

## Family Circle.

## COTTAGE SONG.

BY JOHN S. ADAMS.

We've a cottage clothed with roses  
Near a wood  
Where the singing birds of summer  
Nest and brood:  
There in early spring the daisies  
Gem the sod,  
Looking up to heaven above them,  
And to God.

There in holy calm we worship  
One above,  
Through his works that all around us  
Speak his love;  
Read we there his will in every  
Rock and tree.  
While his blessings fall upon us  
Rich and free.

Beautiful the morning sunlight  
Cometh there,  
Crowning nature at her early  
Morning prayer;  
And at evening, when the twilight  
Closeth round,  
Still, devoutly at her worship,  
Is she found.

We are not alone, for angels  
Come and go,  
Walking often through our cottage  
To and fro;  
Promising to guide and guard us  
With their love,  
Till we go to live among them,  
Up above.

Simple life is ours—we follow  
Nature's way,  
Learning of her truthful lessons  
Day by day;  
Striving to fulfill our mission,  
Doing good:  
Living in our happy cottage  
Near the wood.

## "ONLY A LOST CHILD."

"I have just come to tell you that Jane Higgins is getting worse, and is very anxious to see you," said my friend, Mrs. Parkes, to me. "Do you think her end is near?" I asked, struck by the melancholy, thought not quite unexpected intelligence. "I fear it is," was the melancholy answer. "The doctor said she may live a couple of days still, but he would not be surprised to find her dead to-morrow. Poor thing! what a pity—a good, lovely girl! But, the Lord be praised, she rejoices in her Saviour."

I locked my desk, took my hat, and proceeded at once to the invalid's home. But, before entering her sick-room, I must tell you her story. Perhaps you will learn from it that loss is not a calamity; nay, that even the loss of all may be but the beginning of a great gain.

There was a crowd in one of the main thoroughfares of the West-End some twenty years ago. A little girl of four years was standing crying on the pavement. Her face was rather soiled by tears, which she tried to wipe away with her hands, yet she was a fine interesting-looking child. Her dress showed that she did not belong to the lowest class, for there was a neatness, and even a shade of elegance noticeable in the cut of her frock. The expression of her countenance, too, seemed to show that her parents must be people of some education.

Of course, there were women and children crowding round her, and ladies and gentlemen peering over other people's shoulders for a minute or two, making room again for other ladies and gentlemen, who, upon finding that it was "only a lost child," and that a policeman was already looking after her, continued their walk under the impression that it was "all right now." But one lady remained, and, pressing through the crowd, took a place near the policeman. It was my friend, Mrs. Parkes.

"Where do you live?" the policeman asked, gently laying his hand on the child's shoulder. "Mother!" she answered, with a fresh burst of tears.

The policeman repeated the question, but obtained the same answer. "You may continue at that till to-morrow morning," observed a gentleman in a humorous tone.

"Poor thing!" said a woman standing behind the child, and looking down upon her with compassion, "how anxious her mother will be!" "Let me speak to the child," Mrs. Parkes said, upon seeing that the policeman made no progress.

Mrs. Parkes' kind motherly voice had a wonderful effect upon the child. She gradually ceased crying and gave answers to the questions which were put to her. All that could be got out of her, however, was that she had a father and mother, and two brothers, that her name was Jane, and that she lived in King street. But which of the thirty King streets of London she could not tell.

"Well, she must go to the station, then," the policeman said, taking her by the hand, and trying to walk off with her. But the child began again to cry so bitterly and to struggle so much, that the policeman prepared to take her up in his arms and carry her away by force.

A general murmur of disapprobation rose from the bystanders. The policeman hesitated. "What else can I do?" he said, "I can't leave the child here." "Suppose you don't find out her parents," Mrs. Parkes said, "what will you do with her?" "Why, I don't know, ma'am. I think we must send her to the workhouse, if they will take her."

"Poor thing! poor thing!" the mob cried. "Do take her to our house, mamma," said Mary, Mrs. Parkes' little daughter. "Yes, please mamma, do take her," said her boy John.

The policeman had no objection to the child's going to the lady's house, which was close by. Mrs. Parkes gently took her by the hand, and she went without the least resistance.

The next day the policeman came back to say that the child's parents lived in a lane off King street, Tower Hill. He had found her mother, who was a French woman, lying in bed in the last stage of consumption. The poor woman had not even missed her child; for, during the last few days it had been staying with one of her neighbors. Her husband was a sailor, and so were her two sons, one fifteen years of age, and the other seventeen. They were reported as a bad, drunken lot. The father was on a voyage to China. The child's younger brother had taken her out for a walk; but had not made his appearance since. Some days later it turned out that he had been sent to prison on account of some disorderly conduct. The mother was said to be a good, respectable woman, who worked hard to support herself and her girl as long as she was able; but of late she had been living on the charity of her neighbors.

Mrs. Parkes asked me to accompany her to the poor woman's house. We took little Jane with us. The scene which there witnessed was heart-rending. The sick woman started up to embrace her darling once more.

"My own poor darling," she cried, "who will care for you when I am gone?" "My good woman," said Mrs. Parkes abruptly, "do you know Jesus?"

"Oh, yes," she answered, making the sign of the cross.

"She is a Roman Catholic," a woman whispered, who had followed us into the house. "It is Jesus who sent me in the way of your lost child," Mrs. Parkes continued. "Jesus is the Saviour of the lost. He will save you also, if you give yourself into His merciful and almighty hands."

The woman cast a sad look of despair at the child. "You have been very kind to my Jane," she said. "Will you care for her when I am dead? I know you are a good child, ma'am. Will you for it. She is a good child, ma'am."

She uttered these words with great effort. Mrs. Parkes consented to take the child under her care, and it was affecting to witness the glow of joy which this promise spread over the pale, emaciated face.

"Your child will be cared for," Mrs. Parkes said. "But let me ask after yourself. How is your soul, my good woman? Is it lost or saved? You are soon to appear before the eternal Judge. Can you die in peace?"

The dying woman gave no answer. We then spoke a few words of admonition and consolation, and left the house with the child. On calling the next day I found her dead.

There lived a good, respectable widow in Mrs. Parkes' neighborhood, and she kept a small shop. Mrs. Parkes boarded the child with her. Nearly a year had elapsed when one day Jane's father came to see her. That he was fond of drink was evident from the first glance at his face. Still his walk seemed to arise from weakness of character rather than intentional wickedness. He was a merry, care-free fellow. He came to say that he had married another wife, whose acquaintance he had made in a public-house, and that if we had no objection to keep his child he would be thankful to leave her, as his present wife had enough to do to keep his other two "rascals" right. Mrs. Parkes was but too glad to agree to this arrangement. "This is a merciful leading of God," she said. "To return the dear child to her father would be to send her back to the pit of perdition from which we have so providently been led to rescue her. But I knew our Heavenly Father would arrange it in some such way as this."

Little Jane grew up a most excellent girl. She became the pet of the neighborhood, and the pleasure of Mrs. Parkes and her family. It appeared that she was gifted with a clear head and a tender heart. Mrs. Williams, whom she got into the habit of calling "mother," was a woman who had been trained in the school of adversity, and had learned her lessons well. In spirit she had followed the example of those women of the Gospel who brought their children to Jesus that He might bless them.

(Conclusion next week.)

## A BATTLE THAT WAS NOT FOUGHT.

Two boys once differed about some trifling matter while at play, and one of them challenged the other to fight. The challenge was accepted, and the two heroes went into an adjoining field to settle the quarrel. Jackets and caps were thrown upon the ground, and all was in readiness, but each appeared unwilling to strike the first blow.

"Now, then, strike me, if you dare!" says the younger boy, with a look of defiance. His antagonist looked at him, but did not like to strike, but at length said: "Nay, I have nothing to strike you for, Charlie."

"Well, then," said the other, who had provoked the quarrel at first, "let us be good friends again, for I have nothing to strike for either." They dressed and left the field without striking a blow, and never quarrelled after. One of them now holds a very responsible position as a teacher of youth.

How few battles would be fought, either among young people or old, if in imitation of these boys, the disputants would strive to find a reason for the quarrel before they strike a blow. "The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention before it be meddled with,"—Merry's Museum.

**ALBERTINE.**—There is no better Burning Oil than our own. All those who value their lives and homes buy it, because no danger attends its use. Some other Oils explode, burn, and destroy lives and much property—notice of which is constantly appearing in the newspapers. For Albertine apply to the manufacturers, No. 33 Prince William Street.

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Delicate females and weak persons are certain to find in these Bitters what they have so long looked for. They purify, strengthen, and invigorate. They create a healthy appetite. They are an antidote to change of water and diet. They overcome the effects of dissipation and late hours. They strengthen the system and enliven the mind. They prevent miasmatic and intermittent fevers. They purify the blood and acidity of the stomach. They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation.

They cure Purities, Cholera, and Cholera Morbus. They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous Headache. They are the best Bitters in the world. They make the weak man strong, and are exhausted nature's great restorer.

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Near Aquia Creek, March 4, 1862. Owing to the great exposure and terrible decomposition after the battle of Antietam, I was utterly prostrated and very sick. My stomach would not retain medicine. An article called Plantation Bitters, prepared by Dr. Drake, of New York, was prescribed to give me strength and an appetite. I have since seen them used in many cases, and am free to say, for hospital or private purposes I know of nothing like them.

Rev. E. F. CRAWFORD, Chaplain.

Letter from the Rev. N. E. GILES, St. Clairsville, Pa.:—

Gentlemen:—You were kind enough, on a former occasion, to send me a small bottle of Bitters for my wife. My wife having derived so much benefit from the use of these Bitters, I desire her to continue them, and will please send me six bottles more for the money enclosed. I am very truly yours,

Foster Geo. Ref. Church.

Soldiers' Home, Superintendent's Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 15th, 1863.

I have given your Plantation Bitters to hundreds of our noble soldiers who stop here, more or less disabled from various causes, and the effect is marvellous and gratifying. Such a preparation as this I heartily wish in every family, in every hospital, and at hand on every battle field.

G. W. D. ANDERSON, Superintendent.

Dr. W. A. CHAPMAN, Surgeon of the 10th Vermont Regiment, writes:—"I wish every soldier had a bottle of Bitters. They are the most effective, perfect, and harmless tonic I ever used."

Willard's Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 23, 1863. Gentlemen:—We require another supply of your Plantation Bitters, the popularity of which daily increases with the guests of our house.

Respectfully, STEVE'S BROS. & CO.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that DAVID BLAKNEY, the 2nd, has been appointed Agent to take charge of the LIME and PLASTER of the PRINCE WILLIAM STREET, and to obtain the same for the sale of Plaster from the same. W. W. PRICE, President.

**JUST RECEIVED**, at No. 10, Prince Wm. street, a very nice assortment of Meerschaum PIPES. Also on hand—India Rubber and Briar Root Pipes, in variety; Tobacco Pouches, &c. Z. G. GABEL.

**W. H. OLIVE & CO.** 11 KING STREET, SAINT JOHN, N. B. KEEPS constantly on hand a full supply of all kinds of Hardware, Harness Mountings, Carriage Hardware, House Builders' Hardware, Paints, Oils, Putty and Glass, &c. &c. as low as the lowest, and on terms as favorable as any house in the trade. Wholesale and Retail. June 1.

**FANCY SOAPS.**—Old Brown Windsor Soap, Glycerine, Almond, Elder Flower, &c. Just received from the most celebrated London manufacturers. W. O. SMITH, 17, Market Square.

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**CRUSHED SUGAR.**—Just received per steamer from London—25 bbls Crushed Sugar; 10 bags Java Coffee; 5 boxes Star Candy; 3 cases French Raisins; 2 cases blue Vitrol; 3 do. Alum; 2 do. Putty. For sale low, wholesale, by STEVE'S BROS. & CO., King Street.

**SHAVING AND HOUSE BRUSHES.**—Just received at Barlow's Corner, 5 King Street: 42 dozen Cocoa fibre Scrubbing Brushes; 30 do. Bristol do.; 8 do. superior House Brushes. For sale at lowest rate. J. READ & CO., 23 South Wharf.

**LANDING.** Ex ships "Camp Vale" and "John Barbour"—50 bbls London Congou TEA; 6 cases Colman's Mustard; 25 lbs Ginger; 5 cases do. No. 1 Starch; 25 lbs Bi. Carb. Soda; 10 bags Extra Canadian Flour; Ex schr. Cuttaw—200 bbls Extra Canadian Flour, and to arrive, 350 do. do. For sale by J. READ & CO., 23 South Wharf.

**CHEAP HOSIERY.**—Woman's Cotton Hose, from 10 cents per pair. ENNIS & GARDNER.

**50 DOZEN** Straw Hats, from 15 cents to 25 cents, in all colors and shapes; 20 dozen Straw Caps, latest styles. C. D. EVERETT & SON, 15 King Street.

**IMPORTANT!** "NORTH AMERICAN CLOTHING STORE," 19, NORTH SIDE KING STREET.

**R. HUNTER** most respectfully intimates to his numerous friends, and the public in general, that he has per cent arranged his Spring and Summer imports, and therefore solicits attention to his list of Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, &c., which he offers for sale on the most reasonable terms.

It would also intimate that as he imports his Cloths and Furnishings direct from the manufacturers, he is enabled to offer them on the most advantageous terms, and the Clothing being cut and made up on the premises, under the inspection of the most experienced foreman, his advantages can be easily seen. He therefore solicits attention to his wholesale and retail customers to his present Stock, which will be disposed of for Cash or approved payments, at the lowest Cash price. C. D. EVERETT & SON, 15 King Street.

**CLOTHING**, of every description, in the most approved styles, in all materials, and at prices too tedious to enumerate.

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**CUSTOM DEPARTMENT.** contains a splendid assortment of Broad Cloths, Coatings, Cassimers, Doeskins, Fancy Tweeds, Vestings, &c., which will be made up to order in the most fashionable styles, at the shortest notice, and at the lowest prices.

**Battle's Vermin Killer.**—This is the best preparation cut out for the destruction of Rats and Mice. It is put up in England, and sold in packets at 7 cents. Immense quantities are sold. J. CHALONER, Agent in St. John.

**Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Gold Leaf, &c.**—On hand and to arrive per ship Scotia from Liverpool: 15 cases Brandram's Boiled Linseed Oil; 20 cases Brandram's Raw Linseed Oil; 10 tons Brandram's No. 1 White Lead; 20 bbls. Yellow, Green and Red Paints; 10 Patent Litharge; 1 do. Washed Red Lead (dry); 1 do. Powdered Litharge; 2 do. Best White Lead; 5 cases Yellow Ochre; 3 do. Venetian Red; 2 do. Oxide of Zinc; 20 bbls. London Whiting; 20 bbls. Paris White; 6 cases London Glue; 150 dozen Summer and Son's Gold Leaf; 140 galls. Colic and House Varnishes; 20 bbls. Portland Cement; 2 do. Green Copperas; 5 do. Alum; 8 do. roll Bristomote; 2 do. Flour Sulphur; 20 bbls. refined Borax, &c. For sale low, wholesale and retail, by W. O. SMITH, Market Square.

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**THE** subscribers, finding their present retail store too small for their increasing trade, beg to announce to their patrons in the Parish of Portland and vicinity, that they have established a branch store in Devine's New Building, on Market Square, where they will keep a large and general assortment of Boots and Shoes, which will be sold at the same low prices as at the store on Prince Wm. Street. Hoping by strict attention to the wants of that locality, to merit a continuance of public patronage. J. CHALONER, Corner of King and Germain streets, Market Square.

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On hand—a large lot of FLANNELS, white and colored, and every reasonable price, a lot of Floor Oil CLOTHS, which are well assorted, being in stock. DORRITY & McTAVISH.

**EXECUTORS' NOTICE.**—All persons having any legal demands against the Estate of JOTHAM F. PUTNEY, formerly of Jamaica, late of St. John, are requested to present them within three months, and all persons indebted to said Estate will please pay to the undersigned. FREDERICK J. PURDY, Executor.

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