24th. 1877, deeply regretted. Far away from home and loved ones, In a distant stranger-land, In the hour of pain and sickness Cared for by a stranger-hand.

Many prayers were offered for him, . Prayers that Jesus would restore Health and strength unto the dear one, That he might return once more.

But alas! the prayers of loved ones Could not stay the "Unseen Hand;" Prayers and tears were unavailing, He died in a stranger-land.

Strangers watched by his death pillow, Strangers heard his last request; While fond hearts were yearning towards him, 'Mid strangers he sank to rest.

But a few months since he left us In young manhood's strength and bloom; Ah! how sad to see him lying Shrouded, coffined for the tomb.

We trust he had Jesus with him; "I am going home," he said; Not on earth to dwell with loved ones, But to heaven's sweet home instead.

Farewell! ah we say it sadly, While the tears of sorrow fall; Hearts are crushed and fond hopes shattered By death's dark and gloomy pall.

Through our tears we look to Jesus, Trusting still He knoweth best : While the autumn leaves are falling He is laid away to rest. H. C. W.

## THE GRUMBLER.

HIS YOUTH. His coat was too thick and his cap was too thin, He couldn't be quiet, he hated a din; He hated to write, and he hated to read, He was certainly very much injured indeed; He must study and work over books he detested, His parents were strict, and he never was rested He knew he was wretched as wretched could be, There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he. HIS MATURITY.

His farm was too small and his taxes too big, He was selfish and lazy, and cross as a pig; His wife was too silly, his children too rude And just because he was uncommonly good, He never had money enough or to spare, He had nothing at all fit to eat or to wear : He knew he was wretched as wretched could be. There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

HIS OLD AGE. He finds he has sorrows more deep than his fears. He grumbles to think he has grumbled for years; He grumbles to think he has grumbled away. His home and his fortune, his life's little day. But, alas! 'tis too late, -- it is no use to say That his eyes are too dim, and his hair is too gray. He knows he is wretched as wretched can be. There is no one more wretchedly wretched than he. -Dora Goodale (10 years old), St. Nicholas for Dec.

## The Lireside.

CHRISTMAS STORY.

BY J. M'NAIR WRIGHT. Two days before Christmas, and asleep in the two home-comers found him.

The carriage drew up, out jumped Laura Webb, and more slowly came Mrs. Webb, and the coachset the basket close to the sleeper.

"Why," cried Miss Laura, "here's a boy! Wake up, boy; you'll die sleeping in the storm; why don't you go home?"

He was up in a second, broad awake and alert; he was used to waking on the defensive. "How farther. "It's very damp and slape," he said. can I go to what I an't got," he said crossly. "Haven't any home, and your age! Why haven't you any home?" rattled Laura.

The scowl on the boy's face darkened. "Long o' that," he said, and he hit the champagne basket with his foot.

"What is that, my son?" asked Mrs. Webb, turning from the parcels in the carriage. "What! why I'm like a thousand other boysthe poison rich people take such a shine to, and and a somewhat abashed face.

he was far from a pleasant-looking boy then, grief, explanation of the word slape." hate, and woe contending in his face. decision in her voice, "my mind is made up; to ing with hearty good-humor.

about it." "O aunt!" expostulated Laura, "no wine, and tress of the instrument. to look so queer and dismal, all because this boy's ." Oh!" asked the princess, "I am to become father, and other poor fellows, will get drunk on mistress of my piano, am I?"

gin and rum." "Oh!" said the boy, shrugging his shoulders, " my father got drunk like a gentleman, on wine; ly ?" asked Victoria.

you need a dinner, and to get warm; you look a great mystery. need, a boy in this house."

streets, without a place to go. Why, I'm not nice standing in the graceful simplicity of youth by the enough to sit in this fine room, ma'am."

child?

up to you." The read of the tests wrong about him."

said Mrs. Webb.

Twist-boy," said Laura. She laid the loss of her sington, where so many pleasant hours of her life wine to the boy, and was angry. The hot temper of the forlorn child boiled over; with undiminished affection.

he leaped from the rug. "There is something Here she first took the hand and won the love of wrong," he cried, turning his back on Laura, and Albert, who afterwards became her husband; and head, a nosegay; change head and final, a girl's holding out his hands toward Mrs. Webb, "but it here she first heard the cry that has never ceased to name; change final, a flower; change head, to isn't that. I'm ashamed of my name, ma'am, for it be a prayer among the people, "Long live Vic. stop; change final, to place. was my father's and he's in the state-prison for life. toria !" I am ashamed, for my mother said my grandfathers When she was eighteen, her uncle, William IV., were as nice as any, and I've seen the good house reigning king, died in 1837, and at five o'clock in where they used to live, and rich folks live there, the morning the Archbishop of Canterbury arrived while I run like this. It was drinking did it, at the palace to communicate to her the important

your father, after-he was sentenced, and he said head. Hers has been a happy queenhood, bright you and your mother had died in a hospital. She skies have overarched her, and flowers have decked had not heard of him for six years before." "Mother's name was Annie Lynn; she died," call her blessed. -- The Churchman.

said the boy in a passion of tears, "but I got out. I wish I hadn't; oh, oh dear, oh me!" "His mother," protested Mrs. Webb to Laura, "never forgave me because I first put temptation

tried often to find them all after I came from Eu- inquire where he had been. rope; and then the first news was his sentence. O poor boy, poor boy!" The dinner had come, and the servant had re- in astonishment. go," he said; "I can't eat, I'm not hungry any chanic."

"Go!" cried Mrs. Webb, running after him; "go! never; not so long as I live. If I ruined young lady. He is now a wealthy man, and has your father I can save you. And maybe your mo- one of the best of women for his wife.

adopted son, a bright boy, named Harry Richards. erable girl is obliged to take in washing to support The story of his father no one ever knew, and in herself and children. three months after their first brisk encounter, Harry and Laura were the best friends in the world, whose brothers are but well-dressed loafers ! and she was his teacher in English grammar and deportment. - Banner.

sake."

SOMETHING ABOUT A QUEEN.

BY JULIET C. MARSH.

There is always a pleasure in hearing about royalty. Kings and queens possess an interest for us that is world-wide, and it does not exist only a menial to one of them yourself. among grown people, but I think the little folks Far better discharge the well-fed pauper, with and retail, Market square and Germain street.

CLARKE, KERR & THORE. have quite as large a share of curiosity about those his rings, jewelry, brazenness, and pomposity, and who wear crowns and sit on thrones, and how the take to your affections the callous-handed, intellisons and daughters of royal houses amuse them- gent and industrious mechanic. - Selected. selves during the three hundred and sixty-five days that make a year Sometimes a door in these wonderful houses is left ajar; and then stories and anecdotes of the little princes and princesses do get out of the royal nurseries, and are set affoat in the world for thousands of eager eyes to read the record of these lives in the palaces.

"As happy as a queen!" we sometimes say. I wonder who first used that expression to denote the standard of perfect content? I am very sure it was not a queen; for the head that wears a crown is also crowned with the anany sorrows inseparable from greatness. But I believe many a wretched king and tired queen has thought, "As happy as a peasant." Still there is one name in the royal record over which the word "happy" may be writ-

ten. Happy as a queen-and woman. Of her I will tell you something. It hardly seems possible that the grave and beloved sovereign of England—Queen Victoria—was once a small child playing about in the grand old gardens of Kensington, the home of her early years. Perhaps no child of royal blood ever passed such a merry, unclouded youth as this little Victoria. From the moment of her birth, the people of England recognized her as the lawful heiress to the throne; and of course much interest was felt in her education and training, both moral and mental; for England has had her share of bad kings and

queens, and the pages of her history bear many

While she was yet an infant, the country was thrown into excitement by hearing that some boys out shooting birds had broken the window of her royal chamber, and that the ball passed directly chilly air where the snow-flakes were flying, was a over the head of the little queen, sleeping in her twelve year old boy, a vendor of Christmas greens. | cradle. Her mother, the Duchess of Kent, an in-A dark, handsome, neglected child, he lay with his telligent and lovely lady, did not seelude the youthlast unsold bundle of mistletoe and cedar beside ful princess from the observation of the people him on the steps of a brown-stone house, and there | but allowed her to take her walks and drives where she might be seen, in order that she should early grow into the hearts of those whom she was in time to govern. She once made a visit to Wentworth man set on the steps a basket of champagne. He House with her mother. The humerous guests were strolling about the gardens, admiring the beautiful flowers and trees. The lively little Victoria, somewhat in advance of the rest, turned suddenly down a steep and shady walk, but was quickly warned by the gardener not to proceed

"Slape," inquired Victoria with much genuine surprise, "slape; and pray what is that?" "Slippery; very slippery, your highness," replied the man.

"Oh, is that all?" and, quite heedless of the warning, she went running along the forbidden In another moment both feet slipped from under

her, and she was rolling down the descent. The rags, barefoot, hungry, no home but an empty box owner of the grounds hastened to her assistance, or bin, sellin' Christmas greens, an' such, long o' and picked up the princess with a very soiled dress

"Indeed I have, my lord, and I think I shall "Laura!" exclaimed Mrs. Webb, with a new never forget the meaning of that word slape," laugh-

please you, I did agree to wine for Christmas and When she first began to take music lessons upon New Year's agreed after all my old lesson; but it the piano-forte the hours of practising were exmust not be. Here, James, carry back the cham- tremely wearisome to her. She was informed one pagne to Mr. Sill, and I will call there and explain day by her teacher that all her future success in that to crawl to his Master's feet, and express his joy at accomplishment depended upon her becoming mis-

"Certainly," was the reply.

"Then what if I should become mistress directwas a gentlemen once, and my mother was a lady " That would not be possible; there is no royal

always. I'm glad she's dead; "but his lips quivroad to learning—peasant and king must go the willingly answered by the editor. Any enterprise our same way.'

"Glad, you wicked boy, you monster!" shrieked same way.'

"Oh! is there no royal road? And I am not a "Roll of Honor," giving the names of those who have

mistress of my piano. See! I will show you; the shall continue to add names to the "Roll" until it is a LEDGERS "Better be dead than cold, and sick, and hungry, royal road is this," closing the instrument, locking mile long, and longer if necessary. Original contrib it, and putting the key in her pocket. "There, are always welcome. Address a Editor, Box 147, Boston P. O.] The carriage rolled away. "Child," said Mrs. that's being mistress of the piano;" and the little Webb, "I will buy your evergreens. Come in ; Victoria walked away with the air of having solved

When she was twelve years of age she was pre-"And some clothes he needs, too," said Laura; sented at court, in the drawing-room of her uncle, "but he won't get them here; that is one thing we William the Fourth. She arrived at the palace with her mother and a retinue of noble ladies. The Boys is plenty," mumbled the waif, following rooms were decorated with a degree of magnificence Mrs. Webb in. "Hundreds of 'em round the not often witnessed even in palaces, and the queen, side of her Majesty Queen Adelaide, was an object My whole is a name well known to the people of "Sit down there before the fire, on the rug, and of most pleasing interest. Splendid presents were New Brunswick. I'll ring for some dinner. What's your name, presented her on this occasion, among them two beautiful ponies, of which she became very fond. "Harry, but I don't like to tell the rest. I But now Victoria was seen no more in the brilmakes up a name for some, but I don't like to make | liant drawing-room of the palace, for she was hard | at work in the school-room, with her numerous pro-"Shocking to tell stories," volunteered Laura. fessors, who were instructing her in drawing, Again, get a verb. "Aunt, if he won't tell his name, there's something music, and the languages. She was not alone in these tasks however, for at times the little princess "So there is something wrong," asserted the boy had for a companion in the old palace a young cou- a jot; an insect; original. My primals read downhad for a companion in the old palace a young cou-sin, Albert, from Germany. He was a handsome, ward, original; my finals read downward, rosy. T. W. W. "But I shall feed him all the same, poor boy," noble-hearted boy, and the two children soon learned to love each other beyond everything else "Just as like as not he's a pickpecket, or helps in the world. Ah! was not this a happy queen to my whole is correct. Nelson. house-breakers, like that boy in Dickens-that find a heart in a court? This old palace of Ken-

was passed, England's great ruler still cherishes | pulp; a land, get a price. XETER.

ma'am ; my father went wild on drinking, and his tidings which proclaimed her queen, and that very | Mode, Ste name my name, ma'am was Harry Livermore morning she held her first council. When the Oatmeal. For sale at Low prices. herald read aloud the proclamation that proclaimed

"Harry Livermore Richards, and in state-prison her sovereign of England, overwhelmed by the for life!" said Mrs. Webb faintly, and quivering as scene, she, weeping, threw herself into her mother's in a palsy as she sank back in her chair. "God arms. The Duke of Sussex, her uncle, advanced, forgive me! your father was my cousin, and his and, kneeling, kissed her hand, saluting her as his first intoxication was at a party at my house." | queen, Placing her arms about his neck, she said, "Do not kneel to me, my uncle; am I not still

Then Laura came to the rescue. "Why, you Victoria your neice?" boy, what was your mother's name? Aunt went to Forty years ago the crown was placed on Victoria's her path; her people and her children rise up and

WOULDN'T MARRY A MECHANIC. A well-dressed and well-behaved young man began visiting a young woman. One evening he called in Harry's way. I don't wonder she felt so. I when it was quite late, which led the young girl to " Had to work to-night."

"What! do you work for a living?" she asked tired wondering. Harry was crying bitterly. "I'll "Certainly," said the young man. "I am a me-

more : I'm sick or something." And he stumbled "I dislike the name of mechanic," and she turned up her pretty nose. That was the last time the young man visited the

ther will forgive me, now she is dead, for your The lady who did not like the name of mechanic, is now the wife of a miserable fool, regular vagrant People said after that that Mrs. Webb had an about grog-shops, and the proud, verdant and mis-

You dislike the name of mechanic, eh? You We pity any girl who has so little brains, who is so simple, as to think less of a young man for being a mechanic -one of God's noblemen-belonging to

men who work for a living, for you may one day be

God's creatures. Jesus Christ himself was a me-

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Father, I have learned to trust, And feel at length that thou art just To take away Each staff and stay, Which hindereth me From trusting thee;

I now resign My will to thine. Not till I found myself forsaken, And all I clung to most was taken-Of friends bereft, Till few were left-

Could I look up, Accept the cup, And calmly say, Be thou my stay. Now with confiding love I rest Upon my precious Saviour's breast, And feel that he

With Jesus near I need not fear. Yes, I have fully learned at last, On him my every care to cast. My nearest friends Are in his hands I'll trust his care, And leave them there ; Say, "Peace, be still !"

My friend will be;

And toils of life

Through all the strife

And wait his will. BOY'S COMPOSITION.

The Boston Courier prints the following "boy's composition;"-" Hens is curious animals. They don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swallow their wittles whole and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put inter pillers and inter feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with marbles and shirt-buttons and sich. A hen is very much smaller than a good many other aminals, but SYDNEY STREET, NEAR UNION they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to fay eggs for plum puddings. Bet your life I like plum puddings. Skinney Bates eat so much plum pudding once that it sent him into the collery. Hens has got wing and can fly when they get scart. I cut Uncle William's hen's head off with a hatchet and it scart her to death. Hens sbmetimes make very fine spring chickens.

THE FAITHFUL Dog. - A shepherd had driven part of his flock to a neighboring fair, leaving his poor folks as well. Killed my mother, too." And "I perceive your royal highness has received an herd forgot all about the dog and the sheep, and did not return till the third day. When he came home his first inquiry was whether his dog had been visited ? "No," was the answer. "Then he must be dead," said the man, sadly; "for I know he was too faithful to descrt his charge." He set off at once to the heath where the sheep were; and there he saw his poor dog with just strength enough seeing him again. Almost immediately after he AND ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF

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Change head of a negative, get a period of time. XXVII.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC. Always; a garden plant; a departure; to discern

XXVIII.—CHARADE. My first is a prefix; my second is an exploit XXIX.—SYNCOPATIOUS. Syncopate a river, get a vow; a swamp, get a

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