BY RICHARD PENROSE. The Lord is my Shepherd I never can stray said ed Jady While his pastoral crook Nor a want can I know

Guides through the llark way ; [ ] While he doth provide, For this he hath promised Whatever betide 110 211 211801

In beds of green pastures He maketh me lie, And restoreth my soul When to him I cry;

Along the still waters He leads beside, In paths that are peaceful-Whatever betide. m square 1839 Yea, though through death's valley I walk to the tomb, 100 20000 11

I'll dread not its shadow, Not fearing its gloom ; W BALL No evil, how threat'ning, Can turn me aside From thy rod and thy staff-Whatever betide.

A plentiful table, Prepared by thine hand, In the presence of those Who would me withstand. My foes, they are silent, And tremblingly hide, For food is provided— Whatever betide.

Thou anointest my head With unctuous oil, My cup runneth over, And rich is the spoil ; Thy kindness shall ever Upon metabide, latin For great is thy favor-Whatever betide.

Thy goodness and mercy Shall follow me on, All the days of my life This earth I'm upon ; I will dwell in thy house, Where thou dost preside And sing loudly thy praise-Whatever betide. Toxteth Park, Liverpoot, England.

> THE GLORY TO BE REVEALED. (Roм. viii, 18)

Ah! little I reck, when the journey is o'er, Of the burdens and griefs I so dreaded and They'll all be forgot as I enter the door. With that light on my face, and that song in my

How small my regard for past troubles and fears, While my harp wakes the music I've longed for for With my Lord in full sight, and myself without

As my tongue sounds its praises again and again!

Then why should I trouble when tossed on The fiercest of storms cannot give me a grave, While Jesus is present to comfort and save.

Though raging the ocean the skies look serene; Though clouds darkly gather, the sun shines be-And bright o'er the billows "the City" is seen

Oh! weakest of cowards! Was ever a saint So feeble as I am, so quick of complaint, So easily downcast, so ready to faint !

My hope is in God! then, my heart, be at rest; The waves swell in wrath, but each glittering cres Is bright with the glory encircling his breast. Rememb'ring the music and the light round the him out."

So soon to be mine when the journey is done!

## The fireside.

JACK SPROUTS CONVERSION. Jack Sprout swore a terrible oath. In fact, swore quite a number of oaths; for he was very angry. It was nothing wonderful for Jack Sprout to swear, ever of the presence of his wife; for he was sadly givengto the habit of using profane language. And yet Jack was a good Irusband, an indulgent father, an industrious man, an accomm dating neighbor, and he possessed many other excellencies of character which might have made him a valuable member of society, had it not been for certain loose habits which had marked his course from childhood. His parents had been careless and profane before him; his father had been a tough, rough customer; so Jack naturally enough came up in the same track. But he was good-looking, and kind-hearted, and genial, and social, and so he had gained for a wife one of the yery best maidens of our town, as well as one of the handsomest.

Master Freddy Sprout, aged five years, stood by his mother's side, with a sadly begrinned and tearstreaked face, and his story was, that Solom in Goidon had whipped him with a stick, and the boy's legs still bore a few slight tokens of the castigation Two other boys had come home with Master Freddy, and their testimony corroborated that which the sufferer had given. Freddy, with some of his playmates, had been throwing stones at Mr. Gordon's dog, and one of the missiles hurled by Freddy had hit the animal and caused him to howl with pain. Of course the stone thrown by such a tiny hand could not have inflicted much injury upon the canine brute; but Solomon Gordon loved his dog, and when he saw what had been done, he caught master Freddy and gave him a thrashing for be it known that Solemon Gordon was just such another as Jack Spront warm-hearted, generous, and neighborly, but rough, uneducated, strong-willed,

Jack Sprout put on his hat and prepared to sally forth. His lips were pale and tightly compressed. and the huge muscles in his arms worked like bundles of ropes, wastell signed out of our "Dear Jack," pleaded his wife, "don't go out

"Let me alone, Abby. No man shall strike a child of mine without having a chance to strike me. I shall go and see Sol. Gordon, and I'll give him such a licking as he won't 'orget in a hurry !" And Jack closed the sentence with a terrible oath. " No, no, Jack, don't go, What good will it do !

Wait until you are more cool." "Pshaw! Go away, Abby. There is not power enough on earth to save Sol. Gordon from drubbing, and I'll give it to him before the sun for good or for ilk goes down," chosend I soul grad allow mint

And as Jack Spront looked at that moment he gave awful evidence that he was able to make good evening and they had been sitting for some time 54. Glas-gow. his word; for a more magnificent structure of framework and muscle was not to be found in the Saul of Tarsus, that you read to Freddy last Sun-

town." "Dear Jack," cried the wife, taking her husband by the arm, "O, do listen to me one moment. Freddy is not much hurt, and he ought not to have thing and everybody. He who bestows it is as thrown stones at Gordon's dog. You know both much blessed as be that begins at a stable of Solomon and his family set everything by the dog, and he would not bark at the boys if they did not around her husband's neck, kindly said, see plague him. If you go and find Gordon as you are now, you will only make matters werse. O, I wish would?

you would drop it the seless of the bolish said of Jack only shook his head and smiled one of those

smiles which are so terrible upon the face of an angry man.

Chid and Seth were great crouted though the control of the father was a faster and Seth were great crouted thought the father was a faster and Seth were great crouted thought the father was a faster and Seth were great crouted thought the father was a faster was a very good blacksmith, as

nobler strength that you can use now."

religion as much as you please, but you mustn't | The truth of the matter was that Chad and Seth preach the stuff to me."

an interest in religious things?" " No, Abby, you were good always."

But Jack would not hear his wife out. Gordon, and he would keep his word. His tem- turned thirteen. his wife away from him, and hurried from the house, red him to look higher for a friend. slamming the door after him.

Jack was a very Hereules, rembers ad may

cooled off before he met the object of his wrath. said one day. of the little one, and only stopping to kick off his just the way it's wanted to. It's better'n fire-cracboots and throw aside his coat, he leaped down kers and rockets; makes a fellow feel like giving into the angry flood. He caught the boy in his three cheers and a tiger. And a blacksmith works arms, and then struck out for the shore. It was a with horses. My sakes ! I just wish I could be a mighty conflict, but the strong man persevered. blacksmith. Say, may I go, mother?" More than once those who had gathered upon the Chad was teasing to go and play with Seth. rocks had reason to fear that neither the man nor the child would come forth alive; but Jack held his ed to be seen with Seth. His clothes are dirty and

as for the boy, he had come forth in safety; for being kept all the time starched and ironed. I Blank Book Manufacturers Jack had held him above the water during all the could play lots better in old clothes. You ought to and was able to speak, he looked to see the boy he ever I saw. I've seen him turn 'em, one after

older than was his son Freddy. "Where's papa " asked the drip mig child." ' He is coming," answered some one in the crowd.

"Mercy! What is it, Jack?"

Mrs. Sprout was alarmed. Her husband was dripping wet, his step was tottering, his breathing was labored, and there was a livid mark upon his of contempt. "Why, mother, he's the spooniest, forehead as though he had received a heavy blow, the dumbest, the finnikiest, the chickenest milk-" Its nothing, Abby. " Has Solomon"-

He reigns! And he loves me! No longer I'll moan, flood beneath the falls. I jumped in and brought cept Seth, mother; Seth never calls him names; he "Alive ?"

> "Yes; alive and unhurt," replied Jack. narrow dodge of it."

Jack put on dry garments, and when he had rest- I go, mother ?" an hour all traces of exhaustion had passed away, "I tell you Abby, I have had a good many tough said the mother. obs in my day, but I never had one like that before. A weaker man than I am, could never have first word of his mother's reply, he had rushed for

brought out that child alive." "Oh, how grand it is, Jack, to use one's strength him. -St. Nicholas. such a cause. But whose child was it ? Do you-

Before Jack could answer, the outer door was nceremoniously opened, and Solomon Gordon entered the apartment. Abby shrank back in larm when she saw how pale and excited the man ooked, and how he trembled; for she did not noice the moist, brimming light that shone in his swollen eyes.

"Jack," spoke the new comer in a gasping man ner, at the same time holding out both his hands ne choked and stammered, but presently gained trength to add, "O my God! what can I say Jack! Jack!" Here the stout man broke fairly down, and

Jack, almost as much affected as was his visitor rose and took the extended hand.

"Never mind, Sol. Its all right." "No, no," cried Gordon. "It isn't right. never can be right. Oh! what can I do? Jack, if I only could go back to where I was this morning I beat your child for a trifling thing, and you have saved mine from a terrible death, saved him almost at the expense of your own life. Kill me if you will. Beat me, Jack. Do anything you like, only forgive me, so that this saving act of yours shan't be always like a heap of coals upon my head." And then with a sulden impulse, -under the in-

finence of an emotion such as he never before experienced, Jack Sprout said, -Solomon, I tell you it's all right. You have no more reason to thank God that I saved your child than I have. When I went forth from my house I was full of wrath and madness, and curses were upon my lips and in my heart. I would have sought such revenge as the wild beast seeks. Is it not better that I found your little Andy in the flood? and is it not better that my great strength

was used in saving his life ! I forgive you, Sol, from the bottom of my heart. And new-Lsay, It's Seemingly slight perturbations in the current o' a man's life sometimes work marvellous changes

"Abby," said Jack Sprout, it was late in the without speaking, "I believe I am converted. day, was not more suddenly brought to light than I have been. Really and truly, there is more virtue in kindness than in enmity; it blesses every-

And then the wife, with her arm placed gently "Dear Jack, wouldn't we both be happier if we

Jack interrupted his wife with a derisive sneer, the other a very poor lawyer, and this lessened the Don't laugh at me, Jack. I tell four it would social gap grown with grove set in 2000.

hetter to do so than to resort to blows. If you There was an opinion floating about the village, were attacked I would not blame you for fighting to that Chad and Seth were bad boys. But the eviprotect yourself, but this is not a case that calls for dence for this was very intangible. People were your strength of muscle. There is a higher and ready to pronounce them a " pair of precious young rascals," but when a man was asked for an instance "O ho!" uttered Jack, "you are preaching. of their rascality, he could assert nothing more de-You are giving me some of your Sunday-school les- finite than that they were always up to some missons. But I don't want 'em. You may experience chief.

were two young democrats, full to the brim of life " Jack," spoke his wife, with a stern solemnity, and spirit, who liked fun better than anything else. have I been any worse since I have begun to have Indeed, they considered fun the chief end of boys. They sometimes pursued it thoughtlessly, perhaps recklessly, and often violated proprieties in its par-"Then why will you not listen to me! If you suit. But there was nothing mean about these two

will stay with me now-if you will wait until your boys. To use Chad's favorite word, they were not anger is cooled and then go and speak kindly to sneaks. They were fair on the play-ground, often Solomon Gordon, I give you my solemn word that generous, and Seth especially had a soft spot under you will feel ten times be er than you will if his sooty jacket. He was tender with all the weak. Little boys and "them girls" knew very well their knight, 2006 | 2107/07 , 2211 He had sworn that he would thrash Solomon | Chad and Seth were near the same age-just

per was at the boiling point, and he was fairly ach- The worst thing that I knew about Seth was that ing to get his hands upon the man who had dared he didn't keep his hands and face claun. As for to strike his boy, for Freddy was his pet, and every | Chad, the greatest fault that I found with him was blow that had been laid upon the child's body had that he persisted in his companionship, with Seth been a mark of fire upon his own heart. So he put when he knew that his mother would have prefer-

Away went Jack Sprout with rapid, heavy strides; the association, but Chad knew her preferences, and had Solomon Gordon fallen in his way just and should have respected them. But Seth had a then he would assuredly been severely beaten; for great fascination for Chad. He was a more important factor in Chad's enjoyment then all the boys 4 cases "Firths" Axe Stell; 24 bills. Firth's Square Steel

As he approached the bridge that spanned the river "How can Seth help what his father is ?" Chad just below the falls, he heard loud cries of alarm, asked warmly. "If we boys had the bossing of and upon hurrying forward he found that a boy had our fathers, Soth might have had his a lawyer, and For Gentlemen's Dressing Gowns and Laliss' fallen from one of the projecting timbers into the I'd had mine a blacksmith. I'd rather be a blackwater. He looked over the railing and saw the smith any day than a lawyer. A lawyer don't do little fellow just coming to the surface of the foant- anything that I know of except to read old papers, ing, boiling flood—a early-headed boy, just about the age of his own darling Freddy—stretching forth in the age of his own darling forth i ing, boiling flood a carly-headed boy, just about and then go to the court-room and speak his piece. his tiny arm in an agony of despair. It was a pieces, any way, if there are girls. But a blackterrible place, that seething, roaring pool, where smith's work's jolly-blowing his big bellows till the waters of the great river came pouring down the forge is red and splen lid. Hove to see the redfrom a high dam, but Jack did not hesitate; he for- hot irons, and to hear the hummer ring on the anvil. got his enemy, forgot everything but the danger and to see the sparks fly, and the strong iron bend

"Why, Chad, I should think you'd feel mortifiown against the mad torrent, and finally reached sometimes ragged," the mother said.

the shore, where many hundreds were ready to help "I aint goin' back on Seth for that," said Chad, him. As for himself, a few minutes rest so far restoutly. "He can't help it. His mother's the one stored him that he was able to walk; and he had to haul over the coals for that. Any way, I'd like sustained no injury save afew trifling bruises. And to wear dirty clothes myself sometimes, 'stead of see Seth play; he just pitches in, ramblety-tum-And when Jack Sprout had regained his breath blety. He can turn the jolliest somersaults that had saved, and he saw it was Andy Gordon, a snother, all the way from the top to the bottom of How blissful the notes, how triumphant the strain, bright-eyed, curly-huired, red-faced boy, not a year that big red sand-hill don't you know ! - by Squire Bowers'. Tell me, mother, if I may go,"

"I'm afraid Seth's a bad boy ; people say he is." "He aint bad," said Chad, warmly. "He aint Jack looked up and saw Selomon Gordon com- any sneak. Folks think if a fellow don't stay in ing, -Solomon, pale and terror-stricken, -and with the house and read all the time, he's bad. Seth all pessible haste he seized his coat and boots, and aint any of your sickly kind. He's the jolliest boy hurried away. He could not meet Solomon Gor- in this town, and I can't have any fun without Seth. That's all there is about it. There isn't another boy to play with. Now !"

"There's Frank Finley," the mother suggested. "Frank Finley!" exclaimed Chad, with a tone sop that ever I saw. He parts his hair in the middle, and wears his hair stringing down his back. "Pshaw! D'ye think Solomon Gordon could All the fellows call him Farmy, -all except"-and have done this? I have been in the river. A Chad's cheeks flushed and his eyes brightened with little boy had fallen from the bridge right into the triumphant vindication of his friend, -" all exalways stands up for Frank. He takes Frank in his lap on the sled, just like a baby, to keep him from tumbling off. And Sath's the best skater on "Oh, thank God ? Whose child was it, Jack !" the pond; but he often los is the race, when we "Don't stop to ask questions now, Abby, but boys race, because he's got Frank Finley, tugging make me a cup of hot, strong tea, while I get on him along. And Seth always chooses Frank on his some dry clothes. My soul! I think I had a side in toss-up, 'cause the other fellows won't have

him. I tell you, Seth's a high old trump. Mayn't ed a while, he drank his tea, and in the course of "Yes, I suppose so; but I don't see why boys have to catch all the slang that's floating around,"

But Chad did not hear the remark. With the the street, slamming and banging the doors after LEDGERS,

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

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69. WORD SQUARE. A bird; a nenter verb; a token of assent. A monthly magazine for first solution. PRUDIE.

70.—CHARADE. Whene'er a creature kneels in prayer, My first will always be found there ; My second is much like a tier, And also is a kind of deer. A cruel ruler was my whole,

A man who lived without a soul. Hugo, 71. - METAGRAM. Change head of to peruse, and have successively o control; extinct; a bauble; a meadow; the sum

mit of the body. 72.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA. My 5, 6, 2 is a kind of grain; My 2, 6, 2, a part of the head My 5, 4, 1, 2, a European city; My 1, 2, 3, 4, a common abbreviation; My whole will be a constant source of pleasure

73. -ACROSTIC. He who never hopes is seldo m On this planet to be found, Perhaps on another unknown Earth, such one is, - sorrow-bound

74. - CENTRE DELETION. Delete the centre of cereal food,

And have the face in friendly mood. 75. - Cross-Word Enigma. My first is in house, but not in mouse : My second is in tin, and also in pin; ly third is in vote, but not in dote My fourth is in lend, and also in spend; My whole is where the bees do dwell,

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