

Poetry.

THE LITTLE LIGHT-KEEPER.

Here is the story of a little child Who, with her father, lived beside the sea. On a lone island, from whose rocks was piled A lighthouse tower of stoutest masonry— A sleepless sentinel whose beaming eye Watched through the night to ward off danger nigh. One day her father, who had gone ashore, Failed with the early twilight to return; And so she sat, and wondered more and more Until the evening star began to burn, And thought, "Our light should be as true as ray, Least ships should be misled and cast away."

The Fireside.

A WOMAN AT THE BOTTOM OF IT.

"To tell the truth said John Haviland, as he thrust aside his paper and faced the little group in the parlor, "I am fast growing out of patience with this strange woman, made up, as far as we are aware, of nothing but the two sexes, if a woman would occasionally be found at the bottom of anything good. It is the injustice of the thing that makes me angry. Now there are hundreds of us poor fellows who owe all we are, and all we can hope to become, in this world or the next to the masculine love of woman."

Tom, said he, the firm was to send one of the clerks this summer to France, to buy goods, and they have offered the chance to me, provided I could speak French; but as 'out, 'is about the extent of my French, it is no good for this child. What a fool I was not for studying it when I was a boy! 'Well, said Tom, 'whose chance is next? 'Why, yours, of course. They will put the question all around, out of politeness; and as none of us can speak, why, somebody will be engaged, and all of us benefited. 'Very sorry! Great pity! ' 'Well, said Tom, 'it can't be helped; and there is no time, I suppose, to study now; so I must just do the best I can. Mr. Toutette, shall you and I have a little chat and perhaps I may pass muster? Mr. Toutette, and Tom entered into an animated conversation, very much to the surprise of all present, which having been kept up, in double-quick time, for some fifteen minutes, Mr. Toutette very cordially left his partners that Tom was fully competent for the place."

Tom returned to his friend, who met him with a right good 'Hi, ha, ho.' 'Ah, Tom, no use, I told you this. My French has been approved of, and I am done here—I sail in the next steamer. 'You don't say so! But, Tom, when did you learn French? 'When you were teaching Grotto. 'A new light flashed across the vision of Grotto's master. 'What, said he, 'while I was fooling over that dog, you were studying? 'Just so; and you now know what success our time has rewarded. 'By the judicious disposal of time, one young man was on the high road to mercantile fame and fortune, whilst, by throwing away time, another, of equal abilities, was doomed to drudgery and clerkship all his days."

CHILD'S NIGHT SONG. BY MRS. M. J. BETTS. Sun, sun, shining sun, Leave us, for the day is done, We are tired of so much light, Come to us, O, rosy night, Draw thy curtains round our heads, And above our little beds, Till the day again is here, Though the sun is out of sight, We are not afraid of night; He who made both night and day, And he loveth every one, Everything beneath the sun. 'Well, Tom, no use, I told you this. My French has been approved of, and I am done here—I sail in the next steamer. 'You don't say so! But, Tom, when did you learn French? 'When you were teaching Grotto. 'A new light flashed across the vision of Grotto's master. 'What, said he, 'while I was fooling over that dog, you were studying? 'Just so; and you now know what success our time has rewarded. 'By the judicious disposal of time, one young man was on the high road to mercantile fame and fortune, whilst, by throwing away time, another, of equal abilities, was doomed to drudgery and clerkship all his days."

USEFUL HINTS. To improve rusty black, rinse the fabric, whatever it is, in warm water with bluing—about a teaspoonful to a pint; in cold water, add a little soap. The most active prolongers of youth are wholesome food, pure air, regular habits, and plenty of exercise for both mind and body. With these, added disposition, and a good temper, Father Time will do little harm. Crop may be cured in one minute, and the remedy is simply alum and sugar. The way to accomplish the act is to take a knife or grater and shave off in small particles a teaspoonful of alum, then mix it with the sugar, and rub the hair with it as much as possible. Almost instantaneous relief is given. Every family should have one or more safety lamps, and allow no other to be carried about the premises. In each room in the corn crib or about the barn where lights are frequently needed, should be suspended a hook out of the way of collision in passing on which to hang the lamp. Never allow it to be deposited on the floor where a careless person might knock it over and give trouble. Borax is the best cockroach exterminator yet discovered. This troublesome insect has a peculiar aversion to it, and will never return where it has once been scattered. As salt is a perfectly harmless to human beings, it is much to be preferred for this purpose to the poisonous substances commonly used. For cleansing the hair nothing is better than a solution of borax-water. Wash after with pure water if it leaves the hair too stiff. Borax dissolved in water is also an excellent dentifrice, or tooth-wash. GOLD IN THE HEAD.—A cold in the head can be cured at once if taken care of in the very beginning. Dissolve a tablespoonful of borax in a pint of hot water; let it stand until it becomes tepid; sniff the water through the nostrils two or three times daily, or use the dry powdered borax like snuff, taking a pinch as often as required. At night have a handkerchief saturated with spirits of camphor, and place it near the nostrils, so as to inhale the fumes while sleeping. FURKIN-FUR RECIPE.—Take one pint of pumpkin that has been stewed soft and pressed through a colander; mix in half a pint of warm milk a quarter of a pound of butter, and a same quantity of sugar, stirring them well together; one pint of cream will be better than milk or butter. Beat eight eggs very light, and add to the other ingredients alternately with the pumpkin, then stir in a wine-glass of rose-water and two glasses of wine mixed together, a large tablespoonful of powdered mace and cinnamon mixed, and a grated nutmeg. Having stirred the whole very thoroughly put it into a tin, and bake three quarters of an hour. SPOON SPOON.—Stew together, until tender, peas, beans, barley, or rice, onions, tomatoes, or other vegetables, leaving the broth quite thick and rich. If there is a good deal of broth, it may be thickened by bits of bread toasted and dropped in, and it may be seasoned more or less. It is said that this and similar soups are used by peasants and laborers, and that they contain more nutriment than six times their cost in butchers' meat. CAKES FOR THE BIRD.—Boil the chicken in water sufficient to make a good dressing, till the meat will easily fall from the bones—the latter to be all removed. Mix the meat well together, season with salt, butter and a little flour. Make a crust in the usual manner, line dishes two or three inches in depth with plenty of grass, paste over the top and bake an hour. This is a great improvement upon putting in the bones, as it does away with a choice in the pie."

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