MY LEGACY.

They told me I was heir. 1 turned in And ran to seek my treasure, And wondered, as I ran, how it was

If I should find a measure Of gold, or if the titles of fair lands And houses would be laid within my hands I journeyed many roads; I knocked at

I spoke to each wayfarer I met, and said, "A heritage awaits Me. Art not thou the bearer Of news? Some message sent to me where

I learn which way my new possessions lie?' Some asked me in-naught lay beyond their door; Some smiled and would not tarry, But said that men were just beyond who

More gold than I could carry; And so the morn, the noon, the day were While empty-handed up and down I went

At last one cried, whose face I could not As through the mist he hasted, "Poor child! what evil ones have hindered Till this whole day is wasted?

Hath no man told thee that thou art joint With one named Christ, who waits the goods to share !"

The one named Christ I sought for many In many places, vainly: I heard men name his name in many ways I saw his temples plainly. But they who named him most gave me

To find him by, or prove the heirship mine. And when at last I stood before his face, I knew him by no token, Save subtle air of joy that filled the place; Our greeting was not spoken; In solemn silence I received my share, Kneeling before my Brother and "joint

My share! No deed of house or spreading As I had dreamed; no measure Heaped up with gold; my Elder Brother's

Had never held such treasure. Foxes have holes, and birds in nests are My Brother hath not where to lay his head. My share! The right, like him, to know

Which hearts are made for knowing ; The right to find in loss the surest gain To reap my joy from sowing In bitter tears; the right with him to keep A watch by day and night with those who

My share! To-day men call it grief and I see the joy and life to-morrow: I thank our Father with my every breath For this sweet legacy of sorrow; And through my tears I call to each "Joint heir

With Christ, make haste to ask him for -Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson,

HAVE YOU A CUT BIBLE

BY LAURENS.

Whose reads the biographies of Josiah and Jehoiakim, as recorded in Holy Writ, will not only discover how the best of fathers may have one of the worst of sons, but also the different ways in which the good man and the bad man treat the Bible.

Josiah received the Book of the Law which Hilkiah found in the house of the Lord, listened with concern to the punishments there foretold, turned with p'eading towards God, and made with and for his people a covenant "to walk after the Lord and to ke p his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and soul." Josiah stands an imperishable type of the man who takes God's word, all of it, takes Gol at his word, puts that word into centrol of his conduct and translates it into life.

Jehoiakim listened to the reading of three or four paragraphs of searching truth, then in a rage seized the roll, "cut it with the penknife, and gast it into the fire that was in the Grazier, until all the roll was consumed." He stands a type of the cnan who rejects God's word, refuses to be guided by God's commands, deliberately chooses to follow his own downward course.

Thus where Josiah reverenced God's word, Jehoiakim cut and burned it. Where Josiah made it a savor of life unto life, Jehoiakim made it a savor of death unto death. And he reaped the fruit of his iniquities. Beginning with disobedience of God, the unhappy man ended with defiance of God. And triumphs of the ungodly. "Fret and burn and defy and deny as you will, that word of God endureth. sure. Jehoiakim cut the sacred roll, and was himself cut off, despised, not of a king, but of a beast. But his body; it was that of his soul.

The Jehoiakims still live. In all ages this Scripture mutilator has had successors. Men stand ever with penknife ready to cut the roll. Not want a cut Bible. And, of course, every man wants to do the cutting to suit himself. One cuts out everything that relates to hell, because that is undeniably an unpleasantly leaves this word in, but cuts out tion in a moment." eternal punishment and pastes in probation after death. A third cuts out all reference to God's righteous time,-that the antidote prescribed anger and threatened punishments, for it by the Psalmist had cured it leaving only love as the divine at- forever. That this is not the case tribute; while a fourth is as strongly | is no fault certainly of the antidote, bent on cutting out love and leaving for it is a divinely true and efficaci- my eyes," she mourned. "I consecuting out love and leaving for it is a divinely true and efficaci- my eyes," she mourned. "I consecuting out love and leaving for it is a divinely true and efficaci-

tering of science and a surplus of regards. The worldly-minded cut at the present time, nor is it confin- shall save thy son." out the doctrine of separateness from | ed to persons making no profession | the world. The man who thinks to Christianity. more of convenience than obedience ence so much as custom. So bold do men become in this business that one school calmly cuts out the divinity of Christ-that is, the entire centre of the book, which falls less by this passion. And as anger ing, 'Lord, I've nothing but to pieces in consequence.

O, it is shocking how men have mutilated this Book of booksnothing more shocking in the annals of a fallen and miserable mankind!

to his pastor saying, "Here's your showed him the volume with many left. "Why, what do you mean?" others. asked the doctor of divinity, "that is not my Bible." "Yes it is," was the reply, "I have followed your preaching carefully for ten years, and

stand in pulpits and speak in the name of its author, God, cutting at it with their penknives, and newtheologyism, and skepticism, and evolutionism, and rationalism, and materialism, and every other ism. Sad, I say, but not very dangerous were this all.

But is this all? I ask of the great a Bible? Is it a cut Bible?

as Josiah did, or as Jehoiakim did? book-do you cut them out of your This is not multilation but revision. I wish it were in many cases more clear vision. But have von that ernment. The secret of good family the world is at an end, and while best of versions, a Bible character printed on the page of a Bible-life? | thority with affection so as to secure Have you resisted every temptation from without or within to cut this Bible, and held to it in its entirety fretting, and fault-finding. The "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto as the word of God to you, the word of life, the word of salvation through | treats it as theu h it had no feeling, its revelation of the Christ ?

questions to-day than these. If our | childhood and of subsequent life pro-Christianity has anything weak and | ceed. Children brought up in this | his flight heavenward, each weary, wanting about it, it is because there is not enough Bible-believing, Bibleknowing, and Bible-living in it. Who can tell what would result of | be perpetuated. spiritual might if the church of Christ would resolve itself into one great Bible school, get a new and it betray their ignorance and illfull supply of uncut Bibles, and then I breeding. throw all the penknives away!

Think about these things, Chrisof God's word by infidels that we have to fear. It is the stab of the kind of a Bible is yours? Is it a cut one !- The Standard.

FRETTING.

That fretting existed so long ago as in the Psalmist's time appears from his admonition three times expressed in the 37th Psalm: "Fret not thyself." The chief cause or occasion of the fretting seems to have been the apparent successes and he found, as men ever do, that cut | not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness. Fret Its promises and judgments are alike not thyself because of him who prespereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked and cast out, buried with the burial, devices to pass." Indeed his own heart seems at one time to have the saddest funeral was not that of yielded to this spirit of fretfulness and envy. "As for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Nor many are there who want no Bible did he get relief from his pain and at all, but a multitude are there who | perplexity "until he went into the sanctuary of God and considered would be more becoming than envy, suggestive word, even when made for he saw them "standing on slipinto sheol, as in the revision. Another | pery places and becoming a desola-

We could wish that fretting were altogether a matter of the olden

to burn with anger; that is to say, weary nights; and while others are fretting is in one form or another strong, and busily engaged in bringman is he who is swayed more or must I fall at the Reaper's feet, saythe fitting expression of this idea by "He knoweth our frame. He rethe word "fret," which means pri- membereth that we are dust." marily to eat, to corrode, to wear away. Fretting, like a corrosive wearied with the fatigues and dis-Mr. Moody tells a pithy story of acid, eats into and destroys the in- couragements of the day. "Long a young man who held out a book ward peace of the breast-the ten- years have I labored to sow good der felicity of the home into which seed in the hearts of my pupils, Bible," and turning the leaves it is permitted to come. Life itself she said; "by precept and example is worn and shortened by it; other have I endeavored to mold their books cut out altogether, and hardly things being equal, fretful, peevish, characters aright, but the lesson of a whole page among those that were tault-finding persons die sooner than to-day seems forgotten to-morrow.

are the following : whenever you have discredited a goes out very slowly towards perbook or verse, or explained it away sons of unsubdued tongues and temas uninspired or mythical, I have pers. By the exercise of a high Feed my lambs." cut it out; and this is what is left moral principle they may be tolerof your Bible." "Let me take it," ated and borne with, but can hardly her darling child. Her greatest joy, said the pastor. "O, no," said the be loved. Their presence is both her fondest hope was centred in that young man, instantly, "I am going repulsive and expulsive; it begets infant boy. With aching heart and to hang on to the covers, anyhow." | the wish that you and they were | tearful eyes, she cried, "My hopes Sad enough is it to see professed farther apart. The fretful husband are blasted. I had hoped to see him believers in this Bible, men who has rendered miserable the lot of grow to manhood. With delight many a gentle and uncomplaining wife; the fretful wife has driven many a kind and generous husband to the tavern and gambling saloon.

2. It is the bane of domestic happiness. A large proportion of domestic trials and unhappiness spring wonder that their husbands are not masses of Christians: Do you carry | tonder of their company, that their children cause them so much trou-Are you treating the Scriptures | ble, that their domestics do not like to work for them, and that they can-You find the way of life in this book | not secure the good will of the young -are you walking in it? You find people, whereas the true explanaunpleasant and sharp hints in this | tion is found in their own peevishness and fretfulness. Alas for the remembrance? Much is being said | man, woman or child that is exposed about the new version of the Bible. to the influence of such a temper in

3. It defeats the end of family govgovernment is the blending of aurespect and love. But this is impossible in the presence of scolding, mother who taunts her child or fosters in it the very disposition There are no more important from which many of the faults of way will in turn probably bring up their children in the same way, and thus the generation of fretters will

4. Fretting is a mark of a vulgar disposition. Those who indulge in

5. It is unphilosophical to fret. He is unworthy the name of a philetian reader. It is not the cutting sopher who allows the petty annoyances of life to ruffle his spirit or rob him of his calm self-possession. supposed and professed friend that These annoyances are to be dealt with gives most deadly hurt. As a Chris- as the traveller deals with the nettian, of course you have a Bible. I tles and mosquitoes which he meets You professedly live by it. What in his way, that is, they are to be patiently endured. The traveller in the desert shoots down the lions in his way, but it would be as futile as undignified to deal thus with the pestiferous insects.

6. It is unchristian to fret. Fretting is not one of the fruits of the Christian religion. Those addicted to the practice show that they have not gone far in learning of Him who was meek and wly, and who, when

reviled, revile not again. 7. Finally, all reasons against fretting are mainly comprehended in these two: First, we should not fret over what can be helped; and secondly, we should not fret over what cannot be helped.—Canadian

NOTHING BUT LEAVES.

The angel of consolation wended his way down to earth one night, mur of God's chosen ones.

'Master, I've nothing but leaves?"

bringing his sheaves with him."

only justice. The man with a smat- ous one, as has been found by all crated him to heaven in his infancy, You had better take the shoes back that which is evil.

across whole chapters. The man themselves, not for others. As the tears; in the harvest I hoped to dead. She's lying at home now-

A weary invalid tossed upon a The primary signification of the life," she sighed. "Exempt from an ebullition of anger, the fretful ing in the golden grain, in sorrow burns that it may consume, hence | leaves.' Again the angel answered,

A teacher sought her pillow My brain reels with the long re-A variety of reasons might be peated efforts to guide them, while urged against fretting, among which my heart aches as I think of the harvest, when sadly I must say, 1. It destroys affection. The heart | 'Father, I've nothing but leaves.' But the angel whispered, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.

A mother hung over the casket of would I have trained his young feet to walk in wisdom's ways, so when the end had come I could appear before the Reaper with the glad refrain, 'Behold, here is the child whom thou didst give me.' But now I will have nothing but leaves.' from this source. Wives sometimes But her tears were dried as the angel said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The midnight oil burns low as a lonely watcher sits beside the couch of a sick one. For months has disease in blighting form been suffered to rest upon the household, and tired nature almost succumbs to the weight of care and anxiety. "My life is blighted," the watcher cried. " My years are wasting away in a darkened room; my usefulness in others are bringing in their sheaves to lay at the Master's feet, I can only say, 'Here are my leaves.' But the message from the angel was, one of the least of these, ye bave

done it unto me." So the hearts of God's chosen ones were cheered and comforted, and as the angel of consolation took discouraged one was softly saying "Now do I gather strength and hope anew. For well I know thy patient love perceives Not what I did, but what I strove to do; And though the full ripe ears are sadly few, Thou wilt accept my sheaves.'

-Christian at Work.

THE BOTTLE DISAPPEARED.

" No, I won't drink with you to

day, boys," said a drummer to sev-

eral companions, as they settled down in the smoking-car and passed the bottle. "The fact is, boys, I've quit drinking-I have sworn off.' He was greeted with shouts of laughter by the jolly crowd around him; they put the bottle under his nose and indulged in many jokes at his expense, but he refused to drink, and was rather serious about it. "What's the matter with you, old boy ?" sang out one. "If you've quit drinking, something's up; tell us what it is." "Well, boys, I will, though I know you'll laugh at me. But I'll tell you, all the same. I have been a drinking man all my is kinder and cometh and visiteth life, ever since I was married, as you my soul. My chains are overall know. I love whiskey-it's as gilded with gold. No pen, no sweet in my mouth as sugar-and God only knows how I'll quit it. For seven years not a day has passed over my head that I didn't have my palace in Aberdeen." at least one drink. But I am done. Yesterday I was in Chicago. Down on South Clark street a customer of mine keeps a pawn shop in connection with his other business. called on him; and while I was there a young man not more than twentyand bent his ear to catch the mur- five, wearing thread-bare clothes, and looking as hard as if he hadn't A faithful pastor was kneeling in seen a sober day in a month, came prayer for the members of his flock. in with a little package in his hand. "Of what avail are my tears and Tremblingly he unwrapped it, and their latter end." Contemplating pleading," he cried; "my people are handed the article to the pawntheir character and destiny from | cold and indifferent; my most ear- | broker, saying, 'Give me ten cents.' this standpoint, he felt that pity nest efforts seem to fall unheeded And, boys, what do you suppose it upon them, and when the time of was? A pair of baby's shoes, little reaping shall come, how can I say, things with the buttons only a trifle soiled, as if they had been worn but The voice of the angel fell sooth- once or twice. 'Where did you get ingly upon his ear, " He that goeth | these?' asked the pawnbroker. 'Got forth weeping, bearing precious seed, 'em at home,' replied the man, who shall come again with rejoicing, had an intelligent face and the manner of a gentleman, despite his sad is to have the mind occupied with An aged mother wept for her way- condition. 'My-my wife bought pure and ennobling thoughts. The ward son. "He was the delight of them for the baby. Give me ten mind can not be a vacuum. It must

who have thoroughly tried it. But but he has forsaken his mother's to your wife, the baby will need conceit cuts out the Genesis and the men can be cured of their moral God. Long nights have I plead for them, said the pawnbroker. No, miracles, and writes legend and myth and spiritual disorders only for him; my pillow has been wet with s-she won't, because because she whose life is not above reproach for disposition to fret is inherent in being him with me, and how can I died last night.' As he said this honest dealing and unselfishness and human nature, it shows itself, as bear to say, 'Master, I've nothing the poor fellow broke down, bowed self-sacrifice and love to his neigh | might be expected, to a greater or | but leaves?" In silvery notes the his head on the show case and cried bor puts his dull mental and moral less extent, in every age and in angel's voice was heard, "A like a child. Boys," said the drumpenknife to the practical teachings of every generation. Manifestly there mother's prayers are not forgotten; mer, "you can laugh if you please, Jesus and Paul and John in these is not a little fretting in the world thy tears are in my bottle; thy faith but I-I have a baby of my own at home, and I swear I'll never drink another drop." Then he got bed of pain. "How useless is my up and went into another car. His companions glanced at each other in cuts out this ordinance of Christ or term rendered "fret" in the Psalm active labor, the days pass slowly silence; no one laughed; the bottle that command, as suits not consci- above referred to is to burn and then by, only to be followed by more disappeared, and soon each was sitting in a seat by himself reading a newspaper.—Chicago Herald.

THE GOSPEL OF WOMANHOOD.

The gespel of Luke has been styled "The Gospel of Womanhood. In justification of this peculiar designation, Canon Farrar says: "St. Luke alone records the special graciousness and tenderness of Jesus to women. He alone tells of the raising of the dead boy, for whom the heart of Jesus was touched with compassion, because he was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. He alone, that Jesus was accompanied in his mission, not by warriors, like David; not by elders, like Meses; not by kings and princes, like the Herods, but by a most humble band of ministering women. He alone preserves the narratives, treasured with delicate reserve and holy reticence in the hearts of the blessed Virgin and of the saintly Elizabeth; parratives which show in every line the pure and tender coloring of a woman's thoughts. He only tells us how honest Martha was cumbered with much serving, and how Mary of Bethany-the gentle and the lowly-chose, sitting humbly at the feet of Jesus, the better part; he alone, how the Lord once addressed to a poor, crushed, trembling, humil a ed sufferer, the tender name of daughter; he alone, how when the weeping women mingled with the crowds that followed Him as be passed to Calvary, he turned and said, 'Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children.' -Baptist Weekly.

A REMARKABLE STORY.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon relates the following, which was told him by one of his evangelists:

A woman in Scotland, who was determined, as far as possible, not to have anything to do with religion, threw her Bible and all the tracts she could find in her house into the fire. One of the tracts fell down out of the flames, so she picked it up and thrust it in again. A second time it slipped down, and once more she put it back. Again her evil intention was frustrated, but the next time she was more successful, though even then only half of it was consumed. Taking up the portion that fell out of the fire, she exclaimed, "Surely the devil is in that tract, for it won't burn.'

Her curiosity was excited; she began to read it, and it was the means of her conversion. The tract was one of the sermons published in "The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit." Verily, that sermon, and the woman, too, " were saved, yet so as by fire." What wondrous ways the Lord has of bringing home the truth to the hearts and conscience of sin-

HAPPINESS IN PRISON

Samuel Rutherford, in prison, used to date his letters "Christ's Palace, Aberdeen." He wrote to a friend, "The Lord is with us; I care not what man can do; I burden no man. I want nothing. No king is better than I. Sweet, sweet and easy is the cross of my Lord. All men I look in the face, of whatsoever rank, nobles and poor, acquaintances and strangers, are friendly to me. My Well-beloved words, no engine can express to you the loveliness of my only Lord Jesus. Thus in haste I make for

To most waiting is harder than working. Patience is a difficult virtue, and in this busy, overstrained age it is becoming somewhat scarce. Ofttimes it is the best service that can be rendered. "For they also serve who only stand and wait." Away from the glare of the world, in the privacy of home, waiting, not in idleness, nor in disappointed pride, but in faithful perfor mance of the small duties, which come hour by hour, the soul's devotion to God is proved, its strength is nourished, and if a call comes to higher work, it is not found wanting. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much."

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