BY ALFRED TENNYSON.

Dip down upon the northern shore. O sweet new year, delaying long; Thou doest expectant nature wrong, Delaying long; delay no more.

What stays thee from the clouded noons, The sweetness from its proper place? Can trouble live with Aprils days, Or sadness in the summer moons?

Bring orchis, bring the fox-glove spire, The little speedwell's darling blue, Deep tolips dashed with fiery dew, Laburnums, dropping-wells of fire.

O thou, new year, delaying long, Delayest the sorrow in my blood. That longs to burst a frozen bud, And flood a fresher throat with song.

Now fades the last long streak of snow; Now burgeons every maze of quick About the flowering squares, and thick By ashen roots the violets blow.

Now rings the woodland loud and long, The distance takes a lovelier hue And drowned in yonder living blue The lark becomes a signtless song.

Now dance the lights on lawn and lea, The flocks are whiter down the vale, And milkier every milky sail On winding stream or distant sea;

Where now the seamew pipes, or dives In vonder greening gleam, and fly The happy birds, that change their sky To build and brood, that live their lives

From land to land : and in my breast Spring wakens too; and my regret Becomes an April violet, And buds and blossoms like the rest.

MY WIFE!

She tied the new cravat Which she so kindly made me Then smoothed with care my hat, And with her arms delayed me: She brushed my "glossy hair" And said, ', it was so curly !" While going down the stair She cried, "Come home, dear, early!"

How happy then was 1, Wi'h ail I e'er desired: I fortune could defy While thus I was admired ! We parted at the door-Her smile deserved a sonnet

" Dear love !- but one thing more, 1 want—a new spring bonnet ! -Home Journal.

Family Circle. (For the Christian Visitor.)

A WORD FOR HOOPS. In the crusade which is constantly going on

against the present style of dress, it is really pleasant to see now and then one of the sterner sex condescend to use his pen in our behalf. A writer in the New York Chronicle kindly comes to the rescue, and modestly, yet manfully declares himself on the ladies' side. Who will not appreciate and acknowledge the service rendered ?-particularly when so many of our masculine friends seem to consider it their peculiar mission to descant upon woman's extravagance, vanity, folly, &c. For instance in a late number of the Christian Messenger one "Disciple" lifts up his voice on the momentous subject of "Modern Fashion" and thinks that "the press should lend its aid in suppressing such absurd tyranny which has for some time wast induced females to disfigure their personal appearance in the voluminous and prodigal extent of the reigning mode of dress." We are then reminded of the admonitions of the Apostles with reference to female adornment; but we agree with our friend of the Chronicle that it does not seem altogether desirable that we should "adopt the mode offdress peculiar to the time of St. Paul;" and it is a pity that the time and talent expended upon

that text were not appropriated to more impor-

Strange it is that if a woman manifests any regard for her personal appearance, or shows in the most remote manner that her thoughts ever descend to the trivialities of dress or fashion, she is straightway pronounced vain, worldly-minded and destitute of the spirit of religion; -whereas if the truth were known, there is not of those staid denouncers of our caprices who is not in his own way equally particular that his coat shall be of the most fashionable cut and his hat of the latest style. That same nat! Isn't it elegant, graceful classical? Shant we exchange our light, flowerwreathed head-dresses for black beavers? No ribbons, no flowers, no jewels, no flounces, no fine lace, no delicate embroideries, no silks, no sains, worse than all no Hoops. What a demure, prim class of beings females would become! But judging from present indications. such a state of things, however desirable, seems afar off. As to skints they promise to be even more expansive than ever; and it is not so much to be wondered at, when it is acknowledged that hoops conduce greatly to the ease and comfort, physicians say, also, to the health of the wearer. Add to this, the fact, that the manufacture of them gives employment to thousands of destitute females, and any candid person will surely admit that "voluminous" skirts are not the greatest evil under the sun.

A LADY.

HOW TO BEAR LITTLE TROUBLES. There is a kind of narrowness into which, in our every-day experience, we are apt to fall, and against which we should most carefully guard. When a man who is in perfect health has a wound inflicted upon him, a wound in his foot, a cut in his finger, a pain in his hand-he is almost always sure to feel, even though it be only a small part that is suffering, and the suffering itself be naworthy of the name, that the perfect soundness of all the rest of the body counts as nothing : and a little annoyance is magnified into a universal pain. Only a single point may be hurt, and vet he teels himself clothed with uneasiness, as with a garment of torture. So God may send ten thousand mercies upon us, but if there happen to be only one discomfort among them, one "Sir, 'tis this. I suppose that I am entitled to April 1.

little worry, or fret, or bicker, all the mercies and a seat in this ere building, and I would like for you to show me the way to where the rest of all the comforts are forgotten, and count as nothing! One little trouble is enough to set them them are." "What do you take this to be ?" asked the all aside! There may be an innumerable train of mercies which, if they are stopped one by one, clerk, a smile playing round his mouth.

and questioned, would seem like angels bearing

God's gifts in their hands! But we forget them

able to straighten out his crookedness until noon

-if haply then; for a man is like a large ship-

sorrow about with him as a very little thing. -

THE MOTHER AND CHILD.

"Dear mother," said a delicate little girl, "I

"Well, you are a naughty, careless trouble-

And this was a Christian mother's answer t.

what were a thousand vases in comparison!

[From Dr. Todd's "Gathered Lilies"]

GARDEN OF HEAVEN.

and as you stooped down to admire a sweet lily,

it should droop it leaves, and shut up its flowers,

and say to you. "Sir. I am a mourner! I had

a beautiful child by my side, which grew from

my root. It opened its flowers and mingled its

leaves with mine, and waved its head, and seemed

daily to smile upon me. It seems to me there

was never a lily so white, and pure, and beauti-

ful! But one day there came a man with a spade

and he rudely dug up my child, and tore its roots

from mine, and then crowded it into a small pot

and carried it off. He said not a word to me

He gave not a word of explanation; but he si

lently carried away my child." What would you

Why, you would say, "Do not grieve. That

man who seemed so rude, was the owner of the

garden, and he puts the young lily in the flower-

pot, and has carried it into his own parlor, where

under his own eye, it will be sheltered from the

where it will bloom in its beauty continually.

He came himself and gathered his lily, and gently

removed it to the warm place where he himself

Do you understand me, children? Does not

Christ thus come to his garden and gather lilies,

and remove them to his own beautiful home in

the heavens? No storms come there. No cry-

ing is heard there. No tears are shed there. It

is called the Paradise, or garden of the Lord.

Here, the garden is a beautiful place, but it was

in a garden that Adam sinned, and it was in

a Garden that Jesus was exceeding sorrowful.

even unto death, it was in a garden that he found

a tomb! But in the paradise above, there shall

be nothing of sin, of sorrow, or death. The

serpent shall not draw his trail over the flowers;

THE FARMER'S MISTAKE.

represent his native town in the State Legisla-

ture. His vanity was wonderfully tickled by

the honor thus conferred upon him, and he de-

termined the world should know that smart peo-

ple "aint always born outside the woods, any

how." He was a shrewd man, nevertheless, but

his shrewdness was sometimes of the shallow

kind, that led him to avoid asking questions lest

folks would think him "green." Fo after wan-

dering about for some time his eye at last rested

on what he supposed to be the building in ques-

tion. He boldly walked into the door of the im-

you," in a tone slightly riled at the laconic re-

"Well, what is it?" said the clerk, laying down

engaged in writing, ne accosted him thus :

'Fine morning, stranger."

"Yes." was the response.

anen mey care you many no sure to rear their.

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A somewhat rough old farmer was elected to

leave uo footprints there.

say to that mourning lily ?

HE GATHERS THE LILIES INTO THE

Suppose you should go into a beautiful garden

ever !-H. W. Beecher.

have broken your china vase !"

stairs until I send for you."

"The State House, to be sure." "The State House? I fear you are slightly mistaken, my fried friend. This is the State all, in the remembrance of the most trivial inconvenience! A man may go about all the day | Prison!"

Old Steve, as he was called, gave one look in long-discontented, fretting, out of humor-who, the face of the clerk to make sure that he was at evening, on asking himself the question, "What not joking, then hastened from the room to the has ailed me to-day?" may be filled with shame on being unable to tell! The annoyance is so street, and gave the first person he met a dime to small and slight that he cannot recognize it; yet, show him the State House.

That night he returned to beg the clerk not to its power over him is almost incredible. He is equally ashamed with the cause and the result. to tell of his mistake; but it was too late. It We may fall into such a state merely through had spread far and wide; and to crown all he indifference, and remain there simply because was put on the committee on the State Prison. as we have fallen into it, and make no effort to get 'twas observed that he was well acquainted with out. When a man starts wrong early in the that institution. It is said that if a man wents morning, unless he is careful to set himself to be knocked down, let him inquire of old Steve right before he has gone far, he will hardly be how he likes legislating!

The Blessed Home. Home! To be home is the wish of the seahe cannot turn around in a small place, and must make his sweep in a large curve. If we wake up man on the stormy seas and lone watch. Home with a heavenly mind, we are apt to carry it is the wish of the soldier, and tender visions min with us throughout the day; but it we wake up | gle with the troubled dreams of trench and tent with a fretful, prevish, discontented disposition, ed field. Where the palm tree waves its gracewe are apt to carry that all day, and all the next ful plumes, and birds of jeweled lustre flash and d y too! I have comforted myself, and risen flicker among georgeous flowers, the exile sits out of this state of mind, by saying to myself, staring on vacancy; far away home lies on his "Well, you are in trouble; something has come heart; and borne on the wings of fancy over inupon you which is painful; but will you let it tervening seas and land, he has swept away home clasp its arms around you, and shut you in its em- and hears the lark singing above his father's brace from the sight and touch of all the many fields, and sees his fair haired brother, with light other things that are accounted joys? Will you foot and childhood's glee, chasing the butterfly suffer yourself to be saddled and ridden by it?" by his native stream. -And in his best house. It is well to remember that there is a way of home, his own native home with his Father above overcoming present troubles by a remembrance that starry sky, will be the wish of every chrisof present mercies. The Apostle Paul knew tian man.

He looks around him-he finds the world is this, and so exhorted us to "look unto Jesus, who, for the joy that was set before him, endured full of suffering; he is distressed with its sorthe cross, despising the shame." All that Christ rows and vexed with its sins. He looks within had to bear, he bore patiently,—he carried his him—he finds much in his own corruptions to grieve for. In the language of a heart repelled. Why? Because of the "joy that was set before grieved, vexed, he often turns his eve upwards, him." O, let us apply the exhortation faithfully saying, "I would not live here always. No, not to ourselves; and when we are worried, and for all the gold of the world's mines-not for all tempted to give way to vexation, let us seek a the nearls of the seas-not for all the pleasures of sweet relief in the thought of the blessedness her flashing, frothy cup-not for all the crowns that is set before us to be an inheritance for of her kingdoms-would I live here always." Like a bird about to migrate to those sunny lands where no winter sheds her snows, or strips the grove, or binds the dancing streams, he will often in spirit be pluming his wings for the hour of his flight to glory.- Guthrie.

Family Worship.

some little thing, always in mischief-go up Several years since, says a correspondent of the American Messenger, the writer started with a clerical brother to attend the General Associathe tearful little culprit, who had struggled with tion of Ct., at S---. The day was warm, the and conquered the temptation to tell a falsehood roads hilly, and night overtook us long before to screen a fault. With a disappointed, disheartwe reached the end of our journey. We inquirened look, the child obeyed; and in that moment ed at the public house the distance to Swas crushed in her little heart the sweet flower but no one was able to tell us. The landlord reof truth, perhaps never to be revived to life! O marked that the minister was going to the meetng, and he could probably give us the desired

As we approached the house, the family were just striking up their evening song. The female voice was particularly sweet. At the close of the song, a voice broke forth in prayer, and we leaned over the gate that we might catch every word. The tones indicated a young man, and the thought crossed our mind, Have they children? Soon he began to pray for the child that God had given them-that God wauld spare his life, and that as he grew up he might not be contaminated by the world. My heart warmed as I said to myself. Yes, ves, my brother, commit that little one to God, and may he fulfil your petitions. At the close of their worship we introduced ourselves to the family, and were cordially invited to pass the night w.th them ; but as it would be necessary to start very early in the morning to reach S--- at the opening of the session, we declined their invitation.

I left the house with two reflections: 1. Reli gion is a reality. Here is a family in a sequestered spot offering their evening worship. They surely are not praying to be heard of men. 2 How genial the influence of family worship. Sistorms and cold winds and snows of winter, and lent and secret, it falls upon the heart refreshing as the dews of heaven.

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