#### PLUCK AND PRAYER.

There wa'n't any use o' fretting, And I told Obadiah so, For ef we couldn't hold on to things, We'd jest got to let 'em go. There were lots of folks that'd suffer

Along with the rest of us,

An' it didn't seem to be wuth our while To make such a dreffle fuss. To be sure, the barn was 'most empty, An' corn an' pertaters sca'ce, An' not much of anything plenty an' cheap But water-an' apple-sass.

But then-as I told Obadiah It wa'n't any use to groan, For flesh and blood couldn't stan' it; and he Was nothing but skin an' bone.

But, laws! ef you'd only heerd him, At any hour of the night, A-prayin' out in that closet there, Twould have set you crazy quite. I patched the knees of those trousers With cloth that was noways thin, But it seemed as of the pieces were out

To me he said mighty little Of the thorny way we trod, But at least a dozen times a day He talked it over with God. Down on his knees in that closet The most of his time was passed :

As fast as I set 'em in.

For Obadiah knew how to pray Much better than how to fast But I am that way contrairy

I feel like rollin' my sleeves up high An' gittin' ready to fight. An' the giants I slew that winter I a'n't goin' to talk about ; An' I didn't even complain to God, Though I think that He found it out.

That ef things don't go jest right,

With the point of a cambric needle I druv the wolf from the door, For I knew that we needn't starve to death Or be lazy because we were poor. An' Obadiah he wondered,

An' kept me patchin' his knees, An' thought it strange how the meal held out, An' stranger we didn't freeze.

But I said to myself in whispers, "God knows where His gifts descends; An' 't isn't always that faith gets down As far as the finger ends.' An' I would not have no one reckon My Obadiah a shirk ;

For some, you know, have the gift to pray, And others the gift to work. -Josephine Pollard, in Harper's Weekly.

#### TRUSTING.

I do not ask that God will always make My pathway light; I only pray that he will hold my hand

Throughout the night. I do not hope to have the thorns removed That pierce my feet; I only ask to find his blessed arms

If he afflicts me, then in my distress Withholds his hand : If all his wisdom I cannot conceive

My safe retreat.

Or understand-I do not think to always know his why Or wherefore here : But sometime he will take my hand, and make

His meaning clear. If in his furnace he refines my heart, To make it pure ;

I only ask for grace to trust his love-Strength to endure : And if fierce storms beat 'round me, and the heavens Be overcast,

I know that he will give his weary one Sweet peace at last.

# The fireside.

### DISCONTENTED BOYS IN THE COUNTRY.

Joe Thomas lived on a farm in the country, and although many boys would have thought themselves fortunate in having such a home, he was about as discontented a fellow as could be found.

Some of the city boys, who had visited him during the summer vacation, told him that he was "green," that he would be very foolish to remain on a farm all his life, and that if he had any spirit about him he would go to the city, where he would have an opportunity of seeing life as it should be

Joe's father wanted him to remain at home, learn to be a farmer, and settle down on the homestead as he himself had done. But Joe would not heed the advice. He was thoroughly discontented, as many another country boy has been, and his one Solicited. purpose in life was to get into some city where he could wipe out the stain of "greenness," which he fancied every one could see. He finally succeeded in doing as he wanted to ;

a friend of his father procured for him a situation in a store where he could earn a trifle more than sufficient to pay for his board, and he left the broad acres, whereon he had toiled with a heavy heart losing a slice of plum-pudding at Christmas !" because of his longings to get to the city, without This sally of wit, as it was supposed to be, called a single regret at parting from the dear ones at forth a loud laugh, which sounded very discordantly all the letters of the alphabet except "w" and "x?" home. The farm-house, nestling among the trees in poor Mark's ears. at the foot of the hill, looked dingy and shabby as "Besides, it's so very wicked to gather nuts," he drove away from it to "see life as it should be cried one lad, in a tone of derision. seen," and in the ripening grain and fruit he saw " And still more wicked to crack them," chimed nothing but reminders of ignoble toil. According in another. to Joe's belief, life in the country was hardly less "And he wanted to fight, for all he's so good," than a form of slavery, while it was only in the city | sneered a third. that happiness could be found.

Now, boys, and more especially you country boys, his voice so that Mark, who was moving away, who are beginning to think just as Joe Thomas | might hear him, "the grapes is sour! They'd set thought, I want to tell you how he was disappoint- his teeth on edge, they would! Why, what chance ed in his bright dreams, and if you are wise you now could a little undergrown fellow like him have will profit by his experience.

among us big ones? He's only fit to go to church He found a boarding place, where the small, with the children, and so he wants to make a merit stuffy room, which was quite as good as any his of it. fellow-clerks had, offered a poor contrast to his cosy "However can you stand that, Mark?" said little chamber at home, fragrant with lavender Josh, who was slowly following his friend, in the scented linen, and as tidy as the apartment in the hope of being able to coax him back. A tear had risen in Mark's eyes, and he had dropped his

Instead of looking out over fields of waving grain, prayer-book into his pocket. Meanwhile the church tasseled corn or nodding buckwheat to the lofty bells chimed on-but, as it seemed to him, with a hills beyond, when he was in his room he could see less pleasant sound. only a brick wall hardly fifty feet away. Instead of "Do come with us, there's a good fellow," con. the fragrance of the flowers he had the odor of gar- tinued Josh, persuasively. "Where's the harm, bage from the unswept streets, and instead of being just for once in a way? It's such a lovely afterlulled to sleep by the chirping of the crickets and noon, and it's sure to rain to-morrow." the plaintive cries of the katydids, he was kept "Do you think it will?" asked Mark, doubtawake by the rattling of carts and rumble of street- ingly. cars. At the table, the difference between the food "I'm all but sure of it," replied Josh, looking prepared by the servants in the boarding-house, round for a threatening cloud wherewith to back and that cooked by his mother, was so disappoint- his opinion; but there was no cloud to be seen. ing that it seemed to him he could never enjoy a "Besides," added he, "you can go to church next We do not clearly understand it, nor can we find

But all this was necessary training; he would rid "Yes, I know that; but we ought to go every himself of what the city boys called "greenness." Sunday." Joe had been told that a boy on a farm is obliged "Well, and so you may, every Sunday after this to work harder than one in a store in the city. He one. But it's of no use your holding out now; if could see little or no difference, save that in the you do, Sam and the rest of them boys will be FRANK, Upper Brighton.—You have correctly solved Nos. 191, 192: 1, 2, 193, 194 and 195. former case he labored in the open air, where every. | chaffing you all the week." thing was bright and healthful around, while in the "And what if they do chaff me?" cried Mark, city he was shut out from the sunlight, and de- bristling up, and fancying himself, for the moment, prived of the health-giving breezes, laden with the perfume of fruits and flowers. At night, instead of joining with the boys from the neighboring farms in husking or paring bees candy will.

Dristling up, and fancying himself, for the moment, much braver than he really was. "Father says to solved. Excepting No. 196, all of Sept. 5th are taking up the cross, and that every Christian ought."

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The state of the s

crowds, intent only on business or their own pleas- fellows hear you talk in that fashion," said Josh, ure, caused him to feel even more lonely than when looking timidly behind him; "they'd be sure to he was entirely alone. He was not many days in learning that he had name."

calling than that of a farmer."

was not a sufficiently noble calling?

extract:

for a self-providing life.

haustion quite drag out.'

roughly.

TRUE GENTLEMEN

cane which he had knocked from his hand. "

"I'm glad to hear it;" and lifting his hat again

"Why do you raise your hat to that old fellow

"That makes no difference," said Harry. "The

uestion is not whether he is a gentleman, but

whether I am one; and no true gentlemen will be

less polite to a man because he wears a shabby coat,

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MARK RUSSELL'S TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER 1.

(Continued.)

"I'll tell you what it is," cried Griggs, raising

Why, of offending my lady, to be sure, and so

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sitting in a counting-house." Which was right?

for ?" asked his companion, Charley Gray. "He's

Harry turned to join the playmate with whom he

had been frolicking at the time of the accident.

should be. You didn't harm me."

only Giles, the huckster.

SUPPORTING HERSELF.

been "green" only from the city boys' standpoint, "I tell you what, Josh Gray, if you're coming and that, so far as country life was concerned, they along with us, you mustn't stand chattering there. were the only ones who were green. I shan't wait any longer. Why can't you leave the After he had "seen life," according to the ideas boy to go and say his prayers by himself? If you of his city friends, he wrote to his father : "I am don't mind he'll make you as great a sneak as he coming home to work on the farm. I did think is." So speaking, Sam, who, with the rest of his that such labor was almost degrading; but I find party, had been loitering near the spot where Josh that is quite as honorable, and certainly more manly, left them, once more turned down the lane.

than doing a woman's work behind a counter. You "There, only hear him!" cried young Gray. need never fear that I shall ever again want to ex- "What can I do? I tell you what, Mark, if you'll change the independent farm-life for that of the only give in and come with me this once, I'll procity, and I am sure that to be called green will mise to go to church with you every Sunday aftertrouble me no more. It is better, I think, to be of wards. I'll have done with the whole lot of them, those who produce something in this world than of see if I won't. I know you're in the right, old felthose who depend upon the productions of others, low, and I want to do as you do, only somehow or and I now think that there can be no more manly other I can't stand the chaffing."

call it 'cant,' or 'humbug,' or some such ugly

"What's that you say, Josh?" asked Mark, try-Joe went home, and he was wise in so doing, as | ing hard to stifle the voice of conscience within him. wise as you will be, boys, if you remain on the "Do you really mean to promise that you'll always farm, where you have the proud consciousness that go to church with me of afternoons? you are doing far more good in the world than if "Yes, if you come with us to-day-see if I you were "seeing life" in the city. What would won't," returned Josh, seizing the arm of the now

become of the people in this world if all the farmers | yielding Mark, and dragging him along. should suddenly conclude that tilling the ground | "But what will father say?" "Oh! he won't miss you; and if he does, it's When you are discontented with your lot, boys, easy enough to make some excuse or other."

remember that it is the farmer upon whom all the These words startled Mark somewhat. "Does people in the world depend for the actual necessar- he think, then, that I'm going to tell a he about ies of life; then you will understand that no calling it?" said he to himself. But it was too late-or can be more honorable than that which is actually rather he thought it was-to draw back now; for and in fact the mainspring of the whole. - Congre- Sam Lee had just found out that he was following them, and the whole party were waiting for him and Josh to come up. They received them with a shout of welcome.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has a vigorous paper It was, as Josh had said, a lovely afternoon. with the above title, on the subject of self-support- The early part of the day had been very hot, but a ing girls, in the May St. Nicholas. Her sentiments | refreshing breeze had just sprung up; and as the on this topic are forcibly shown by the following | merry party pursued their way to Todd's Wood, talking and laughing as they went, Mark could not "Girls, first make up your minds that you will help thinking how much more pleasant it was than be something! All the rest will follow. What you being shut up in a hot church. Yet he did not feel shall be comes more easily and clearly in due time. altogether happy, for every now and then came the "A girl of thirteen cannot decide, with any dis. | thought of his father sitting in the pew under the cretion or any assurance, whether she will be a gallery, and stretching his neck whenever there was sculptor or a washer-woman, a farmer or a poet; a pause in the service, to try and catch a glimpse but she can decide distinctly whether it is her wish of his boy, who usually sat with the other lads in or her duty, after leaving school or college, to re- the chancel.

"I wonder whether he will miss me?" thought main dependent upon her parents or to fit herself he. "I'm sure I hope he won't, for it would dis-"The education by which you mean to get your turb him sadly I know. There's one good thingbread and butter, your gloves and bonnets, is a very the church is sure to be very full this fine afterdifferent affair from that which you take upon your- noon, and when it is he can't well see me where I self as an ornament and an interval in life. The sit." Thus poor Mark was already beginning to chemical experiment which you may some day have feel the working of deceit in his heart.

to explain to pupils of your own is quite another How often it happens when a person's conscience thing from the lesson that you may never think of is ill at ease, that he laughs more and talks louder again. The practice in book-keeping, which may than at any other time, though it is but a hollow some time regulate your dealings with live, flesh- sort of merriment at best. King Solomon calls it and-blood customers, becomes as interesting as a the "mirth of fools," and likens it to the "cracknew story. The dull old rules for inflection and ling of thorns under a pot."

enunciation fairly turn into poetry, if you hope to Mark Russell seemed to be very joyons indeed find yourself a great public reader some coming day. that afternoon; he said so many droll things, and And the very sawdust of the French or Latin gram- played such strange antics, that his companions mar becomes ashes of roses to the stout little fancy were quite delighted with him. Sam Lee especithat dreams of brave work and big salary, in some ally so, for he whispered to Griggs that now they THE WAY IT WILL AFFECT foreign department at Washington, or tutoring girls had once got hold of him they must take good care or boys for college. All over the terrible ocean, to keep him; for it would be a thousand pities, he among the lawless sailors, the men with wives and said, to see such a fine fellow as him setting up for children to work for are those who lead the gentlest | a sham ! and cleanest lives. So, on the great ocean of school-

Mark, who had rather sharp ears, happened to life, the girls with aims to study for are those whose catch this whispered speech, and it stung him to the purifies the blood; heals the irritated parts; gives strength labor is the richest and the ripest. Ah! you will heart. Still he went on talking and laughing as to the digestive organs; brings the liver to its proper never realize till you have tried it what an im- before.

mense power over the life is the power of possessing After about a quarter of an hour's walking they distinct aims. The voice, the dress, the look, the found themselves at Todd's Wood, and then the very motions of a person define and alter when he scramble began. All were eager to find out the or she begins to live for a reason. I fancy that I best trees, and to obtain possession of the most can select in a crowded street the busy, blessed thickly laden branches; and little cared they how women who support themselves. They carry them- many they broke off in the pursuit, or what injury selves with an air of conscious self-respect and self- they did to the young plantations. Boys, when content which a shabby alpaca cannot hide, nor a seeking their own gratification, are apt to be very Bonnet silk enhance, nor even sickness or excareless about their neighbour's property, nor are they always very polite to each other. It was first Lung Balsam will prevent it if only taken in time. usual fared the best. So Mark Russell, being "I beg your pardon," and with a smile and a neither very tall nor very strong, often found himself pushed aside to make way for others. But it touch of his hat Harry Edmond handed to an old was a plentiful nut season, and there were more man, against whom he accidentally stumbled, the than enough for all. Besides, Sam Lee seemed to have taken Mark under his special protection, and hope I did not hurt you. We were playing too he called out several times, "I say, you fellows yonder, let the youngster have fair play, or else "Not a bit! not a bit!" said the old man, 'twill be the worse for you;" and they were few cheerily. "Boys will be boys, and it's best they who ventured to push forward when Sam Lee warned (To be Continued.)

ancient city.

Barrington, N. S.

f-o-m t-ou-!-s. Millville, York.

Reipas ey het dorL.

the word "amerce?"

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A prophet.

A prophet.

No. 191.—

(3). Numbers vii.

on the Son hath everlasting life.

No. 194. - Abimelech.

No. 185.—Herod.

Babylon.

Upper Brighton, Carleton.

My 3, 4, 5, 2 is a stratagem.

My 9, 2 is the objective case of I.

No. 206.—Drop Letter Provers.

-i-- t-ng-- -- e-p--th h-s --ou-

No. 207.—Transposition.

Tle vyeer nhgit atth thah tebhra apiesr eth Ldro

No. 208.—BIBLE QUERIES.

1. What chapter and verse in the Bible contains

2. What chapter and verse in the Old Testament

3. What chapter and verse in the Bible contains

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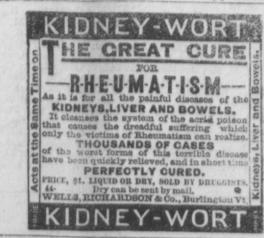
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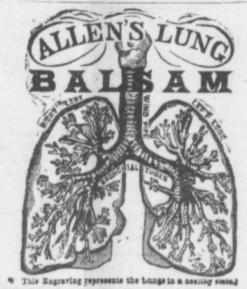
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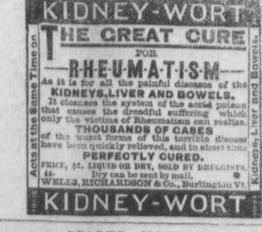
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