When days are dark be cheerful Thy hopes need not be cast away Nor thy heart be dismayed. This is the time for laughter And happy household song, Hours that are filled with cheerfulness Are never sad and long.

When days are dark, be trustful, The sun shines after rain, And joy goes not so far away But it returns again. Life is not ruled by sorrow, But blessings reign o'er all, And we can sing of mercy In spite of pain and thrall.

When days are dark be busy, For there is much to do. And the ministeries are many Which kindly hands pursue The need of love is always great. For grief is everywhere: Oh, lighten thou some burden.

And lessen thou some care ! When days are dark, be thankful, Light is not always best, And useful are the shadows The silence and the rest. God gives whatever is good to come, The day and then the night, And those who find their joy in Him Live always in the light. -Marianne Farningham

#### The fireside.

THE FLAGMAN'S STORY. BY REV. GEO. HUNTINGTON.

It was a dismal November evening, and the rain and the darkness were beginning to fall together, as I reached the A-street crossing, intending to had long been on excellent terms. He was a jolly, for you when you dress in the morning. honor. He had just finished his supper, brought skipped and jumped out of your trowsers. his supper than she would mine."

"Who is the General?" I enquired.

"Tell it to me. I am fond of history. "I've no objection-but wait a bit, I guess he's

presented himself at the door of the hut, where he profit. paused and struck an attitude in the half-light of eye that seemed the shadow of departed power; be accurate."-Detroit Free Press. and his salutation to the flagman was given and received as that of a superior to a dependent. Upon me he glowered fiercely, exclaiming fiercely, " No loafers allowed around these premises !"

station. sent us up our lunch from the hotel; will you have was sent with me, but left the work with me, it now? Steadying himself against the door, with while he lay under the trees and read. I did not a hand that shook as with the palsy, the wretched like that, and finally went to my grandfather and tramp took the old man's bounty as if it were his complained of it. I shell never forget the kind by right, grumbled at its scantiness and quality, smile of the old gentleman as he said : " Never said he must be off to the office, and without mind, Jonathan, my boy; if you watch the sheep, thanks or farewell, shuffled away. We heard his you will have the sheep." cough, mingled with an occasional wheezy oath, as he disappeared in the darkness.

"what do you call that?"

some less unpleasant associations with it.' that man was superintendent of this road; and the Then I thought of Sunday's lesson, 'Thou hast engine, steam and engineer, all in one. Things went | ruler over many things.' I began to see through it ; just like clock-work. He knew every man and "Never you mind who neglects his duty; be you wheel and spike on the whole road. You couldn't faithful, and you will have your reward. blow a whistle or swing a lantern anywhere on the ' I received a second lesson soon after I came to line without his leave. We called him the General; New York as a clerk to the late Lyman Reed. A and we might as well have said king, for he was merchant from Ohio, who knew me, came to buy every inch of it. He had a good salary, owned goods and said : 'Make yourself so useful that they some stock in the road, had a nice home, and cannot do without you.' I took his meaning moved in the best society. His son had a first-rate quicker than I did that of my grandfather. position in the general office. His daughter was "Well, I worked upon these two ideas until Mr. engaged to a young millionaire, a nephew and ward Reed offered me a partnership in the business.

I've heard that he learned to drink at the wine called in to congratulate me, and he said : 'You suppers that the railroad magnates used to give, are all right now. I have only one word of advice when they met to lay their plans, and all that. At | to give you : ' Be carefal whom you walk the any rate, he learned pretty fast, and practiced what streets with.' That was lesson number three." he learned. Now and then he gave a wine supper | And what valuable lessons they are : Fidelity in himself, and many a young man under him, his own all things; do your best for your employers; careson among the rest, took his first glass at the Gei

"By and by the habit began to show itself the foundation-stones of character and honorable in his face; next in his step; then in his temper, and at last in the road. Screws came loose; things ran down stock declined. Then the magnates complained; and when they saw that complaints did no good, they turned him out. The young millionaire turned up his nose, and asked to be released from his marriage engagement. The girl approved his decision; dismissed him kindly, and before morning was a raving maniac.

"All these troubles, instead of sobering the General, made him worse. For four months he scarcely knew a sober moment. He spent the savings of his life; his house and goods were sold under the hammer, and he and his heart-broken wife moved into a little tenement in the alley

"At last the Good Templars got hold of him,

would never drink again. After a probation of three spoonfuls of cream for each person. six months, and when his reformation seemed to ductor's position. It was another step down; but as well as the best could do. One day the director's car was attached to his train. He went through as they were at dinner. The smell of the wine awakened the old demon in him, and at the next station he got a glass of liquor. He made a fool of himself; insulted the passengers; was com-

plained of and discharged. "Once more after that the Company gave him a chance to earn his bread, He was appointed to a petty clerkship in the general office. His son had long ago lost his place there on account of intemperate habits. The father soon lost his in the same way. Some sudden temptation overtook him. and away he went again.

"It was pitiful to hear him beg for another trial. He would do anything, and at any price. He would be flagman at a crossing. But there and preach you a sermon.' were no vacancies; and if there were, he could not be trasted. He would be watchman in the depot; but they dared not depend on him. I believe he one,- Be kind.' There are some little texts in would have joined the mop brigade if they would the Bible on purpose for little children, and this is have let him; but it was out of the question.

"From that time he gave up trying to be respectable, and sank lower and lower. You see what when he has a headache. I don't believe you he is now-a common tramp and beggar. His know what a headache is; but I do. I had one wife is in the workhouse; his son is in the peniten- once, and I did not want to hear any one speak a tiary; he himself will soon be in his grave. But word. so long as I have a crust of bread, I will not let

see a man get off. It is the present Superinten- half a dozen times over. dent. He began as an office boy under the General; but he never surrendered to the General's enemy. While the General was coming down, his rupted Tommie. clerk was going up, up, up. He took one place after another, each one higher than the last, till now they have made him Superintendent. He's a teetotaler himself, and he won't have a drinking man on the road if he knows it. Here he is on the piatform. He hasn't half of the General's ability but bless you what's abiltty worth when it's preserved in alcohol ?"-Advance.

ORDER,

" Where's my hat?"

"Who seen my knife?" " Who turned my coat wrong side out and slung t under the lounge?"

There you go, my boy! When you came into the board the evening Accommodation, which, as I house last evening, you flung your hat across the CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUNG FOLKS, knew, was usually slowed at this point to let off an room, jumped out of your shoes and kicked 'em official living in the neighborhood. As the train | right and left, wriggled out of your coat and gave was not due for nearly half an hour, I took refuge | it a toss, and now you are annoyed because each in the shelter hut of the old flagman with whom I article hasn't gathered itself into a chair to be ready

gossipy little man, who had become superannuated Who cut those shoe-strings? You did it, to save in the service of the company, and was enjoying in one minute's time in untying them ! Your knife is -e t-i-s-y, -i-e h-m -a-e-ehis old age what was to him a position of ease and under the bed, where it rolled when you hopped, | -o -r-n-r to him as usual, by his granddaughter. As he Your collar is down behind the bureau, one of

lifted the tin pail to make room for me on the your socks on the foot of the bed, and your vest scanty bench, he carefully put back into it some may be in the kitchen wood-box for all you know. choice pieces of meat, bread and cake, sufficient by Now, then, my way has always been the easiest themselves for a quite substantial meal. "That's way. I had rather fling my hat down than to hang for the General," said he, in answer to my look of it up; I'd rather kick my boots under the lounge curiosity. "My old woman would no more forget than place em in the hall; I'd rather run the risk of spoiling a new coat than to change it.

I own right up to being reckless and slovenly, but "Well, sir, he's what you call a man with a his. ah me! haven't I had to pay for it ten times over! Now, set your foot right down and determine to have order. It is a trait that can be acquired. An orderly man can make two suits of clothes coming now. Yes, sir, that's him. Just keep last longer and look better than a slovenly man can quiet and don't notice his crankiness, and you'll see | do with four. He can save an hour per day over the man who flings things helter-skelter. He stands A shuffling step, and a hoarse, tearing cough an- twice the show to get a situation and keep it, and nounced the approach of the General, who soon live times the show to conduct a business with

An orderiy man will be an accurate man. If he is the flagman's lantern. General, indeed! A once a carpenter, every joint will fit. If he is a turner, tall and muscular man, now a miserable slouch, with his goods will look neat. If he is a merchant, his stooping shoulders, hollow chest, bending, tremu- books will show neither blots nor errors. An lous knees, the dress of a vagabond and the face of orderly man is usually an economical man, and a sot, yet there was something in his bearing, in the always a prudent one. If you should ask me how lines of the mouth, in the glance of the blod-shot to become rich, I should answer, "Be orderly-

THREE GOOD LESSONS

"One of my first lessons," said Mr. Sturgis, the The flagman explained that I was waiting for the eminent merchant, " was in 1813, when I was 11 years old. My grandfather had a fine flock of "Why don't he go to the depot? This is not a sheep, which were carefully tended during the war of those times. I was the shepherd boy and my I was about to reply, when the flagman drew business was to watch the sheep in the fields. A forth the tin pail, saying, "General, they have boy who was more fond of his book than the sheep

"'What does grandfather mean by that?' I said to myself. 'I don't expect to have a sheep.' "There !" said the old flagman, turning to me, I could not exactly make out in my mind what it was ; but I had great confidence in him, for he was "The wreck of a great man, but exceedingly dis- a judge, and had been in Congress in Washington's agreeable in its present state. You have, I see, time; so I concluded it was all right, and went back contentedly to the sheep. After I got into the "I should think so. Why, sir, fifteen years ago, field I could not keep his words out of my head. best one, by all odds, that they ever had. He was been faithful over a few things. I will make thee

The first morning after the partnership was made "But the General had one bad enemy, liquor. | known, Mr. James Geery, the old tea-merchant, uluess about your associates. Let every boy take these lessons home and study them well. They are

HOME HINTS.

Poultry Dressing.—One pint of bread or crack. er crumbs, into which mix dry one teaspoonful of pepper, one of thyme or summer savory, one even teaspoonful of salt, and if in season, a little chopped parsley. Melt a piece of butter the size of an egg in one cup of boiling water, and mix with the crumbs; adding one or two well-beaten eggs. A slice of salt pork chopped fine is often substituted for the butter. For ducks, two onions are chopped fine, and added to the above.

APPLES FOR DESERT .- Boil rice very soft and line published during each calendaar month, and each with it a well-buttered pudding dish. Lay over it competitor must state that the solution is his or her a layer of sliced apples, using an easily cooked, own unaided work. Answer must be addressed and he signed the pledge. You never saw such mildly tart variety. Add another layer of rice and "C. E. BLACK, Case Settlement, Kings County, a change in a man. He was like one alive from another of apples until the dish is full. Add a lit- N. B., and marked Prize Competition. We inthe dead. The railroad folks had so much faith in the water to keep the rice from becoming too dry on vite further contributions from our Young Folks. him that they made him train-dispatcher. It was top and bake until the apples are done. Or pare We are in need of good original puzzles for Puzzle- J. H. MORRISON, M. D. work well. When the new depot was opened the the apple in two. Fill and cover them with boiled beer was furnished without stint. To everybody's rice, allowing a cupful uncooked rice for each halfhorror the General took a glass. What happened dozen apples tie in a cloth and boil until the apples after that no one knew; but that night he ran two are done. Eat with cream and sugar. Another trains together at the Millwood switch, killing one excellent dish is made by filling a pudding dish man, and wounding four. In half an hour after with sliced apples, dredging occasionally with flour the accident the dispatcher was discharged. In as they are laid in the dish; then season with sugar,

three hours he was drunk in the street, arrested cinnamon, and a few bits of butter, pouring in just water enough to make them moist, but not really "Some of the boys went over and paid his juicy when done, Cover the dish and bake. fine. Then he swore by all that is holy that he When partly gool, serve on plates, adding two or

To cook exions. A very appetizing way is to be genuine and permanent he was offered a contender; drain the water from them, and wrap each he took it gladly, and did his very best, which was in soft paper, set them side by side into a drippingpan, let them bake until done, then put into a vegetable dish and pour rich brown gravey over them; Spanish onions are especially nice cooked this way, as they have so delicate a flavor.

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"Well," said Tommie, "and I'll be the peoples. Johnnie began : " My text is a short and easy one of them. These are the heads of my sermon

1. "Be kind to papa, and don't make a noise

2: "Be kind to mamma, and do not make her tell you to do a thing more than once. It is very "Your train is coming. When it stops you will tiresome to say, 'It is time for you to go to bed,' 3. "Be kind to baby"-

> 'Yes," said Johnnie, "I didn't mean to menion my own name in the sermon. I was saying be kind to little Minnie, and let her have your ' red soldier' to play with when she wants it.

"You have left out, be kind to Johnnie," inter-

4. "Be kind to Annie, and don't scream and kick when she washes and dresses you,' Here Tommie looked a little ashamed, and said, But she pulled my bair with the comb.' "People musn't talk in meeting," said Johnnie.

5. "Be kind to Kitty. Do what will make her purr, and don't do what will make her cry." "Isn't the sermon most done ?" asked Tommie "I want to sing." And without waiting for Johnnie to finish his discourse or give out a hymn, he began to sing, and so Johnnie had to stop.

PUZZLEDOM.

8.—Drop Letter Puzzle. FROM "FRANK," UPPER BRIGHTON. -f t-i-e e-e-y -e h-n-r-y, g-h-m b-e-d t- e-t; a-d -f h-

9. - NUMERICAL ENIGMA. FROM "MARIANNIE," OAK POINT, KINGS. My 9, 10, 14, 7 was one whose birth was prom-

My 6, 8, 4, 16, 10 one of David's mighty men. My 11, 2, 13, 14, 12, 7 was a prophet. My 5, 15, 11 was one of Jacobs's sons. My 1, 10, 5, 12, 3, 15, 14 the father of Eliezer. My whole, consisting of 16 letters, names two noted men spoken of in the Bible.

10.—SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC.

FROM "BLAKE," HAMPSTEAD. J. A holy institution for man. 2. One of the patriarchs. 3. One of the sons of Joseph. 4. A part of the high priest's breastplate. 5. A judge of the tribe of Benjamin. 6. One of Jacob's sons.

Primals give the name of one of the judges of the tribe of Ephraim. 11.—BIBLICAL QUESTIONS. FROM " VAN" LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM. 1. What was the likeness in height and strength | that we have ever imported,

of the Amorita? 2. Which three of the Apostles were from Bethsaida in Gallilee ? 12.—BIBLE QUERY.

FROM LOTTIE R. STERVES, ST. JOHN. Where is the word ADVERTISE mentioned in the THE MYSTERY. No. 249.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

The first and last are consonants, The second means the top , The centre, across or down, a prophet, And the last we do at the shop. No. 250.—TRANSFORMATIONS.

Transform the following into States 1. xec. 2. oio. 3. ioa. 4. Uta. No. -251. - DROP LETTER PUZZLE.

--o--e--n--a--o--h--r. No. 252.—HALF-SQUARE WORD. The female sex; an insect; a pronoun; a con

No. 253.—OMITTED RHYME. " Count that day lost Whose low descending \* \* \* Views by thy hand No worthy action \* \* \* \* "

No. 254. - JUMBLE. Wouard nowdra yam ew spers, Hrtgouh het thap fo ytud; Truvie is rute pahpinses, Eclexlecne rute tybena; Sdimn rea of Atcleseilabrhit,

Kmea ew, htne, a havnee of ratch. -GMNTOMOREY. The Mystery Solved and Puzzledom Explained in three weeks.)

(November 7th.) No 233.- (1). Gnce. (2). Hare. (3). Snail (4). Elk. (5). Weasel. No. 234 .- Horatio Nelson.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

1---X x-L - six No. 236.- (1). Comus by Milton. (2). Macbeth by Shakespeare. (3). Halaba by Southey. No. 237 .- Pard. par. No. 238 .- " Our drink shall be water,

All sparkling with glee; The gitt of our God And the drink of the free. CHAT.

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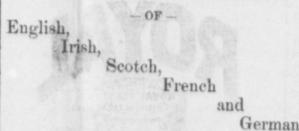
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