#### Poetry.

[From the New York Tribune.]

following exquisite poem. It is shaped with with pleasure on the delighted hours she had lar. So let me give you a piece of advice. as sweet, tender and delicate a beauty as the spent with them in this way, and now, though Never insult the humble, as they may some "darling blossom" it addresses.]

#### TRAILING ARBUTUS.\*

Darlings of the forest! Blossoming alone When earth's grief is sorest, For her jewels gone-

Ere the last snow-drift melts, your tender buds have blown.

Tinged with color faintly, Lake the morning sky. Or more pale and saintly. Wrapped in leaves ye lie, Even as children sleep in faith's simplicity.

There the wild wood-robin Hymns your solitude, And the rain comes sobbing Through the budding wood. While the low south wind sighs, but dare not be more rude.

Were your pure lips fashioned Out of the air and dew; Starlight unimpassioned, Dawn's most tender hue; And scented by the woods that gathered sweets for you?

Fairest and most lonely. From the world apart, Made for beauty only, Veiled from Nature's heart, With such unconscious grace as makes the dream of Art!

Were not mortal sorrow An immortal shade, Then would I to-morrow Such a flower be made. And live in the dear woods where my lost childhood played.

Commonly known as the "May-Flower."

### The Fantily.

### "Mother, Please tell me a Story."

How many a mother has complied with this thing." oft-repeated request until every page of inci- A mother's heart can find no repose when

Next to "what mother did when a child," all retired, to examine the library.

"true stories" about others please. Where is the mother who reads this Magazine, that and finding the little book case locked, we for examples of pure heroism but on the sacred over our fair community! And riveting fast Flower SEEDS, by Steamship Europa. page? Where for the truly pathetic, which, the chains of moral and eternal death. while it melts the tender heart, leaves upon it This reading was almost all of it in the

worthies who, through faith and patience, now inherit the promises. They are the living—we and ours the dying. They now inhabit that "better country" which they sought, parents of what their library consisted, they a share of the patronage heretofore received. and which we, if indeed their followers, are fancied their amusement innocent. now seeking as the eternal home of ourselves and children. With what glorious company He who has no higher aims is not on the road JOSE First, we would lead them to Jesus, then in the bility have been ruined. O woman, blessed they sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the various pursuits of life, thou art the guarin the kingdom of heaven.

It was a beautiful remark made by a bereaved mother in India—the wife of a Germany missionary-to one of the ladies of the gent children, between the ages of five and offer of perpetual friendship. and foved prayer. After going through the you once spurned me, and called me a drawl- to suit purchasers. Prepared only by affecting details of their sickness and death, ing dolt." she added, "It is a great comfort for me to "Impossible!" exclaimed the humming

think they have not gone among strangers ! bird, "I always entertained the highest respect DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES for, said she "I have made them acquainted for such beautiful creatures as you." with Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Paul. "Perhaps you do now," said the other, [An unknown correspondent sends us the and all the Scripture saints." Her mind dwelt "but when you insulted me I was a caterpilgone from her embraces, she felt a sweet as- day become your superiors." surance that they were mingling with the spirits of those "just men made perfect," of whom Move on .- If you are ever to be anything, they used to converse.

rents cheerfully endure to prepare their chil- practical to help drones, and push them along, dren to occupy, for a few brief years, a re- when there is a busy hive of workers, who, if spectable place in society! This is well .- anything, live too fast. You must lift up your But how much more earnestly should we strive own feet, and if you have a pair of clogs, to fit them for a home and work among the re- which clatter about your heels, they will soon deemed, which will be eternal !- Mrs. Whit- be worn off and left behind on the dusty pathtelsey's Magazine for Mothers.

#### THE GREAT READER.

"John is getting to be a great reader, wife. said my sister's husband, as he seated himself at the tea table. "He has always loved to Do not be afraid to take the first step. Boldplay so well that I feared he would never be a book worm, but I am happily disappointed. He has built him a little book case in the corner of the counting room, and there he keeps his library and spends all his leisure hours."

"What does he read, husband?" asked the wife, with evident anxiety. "You know he may be as improperly employed with a book, as at the gaming table." "I suppose it possible, my dear, but I am too busy to examine his books, besides, he's always been a steady boy, and I havn't suspected him of getting bad books."

At this moment the son appeared at the tea

"John," said his mother, "we shall have your company in the sitting room, I presume,

this evening. Your aunt has come to visit us." "But I have a book to finish and return to

"What is the title of the book, son?"

"Why-I-I forgot just now." " Well, bring it in and read to us."

The colour mounted the cheek of the young man in a moment. " Dear mother and aunt. excuse me to night, and I will read to you tomorrow eve. I must read so fast in order to rates for "Cash on delivery." tinish it, and I promised to return it." " But what books have you in your new library, my son.'

"Tracts, periodicals and almost every

dent in memory's annals has been thrice re- she only fears that her child is in danger .dent in memory's annals has been thrice rehearsed to the eager listeners! And yet they ask for more.

Next to "what mother did when a child?" she only fears that her child is in danger.—
And his mother asked me to repair to the Children's BOO'TS and SHOES, of all descriptions, quacounting-room with her after the family had lities and sizes, which they will sell at their usual low

has not been thankful for the rich and almost exhaustless fund she has in hand, from which she may at any time draw stories "all true," ous newspapers and periodicals, together with and of such variety as to be adapted to almost some of the most corrupting novels of the day, every peculiarity of character or circumstance I involuntarily exclaimed, alas! what incalculaincident to the family circle? Do our sons love tales of heroes? Where shall they look for examples of pure heroism but on the sacred page? Where for the truly pathetic, which page? Where for the truly pathetic which page? The page of the page

an impression in favour of goodness, of stern, form of tales or stories, written not in a coarse unflinching integrity? And when does a mo-vulgar style, but so tarnished over as to seem ther ever enter into all the details of the sacred to give it consequence and recommend it to narrative, and draw out and enforce the truth the taste of the young. And our child, toge-

of patriarchs, propiets, and apostles we hope to virtue or bappiness. And let parents watch soon to mingle, and to this honour and bles- over the pursuits of their children. But for sedness we would have our children aspire. - female watchfulness these would in all probafootsteps of His flock, till redeemed from earth is thy watchfulness. While man is busy in dian angel of thy sons, and great is thy reward of the bark, with the flavour of the Fruit, ren even in Heaven .- Cultivator.

AN ALLEGORY .- A humming-bird met a

you must make a beginning; and you must How many hours of anxious toil will pa- make it yourelf. The world is getting too way. Mark out the line which you prefer; let truth be the object-glass-honesty the surveying chain-and eminence the level with which you lay out your field; and thus prepared, with prudence on one arm and perseverance on the other, you need fear no obstacle, ness will beget assurance, and the first step will bring you so much nearer the second.

> Immoderate pleasures shorten the existence more than any remedies can prolong it.

> Measure not men by Sundays, without regarding what they do all the week after.

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