Poetry.

A MOTHER'S REVERIE. In the quiet of my chamber, When the daily tasks are o'er, And the voices of the children, Hushed in sleep, resound no more, Comes the question, oft repeated : "What this day have I divined Of the vast and wondrous workings

In the kingdom of the mind?" What great thoughts have filled my vision, Fired my soul with purpose high-From the wells of hidden knowledge Have I drawn a rich supply?

And my restless spirit answers, In its unfulfilled desire, Vainly have its baffled pinions Sought the heights it would aspire. In the lowly vale of duty

Have I trod the way along, Pausing not to cull the flowerets, Nor to hear the wild-bird's song. For life's burdens-be they light or Be they heavy-must be borne, And the rest is not till evening From the tasks begun at morn.

Yet, O patient, tired mother, Is there naught to cheer thy toil ? Canst thou not some treasure gather From the rich and fruitful soil Of the garden where thou plantest, Which shall aid thy downcast eyes-To look upward to the summits Of thy higher destinies?

Ab, thou hast a mission holy : To instruct the mind of youth, And to sow the seeds of goodness, Which shall bloom in love and truth. Thou canst lead the tottering footsteps By the gentle, guiding care, O'er the rough and thorny pathway, Till they reach the golden stair !

Thou art working out a poem Grander than the "bards' sublime, Which shall live in glowing numbers, Far beyond the bounds of Time; For the song, though feebly chanted Mid life's dark and toilsome way, Angel voices shall re-echo Through the realms of endless day -The Press.

A BOY'S HYMN.

BY MARIANNE FARNINGHAM. "Just as I am," Thine own to be, Friend of the young, who lovest me; To consecrate myself to thee, O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day, My life to give, my vows to pay, With no reserve and no delay, With all my heart I come. I would live ever in the light,

I would work ever for the right, I would serve thee with all my might, Therefore, to thee I come. "Just as I am," young, strong and free,

For truth, and righteomeness and thee, Lord of my life, I come. With many dreams of fame and gold, Success and joy to make me bold, But dearer still my faith to hold,

To be the best that I can be

For my whole life, I come. And for thy sake to win renown. And then to take my victor's crown, And at thy feet to cast it down, O Master, Lord, I come.

The fireside.

THE BLIND BEGGAR.

Antwerp is a very old Flemish city, and has many queer sights and queer people to interest the flict a harsh word or a blow upon the poor and in-American children whose parents take them three firm, I hope you will think of Jan Mertens and be thousand miles across the ocean to visit it. Like kind, very kind, to those unfortunates who stand newer cities, it contains some rich people, and ever so many poor people; and the poor people would be miserable, indeed, if the rich did not often help

ing, his clothes were almost dropping to pieces; he carried a stout cane, and wore clumsy wooden shoes "See! Here comes the blind beggar. What can call it what you please.

shall we give him to-day?" said a kind-hearted little girl.

dren continued their sport. Frans was just then made the blind man of the mother to support the family."

game, and, as he was rushing about blindfolded, he | "Poor mother ! it grieved me greatly to see her

play one !" shouted a bright boy. But Frans was too much enraged to understand | would astonish you.

the arm. The beggar, in wrath, raised his cane to I only sold evening papers; but I could not call punish the wicked lad, then thought better of it, | my papers out loud and clear, and then some other and sat down quietly on a bench near by, while boy would get ahead of me. Then, too, I was tears flowed from his sightless eyes. The boy's better dressed than the other 'newsies,' and so they anger melted before the old man's tears, and with looked upon me as an interloper, and tried to run sudden shame, Frans knelt down and humbly beg- | me out of the trade. But I thought of my mother ged to be forgiven for his offence. "Forgive you? Of course I will forgive you," | ceed. said the beggar. "But let me tell you the story

of my life, which will be a better warning for you papers in my best style. I sold several, and was than the longest sermon you ever heard preached just leaving the car, when a gentleman who was in our Antwerp Cathedral. Come, Frans Willems | busily talking with his neighbor, while both oc-(you see I know your name), come and sit by me ; cupied uncertain standing room, called me : ' Here, and the other children may listen, too."

his history :

child is always loved. Everything that money money more than you children can imagine." dead or become very old men and women. I like | necessities. see again. Well, one day, as a merry company of than have my boy become dishonest." as I innocently spoiled your fun to-day.

" Get out of the way, you old fellow! What recalled by the question : right have you to come here, where you are not | "But what did you do?

wanted? I will have the dogs and the servants chase you away !' I exclaimed, in an outburst of

" Charity! Charity! Please help a poor blind man, who is all alone in the world,' entreated the beggar, quite unmindful of my wrath. "I was furious, and to enforce my will with

deeds as well as words I pushed the feeble old man so violently that he fell to the ground. As he lay there, I raised my foot and-cruel boy that I waskicked him. Scrambling up as best he could, the blind beggar solemnly cursed me, and prayed that blind, and lonely, I might some day have to beg my bread from door to door. Ah! children, that | you? soice rings in my ears now; and it reminds me, when I am tempted to complain, that I have deserved my misfortunes.

"That day and that hour saw the beginning of a fatal change in my life. Perhaps my youthful nerves were not as strong as they should have been; my anger and my sudden, but unspoken, repentance. Crying as if my heart would break, I hurried into the house to my mother. She tried to soothe me, put me to bed, and at last sent for the doctor, when it became evident that I was really sick. For weeks an attack of brain fever kept me tleman, and the result was that my career as a hovering between life and death, and after my re- newsboy ceased, and my mercantile life began; covery was assured I was so weak and delicate as to very low down, to be sure, but I worked away. I be a burden upon my loving parents. My father, attended night-school, too, and by degrees I rose, especially, had been anxious about me, and had till, as you know, I am a partner in the house. sadly neglected his business to watch over me in Now you may judge whether I believe in luck, or my delirium. When I was able to be up and out in the 'Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew again, he took me to the most celebrated physicians | them as we will." - Primitive Methodist. and travelled about with me in the vain hope of fully restoring me to health, spending an infinite amount of time and money. A conversation I overheard between my parents made me very sad.

" Our poor boy can never again go to school with other boys,' said my mother. 'He will have to continue his studies and learn all that his health will allow him to at home, under my care. He will be happy as long as we live. But what will MYSTERY RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED. become of him after we are laid away?"

"'You may well ask that, wife,' rejoined my father. 'I have almost ruined my business to save my zon, hoping that he would one day relieve me of its cares. As things look now, he will never be able to do anything for himself even, much less anything for me.'

all we can to make the present comfortable and to permission of his grandmother, under whose charge assure the future for our dear child,' murmured he was, to present himself for membership. She my mother, gently.

"Some years passed away without any change for the better. My father seemed to have lost wait till you get older." heart: he was no longer successful in business, and I could feel that we were gradually growing poorer. He instantly burst into tears, and hid his head in At length came that terrible day of October, 1830, her lap. It was some time before he regained comwhich will ever be remembered in the history of Antwerp, the day that our city was bombarded for "Grandma, if you had a flock of sheep and Careless of his life, since sorrow for me had robbed | to perish in the snow?" him of all pleasure in living, my father ventured | The little boy's faith and earnestness triumphed. from the citadel and ships were falling all around body, and sought refuge here in the garden. Sud. Gloru. denly I felt myself locked in my mother's arms; she had left the dead to come to the living; and sadly but sweetly she whispered close to my ear : 'O Jan, you are all that is left to me in the world

"I had no time to answer; for just then the heavens appeared to shriek aloud : there was a terrific explosion, and the air was full of dust, splinters, and fragments of iron. A shell had crashed through the house and burst in the garden. My mother was killed, and I was made blind for life. During the weary months I lay in the public hospital my mind was haunted by my mother's face, the last and dearest sight my eyes have ever looked upon. When I left the hospital it was to find myself homeless and friendless; my father's house had been sold to pay his debts-the grandfather of Frans Willems secured it for a small sum on account of the damages it had received during the bombardment-and my infirmity prevented my working and shut me off from the rest of the world. Since then, dear children, I have been the blind beggar you see before you; and whenever you feel inclined to inmost in need of the kindness of their fellow-beings."

WAS IT LUCK?

Frans Willems was the young son of a rich | The rich curtains were drawn to keep out the family in Antwerp, and lived with his parents in a | wintry blasts, and the bright firelight aided the large house. The house was so very large that, in shaded gaslight in revealing all the comforts of that stead of a common front door, it had a great gate, pleasant room. The number and variety of books called a coach-door, for its entrance. This coach- in the elegant book-cases, and the numerous papers door led into a little garden, enclosed on all four on the table, indicated that the owner was a man sides by the house, and in this garden Frans was of culture, and familiar with the world's daily playing the Flemish equivalent of blind-man's-buff, doings, while the luxurious chairs and lounges one sunny afternoon, with his boy and girl com- proved that he was not unmindful of physical companions. They were having such a merry time all fort. Indeed, as we look at the owner of this by themselves that they were not a bit glad to see | beautiful establishment, as he is seated in an easy an old and blind beggar following his faithful dog chair, reading a paper, we feel that he is every inch through the coach-door into the garden. The beg- a man, and worthy of our entire respect. The gar's long, white hair flowed down upon his should- merry group by the fire, who are visitors for the ers from under his rusty black hat, his eyes were holidays, evidently share our opinion. Suddenly draw out; to set again. closed, his face was wrinkled with years of suffer- one of the boys turned to his uncle with the query : "Uncle Harry, do you believe in luck?"

"Well, boys," said he, "that is rather a leading question. I will tell you a little story, and you

"When I was about ten years old my father died, after a lingering illness. He had been unfor-"Don't bother about him," exclaimed Frans | tunate in some business ventures, and his sickness Willeuss. "Let's go on playing !" and the chil- had entirely exhausted our funds. I left school. and felt that as I was the oldest, I must help

stumbled over the dog, and ran full against the patiently stitching away on the coarse works she received such a pittance for from the shops. I "Two blind men together. A real one and a tried to get a place in some store, but could not succeed. My efforts in that line, and my many rebuffs,

the joke. He tore the handkerchief from his eyes, | "I concluded I would sell papers, but at first it and with his elenched fist struck the poor beggar on | was very hard work. I did not mind the fatigue; at work at home, and I determined I would suc-

"One evening I jumped on a car, crying my boy, a Chronicle.' I gave him one, and he put his When the children had quite surrounded the hand in his pocket and drew out and gave me what blind beggar, he took off his hat and thus related he supposed was a three-cent piece, but I saw it

was a gold piece. "My children, you must know that my name is | "I jumped off the car in a hurry, and soon went Jan Mertens, and that I was born and brought up home. I felt a little uncertain as to how mother in this very house where Frans and his parents now | would view the matter, but I never had any secrets live. My father and mother were rich, very rich, from her, so I told her all about it, adding that I and they loved me above all their riches, as an only considered it a rare piece of luck; for we did need

sould buy was showered upon me; never did I ex- "But mother argued that morally I had no right press a want but it was immediately provided for. to any more than the price of the paper, unless it Years and years ago, I used to play in this lovely was given to me; that it was a mistake; and I ingarden, just as you, my children, have done to-day; sisted that any man so careless ought to lose his boil until clear. If picked at the right stage the FLANNELS—Fancy Shirtings, Bed Ticks, White but the playmates of my boyhood are now either | money, and that it was intended to relieve our own | jam will be amber colored and firm, and very much

to come here every day now, not so much to beg "But mother said, 'My son, he on whom I have for money, as to call up more vividly the memory set my trust has never deserted me yet, and I can- does not seem as tender as it ought to be, It may of those happy, happy old times that I shall never | not so distrust him now. I would rather starve | be improved in this way : Put the meat in a tureen,

us were having noisy sport here, a blind old beggar, "I believe there comes to every one some supreme parsley, four sliced onions, the juice of half a lemon, just such a helpless nobody as I am, appeared upon | crisis in life, when good and evil strive for his soul, | two bay-leaves and four teaspoonfuls of sweet oil; the scene and interfered a little with our pleasure, and that night was the battle fought for mine." Mr. put half of the mixture under the meat and half Morton had forgotten his eager listeners, but was over it. Cover the tureen and let the meat remain

"Well, your grandmother finally brought me to promise that if I saw the man again, I would return the money. No fear of my not knowing him; his face was before me all the time. Next evening I began my work as usual. I had been through several cars, and almost hoped that I could not find age would fail. "' You bought a paper from me last evening,

" Well,' said he, 'I suppose I did; I bought one from some boy. What's wrong; didn't I pay

"I told him what was the matter, and his astonishment was great; he looked at me as if I was a curiosity, asked my name and where I lived. Others | manne heard the conversation, and my papers were soon all sold at double their price-the gentlemen laughingly telling me they knew what they were about. certain it is that they received a severe shock from I fairly flew home that night, and I never felt so proud and happy as when I poured that money into my mother's lap, and heard her say : "'Thank God, my boy, who has kept you

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> This was more than little Frank could endure. posure. He then said :

even long hours of the afternoon and evening by lambs, and it was winter time, would you put all the very men who had just been its defenders. the big sheep in stables and leave the lambs outside

into danger, was shot down in the streets, and his | His grandmother consented. He was examined as dead body was brought home, just as the first shells to his faith in Christ, and received into the church. He became a physician, and the head of a public us. My mother was wild with grief, while I was institution of the State of Kentucky, and is still an afraid to remain under the same roof as my father's earnest and devoted follower of Christ,-Crown of

> THE HARVEST. A few little seeds by the wayside, Were sown with loving care, A few little seeds by the wayside, Dropped with a silent prayer.

Though I may not see the springing, Where in other hearts it's sown. But, O what a golden harvest I've gathered within my own.

So a little work for the Master, Tho' love's reward be dim, Yet the world is pure and better, For a single thought of him. -The Sunbeam.

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THE MYSTERY. No. 164.—BIBLICAL ACROSTIC. FROM JENNIE MCDOUGALL, CARLETON, ST. JOHN. The initials give the name of a martyr.

One of the apostles. One who sold his birthright. An apostle. A governor.

A queen. 7. A king. No. 165.—PI VERSE.

FROM "NO NAME," FREDERICTON. 'Ipersa ogd, mofr owmh lal sgnisbesl fwol, Ripesa min lla trecarseu reeh lbweo; Spirae imh ebvao, ey evhanely thso; Erapis tehafr, nso, ana lhoy sogth."

No. 166.—BIBLE QUERIES. FROM "MATTY," KINGS. What relation were Aquila and Priscilla, and where is it found in the Bible? 2. Where will you find the word cucumbers

nentioned in the Bible? No. 167 .- SQUARE WORD. FROM "VAN," YORK. An apostle; to shun; slope of a rampart; to

No. 168 .- BIED CROSS-WORD ENIGMA. FROM "MARIANNIE," KINGS. My 1st is in ostrich, but not in eagle ; My 2nd is in quail, but not in owl; My 3rd is in heron, but not in swan; My 4th is in partridge, but not in ossifrage My 5th is in pelican, but not in bittern; My 6th is in peacock, but not in hawk; My 7th is in glede, but not in stork; My 8th is in cormorant, but not in vulture My 9th is in raven, but not in pigeon; My 10th is in kite, but not in cuckoo; My whole is a bird mentioned in the Bible

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.) THE MYSTERY SOLVED. (No. 33.)

No. 150.-St. John x. 14. No. 151.-"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Matt. ix. 22. BILDAD IDIOM

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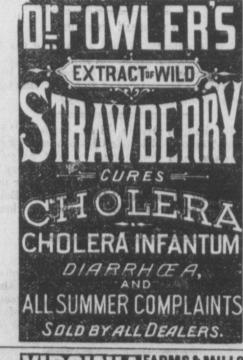
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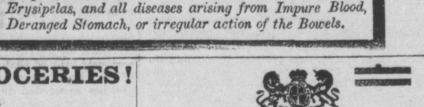
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