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# Poetry.

## 8 0 N G. BY CHARLES SANGSTER.

CHORUS .- Shall British hearts surrender ? Canadian courage yield? Better each brave defender Lay dead upon the field !

> Our fathers fought before as, With courage tried and true; Their spirits, bending o'er us, Wilbteach us what to do. The deeds of valiant heroes Have filled our souls with might ; In battle, brave as Neres-In peace, prepared to fight. Shall British hearts, &c.

Our bards may sing the story, In some remoter day. Of fields of martial glory, Where duty led the way : May tell how British valor. As in its brightest morn, Still smites the field with pallor, And meets the foe with scorn. Shall British hearts, &c.

In vain ambitious foemen With force or fraud may toil, While we've our trusty yeomen To guard the sacred soil! No shallow, base pretenders, Can scale, by all their arts, Our wall of brave defenders-The people's hands and hearts. Shall British hearts, &c.

Miscellaneous. The Pearl of Orr's Island A Story of the Coast of Maine. BY MES. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

## CHAPTER XXV.

Continued. The shores of the Island, as we have said, are a precipitous wall of rock, whose long, ribbed ledges extend far out into the sea. At high tide these ledges are covered with the smooth blue sea quite up to the precipitous shore. There was a place, however, where the rocky shore shelved over, forming between two ledges a sort of grotto, whose smooth floor of shells and many-coloured pebbles was never wet by the rising tide. It had been the delight of Moses when a bay, to come here and watch the gradual rise of the tide till the grotto was entirely cut off from all approach, and then to look out in a sort of hermit-like security over the open ocean that stretched before him. Many an hour he had sat there and dreamed of all the possible fortunes that might be found for him when he should launch away into that blue smiling futurity.

It was now about half-tide, and Moses left his boat and made his way over the ledge of rocks toward his retreat. They were all shaggy and slippery with yellow sea-weeds, with here and there among them wide crystal pools, where purple and lilac | was found that I really could make their

But the character of the father and mother was such that judicious care was a thing not to be expected of either.

Don Jose was extremely ignorant and proud, and had lived a life of the grossest dissipation. Habits of absolute authority in the midst of a community of a very low moral standard, had produced in him all the worst vices of despots. He was cruel, overbearing and dreadfully passionate. His wife was a woman who had pretensions to beauty, and at times could make herself agreeable and even fascinating, but she was possessed of a temper quite as violent and ungoverned as his own.

Imagine now two classes of slaves, the one belonging to the mistress, and the other brought into the country by the master, and each animated by a party spirit and jealousy,-imagine children of different marriages, inheriting from their parents violent tempers and stubborn wills, flattered and fawned on by slaves, and alternately petted or stormed at, now by this parent and now by that, and you will have some idea of the task which I undertook in being tutor in this family.

I was young and fearless in those days, as you are now, and the difficulties of the position, instead of exciting apprehension, only awakened the spirit of enterprise and adventure.

The whole arrangements of the house hold, to me fresh from the simplicity and order of New England, had a singular and wild sort of novelty which was attractive rather than otherwise. I was well recommended in the family by an influential and wealthy gentleman of Boston, who represented my family, as indeed it was, among the oldest and most respectable of Boston, and spoke in such terms of me, personally, as I should not have ventured to use in relation to myself. When I arrived, I found that two or three tutors, who had endeavored to bear well in this tempestuous family, had thrown up the command after a short trial, and that the parents felt some little apprehension of not being able to secure the services of another,---a circumstance which I did not fail to improve in making my preliminary arrangements. I assumed an air of grave hauteur, was very exacting in all my requisitions and stipulations, and would give no promise of doing more than to give the situation a temporary trial. I put on an air of supreme indifference as to my continuance, and acted in fact rather on the assumption that I should

confer a favor by remaining. In this way I succeeded in obtaining at the outset a position of more respect and deference than had been enjoyed by any of my predecessors. 1 had a fine apartment. a servant exclusively devoted to me, a horse for riding, and saw myself treated among the servants as a person of consideration and distinction.

Don Jose and his wife both had in fact a very strong desire to retain my services, and green mosses unfolded their delicate discordant and turbulent caildren to some

rated except in a family living an isolated plantation life in the midst of barbarized dependents.

Savage and untaught and passionate as they were, the work of teaching them was not without its interest to me. A power of control was with me a natural gift; and that command of temper which is the common attribute of well-trained persous in the Northern states, was something so singular in this family as to invest its possessor with a certain awe, and my calm, energetic voice, and determined manner, often acted as a charm on their stormy natures.

But there was one member of the family of whom I have not yet spoken,-and yet all this letter is about her,-the daughter of Don Jose by his first marriage. Poor Dolores ! poor child ! God grant she may have entered into his rest !

I need not describe her. You have seen her picture. And in the wild, rude, discordant family, she always reminded me of the words, "a lily among thorns." She was in her nature unlike all the rest, and I may say, unlike any one I ever saw. She seemed to live a lonely kind of life in this disorderly household, often marked out as the object of the spites and petty tyrannies of both parties. She was regarded with bitter hatred and jealousy by Madame Mendoza, who was sure to visit her with unsparing bitterness and cruelty after the occasional demonstrations of fondness she received from her father. Her exquisite beauty and the gentle softness of her manners, made her such a contrast to her sisters as constantly excited their ill-will. Unlike them all, she was fastidiously neat in her personal habits, and orderly in all the little arrangements of life.

She seemed to me in this family to be like some shy, beautiful pet creature in the hands of rude, unprincipled owners, hunted from quarter to quarter, and finding rest only by stealth. Yet she seemed to have no perception of the harshness and cruelty with which she was treated. She had grown up with it; it was the habit of her life to study peaceable methods of averting or avoiding the various inconveniences and annoyances of her lot, and secure to herself a little quiet.

It not unfrequently happened, amid the cabals and storms which shook the family, that one party or the other took up and patronized Dolores for a while, more, as it would appear, out of hatred for the other than any real love to her. At such times it was really affecting to see with what warmth the poor child would receive these equivocal demonstrations of good-will-the nearest approaches to affection which she had ever known-and the bitterness with which she would mourn when they were capriciously withdrawn again.

With a heart full of affection, she reminded me of some delicate climbing plant trying vainly to asc-nd the slippery side of an inhespitable wall, and throwing its negwhen after the trial of a week or two, it lected tendrils around every weed for support.

> (To be continued.) Agricultural.

The construction of this pond was very simple. The earth was excavated across the ravine four feet deep and five feet wide for a foundation; then stiff clay filled in and well pounded, to prevent leakages at the bottom. The earth from the bottom and sides of the ravine was thrown on the top of this foundation, to raise the embankment to the proper height. A waste weir at one side, paved with flag-stones, and two feet lower than the top of the dam, sufficiently large to carry off the heaviest flow of water in very heavy rains, guarded by a wire screen to prevent the escape of the fish, completed the construction. It is now sodded over, and planted with willows at the foot, and is considered safe. The expense of making such a pond is small, and it adds much to the value of the farm. -Homestead.

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Moses stretched himself down on the clean pebbly floor of the grotto, and drew forth Mr. Sewell's letter.

### CHAPTER XXVI.

Mr. Sewell's letter ran as follows :----My DEAR YOUNG FRIEND,-It has al ways been my intention when you arrived at years of maturity to acquaint you with some circumstances which have given me reason to conjecture your true parentage, and to let you know what steps I have taken to satisfy my own mind in relation to these conjectures.

In order to do this, it will be necessary for me to go back to the earlier years of my life, and give you the history of some indidents which are known to none of my most intimate friends. I trust I may rely on your honor that they will ever remain as secrets with you.

I graduated from Harvard University in -. At the time I was suffering somewhat from an affection of the lungs, which occasioned great alarm to my mother, many of whose family had died of consumption. In order to allay her uneasiness, and also

for the purpose of raising funds for the pursuit of my professional studies, Laccepted a position as tutor in the family of a wealthy gentleman at St. Augustine, in Florida.

I cannot do justice to myself,---to the motives which actuated me in the events which took place in this family, without speaking with the most undisguised freedom of the character of all the parties with whom I was connected.

Don Jose Mendoza was a Spanish genman of large property, who had emigrated from the Spanish West Indies to Florida, bringing with him an only daughter, who had been left an orphan by the death of her mother at a very early age.

He brought to this country a large number of slaves-and shortly after his arrival married an American lady, a widow with three children. By her he had four other children. And thus it will appear that the The natural capacity of all the children

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extent obedient and studious during certain portions of the day, and in fact I soon acquired in the whole family that ascendency which a well-bred person who respects himself, and can keep his temper, must have over passionate and undisciplined natures I became the receptacle of the complaints of all, and a sort of confidential adviser. Don Jose imparted to me with more frankness than good taste his chagrins with regard to his wife's indolence, ill-temper, and bad management, and his wife in turn omitted no opportunity to vent complaints against her husband for similar reasons. I endeavored, to the best of my ability, to act a friendly part by both. It never was in my nature to see anything that needed to be done without trying to do it, and it was impossible to work at all without becoming so interested in my work

as to do far more than I had agreed to do. I assisted Don Jose about many of his affairs, brought his neglected accounts into order, and suggested from time to time arrangements which relieved the difficulties which had been brought on by disorder and neglect. In fact, I became, as he said. quite a necessary of life to him.

In regard to the children, I had a more difficult task. The children of Don Jose by his present wife had been systematically stimulated by the negroes into a chronic habit of dislike and jealousy toward her children by a former husband. On the slightest pretext, they were constantly running to their father with complaints, and as the mother warmly espoused the cause of her first children, criminations and recriminations often convulsed the whole family.

In ill-regulated families in that region, the care of the children is from the first in the hands of half-barbarized negroes, whose power of moulding and assimilating childish minds is peculiar, so that the teacher has to contend constantly with a savage element in the children which seems to have been drawn in with the mother's milk.

It is in a modified way, something the same result as if the child had formed its manners in Dahomey or on the coast of Guinea.

In the fierce quarrels which were carried on between the children of this family, I strange, savage element, which sometimes led to expressions and actions which would seem incredible in civilized society.

The three children by Madame Mendoza's former husband were two girls of sixteen and eighteen and a boy of fourteen. The four children of the second marriage

consisted of three boys and a daughter,-

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HOW TO MAKE A DOMESTIC FISH POND. -Three years ago I constructed in a ravine a fish pond, covering a surface of about three-fourths of an acre. It is fed by four small springs, and receives a large amount of surface water from the slopes around. It is fifteen feet at the greatest depth, and has shallow bays and inlets, where the small fish may breed and find protection from larger ones. It contains a small island, and the shores are embellished with flags (Iris,) water lilies (Nymhoe odorata,) and other water plants. It was stocked with yellow bass, Oswego bass, white perch, and every variety of sun-fish and minnows, also a dozen gold fish (Cy.prinus auratus.) And now at the end of three years, it is astonishing to note the vast increase in my scaly family.

They have multiplied by hundreds, and grown in size beyond all my calculations. The gold fish numbered several hundreds, some of them over a foot in length, and a few of them are beautifully marked with silvery sides, and red fins, head, and tail; others with golden sides, and black fins and tail. I had no idea that they would thus sport in colors, but certainly they are very beautiful. The other fish have grown so much that I intend to commence using them for the table in Autumn. I have not fed these fish, except for amusement and to tame them, when a few crumbs of bread are thrown in from a small bridge connecting the island with the shore, and the fish called up like chickens. The sun-fish, gold-fish, and smaller fry soon learned to come at my call, and to follow me in great numbers, from one end of the bridge to the other, for their morning and evening meal. The young bass-the old ones hold back -and the sun-fish dart to the surface for their food, and have a lively scramble for it; the gold-fish pick up what sinks to the bottom. Their habits in this way are very much like a flock of chickens, for the smaller fish take their position immediately under my feet to pick up the small crumbs that fall in breaking the larger ones to throw out. Some persons ring a small had frequent occasion to observe this bell to bring their fish up, but I prefer calling mine. They do not appear to come from a greater distance than about forty feet to any one spot. I feed them in several places to note the varieties and their growth. Now, as to the utility of this pond ; it furnishes ice for my own use, and three or four of my neighbors who have ice houses; it also affords an excellent three children. By her he had four other children. And thus it will appear that the family was made up of such a variety of elements as only the most judicious care could harmonize. the eldest being not more than thirteen. The natural capacity of all the children was good, although, from self-will and in-dolence, they had grown up in a degree of ignorance which could not have been tole-

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