SOMETIME. Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned, And sun and stars forevermore have set, The things which cur weak judgments here have

The things o'er which we grieved with lashes

Will flash before us, out of life's dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue, And we shall see how all God's plans were right, And how what seemed reproof was love most

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh, God's plans go on as best for you and me : How, when we called, He heeded not our cry Because His wisdom to the end could see. And e'en as prudent parents disallow

Too much of sweet to craving babyhood, So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good. And if, sometimes, commingled with life's wine, We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink, Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine Pours out this portion for our lips to drink,

And if some friend we love is lying low Where human kisses cannot reach his face, Oh, do not blame the loving Father so, But wear your sorrow with obedient grace! And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend,

And, that sometimes, the sable pall of death Conceals the fairest boon his love can send. If we could push ajar the gates of life, And stand within, and all God's working see, We could interpret all this doubt and strife, And for each mystery could find a key.

But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart! God's plans, like lilies pure and white unfold. We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart; Time will reveal the calyxes of gold. And if, through patient toil, we reach the land Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand, -Mrs. May Riley Smith.

The Fireside.

A TRUE STORY.

It was growing dark in the city streets, men and women hurried along, eager to reach comfortable homes; the horses seemed to pull the heavy wagons with more willingness than usual, as if they too knew that the day's work was over, and enjoyed the prospect of rest. The lamp-lighters were going their rounds, and trying to make up for the lost daylight. Little children were safe and warm at home.

plate glass, through which he gazed with rapt say, "There's no place like home." face. The picture which he looked at was a beautiful one. A great room with painted ceiling comfortable room which he will take pride in My baby's the jolliest baby "I wish he would look up," the child was thinking. least one good paper, one that will help.

But though he waited and watched, the man did not move for a long time. Then he flung the and never once looking towards the window. " Please, sir."

That was all the boy said. He had stepped from the street into the wide hall; then without what he had done.

"What is it, my little man?" Mr. Arthur Leonard had a pleasant smile, which came easily to his handsome face; but the child shrunk back, although he looked into the big

been looking for a great while. "You came to beg, I suppose," and the gentleman's hand went readily into his pocket.

"Oh, no, sir, I never thought of that. I wanted -I mean-please sir, I will go now." He moved back awkwardly, but Mr. Leonard

stopped him with a gesture. The child's face interested him. His manner, too, at first so eager, now so embarrassed, had aroused his curiosity. "You are cold," he said, noticing that the child

shivered, and that his garments were thin and poor. He rose, took the boy by the hand, and led him to the great fire which was dancing on the hearth -a big, jolly fire, which seemed trying to light up and bright it was.

of the crimson satin arm chairs big enough for a throne. He drew up one himself opposite. "Are you hungry," he asked. "I will give you something to eat, and a little wine will warm you

"Oh, no, sir," and the child shrank further

back into the big chair. "You will tell me your name at least?" "Yes, sir. My name is Eddie Boynton; and

am ten years old." " Ah!" Mr. Leonard was smiling now as he saw the boy's

courage coming back. "You will not be angry with me, sir?" "Angry! why in the world should I be angry with you?"

"I didn't know but you might, sir, if I said what I wanted to." you have to tell me."

red with cold, towards the glowing fire, and said: In the summer of 1871 he would more than double effects of the alkali and makes the hands soft and deaf of money-a dollar a week."

wine he had offered the child cost more than that. 1875, when he would be five and a half years old. in this, then wash off thoroughly and rub in glycermy way home. I shan't come again, though, pretty sight. I have watched it frequently. The winter will find this comforting. because we are going to move. I like to look in beard or fringe of an oyster is not only his breath. Remember never to leave clothes-lines out week here, because it is so warm and pleasant, and ing organ-i. e., his lungs-but his feeding organ, after week, but take them down and wind on the because you are sitting here, and have eyes just by which he conveys the food to his complicated reel, as soon as the clothes are dry. With this

like my father's." thinking.

"He was so handsome and tall," went on the begins building an additional story to his house. clothes will be colored from the line and dirty little fellow, looking back into the firelight. "He This he does by depositing very fine particles of streaks almost impossible to remove will be seen wore nice clothes, too, like yours; and we lived in | carbonate of lime, till they at last form a substance | where they rested on. a great big house, most as big as this. I used to as thin as silver paper and exceedingly tragile; sit next to him, at the table, and he gave me that then he adds more and more till at last the new | THE BEST WAY TO BOIL EGGS is not to boil 'em to driek," pointing to the wine-glass. " Mother |-shell is at least as hard as the old shell. When at all. Put them in a tin dish and pour on boiling would cry some times; but he would kiss her, and oysters are growing in their shells they must be water; cover the dish tight and set back where the tell her that good wine would make me strong and handled very carefully, as the new growth of shell water will merely keep hot; let it stand from ten handsome. One day he went away for a long time | will cut like broken glass; and a wound on a to fifteen minutes, according to the size of the eggs, and mother cried all the while he was gone, finger from an oyster-shell is often very trouble- or the preference for the eaters for "hard" or When he came back he struck her, and then fell some. - Frank Buckland. down on the floor. I screamed, because I thought she cries all night, I guess."

Mr. Leonard moved uneasily.

"This is what you wanted to tell me?"

"Yes, sir. Every time I come by the window, and see you sitting here, you make me think of my father, and I wondered if you had any little boy at home and how he and his mother would feel if you should die because of the red wine;" and then the tears came, and Eddie Boynton slid down from the big chair and stood beside Mr. Leonard, who had turned his face away. Eddie drooping upon his breast.

"I'm going home now, sir. Mother will have come," and before Mr. Leonard roused from his and it will have, if in health, if it has not been irpainful reverie, the child had slipped from the regularly fed, that sweet and beneficial slumber warm, cheery room, and was running down the that is not induced by first inducing an abnormal dark street, home to his waiting mother.

In all the years to come, Arthur Leonard and Eddie Boynton, man and boy, may never meet again. The room in the luxurious club-house is deserted; the fire is out, the room is dark, the heavy curtain drawn at the big windows; but in a you my child, and keep us from the destruction of the red wine."-Congregationalist.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR BOY. What shall I do with my Boy?" ending with the olea, "Answer me, some mother; what shall I do?" I am not over fond of advising, but have had considerable experience with boys, being the mother of tour fun-loving, frolicsome ones.

that is, provided you already have it. If you have looked. not, the first step is to get it. Study boy-nature. I know of no other study more thoroughly interestnoisy boy is a living inspiration, in my opinion at least. Next convince your boy that you are his hard fate. best friend. There are countless ways of convinc-I think that we will say, "God knew the best!" ate men or men otherwise unfitted for fatherhood. bothersome figures? No; he is puzzled; but he ought to be, can make home a desirable place for | to find it. their boys. Their patient love and sympathy can s something lacking in the home atmosphere.

now fleeting their young days, how very, very | Dew. soon, it they live, they will be strong bearded men, and our homes will be painfully orderly. Will not the memory of dear boyish forms come fraught with pleasantness if we remember that we were patient and loving and helpful? that it was our influence, blessed by the Omnipotent, that started All but one, perhaps. A little boy stood on the the young feet heavenward? Let us exert our And smiles like the smiles of a cherub, deserted sidewalk, close to a great window of selves to the utmost to have them feel as well as

Give your boy, when he is old enough, a pretty, overhead, and a chandelier which seemed to make showing his friends, if you can afford it. Don't real sunshine. The walls were covered with fine put all the pretty ornaments and tasteful knick- There is nothing angelic about him, paintings. A marble table, heaped with delicious knacks in the parlor and spare room. Put them, food, stood near the centre of the room. The at least some of them, in your boy's room. Hang bright light struck through the great decarter, pictures on the walls (inexpensive ones will do), and made a big crimson stain on the white hand pictures of flowers, birds, or landscapes, anything And his hair-well, it favors the sunbeams of a gentleman who sat at the table reading a that will cultivate his taste and have a tendency newspaper. A large diamond ring on his finger to uplift him. Buy him books, sound, instructive. His eyes, though they're blue, like the heavens, seemed to wink and blink at the little boy outside. unexceptionable books. Let him subscribe for at

If, for the love of Him, we take to our home a little immortal being, and kindly minister to its | His hands don't resemble a fairy's paper down, and reached out the hand with the welfare, we shall soon find that the heart, as well diamond for a wine glass which he filled and drank, as the home, will open to the confiding touch of And you'd think, I am sure, if he'd got you childhood. In blessing, we shall be blessed. Near my own, is a home of wealth and culture,

from which God has taken all the children. It seemed as if reason was tottering on its throne as stopping to knock, he had opened the great door the father watched the last child pass away, and, which led into the gentleman's room. On the though years have gone he is a mourner still. threshold of the saloon he stopped, frightened at Would not a child-voice, in his quiet home, win his heart to its old cheerfulness? Would not some friendless little one blossom into a beautiful manhood or womanhood under the kindly influence of a tithe of the love which those parents lavished on their own darlings? Would not God reward brown eyes as if he saw something there he had them, even here, with the consciousness of having ministered to "one of these little ones"?

There are other homes, where there is " no baby in the house," that would be cheerier with bright child-faces in them. There are hearts chilled by care, and hardened by constant battling with the "stern realities" of life, into which a little child's love might creep, to warm and to soften, till they shall glow with generous impulse and prompt to

more tree from selfishness, with one to share his doing no good, but soon the roaches will begin to

These rewards are with us, as results of our self- This is said to be an infallible remedy. sacrifice; but the motive should be a desire to the room and make the chandelier notice how big please and honor God, by striving to save at least and the large ones will take care of themselves," one soul-leading it on, day by day, in the way of is applicable to matters about farms and barn-yards a poor little boy with patched clothes to sit in one more, in Christian Weekly.

> HOW THE OYSTER BUILDS HIS SHELL. apparently incapable of doing anything at all; yet and let it stand all night. In the morning pour what a marvellous house an oyster builds around it carefully from the dregs into a bottle; use one his delicate frame! When the oyster is first born, tablespoonful to a pint of starch made in the usual he is a very simple, delicate dot, as it were, and manner; use a polishing iron also, vet he is born with his two shells upon him. For some unknown reason, he always fixes himself on his round shell, never on his flat shell; and being once fixed he begins to grow, but he only grows in soon look misty, grow rough or granulated, and summer. Inspect an oyster-shell closely, and it | no longer give back a correct picture. The amalwill be seen that it is marked with distinct lines. gam or union of tin-foil with mercury, which is

of a tree denote years of growth, so does the marking of an oyster tell us how many years he has solar rays. passed in his "bed," at the bottom of the sea. "Never fear, Eddie; I am anxious to know what | Suppose an oyster was born June 15, 1870; he | suds with soft soap without injury to the skin if would go on growing up to the first line we see the hands are dipped in vinegar or lemon juice The little boy stretched out his little thin hands, | well marked; he would then stop for the winter. | immediately after. The acid destroys the corrosive "I work in the dye-house now, and get a good his size. In 1872 he would add to this house. In white. Indian meal and vinegar or lemon juice 1873 and 1874 he would again go on building, till used on the hands when roughened by cold or Mr. Leonard could hardly help laughing. The he was dredged up in the middle of his work in labor, will heal and soften them. Rub the hands "I come past this big window every night on The way in which an oyster builds his shell is a line. Those who suffer from chapped hands in the

mouth with his four lips. "What a strange child!" Mr. Leonard was When the warm, calm days of June come the wind and rain will mildew and rot the line, and it oyster opens his shell, and by means of his fringe will soon become worthless. Added to this, the

he was dead. The black man, who drove the Don't THINK .- We often do and say unwise and of the egg being so superior to any other way of horses, came up stairs and helped to get him to sinful things through thoughtlessness. We do not cooking by means of hot water by those who have bed. He said he was sick. He used to scream and mean to be wicked but we are thoughtless. When tried they will hardly be likely to turn to the old fight anyone that went near him. It was the red expostulated, with, or reproved, our apology is way. wine that made him so, mother said. And then "I didn't think." Little folks and big folks, men To RID A HOUSE OF RATS.—Wet a few pounds of one night he died, and there was a great funeral. and women, young men and maidens, Christians | nuslacked lime with strong lye made from potash; After that mother packed up our clothes, and and sinners, all excuse many faults and blunders let it be quite soft; spread it around the holes so went to live where she could get some money. by the plea of "I didn't think." And we seem to that the rats cannot avoid treading in it; let it re-We've only got two little rooms now. Sometimes | think our want of consideration is a sufficient ex- main a week or so, and if it gets dry scrape it off cuse, and ought to be satisfactory as an apology, and moisten again. The mixture burns their feet He had been talking very tast, but stopped But pray, what have our minds been given to us and they will not be likely to make a second visit. tor, unless it be to think? We were made to think. Do not let it come in contact with oil cloth or It is our business to think.

Fire and Marine

DANGER OF ROCKING BABIES. Among the bad results of former days was that of rocking infants to sleep. Rocking induces a state of the brain not favorable to health. It may Over Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars throw the infant into a morbid slumber, but not into so calm and refreshing a sleep as it ought to have. Healthy infants sleep more soundly, more quietly, more retreshingly, by avoiding rocking, which composes by including temporary congestion Imperial Fire Insurance Co. wondered if the gentleman was crying, too. He of the brain. After awhile a desire for being rockcould not see the big, brown eyes, for his head was ed is a mere matter of habit; it compels an infant to sleep when it is not sleepy, or when it is wet and needs dry clothing In various ways make a my supper all ready, and be frightened if I don't child comfortable at its regular hour of repose, state of the brain. Try it. Let a mother or nurse be rocked in a hammock, and let her observe the effects upon her own tough brain. She may then be satisfied that shaking the brain of her infant for ten or twenty minutes is no trivial affair. A mother in a rural district had twenty infants, and every description covered on the lowest possible peautiful home the brown eyes look lovingly at a used, during the early days, a long clothes-basket sweet woman, and to the rosy boy who hangs as their place of repose. She was as regular as the about his neck, the father whispers: "God bless tall clock in the corner in feeding, washing and putting them to rest. They all lived to maturity. She considered rocking not only as unnecessary but as cruel. We have ourselves felt "nervous" and shocked as we have visited some nurseries and I have just finished reading an article headed, heard the continuous rocking by the grand marm, or some less venerable person.—Herald of Health.

TRY AGAIN. - Everybody makes mistakes. Things will not always come out just as we try to make them, because some little wrong thing is First, dear young mother, keep your boy's heart; done, or something that needs to be done is over-

and let things go as they will? Some people do; ing. A sturdy, healthy boy, a real, live, romping, but such people have a hard life of it. They think themselves very unlucky, and complain of their

The little fellow who is at work on his example ing him; one is to make home a delightful spot, in multiplication finds he has made a mistake. that is, provided it is in your power so to do. God | What does he do? Drop his slate, and go off fretpity the poor mothers that are wives of intemper- ting, and wishing there were no such things as old But even such mothers, if they are what they knows there is a mistake somewhere, and be means

"Try again," is his motto. He will begin again, make it a joy to be in their presence, even if there and go slowly and carefully through all the work. It he does not find the mistake then, he will do Let the earnest, growing boys play, even if the the same again, running through the lines of the cuse is disordered, even if Mrs. Gossip and Mrs. multiplication-table in his mind, or making them | WONDERFUL SUCCESS ! 25,000 of the Faultfinder do say they "never saw such a topsy- by additions on his slate. He will hit upon the turvy house." Ah, if we would only remember wrong and get the right, you may be sure.—Early

THE BABY FOR ME.

I have heard about babies angelic With a heavenly look in their eyes, And bair like the sunbeams of morning When first they appear in the skies,

And mouth like the buds of a rose, And themselves like the lilies and daisies, And every sweet flower that grows.

That any one ever did see; But he's just the right baby for me! His smile's not at all like a cherub's, But rather a comical grin;

When sunbeams are wondrously thin. Are remarkably earthly with fun; And his mouth's rather large for a rosebud,

Unless 'twere a half-opened one. In the least. They're a strong little pair.

As oft he gets me-by the hair! And he isn't a bit like a lily, Or any sweet blossom that grows, For no flower on earth, I am certain, Has a dear little cunning pug nose,

He's himself-full of mischief, the darling, And naughty as naughty can be; And I'm glad that he isn't angelic?

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ed large ones are not torgotten. fine white gum arabic powder, put in a pitcher, | The body of an oyster is a poor, weak thing, and pour on it one pint of boiling water, cover it

Remember that mirrors should never be hung where the sun shines directly upon them. They As the rings we observe in the section of the trunk spread on glass to form a looking glass, is easily ruined by the direct, continued exposure to the

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