= THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Poetry.

meet him."

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with delight.

"Yes; is there one here?"

added, sceing she hesitated.

there," pointing to the house.

" Ten cents, if you please."

ed Mr. King, who was standing near.

would have charged me."

difficult to say much.

Dick's face was radiant.

How ---- is it ?"

to carry bundles.

ed things ?" he queried. "I'd like to see Mr. King

again. Guess I'll walk up that way, maybe I'll

"Have a carriage, ma'am ?' he asked, politely.

"No ma'am, there never is at this station. Bu

The lady smiled. "I wasn't thinking of that.

I'll take your things up for you. Cheap, too," he

I was wondering if I could walk as far as my

"Two-four-five-yes, that's signt,"she remark-

ed, as Dick placed are bundles on the hall table.

"Tnere's twenty-five, just half what a hackman

" Does that make you enough, Richard ?" inquir-

"More, sir." Something in his throat made i

"Ah ! yes-Bible pay-good measure-pressed

down-running over. You've found him a good

master this week. Better take him for life, my

Dick thought he would like to, and resolved to

Friday dawned clear and beautiful, and there

was no happier boy at the picnic than Richard

Frye, because he had tried to help himself in the

THE BEWITCHED HAMMER.

ask his teacher about it the next Sabbath.

"OVER THE RIVER." BY NANCIE A. W. PRIEST.

Over the river they beckon to me, Lov'd ones who've crossed to the other side, The gleam of their snowy robes I see, But their voices are lost in the dashing tide. There's one with ringlets of sunny gold, And eyes the reflection of heaven's own blue. He crossed in the twilight gray and cold, By the pale mist hid from mortal view; We saw not the angels who met him there, The gates of the city we could not see; Over the river, over the river My brother stands waiting to welcome me.

Over the river the boatman pale Carried another, the household pet, Her brown curls waved in the gentle gale, Darling Minnie, I see her yet. She crossed on her bosom her dimpled hands, And fearlessly entered the phantom bark, We felt it glide from its silver sands, And all our sunshine grew strangely dark; We know she is sate on the further side, Where all the ransomed and angels be; Over the river, the mystic river, My childhood's idol is waiting for me. Ah! none return from those quiet shores, Who cross with the boatman cold and pale; The dip is heard of the golden oars, A glimpse is caught of the snowy sail ; And lo 1 they've passed like a fleeting dart, They've crossed the stream and are gone for aye ; We may not sunder the vail apart That hides from our vision the gates of day, We only know that their bark no more May sail with us o'ar he's stormy sea; Yet some mere, I know, on the unseen shore, They watch, and beckon, and wait for me. And I sit and think, when the sunset's gold Is flushing river and hill and shore, I shall one day stand by the water cold : And list for the sound of the boundar; I shall watch for a glasse of the flapping sail; I shall here the boat as it gains the strand, I shall pass from sight with the boatman pale, To the better shore of the spirit land. I shall know the lov'd ones who have gone before And joyfully sweet will the meeting be, When over the river, the peaceful river, The Angel of Death shall carry me.

The Fireside.

HOW DICK WENT TO THE PICNIC. "Where in the world is that boy " Mrs. Frye right way .- Congregationalist. took her hand from the suds and went to the barn.

" Dick, what are you doing ?" "Making a box for the cat. Going to sell her, On a warm October afternoon, Miss Julia Mc-

Thankful that he was in no worse mischief, his for Mrs. Smith, suddenly stopped scouring her tins, and vaulting upon the large oaken table, set down THE Subs

the hill, beyond the sound of his tormentors. family about the hammer. And Lawrence promis-Heated and panting, he threw himself under a tree. ed, but he told the story as a great secret, to his "There, old fellow, you didn't catch me this best boy friend, and has friend told it to a little time !" and he shook his fist at the invisible foe. girl, and she told her big brother, and he told his Thursday evening came, and Dick had earned papa, and the papa wrote it down and sent it to thirty-five cents selling eggs and running on er- the editor, for, as Miss McCloskey does not subrands, but fifteen more were needed before he could scribe to this paper, thousands of little boys and go to the picnic. It did seem too bad. girls may laugh at her mistake without hurting That talk Monday afternoon down on the wharf her feelings a particle. And the little readers, had given him some new ideas. He wondered it and the parents who read this story to children Jesus really did think about him except on Sun- who cannot read for themselves, may, after they days. Somehow he had felt differently since be-ginning to pray every day, instead of once a week. "Do you s'pose I should have stolen those berries they do not understand are caused by bad spirits. "Do you s'pose I should have stolen those berries they do not understand are caused by bad spirits. days. Somehow he had felt differently since be- bave laughed all they care to, remember that it is if I hadn't asked him to keep me from doing wick- -- Christian Weekly.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

In one of the baronnial castles of the north, which had been uninhabited for years, there were heard at times such extraordinary noises as to confirm the opinion among the country people that the A distant whistle announced the coming of a train. Dick always made it a point to be at the depot at such times, for people often wanted a boy place was haunted. In the western tower an old A lady stepped from the cars laden with a couple were permitted to live, who had been in travelling bag, shawl, umbrella, and numerous the service of a former lord; but so imbued were they with the superstitions of the country, that "Ah !" cried Dick, following her into the ladies

room, "here's a first class job," and he chuckled the cries of the disturbed spirits of the mansion. An old story was current that an heir apparent had been murdered by an uncle, that he might possess the estate, who, however, after enjoying it for a

> that he retired with an uneasy conscience from the domain, and died in France. Not many years ago the property descended to a

branch of the female line-one of the heroes of to make this castle his place of residence. As the "What ! the minister ? Guess I do-it's only up noises were a subject of real terror to his tenantry he resolved to sleep in the castle the night he took "Oh, well, if you will take my baggage, I'll go. possession, in order to do away these superstition

fears. Not a habitable room could be found ex-

gloomy abode, leaving his servant, to his no small discomfort, at the village inn; and after having tound everything comfortably provided, turned the large, old, rusted key upon the antiquated pair, who took leave of him to ludge at a farm hard by. It was one of those nights which are checkered with occasional gleams of moon-shine and darkness, when the clouds are riding on a high wind. He slept well for the two first hours, and was then awakened by a low, mournful sound that ran through the apartments. This warned him to be up and accoutred. He descended the turret stairs with a brilliant light, which, on coming to the ground-floor, cast gigantic shadow of himself upon the high embattled walls. Here he stood and

listened; when presently a hollow moan ran through the long corrider, and died away. This was followed by one of a higher key, a sort of

scream, which directed his footsteps with more certainty to the spot. Pursuing the sounds he ST. JOHN SLATE MANTEL MARBLEIZING and get money to go to the picnic on Friday." Closkey, who was cook, chambermaid and waitress found himself in the great hall of his ancestors,

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WORKS. ve entered in under the name, style and firm of work, making his box like the cattle came he had "It's jist the day to clane me dinin'-room carpet; which had been stormy, suddenly became still; the Mantles. Table Tops, and Wash Stand Tops, &c., of the further storm is months but'll derive derive her storm in a stand on the further work and on the further work and on the further work and the further storm in a stand on the further work and the further w mined to wait for all that was terrible. The night seen on the freight trains, open at the sides and on it's little weather we'll have for six months but'll dark, flitting clouds had sunk beneath the hori-best quality and newest designs. In additition to Marbleized Mantel, our stock will em-La Cream of the West: 200 barrels Middletown; 20 barrels Alpin; 500 barrels Gilt Edge; 500 barrels Youn top, with only narrow bars nailed across. Part of be too wet to let a carpet touch the grass. An' zon, and the moon insinuated her silvery light brace first-class stoves of latest patterns from the best

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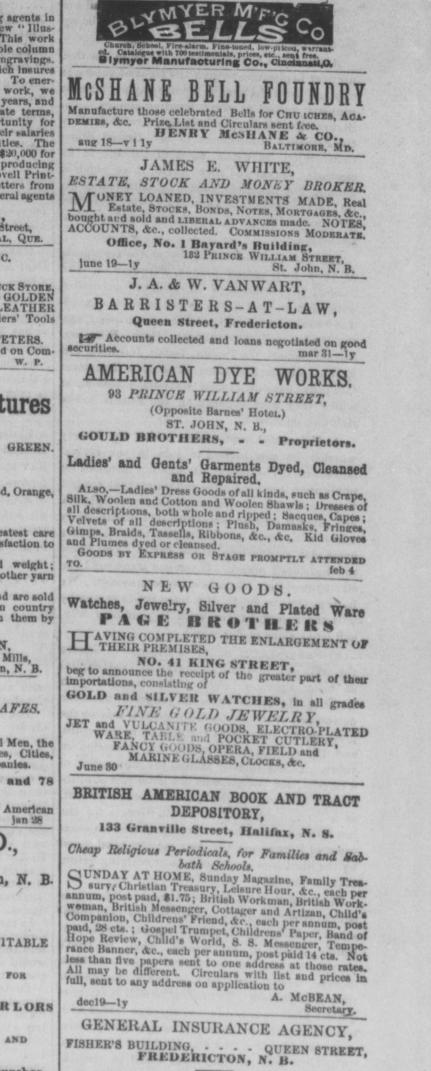
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mother went back to her washing and sighed to stared vacantly into the street for a moment, and his lamp and folding his cloak about him, deterthink how poor they were. Dick kept busy at his then exclaimed

me see," he mused, crowding back poor Tabitha's having some disagreement with his cousins, and retraced his steps to the turret. When mornright."

Dick sallied forth into the July sunshine, but closet as he heard the servant's approaching foot- lies, where my sword has pinned him fast; bring couraged, and let pussy out.

Mrs. Frye was washing the dinner dishes.

"I say, mother, I'm going fishing." "Well, don't tumble overboard," she said

anxiously.

For more than an hour Dick sat on the end of fishes seemed to be taking an afternoon nap.

parson !"

"Fishing Richard ?" Mr. King never called him prised to find the smaller end again covered with Dick.

"Yes, sir ; but they don't bite." "Ah! Simon Peter had that same trouble once. | little boy very much.

Out all night and caught nothing." The minister had the queerest way of talking said she, picking off the tacks and teeling the

about men in the Bible-just as if he were acquaint hammer gently with her thumb and forefinger, ed with them.

"It was a little strange," he continued, "that Christ should ask him to push out into deep water ; the last place to find fish, isn't it ?"

"Yes, sir : they keep in near the shore most always."

" It wasn't a favorable time, either. If ever you | mer.

go to the Sea of Galilee, I advise you not to try fishing in the torenoon. By the way, I suppose any more tricks," said the clean'y servant kneeling

you will go to the picnic ?" "If I can earn the money. That's what I want | laid the hammer into the saucer of tacks again,

these gsh for-to sell."

"Peter found some money in a fish's mouth once."

Dick opened his eyes. "I never heard of that ?" clap his hands to his mouth to keep him from "Didn't you ? Read the seventeenth chapter of saying, "Yes, often." But Miss McCloskey was Matthew when you go home. And, if I were in not in the habit of giving up easily, so she took your place, I would ask Jesus to help me in this the hammer to the grate, and scoured it smartly

matter." "Ask Him how to earn money ?" said Dick

aghast. "Certainly. Why not? You don't see the way | makin' me no more throuble, I'll warrant, an'clear yourself, and He is the Sight. Just the time to | holy mither !" go to the Lord, when we need him, and men can,

for those who cannot afford to buy."

"No, sir," replied Dick, with emphasis.

"Boys who help themselves always make the "The ould thing's bewitched !" exclaimed Miss I hev succeeded in collectin my haf of that claim. smartest men," said Mr. King. "But, Richard, McCloskey, dropping the hammer as it the handle The balince is hopeless." don't let yourself out to Satan's service. I dare say burned her fingers. "I'll niver touch it again as he has plenty of odd jobs to be done this week, long as I live." And Miss McCloskey crossed herwaiting for just such boys as you; but don't be self as a great many good people do when they

an old barrel-hoop served for a handle, and it was the byes, bless their troublesome little bodies, are through the chinks of the mouldering pile. As manufacturers. with no little satisfaction that he held it up to gone to their cousins, an' I won't have nobody to our hero had spent the morning in the chase, pester me at all."

"There, Tabitha Maria, how do you like your Miss McCloskey was a perfect treasure of a ser-"There, Tabitha Maria, how do you like your Miss McCloskey was a perfect treasure of a ser-the table. His dream was short, for close upon of entire satisfaction can be given. ALL STOVES WAR new quarters? Not much room to turn around, is vant; whatever she thought needed attention was him issued forth the horrid groan; amazed he RANTED. new quarters? Not much room to turn around, is there? But you've plenty of good air—needn't be afraid of smothering. Oh, ho !" he continued, as him issued forth the horrid groan; amazed the started up and sprang at the unseen voice, fixing with a powerful blow his Toledo steel in the arras. taking up the diping room carpet. I regret to say do. You're not such a beauty that your looks will that two or three minutes before she returned, this moment the moon shot a ray that illuminated help me any." Down went the box, while another Master Lawrence Smith, one of the troublesome the hall, and showed that behind the waving tolds bit of shingle was added to pussy's prison. "Le'- " byes " whose bodies Miss McCloskey had blessed. there lay the cause concealed. He left his sword

head, "you're worth about a quarter; then, if strolled home, and guiltily sought comfort in the ing came a welcome crowd greeting him, asked if those hens will lay a little extra this week, I'm all family cake-box, which was in the dinieg-room he had met the ghost. "Oh ! yes," replied the closet. He had barely time to shut himself in the knight, "dead as a door nail behind the screen he

found that cats were a drug in the market; every- steps, so you can be sure he watched her very the wrenchingbar, and we'll haul the disturber out." body owned one, so he came home tired and dis- closely through the key-hole, hoping he would With such a leader, and broad day to boot, the

have an early chance of escape. Miss McCloskey spread the carpet neatly, and sword was fixed; when lo ! in a recess lay the fragbegan to drive the tacks, when she noticed that ments of a chapel organ, and the square wooden several of them clung to the small end of the ham- trunks made for hallowed sounds were used as

props, to stay the work when the hall was coated "I wonder what sticky sthuff them byes hev had round with oak. The wondering clowns laughed the wharf, patiently watching his line, but the this hammer in ?" said Miss McCloskey aloud, as aloud at the mysterious voice. It was the northern she picked the tacks off and gave the hammer a blast that found its way through the crannies of "I don't blame 'em." he muttered. "I'm most vigorous wipe on her apron. Then she went on the wall to the groaning pipes that had alarmed melted here in the sun. My ! here comes the with her work, but happening to lay the hammer the country round for a century past .-- National in the saucer of tacks for a moment, she was sur- Protestant.

tacks. Master Lawrence saw through the key-hole the expression on her face, and it amused that bad

and again it bristled with tacks.

"There," she exclaimed, starting for the tacks to

with ashes.

Like a wasp, like a sprite, "Sure, an' its powerful sticky, whatever it is," Like a goose, like an eel, Like a top, like a kite, Like an owl, like a wheel. Like the wind, like a snail, 'an' yit it don't seem so to the touch." She went to the butler's pantry, and carefully Like a knife, like a crow, washed the hammer with scap and water. Master Like a thorn, like a flail, Lawrence saw his chance to escape, but he was Like a hawk, like a doe. willing to be detected for the sake of seeing the

Like the sea, like a weed, rest of the fun, for he knew the ways of that ham-Like a watch, like the sun, Like a cloud, like a seed, "Now I reckon it won't be afther playin' me Like a book, like a gun, Like a smile, like a tree, down on the carpet again. But as she knelt she Like a lamb, like the moon,

Like a bud, like a bee, Like a burr, like a tune. "Now did iver any one see the loike av that ?' Like a colt, like a whip, exclaimed Miss McCloskey, and Lawrence had to Like a mouse, like a mill, Like a bell, like a ship,

Like a jay, like a rill, Like a shower, like a cat, Like a frog, like a toy, Like a ball, like a bat

Most of all-like a boy. test the cleanliness of the hammer, "now you'll be Horace Greeley used to tell this story. He once

As the astonished girl lifted the hammer, a sent a claim for collection to a Western lawyer, not help us. Do you want a ticket given you, whole string of tacks came with it, and although and regarding it as rather a desperate claim, told Richard ? You know the superintendent has a few some of them dropped when she took the hammer, the attorney if he collected it he might reserve half several spirited tacks seemed to resolve never to the amount for his fee. In due time Mr. Greeley abandon the hammer until forced to do so. received the following laconic epistle : "Deer Sur,

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BRUSHES, GLASS, &c. 665 SACKS Java and Ceylon COFFEE : Sychests and Motts' Broma, Cocoa and Chocolate ; 14 hhds. Porto Rico and Barbados Sugar ; 80 boxes Layer and Valoncia Ral-sins ; 10 brls. Currants ; 80 firkins Cumberland Butter 1/4 tons Cheese : 80 doz. bottles Mixed Pickles, Sauves, &c ; &c ; 50 doz. bottles Table Salt ; 3 brls. Ginger ; 2 cases Preserved Ginger ; 90 sacks of Rice ; 20 brls. Oatmeal ; 6 tons Pork ; 40 quintals Codfash ; 80 quintals Pollock ; 400 sacks Coarse Salt ; 50 Sacks Fine Salt ; 3000 bushels Oats ; 8 tons Feed ; 500 boxes Window Glass ; 1 pipe Olive Off ; 9 casks Brandram's Boiled and Raw Linseed Ol ; 130 kegs Brandram's Best White Lead and Colored Paints ; a large assortment of Grainers and Fancy Celours, Lakes in Scar-let, Crimson, and Purple, Carmine, &c. ; 1 cask Carson's Anticorosion Paint ; 2 casks Fire Proof Paint ; Paint and Wall Brushes, Sash Toola, White Wash, &c. ; 25 packages Gold Leaf ; London Copal Varnishes in tins and on draught ; 35 boxes Extract Logwood ; 1 ton Redwood ; 25 bris. and casks of Lamps, Chimneys and Burners, with a general assortment of Groceries. Provisions & Ford 25 bris. and casks of Lamps, Chimneys and Burners, with a general assortment of Groceries, Provisions, &c.. Fo JAMES WILLIAMS, For sale at market rates by jan 22 Main Street, Portland.

