking on by his mother's side, With his eyes on the toy-shop windows bent, Wishing for all that his eyes could see; Longing and looking and teasing went he, Nor dreamed that a single pleasure could be

Afar in your woodlands wide. You ate the breakfast that morning, Fred, As a country boy should eat; Then you jumped with your father upon the sle And were off to the hills for a load of wood; Quiet and patient the oxen stood,

While you stamped to warm your feet. Then your father told you to take a run; And you started away up the hill; You were all alone, but it was such fun! The larch and the pine-tree seemed racing past Instead of yourself, you went so fast;

But, rosy and out of breath, at last, You stood in the sunshine still. And all of a sudden there came the thought-While a brown leaf toward you whirled, And a chickadee sang, as if they brought Something they meant on purpose for you, As if the trees to delight you grew As if the sky for your sake was blue-

"It is such a beautiful world!" The graceful way that the spruce-trees had Of holding their soft, white load, You saw and admired; and your heart was glad, chief from the poison. As you laid on the trunk of a beech your hand, And beheld the wonderful mountains stand In a chain of crystal, clear and grand. At the end of the widening road.

Oh, Fred! without knowing, you held a gift That a mine of gold could not buy: Something the soul of a man to lift From the tiresome earth, and to make him see How beautiful common things can be-A glimpse of heaven in a wayside tree-The gift of an artist's eye!

What need had you of money, my boy, Or the presents money can bring, When every breath was a breath of joy? You owned the whole world, with its hills and trees, The sun, and the clouds, and the bracing breeze, And your hands to work with; having these, You were richer than any king.

When the dusk drew on by the warm hearth fire, You needed nobody's pity; But you said, as the soft flames mounted higher, And the eye and cheek of your mother grew bright, patient ten miles distant. The medicine is duly While she smiled and talked in the lovely light-A picture of pictures, to your sight--"I am sorry for boys in the city!"

The Lireside.

TRIED FOR HIS LIFE.

FARMER WEBSTER lived away up among the hills of New Hampshire, and was as honest and kindly-tempered an old man as you could find in all the country side. He had two sons, Ezekiel and Daniel; and Ezekiel set a trap for a woodchuck which had been in the habit of dining on the vegetables in old Farmer Webster's garden. "What is a woodchuck, Uncle Charlie?" said Queen Mab.

"It is a little animal, not very much unlike a squirrel, and has a tail quite as bushy. It digs a hole by way of a nest, passes the winter in sleep, and feeds on vegetables. Read on, Harry." The woodchuck was caught.

"Now we'll kill the thief," cried Ezekiel " you've done mischief enough to die, and die, you

"No, don't," begged his brother Daniel, pitying let him go."

told their father all about it. "Well," said the farmer, "there's the prisoner; you shall be his counsel, one for his life and the pull off your coat the next and work like a negro.

other against it, and plead the case before me. I will be judge."

Ezekiel opened the case as follows: "The prisoner at the bar is naturally of a mischievous disposition, and wherever he goes he does damage to people's property. In our own fields he has eaten the red clover, and in the garden no kind of plant and read the gravestones; they will tell you the quarter pound of China blue, and two ounces of is safe from his destructive teeth. Much time, end of ambition. The grave will soon be your nut gall. Put these in an iron pot and boil them years enables him to turn out good werk at the lowest much labor, and much patience have been spent in bedchamber, the earth your pillow, corruption over a slow fire, till they are well dissolved. When taking him, and it is not right that all this should your father, and the worm your mother and cool, the mixture is ready for use. Add to the and decrease in the first cost of material they are able to be wasted. If he is allowed to live and to go at sister. liberty, he is sure to take to his evil habits again. He will then be wary enough not to be caught a things which God has given you in this world makes a perfect jet black, equal to the best black second time, and will do more harm than ever. If and to those which he has promised his followers | chony. he is killed, his skin will be of some value, though in the next. He who goes into his garden to look not nearly enough to pay for the damage he has for cobwebs and spiders, no doubt will find them; they will absorb all the atmospheric poison. They done. For these reasons, I appeal to the judge, while he who looks for a flower may return into should be changed every hour. In the room of a this woodchack ought to die."

you have got to say on the other side, Daniel." eyes on the woodchuck, trembling with fear in the he will sustain thee." grating of his narrow prison, his breast swelled in the face, poured forth his plea in its behalf: "God has made the woodchuck; he made him ashamed of complaining of your lighter afflictions. to live, to enjoy the bright sunshine, the pure air, the free fields, and woods. God has not made anything in vain, and the woodchuck has as much right as any other living thing. He is not a des- of the Lord." James 5: 7. tructive animal like the fox or the wolf; he simply | It is comparatively easy to be patient when we eats a few common vegetables, of which we have are associating with the people we meet on the plenty, and can well spare a part. The little food highway of life; for we know we meet those who the food on our mother's table is to us. God gives | might have a running fight if we should rasp spare a little for the dumb creature, who has as smooth down our tempers when we sally forth on newly painted and varnished in a very good much right to his small share as we have to our the business of life.

never give back again." Daniel saw the tears start in his father's eyes, her all the ill nature we have been hoarding up and run down his sunburnt cheeks. This appeal for the day. And she has become so accustomed waiter, he remarked that he is didn't care being handed to him by the by us only to the wholesale trade, from whom country waiter, he remarked that he is didn't care being handed to him by the by us only to the wholesale trade, from whom country waiter, he remarked that he is didn't care being handed to him by the to his mercy was too much for him; forgetting the to it that she thinks it a matter of course, and readin' now-he'd wait till after dinner." judge he sprang from his chair, exclaiming, " Zeke, | balances the account by some acts of kindness,

Zeke, you let that woodchuck go!" Damel, the young and eloquent pleader for The one thus soothed by the power of kindness husband in the world. mercy, became one of America's most celebrated | takes the credit of his good temper to himself, and | "Why, how is that?" exclaimed one of statesmen, but in all his after life he never won a considers himself a noble personage, when, in fact. friends. nobler victory than when he compelled his brother | the temper is yet unsubdued Zeke to " let that woodchuck go."

CHEMISTRY FOR GIRLS.

Something that woman should read. This is properly styled a utilitarian age, for the inquiry, "What profit?" meets us everywhere. It has entered the temples of learning, and attempted to throw out important studies, because their immediate connection with hard money profits cannot be demonstrated. There is one spot, however, into which it has not so generally intruded itself -the female academy-the last refuge of fine arts and fine follies. Thither young ladies are too frequently sent, merely to learn how to dress tastefully and walk gracefully, play, write French and make waxen plumes and silken spiders-all pretty, but why not inquire "What profit?"

I take my pen, not to utter a dissertation on female education, but to insist that young ladies be taught chemistry. They will thereby be better qualified to superintend domestic affairs, guard against many accidents to which households are subject, and perhaps be instrumental in saving life. We illustrate the last remark by reference merely to the study of poisons.

The strong acids, such as nitric, muriatic and sulphuric, are virulent poisons, yet frequently used in medicine and the mechanic arts. Suppose a child in his rambles among the neighbors should enter a cabinet shop, and find a saucer of aqua fortis (nitric acid) upon the work-bench, and in his sport seize and drink a portion of it. He is conveyed home in great agony. The physician is sent for, but ere he arrives the child is a corpse Now as the mother presses the cold clay to her breast and lips for the last time, how will her And the snowy world looked cheerful and good, anguish be aggravated to know that in her medicine chest, or drawer, was some calcined magnesia, which, if timely administered, would have saved her lovely, perchance her first and only boy. Oh what are all the boquets and fine dresses in the world to her, compared with such knowledge?

Take another case. A husband returning home, on a summer afternoon, desires some acidulous drink. Opening a cupboard, he sees a small box, labelled "salt of lemon," and making a solution of this, he drinks it freely. Presently he feels distress, sends for his wife, and ascertains that he has drank a solution of oxalic acid, which she has procured to take stains from linen. The physician is sent for; but the unavoidable delay attending his arrival is fatal. When he arrives, perhaps he sees upon the very table on which the weeping widow, bows her head, a piece of chalk, which, if given in time, would certainly have prevented any mis-

Corrosive sublimate is the article generally used to destroy the vermin which sometimes infest our couches. A solution of it is laid upon the floor in a tea-cup, when the domestics go down to dine leaving the children up-stairs to play; the baby crawls to the tea-cup and drinks. Now what think you of the mother's joy, if having studied chemistry she instantly called to recollection the well ascer tained fact, that there is in the hen's nest an anti dote to this poison? She sends for some eggs, and breaking them, administers the whites. Her child recovers, and she weeps for joy. Talk to her of nove's—one little book of natural science has been worth to her more than all the novels in the

Physicians in the country rarely carry scales with them to weigh their prescriptions. They administer their medicines by guess, from a tea-spoon or the point of a knife. Suppose a common case. A physician in a hurry leaves an overdose of tartar emetic, (generally the first prescription in cases of bilious fever), and pursues his way to another administered, and the man is poisoned. When the case becomes alarming, one messenger is despatched for the doctor, and another to call in the neighbors, to see the sufferer die. Now there is, in a canister in the cupboard, and on a tree that grows by the door, a remedy for this distress and alarm -a sure means of saving the sick-man from threatened death. A strong decoction of young hyson tea, oak bark, or any other stringent vegetable, will change tarter-emetic into a harmless com-

Vessels of copper often give rise to the poisonng. Though this metal undergoes but little change in a dry atmosphere, it is rusted if moisture s present, and its surface becomes covered with a green substance-carbonate or protoxide of copper, a poisonous compound. It has sometimes appened that a mother has, for want of knowedge, poisoned her family. Sourkrout, when pernitted to stand for some time in a copper vessel, has produced death in a few hours, Cooks sometimes permit pickles to remain in copper vessels, that they may acquire a rich green color, which they do by absorbing poison. - E. Thompson, D. D.

CURES FOR FITS.

For a fit of Passion-Walk out into the open the poor captive. "Take him into the woods and air; you may speak your mind to the winds without hurting any one, or proclaiming yourself a

The boys could not agree, so they went and simpleton. For a fit of Idleness-Count the ticking of a For a fit of Extravagance and Folly-Go to the workhouse and speak to the inmates of a jail, and you will be convinced-

"Who makes a bed of briar and thorn,

Must be content to lie forlorn."

his house with one blooming in his bosom.

For all fits of Doubt, and Perplexity, and Fear This was very sound argument, and weighed very much on the old farmer's mind. He turned to his other son, and said, "I'll hear now what whether they are a load to the shoulders, the head, case of snake-bites. or the heart, the following is a radical cure, which Poor Daniel was afraid his brother had the best | may be relied on, for I had it from the Great of the case. But when he turned his large dark | Physician : "Cast thy burden on the Lord," and

with pity, he took courage, and, looking the judge and the blind, and visit the bed-ridden, and the afflicted and deranged, and they will make you

PATIENCE AT HOME,

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming

he requires is as needful and as sweet to him as | would give a blow for an insulting word, or we us our food and all we have; and shall we not every one with our fretful dispositions; so we

portion. Nay, more, the woodchuck has not But at home, look out. There is the place broken the law of nature or of God as we have where we can give vent to passion and fretfulness done, but strictly follows the simple instincts given | to a considerable extent without risking so much him by his Creator. He has a right from God to as we would if we should fret at any one we meet. lite, to food, to liberty; and we have no right to It would be really humiliating to be looked upon deprive him of either. Look at the poor little by every passer as a termagant and scold; so most creature, trembling in its cage, pleading mutely, of us reserve our spite and pettishness for the home but earnestly, for his life and liberty, as sweet and circle.

dear to it as ours is to us. Do not in selfish cruelty | The patient, plous wife (or vice versa) is always and with a cold heart take the life which you can close by, and we can, when tried in the crucible of friendly and well-timed.

Now we may be sure of this: It we are at any | satisfactory answer.

grow more calm, even, and placid with age, may reckon that he has not yet been wholly renewed in heart, and that he is yet in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity. Many of us must yet be converted, or fail of eternal life. - Jos. Clarke. WHICH SHALL IT BE.

[A rich man who had no children proposed to his poo neighbor, who had seven, to take one of them, and promised, if the parents would consent, that he would give them property enough to make themselves and their other six ren comfortable for life.]

time fretful and peevish, the impression will b

impede the navigation of our western rivers.

all who would do good and work in God's cause;

and an ill temper and a peevish disposition he will

Age does not of itself sweeten a temper naturally

not approbate, nor will he always tolerate them.

acid, but religion does; and he who does not

lasting as the rock; and such tempers do as surely

hinder our efforts to do good as sunken trees

Good temper is necessary, and indispensable, to

Which shall it be? Which shall it be? I looked at John, John looked at me, And when I found that I must speak, My voice seemed strangely low and weak: "Tell me again what Robert said;" And then I, listening, bent my head-This is his letter.

"I will give A house and land while you shall live, If, in return, from out your seven, One child to me for aye is given. I looked at John's old garments worn; I thought of all that he had borne Of poverty, and work, and care, Which I though willing, could not share; I thought of seven young moutas to feed, Of seven little children's need, And then of this.

"Come, John," said I, "We'll choose among them as they lie Asleep," So, walking hand in hand, Dear John and I surveyed our band First to the cracle lightly stepped Where Lilian, the baby slept. Softly the father stooped to lay His rough hand down in a loving way, When dream or whisper made her stir, And huskily he said: "Not her!" We stooped beside the trundle bed, And one long ray of lamplight shed Athwart the boyish faces there, In sleep so beautiful and fair. I saw on James's rough, red cheek A tear undried. Ere John could speak "He's but a baby, too," said I, And kissed him as we hurried by. Pale, patient Robbie's angel face, Still in his sleep bore suffering's trace, " No, for a thousand crowns not him !" He whispered, while our eyes were dim. Poor Dick ! bad Dick ! our wayward son-Turbulent, restless, idle one-Could he be spared? Nay, he who gave Bade us befriend him to the grave: Only a mother's heart could be Patient enough for such as he; "And so," said John, "I would not dare To take him from her bedside prayer." Then stole we softly up above, And knelt by Mary, child of love. "Perhaps for her 'twould better be," I said to John. Quite silently He lifted up a curl that lay Across her cheek in a wilful way, And shook his head; "Nay, love, not thee," The while my heart beat audibly. Only one more, our eldest lad, Trusty and truthful, good and glad. So like his father. "No, John, no! I cannot, will not, let him go." And so we wrote in a courteous way, We would not give one child away; And afterward toil lighter seemed, Thinking of that of which we dreamed, Happy in truth that not one face

-Brooklyn Union. VIRTUE IN WHISTLING .- An old farmer once aid to us that he would not have a hired man on s farm that did not habitually whistle. He alvays hired whistlers. Said he never knew whistling laborer to find fault with his food, his bed, or complain of any little extra work he is asked to perform. Such a man was generally kind to hildren and to animals in his care. He would whistle a chilled lamb into warmth and life, and would bring in his hatful of eggs from the barn without breaking one of them. He found such a man more careful about closing gates, putting up bars and seeing that the nuts on his plow were all properly tightened before he took it into the field. He never knew a whistling hired man to kick or beat a cow, nor drive her on a run into a stable. clock; do this one hour, and you will be glad to He had noticed that the sheep he fed in the yard and shed gathered around him as he whistled

Was missed from its accustomed place.

Thankful to work for all the seven,

Trusting the rest to One in heaven.

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load of wood into the cellar for?" "In de inss | neiper in the rected of the prayer spin and, met on the higway; one of them, with a somewhat rubicund tace, riding in a rickety old one-horse waggon, and the other in a handsome carriage

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