## The Samily Circle.

Up the Ladder; or, Striving and Thriving. (Continued.)

HARRISON BECOMING A MERCHANT.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him; and He shall direct Mrs. Haven's entreaties prevailed so far that her humble friend remained at the cottage a week

longer, while Harrison ran all over the city, answering advertisements and looking about for a place. Every morning he arose sanguine of success; and every evening he reached the cottage. to report his entire failure. Poor fellow! his faith almost failed. At the

week's end he was quite discouraged, because there seemed nothing further for him to do. "Never despair!" said his mother. "If you cannot do one thing you can do another."

"I suppose there are places enough," responded the boy; but I wouldn't go to them." "Why not?" inquired his mother.

"I wouldn't go into a bar-room, nor into a restaurant for any salary," replied the boy. "I hope not," said his mother, anxiously "but cheer up; we may hear of something tomorrow."

"So I've said to myself every day for a week;" responded the poor boy.

"Never mind!" cried Ella, soothingly, "mamma says I shall be rich some time; and I'll get a nice house, and we'll all live together in it; and you shaut have such a weary time, running round after places, and keeping me watching at the windows to tell your mother whether you have found one or not."

"I suppose you don't know Ella can tell as soon as she sees you whether you have been successful," suggested Mrs. Haven, playfully. "Didn't I tell right every time?" urged the

"But how?" inquired the youth.
"Why, you walked along, and when you came

near the gate you stopped, as if you did not like to come in. Then, when I ran to the door, you said, 'How do you do, Ella?' and did not look at me, but walked along and hung up your cap, and did not smile. I knew that if you had found a place, you would come jumping along, and, as likely as not, spring right over the gate; then you would catch hold of my hand, and say, O, Ella! I've some good news for you; where's mother? and you'd run and put your arms round her neck, and kiss her ever so many times." In spite of his despondence, Harrison had a

hearty laugh, in which Mrs. Haven and his mother joined. "She watches you closely, you see," said the

"If I were to be here one night more, I'd act so you couldn't tell," said the boy. "Oh, do stay! please do," urged the child

"will you, Mrs. Danforth, dear nurse, just to

"And to please me," rejoined the lady. The good nurse consented; indeed, how could she resist such fond entreaties. So Harrison went forth the next morning for

another day's toil. Would it be fruitless toil? This was the important question which agitated poor Ella's breast; and by four o'clock, she stationed herself at the front window, from which she could see some distance up the street. Her mother advised her to take a book, or some work, or the time would seem very long. She took a story-book in hand; but her eyes were constantly andering from her page to the window.

Half-past five arrived; the latest hour at which

he had ever been away. Ella was sure now that he had not been successful. "If he had found a place," she said, "he would have hurried home to tell us so." At length she saw him walking toward the house. He seemed inclined to hurry but Ella thought that was because he feared he should detain them from tea. He glanced up at the window, held down his head as he passed through the gate, turned deliberately about and latched it, then advanced toward the house. Ella met him at the door, and looked earnestly in his face. There was a curious expression which puzzled her. He held out his hand with out raising his eyes. She could restrain herself no longer. "Oh, I'm so sorry, Harrison!" and she walked slowly before him into the room where her mother and his were awaiting them. "He hasn't found a place, mamma," she began.

in a mournful tone. "Does he say so?" inquired Mrs. Danforth,

gazing earnestly at him. "No, indeed," exclaimed the boy, throwing off his disguise: "You're mistaken for once, Miss Ella. "I've found a place, a first-rate one, I

think. Any how, it's in a large grain store on Central wharf, with vessels coming up to it and unloading all the time. I'm to have thirteen dollars the first month; and after that, if I do well, they are going to increase my wages. I mean to do well; and perhaps some time, I shall get into the firm."

The boy's handsome face flushed with pride as he already, in imagination, saw himself seated at one of the high desks, calling clerks, giving orders, filling out checks, as he had seen his new employers do on that very day. "What do you say, Ella?" he asked, as she

stood silently by his side.
"I'm very glad." The answer was in rather a

doubtful tone. "Only you didn't think I could deceive you

so. I would not have done it except in joke; and you know I gave you fair warning last

night."
Ella smiled faintly, but made no reply. "Come to the window," exclaimed the boy.

"Now play I'm just coming home."

He seized his hat and ran down the walk. Presently she saw him leaping along as if he were almost beside himself with joy. He did not forget to jump over the gate, and the little girl langhed most heartily as she ran to open the

"O, Ella! my dear Ella!" he cried out. "Do come with me to mother, I've something splendid to tell; oh such good news! oh dear, dear?" and he ran along through the hall into the diving-

"Is that right?" he inquired, as soon as his laughing would allow him to speak.

"Yes, exactly right," was the delighted reply.

"Well, I suppose that is just the way I should have done, if you had not put me up to playing

a joke upon you."
"Come! come!" said Mrs. Haven, Mrs. Dan-

forth and I have waited quite long enough for "O Harrison! - what a very furny boy you

are!" exclaimed Ella as she seated herself oppo-site him at the table.

In the evening Mrs. Danforth requested her son to give an account of his day's adventures.

"I went first," he began "to our room at Mrs. Cowles's. He had just come home to prepare to go to some committee meeting. I told him I was almost discouraged trying to get a place. He called me into the dressing-room and made me give him an account of what I had done while he was shaving. Then he said, 'I must go right away now, to be in time for my business, but come in at noon, and if you have not found any place before that time, perhaps I can put you im a way to succeed. Don't be too Basquine

question he asked, was, And how is our little friend Ella Haven! I suppose you see her occasionally. 'I saw her this morning,' I answered. 'She speaks of you very often.'"

"I'm glad you told him that," cried Ella, clapping her hands. Harrison smiled and went on . "I told him I was trying to look up a place in a store, and had

been trying for more than a week. "Let me think,' he said, 'let me think if can't do something for you'-scowling in his own way, you know, Ella."

"Oh, yes!" "'Rather an unlucky time to be out of a place, my boy. The fact is, there's a terrible crisis ahead. Many of our wisest politicians predict a great crash in the commercial world. Our merchants have traded largely, more than their capital would warrant; there is too much show and too little reality; and things will have to come down to a more solid basis. Are you set upon the business of trade? Why not be a mechanic or an engineer, or something of that sort? Well, said he, as I shook my head, 'perhaps you'll talk differently in the course of a year. I'll look around though, and see what I can do for you. If Mr. Haven were alive, he would get you a situation, perhaps giving you a chance in his own store.' "

One part of the conversation with Mr. Clerkson the boy omitted, as it related to Alfred the

wayward son. "After I left him," he continued, "I determined to begin at one end of - Street, and go into every store in it. Sometimes my heart beat so I thought I never could get across the long buildings into the office in the rear where the owner generally sits. Sometimes they would say, 'More boys now than we can employ? Others would merely stop writing a moment, as I asked. Do you need a boy in your store, sir? and shake their heads; and others still, would ask, Who are your references? I thought they might have remembered a little how they felt

when they were boys. "At last just before dinner, I found one gentleman who seemed very kind. He asked my name and age, whether I had been brought up in the city. He seemed quite pleased when I told him I had been in Alfred T. Haven's family for two vears. 'I knew him well,' he said, 'a noble man.' Then he asked if I had studied bookkeeping, and how far I had advanced in arithmetic. I pulled out my medal which was suspended around my neck, and told him it was my prize for success in mathematics. He went and talked for a few moments with another man, and then came back again. 'I'm really sorry, my boy,' he said, 'but my partner has engaged a lad this very day.' I could have cried I was so disappointed, and liked the looks of the gentleman so much. I was just going out when he said, It may be we shall have another vacancy. If

we do, where shall I address you? ". At Mr. John Cowles's, sir; mother and I live in his house.' He smiled again. 'But it is necessary for me,' I said, 'to get a place at once. I must support my mother, sir.' He seemed to hate to let me go, but gave me his hand and said, God bless you, my boy. I wish I had seen you a few hours earlier, I should like to

help a boy who supports his mother. "I went out of his counting-room quickly for fear he would see the tears in my eyes, and walked straight to Mr. Cowles. I couldn't bear the thought of going into another store."

"What was the name of the gentleman?" asked Mrs. Haven, who had been listening with great interest. "The firm was Lombard & Lamb, on-

Street. I don't know which of the partners it "Did he wear glasses?" inquired the ladv.

"No, ma'ma; the other one did. He was a little bald, and his whiskers were quite gray. The other one was younger." "That was Mr. Lombard then. I wish he had

taken you. He is very rich, and was a principal owner in the block in which Mr. Cowles lives. think Mr. Cowles purchased of him." "They had company to dinner; and I didn't

say anything about him there," said Harrison, was so anxions to hear his plan, as he called it. He took his hat after dinner, and said, 'I'll go with you as far as M - Street. He left me standing on the sidewalk ever so long, I thought it was an hour, and then led the way down to Central wharf.' 'Is Mr. Grant in ?' he

" Not back from dinner,' answered one of the clerks in a grum voice.

" 'How soon will he return?' asked Mr. Cowles. "'In fifteen minutes.'

" We'll wait then,' he said, turning to me. " Pretty soon Mr. Grant came; and Mr. Cowles. talked with him some time, and kept pointing to me. I could only hear one sentence, and that was from our good friend, mother: 'He loves

work, sir, and has been brought up to it.' "The gentleman then came up to me and said, If you'll wait awhile I'll talk with you' So I walked around the store, up and down stairs, and stood at the great windows where they take in goods from the vessels, until he sent a clerk for

me; and you know the rest." That night, after Harrison was in bed, his mother came in to bid him good-night. I hope, my son," she said, "that you have not retired to rest without thanking your Father in heaven for his blessing upon your endeavors to-day."

The lad colored under his mother's auxious gaze. "I said my prayers, of course, mother," was his hesitating reply. "Perhaps I didn't remember to thank Him as I ought." "God loves a greatful heart," was her only re-

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