But little fingers clasped them, And little lips caressed, And little hands so tenderly Placed them on a "mother's" breast.

The paper that enfolds them Was white in other years. But 'tis yellow now and crumpled, And stained with many tears.

Yet, though they look so worthless, This paper and the flowers, They clasp and hold, like links of gold, Memories of jewel-hours.

I have some little ringlets; They are softly laid away : Their lustre and their beauty Are like the sun's glad ray. But 'tis not for this I prize them-It is that they restore

The tender grace of a loving face That gladdens earth no more. As shipwrecked men at midnight Have oft been known to cling-With a silent prayer, in wild despair, To some frail, floating thing-So I, in darkened moment,

Clasped, with a voiceless prayer, Whilst wandering wide on grief's deep tide, These locks of golden hair.

I have some broken playthings That are softly laid away, With some dainty little garments Made in a long past day, To each there is a history

But this I may not tell, Lest the old, old flood of sorrow Again should rise and swell. Now that the skies are brightened And the fearful storm is o'er, Let me sit in tender calmness, On Memory's silent shore,

And count the simple treasures That still remain to show Where Hope's fair freight, by saddest fate, Was shipwrecked long ago. I have another treasure

That is softly laid away, And though I have not seen it This many a weary day, From every thing around me Comes a token and a sign That 'tis fondly watched and guarded,

And that it still is mine. When the flowers lie dead in winter, In their winding-sheets of snow, We know they'll rise to charm our eyes

Again in summer's glow. Thus I, in this chill season, When frost and darkness reign,

Wait the blest spring whose warmth shall bring, Life to my flower again.

-Home Journal.

## The Fireside.

"TOO RICH TO AFFORD IT."

"I don't want to go to school any more, father." Mr. Palmer raised his eyes in surprise to the face of his first-born, a lad about fifteen. And a bright, intelligent face it was, though a

little clouded now by a feeling of dubiousness as to how his words would be taken. "Why don't you want to go to school any more?" "Well, sir, I'm tired of studying, and-I don't

see any use of it.' "Think that you know enough, that you don't need to learn any more."

The boy colored a little at that quizzical look and "I know as much as George Lyman does, and

he left school three months ago. He says that he aint going to drudge away at school when his father has got plenty of money.' Mr. Palmer turned upon his son's face a look of

grave surprise. "Did George Lyman say that, Walter? His father is a poorer man than I thought him."

"You'are richer than Mr. Lyman is, aint you, father?" cried the boy eagerly. "I hope I was; but that remains to be seen."

"Mr. Lyman is rich, too, father;" everybody as they passed by. says that he is." "That remains to be seen also. So you have quite made up your mind that you don't want

to go to school any more, my son?" "Yes, sir." "You needen't then."

"Oh, thank you, father!" cried Walter, his

champing their bits and tossing their heads impatiently outside the high walls; and Walter experiencface brightening up. ed a feeling of relief as he found himself once more "Wait a minute," said Mr. Palmer, as the boy out in the pure, sweet air and bright sunshine. caught up his hat preparatory to making a dive "How dreadful it must be to have to live in through the open door. "Come back; I have such a place as that !" he said, as reaching an emisomething more to say to you. You have nothing nence he gave a backward glance at the building to thank me for-except, perhaps my good intenwhich looked grim and solitary in the distance. tions. Considering it as the best gift I could

bestow, it was my intention to give you a thorough | Miserable as these men are, they are happier there, education. But there is a homely but true saying: where they are obliged to be orderly and industrious, not make him drink.' So, though I have by no if they were allowed to follow unrestrainedly, the means changed my opinion as to the value of an devices of their foolish and evil hearts.' education, I consent to your leaving school because if you feel as you do, it will be only time and money thrown away. But I want you to understand clearly one thing ; if you don't go to school you will have to go to work. I can't afford to have you idle." Walter's countenance underwent a very percept- I am. I am able to afford you many advantages, all

"Do you mean that I must go out at days' work like Dan Baker and Sam Blake?"

"I mean that you must have some steady I am too rich to afford it. I have a mill, filled with employment; some trade or business, which will give you just so many hours' work, as surely as the week depends on its skillful and prudent manage-

"Why, father, George Lyman and Will Bromly don't have to work; and they say they don't mean landlord is a just and faithful man. These and say that you was the richest man in the county." "I smight be the richest man in two counties, have his boys idle is something that rich men canand yet not be rich enough to afford to have my not afford to do." boy idle."

Mr. Palmer smiled as he saw Walter's puzzled was Walter's only response to this.

"This is a hard thing for you to understand, my son; and I might talk to you from this time until sunset and not make it any more clear to you. To-morrow is Saturday, and you know I always York. take you somewhere that day. This time it shall be Hindostan is more than a hundred times as large Plainfield, where an old schoolmate of mine is living. as Palestine. A visit to him and the place where he lives, will The Great Desert of Africa has nearly the pres-

better explain my meaning than anything I can ent dimensions of the United States. say." The next morning Walter and his father started | Colorado, and it is three times as wide as Ontario. out, bright and early, in the open phaeton, drawn The English Channel is nearly as large as Lake by a pair of well-matched, mettlesome bays, which | Superior. bore them swiftly along the smooth, hard road.

thither through such a beautiful country and so Diego to Baltimore. entirely new to Walter, that he had forgot all about The Caspian Sea would stretch from New York what his father had said the day before, until the carriage stopped in front of a gloomy stone building. to St. Augustine, and is as wide as from New York found in the Bible three times only. What is this word? Where does it occur? What shall we say looks like a prison!"

"It is a prison," said Mr. Palmer, who had been United States. unusually grave and silent during their ride, as Walter remembered afterwards.

schoolmate of yours?"

· Call Statement of the

which led to the heavy massive door of the main size: German Ocean, Black Sea, Yellow Sea; "Did you ever think that any one of your Persian Gulf and Ægean Sea half as large, and someschoolmates might find a home in such a place as what larger than Lake Superior.

this !-- or that even you might ?" said Palmer as he he strange silence that reigned around.

latter giving his face quite another aspect.

you would like to see him I'll have him sent out.

Mr. Palmer assented, and in a few minutes a

grave, quiet man entered, whose closely-cut hair

and peculiar dress gave him a very strange look to

Walter, who had never seen anything like it before.

He seemed glad to see Mr. Palmer, though there

was a visible contrast in his manner which showed

His voice broke a little as he said :

self here," said the man with a forced smile.

"I needn't ask whose boy this is?"

forgotten all about those days, John ?"

down utterly, he covered his face with his hands.

"How did it happen?" inquired Mr. Palmer, as

self-reliance, I had not come to this. But he loved

me; and glad am I that the grave has hid from him

all knowledge of the shame and misery of the son,

whom his ill-judged, short-sighted kindness ruined.

As you know, I would not study; I thought that

there was no need for me—a rich man's son—to do

that. I can remember how I despised the dull

plodding fellows, who are honored men to-day.

My father's death put me into the position-

of wealth, of which I never earned a

dollar, and of whose use and worth I

but I awoke one morning to find myself poorer than

the lowest clerk in the establishment that my father

built up with so much care and labor, but which

had now passed into the hands of strangers. My

fair-weather friends, who had helped me to spend

my money, urging me to every conceivable folly

and extravagance, left as soon as they found there

was no more to spend. I knew nothing about get-

ting money by honest work, but money I must

have ; so I turned my attention to the various ways

of getting money without work. The rest needs no

Here the warden entered; and with his heart

er, as they returned to the office, "have ever been

The spirited bays in their glittering harness were

There was silence for some minutes. Then Mr.

"You asked me a question, yesterday, Walter,

and this is my answer; a better answer than words

can frame. The world calls me a rich man, and so

the opportunity you can ask for moral and mental

culture, but I am not, I never shall be rich enough

to afford to have you idle. Strange as it may seem

industrious operatives, whose living from week to

ment. I have houses full of tenents whose health

other interests may some day be instructed to you.

'I think I will go to school Monday, father,"

Palestine is about one-fourth the size of New

The Red Sea would reach from Washington to

HERE is an interesting lesson in geography ;

Greece is about the size of Vermont.

trained to any useful trade of business."

all that he did not understand.

" Not one in ten.

Palmer said :

knew nothing. How it went I hardly knew

very sorry to find you here."

turned to Walter.

find it so!"

brighter than mine.'

is he getting along?

roundings.

"SAY IT."-The Duke of Wellington often repulled a bell, whose clangor broke harshily upon marked that those gentlemen who had been trained in the business correspondence of the East India Before Walter could reply the heavy door swung Company made the best diplomatic writers in the back and they were ushered into the warden's office. English service. They wrote clearly and precisely He was a heavily bearded man, with a stern, al- what needed to be said, and nothing more. most forbidding countenance; but he shook hands

Dr. Nicholas Murray, famous twenty years ago with Mr. Palmer, whom he had met before, bestow- for his pithy and effective style, used to tell with ing upon Walter a pleasant word and smile, the great glee how he acquired it. When he was a student in Williams College, he thought he could "I came to inquire about John Jackson, the write well, and took a composition to Dr. Griffin, forger," said Mr. Palmer, after a few preliminary the President, expecting commendation for its elowords. "He is an old schoolmate of mine. I remember him as a high-spirited boy, rather head-

President Griffin glanced through the first senstrong, and fonder of play than study, but with tence, and said, "Murray, what do you mean by many genial and pleasant traits of character. How this sentence?"

He answered modestly, "I mean so and so, sir." "Very well. Had he been competent I should "Then say so, Murray;" and across line after have given him a place as book-keeper, made vacant line went the broad pen, erasing what Murray by a convict whose time was up. As it was I had thought the most eloquent passages. Passing to to put him in the shoe-shop. He is quiet; but he other sentences, "Murray, what do you mean by takes it pretty hard, as such chaps are apt to who this?" again asked the merciless critic. have always had plenty of money and nothing to do. With a trembling voice the answer came, "Doc-It is not in strict accordance with the rules, but if

or, I mean so and so."

sked the boy?

"Please just to say so," was the quick reply. When the reading was ended, the beautiful nanuscript was spoiled, and the erased portions early equalled what was left unmarked. Dr. Murray always maintained that those simple words, Say so," made him a writer .- Youth's Companion

that he felt keenly his changed position and sur-Rocks,-A gentleman was once, when a lad, sailng down East River, near New York, which was Of the two, Mr. Palmer seemed most affected. then a very dangerous channel. He watched the old steersman with great interest, and observed "I am glad to see you, Mr. Jackson; but sorry, that whenever he came near to a stick of painted wood he changed his course. "You can't be more sorry than I am to find my-"Why do you turn out for those bits of wood!"

Then, as if anxious to change the subject, he The old man looked up from under his shaggy prows, too much taken up with his task to talk. and simply growled out "Rocks." "It is my oldest son, Walter. He is just about "Well, I would not turn out for those bits the same age that we were when we used to go to wood," said the thoughtless boy; "I would go right

school together in dear old Bridgeville. Have you over them." The old man replied only by a look which that Whether it was these words, or the sight of that boy has not forgotten in his manhood. "Poor foolfresh, innocent face, for a few moments Jackson sh lad," it said, "how little you know about rocks!" struggled silently with the tender and subduing so, children, shun the rocks as you would the way recollections that rushed over him; then, breaking of death. There are plenty of buoys to warn you where they lie hidden, and whenever you meet one Walter had never seen a man weep before, and

urn aside, for there a danger lies.

those sobs and moans were something he never for-LUCK AND LABOR .- Don't charge your failure to "I wish I could !" said the wretched man, lifting bad luck," my boy. I'll tell you what your up his pale, tear-stained face, "I wish I could rouble is, you are lazy. Learn Mr. Cobden's provforget what I once was, all that I might have been, erbs about " Luck and Labor :" and what I am! I sometimes think that it is a Luck is waiting for something to turn up. horrible dream; that I shall some day awake and

Labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn p something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would

soon as his companion was calmer. "When I last oring him news of a legacy. saw you, your prospects were bright-apparently Labor turns out at six o'clock, and with busy pen or ringing hammer lays the foundation of a compe-"It can be summed up in two words," was the gloomy response: "Idleness and bad company. If Luck whines. my father had trained me to habits of industry and

> Luck relies on chances. Labor, on character. Luck slips down to indigence. Labor strides upward to independence. PUZZLE DEPARTMENT. EDITED BY ELLSWORTH, P. O. BOX 242, LOWELL, MASS.

Labor whistles.

Contributions and answers respectfully solicited. 642.—BIBLICAL ENIGMA. My 5, 2, 1, is an esculent root. My 4, 6, 2, 1, is a small wagon. My 3, 2, 1, is found in the Bible. My whole, a word of 6 letters, is mentioned but three times in the Bible. Cambridge.

643.—STAR DIAMOND. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

A consonant; to take; a bird; a measure; a Barrington, N. S. MAY FLOWER. 644.—Centre Deletion. Delete what is used to break barriers, and have a fruit well-known to all.

somewhat cheered and strengthened by Mr. Palm-X. FITZWILLIAM. er's whispered words of encouragement and 645.—HALF WORD SQUARE. sympathy, Jackson returned to his dreary task. The Irregular; a wanderer; a cavity; knowledge warden now took them around through the various sigh of the comparative; in decent. work-shops, cells, etc., kindly explaining to Walter Highland Village, N. S. COB E. QUID.

646.—PI TEXT. When they visited the shoe-shop, Walter saw Hnoor yht aefhrt adn tyh ehmort ahtt hyt adys Jackson sitting there among the rows of busy, amy eb long nopu het aldn chihw teh Dlor yth Ogd silent men, not one of whom dared to lift his eyes "How many of these men," inquired Mr. Palm-

647.—RIDDLE. To see me, you must shut your eyes; To like me, you must all despise; To want me, you must be well blest; To have me, you must be distressed: To feel me, you must feeling lack;

To wear me, you must bare your back; To know me, you must be a dunce, And ought to go to school at once. Now, if you cannot tell my name, You'll make out of me what I am. Smith's Creek. LOTTIE GOSLINE.

648. - WORD SQUARE. A kind of vegetable; a cow; a title; a girl's Cambridge. 649.—Transpositions. Transpose a Scottish town into a verb.

JANE BLACK. 650. —CHARADE. My first has oft a hero borne, While fettered captives round him mourn. The next may be a dog or bird, Oft sits upon my whole-my third.

Brooklyn, N. S. 651.—Geographical Drop Letters. n-l-n-, -r-l-n-, S-o-l-n-, W-l-s, CHARLES E. BLACK. (Answers in three weeks.)

Answers to Puzzles of April 4th. 617.—Wellington. ANT 618.—A N N 1 E

TIE 619.—Steep, step. 620. - Color-ado. 621. - Little children love one another. 622.—OYER YORE

ERIE REEK 623.—He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers.-Prov. vi. 13.

624.--A L A S LOVE

625.—Night, light, tight, sight, fight, bight, right,

night, hight. CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS. To OUR READERS.—We hope to be pardoned for our lengthy and seeming inattention to the queries in the mass of letters received from the puzzlers refollowing:

cently. All may rest assured our neglect of matters so important and interesting to the friends of the Department has its purpose. Soon will these be apparent. For this week, however, we trust you will be contented in solving and reading as usual.

To BE SOLVED.—Without a concordance it is a matter rather difficult to hunt the word of six letters found in the Bible three times only. What is this Plainfield was fifteen miles distant, and the way

The Mediterranean, if placed across North
America, would make sea navigation from San

So important and interesting to the richard of the placed across North
Apparent. For this week, however, we trust you Great Britain is two-thirds the size of Hindostan; of the next puzzle? We can hope Star Diamonds may flower in our Department until the end of time. X. F.'s Deletion one-twelfth of China, and one-twenty-fifth of the The Gulf of Mexico is about ten times the size of our Jerusalem puzzlers think an unsoluable puzzle Walter remembered afterwards.

"But I thought we were going to see an old schoolmate of yours?"

Lake Superior and about as large as the Sea of schoolmate of yours?"

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