

## Family Circle.

(From the Christian World.)

## MARGARET TORRINGTON:

ON THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

By the Author of "The Violet Vaughan," "The Julian's Wife," "The Betha's," &amp;c.

"So He brought them into their desired haven." PALM CRUISE.

(Continued.)

I hung my head more in weariness than shame; but I knew he spoke the truth. After all, what did my music come to? It was more than I felt it might be, than what it actually was. I had made immense progress in one year; but then, as Mr. Crofton said, would any one pay a teacher who had studied just one year? And the last three months, except at his request, I had not touched the piano-forte. Clearly I could not go on my own bread, and support Mr. Crofton, and the expenses of musical abilities, at present!

"Besides," interposed Mr. Crofton, "I should not choose you to commence such a life so early in youth. No! I have already made the necessary engagements; I have advised with you, and you consent, and she consents, and we think it best. I should not care for its being said that Crofton was getting her living as a governess!"

"But I am not a Crofton—I am a Torrington," I replied, "my native spirit of independence rising up in arms."

"It is known now that your mother was Crofton, and I cannot permit her daughter to remain without suitable protection."

"But uncle—"

"Margaret, I did not request you to come here to propound your own views; I merely wished your attention while I explained to you the settlement of your affairs. It is then arranged that you become, for the present at least, an inmate of our own house at Cotswoldbury. Your Aunt Louisa is good enough to receive you, and you really ought to be very grateful."

I tried to stammer out something, but words of thanks would not arise to my unwilling lips; what I did express, or rather, what I failed to express, my uncle graciously received as acquiescence.

He continued, "The advantages to you will be self-evident and manifold; association with your cousins will, I trust, give you somewhat of the style in which you are so sadly deficient. You can cultivate your musical tastes, I dare say; and I trust you will make yourself agreeable and generally useful."

Had I any experience of the world the last sentence would have startled me,—as it was, something in its tone annoyed me. Had I had any idea of what is implied by "making one's self generally useful," I had known then, as I know now, how very indomitable, self-sacrificing, energetic, meek and amiable, untiring and submissive, underpaid governesses, humble companions, and poor relations are, as a rule, required to be, I believe nothing, short of actual coercion, would have induced me to give in my adhesion to the Cotswoldbury scheme. I ventured, however, one more remonstrance: "But what is to become of Miriam Downing? Don't be angry, uncle"—for I saw his countenance growing dark; "but I promised mamma I would take care of her."

"You cannot take care of her; that is the long and the short of the matter; you might as well have promised her to keep a chariot and four, and a train of servants. Next time you make promises see that it lies in your power to fulfil them! However, that difficulty is, singularly enough, removed: when I paid the Miss Everetts your school-bill yesterday, they both asked anxiously if Miriam Downing were also going to Cotswoldbury. The idea of the thing! How stupid old maids are, to be sure! I told them very plainly that I only concerned myself about my own flesh and blood,—that I was no philanthropist, picking up children like stray cats, without knowing anything of their antecedents. You were my half-sister's child; it therefore became my duty to look after you and see that you were respectably provided for; but the Downing girl, being nothing to me, must attend to her own interests."

"What did they say?"

"The eldest of the two old maids rose up as if she were going to make a presentation curtsey; then, almost turning her back on me, she made quite a speech, and, as near as I can remember, it was as follows:—'Sister Henrietta, this decides the matter; we will carry out the plan that occurred to us so simultaneously; we will educate her, and train her in our ways. We are growing old, and she will help us in our school, and perhaps take our place when we are laid in the grave or superannuated. Sir, you will be good enough to send Miss Downing to us,—she shall be the child of our old age!' And thereupon Sister Henrietta replied:—'Sister Martha, though you generously attribute to me a full share in your benevolent proposition, you were the first to suggest so desirable a scheme. You proposed it, if you remember, the night before last: we were going up to bed, and the clock on the stairs was exactly at twenty-five minutes past ten, and we were standing by the door of the little room where the day-scholars keep their bonnets and tippets. You seconded the proposition before it was well declared, was Sister Martha's answer; and as the two old ladies seemed inclined to quarrel amicably on the point, I pocketed my receipt, and took my departure, promising to convey to Miriam Downing the news of her good fortune. I would not promise actually to send her to Hawthorn House, as they call their great rambling place, because, as Miss Downing has no claim on me, I have no authority to dispose of her; it is my maxim never to meddle with other people's encumbrances."

I was silent, and wondered how many "encumbrances" my uncle might have of his own, and also whether my cousins really loved their father.

Clearly nothing could be better for Miriam than this arrangement: a happy home was offered her, where she would be loved, and cared for, and educated, and where she might become in process of time, a helper and mainstay, rather than a mere dependent. And Miriam herself, though she cried bitterly at the prospect of leaving Kolver House, accepted the proposition of the Misses Everett without a moment's hesitation. "If only she were not so stupid," she said; "but she would work hard, and she thought she might take the two lower classes in a year or two, and so save the expense of a junior teacher. And then her French, she knew, was worth something, because it was real French. Oh! everybody was good to her, and God always took care of her, as her mamma had said He would if she trusted in Him."

And if the Misses Everett had not thus come forward, there would have been another home for Miriam at the rectory. Clara Berners wanted her "for a little sister," and with difficulty prevented from contesting the claims of the two old ladies. It was astonishing how much love the little girl had won.

Nothing now remained but the sale of the furniture and necessary preparations. The important business concluded, my uncle went away, leaving me to follow in a fortnight's time, when everything would be entirely settled. I was grateful to him for leaving me that one fortnight untroubled by his presence. Those fourteen days I would give to the past, to old friends, and old scenes, and to tender, passionate adieu,—then for Cotswoldbury, and the new stern life that lay before me!

(To be Continued.)

## MARKETS.

Revised every Wednesday, for the Visitor.

COUNTRY MARKET.	
Butter, in firkins, 100 lb.	\$0 19 to 00 20
Roll, 100 lb.	0 24 to 00 25
Beef, 100 lb., quarter	0 40 to 00 45
Butter, 100 lb., 100 lb.	0 25 to 00 26
Buckwheat, 100 lb.	0 10 to 00 10
Corn, 100 lb.	0 11 to 00 12
Chestnuts, 100 lb.	0 12 to 00 13
Chickens, 100 lb.	0 40 to 00 40
Cordwood, at the station	0 10 to 00 10
Eggs, 100 lb.	0 15 to 00 16
Hams and shoulders	0 40 to 00 40
Hides, 100 lb.	0 05 to 00 05
Hay, 100 lb.	0 06 to 00 06
Meat, 100 lb.	0 06 to 00 06
Lamb, 100 lb.	0 05 to 00 05
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Oats, 100 lb.	0 05 to 00 05
Turnips, per bushel	0 07 to 00 08
Tallow, per lb.	0 07 to 00 08
rendered, per lb.	0 10 to 00 12
Trunks, per lb.	0 05 to 00 05
Veal, per lb.	0 05 to 00 05
Wool	0 25 to 00 25

MARKET SLIP.	
Apples, 100 lb.	\$2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bushel	0 25 to 0 40
Oats, 100 lb.	0 05 to 0 05
Barley, 100 lb.	0 05 to 0 05
Butter, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 25
Eggs, per dozen	0 18 to 0 14
Codfish, 100 lb.	0 30 to 0 40
Pollock, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 25
Haddock, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 25
Shelburne Herrings, 100 lb.	0 40 to 0 45
Bay, 100 lb.	0 30 to 0 35
Digby Herrings, 100 lb.	0 50 to 0 75
Flour, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 25
Corn Meal, 100 lb.	0 40 to 0 45
Oatmeal, 100 lb.	0 30 to 0 35
Stap, 100 lb.	0 09 to 0 10
Yam, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 45
Molasses, 100 lb.	0 25 to 0 45

**KNITTED WOOL GOODS.**—A good assortment of Knitted Goods, in Hood, Scarf, Stocking, Mitts, Socks, Breakfast Shawls. A lot of Polka Jackets, all sizes (some superior quality), will be sold much below their regular price. (Oct 18.) STEVENS BROS. & CO.

**"DUCHESS" GLOVES.**—Just received per "M. Steamer Asia, via Halifax" a full stock of the "Duchesse" Glove, (Laced Backs), Black and Coloured, best quality. (Oct 18.) MAGEE BROS.

**FELT HATS.**—Granite, West End, American, O'Connell, Gilt, Sectional, Canadian, Farnette, Cammer, Cambridge, Springfield, Leamington, and one hundred other varieties of FELT HATS, different colours at all qualities, will be sold together with a large stock of SATIN HATS and CLOTH and GLAZED CAPS, are now offered Wholesale and Retail at very low prices. (Oct 18.) C. & E. EVERTT, 15 King Street.

**WAPERS, PER "HURON."**—The subscribers have just received a few barrels of Wapors, blue and white. (Oct 4.) STEVENS BROS. & CO.

**FLUID AND OIL.**—Just received 5 barrels COAL OIL, 10 barrels Best PARAFFINE OIL, for sale low by J. F. SECORD, King Square.

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