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SUMMER WILL COME.

oh. I wish the winter would go, And I wish the summer would come. then the big brown farmer will hoe, The little brown bee will hum. Ho, hum!

Then the robin his fife will trill, And the woodpecker beat his drum, And out of their tents in the bill, The little green troop will come. Ho, hum!

Now the blossoms are sick in bed. And the dear little birds are dumb, The brook has a cold in her head, Oh, summer takes long to come. Ho, hum!

When in bonny blue fields of sky, And in bonny green fields below, The cloud-flocks fly and the lamb-flocks lie, Then summer will come, I know. Ho, ho!

Then around and over the trees. With a flutter and flirt will go A rollicking, frolicking breeze And away with a whisk, ho, ho, Ho, ho!

Oh, the blossoms take long to come, And the icicles long to go; But the summer will come, and the bees wi hum

And the bright little brook will flow. I know. Ho ho!

Temperance.

Moral suasion for the man who drinks. Mental suasion for the man who thinks; Legal suasion for the drunkard maker; Prison suasion for the statute breaker.

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT TOBACCO,.

BY P. S. HENSON, D. D.

the soul. And what I don't know is not worth knowing, and what I do know is not worth knowing, if the knowledge is to be paid for at the rates I give.

It is said that " experience keeps a dear ous the demands of an appetite, that finalchool, but fools will learn in no other." Iy became impatient of almost any inter-The fact is, however, that fools will not mission in its accustomed gratification. learn even there, for "though shouldst Again and again, when bowed before the bray a fool in a mortar, among wheat, with Lord, and striving after greater nearness a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart of access and a higher measure of consefrom him." The writer has been brayed,-- | cration, I would ask myself, "Is there anymark, I do not say has brayed, but been thing on earth to which I am still sinfully brayed,-and how much of the folly has clinging ?" and there would come a whisper, been pounded out the sequel will sufficient- |" How is it about tobacco?" and I would ly show.

I was brought up on a tobacco planta- the question. But having been raised, it tion, and accordingly, in the language of was a Banquo's ghost, that would not an English king when on trial for his life, " down." I beg leave to remind my severely puritan-

I endeavored to persuade myself that ical readers that I had "the disadvantage the Lord did not concern himself about

trouble the very worst. First of all there and upon a higher plane, as I hope it is, I was a sense of personal defilement of which have a " comfort in my conscience," which I could not quite divest myself. It is no- is to me of incalcu able value. where said in the Scriptures, as many sup-

I know it is likely to be suggested by some doubting Thomas that the writer of but it is said, "Be ye clean that bear the this confession is not yet dead, and so, in spite of these brave words, may some day ness of carrying about with me, and the relapse into his old depravity. Possibly .prospect of leaving behind me, other frag- for even better men have done worse rance than that of simple piety, was not a things; but "having obtained help of God, I continue unto this day," and if any of "the brethren, waxing bold" through the breaking of my "bonds," should be stimudrew on; and the possibility of coming to lated to strive after like liberty, I shall such a pass of palpable filthiness as some mightily rejoice, and be abundantly reold fellows; the thought that, if I should paid .- S. S. Times.

BEST AND COMFORT to the SUFFERING

"Brown's Household Panacea" has no equal out "the busy wrinkles round the chin" before he could make a decent Christian corpse out of me,—this did sometimes dis-quiet me. And along with this came the conviction that tobacco using was against nature, and seeing that God is the God of nature as well as grace, I could not help feeling that in running against nature I was running against not it but Him; and

be safely done, for however slowly God's mills do grind, "they grind exceeding small" and sooner or later, as sure as we live, they will grind exactly all. As a consequence, there were texts in the Bible and not

others ! Mothers ! Mothers !

few of them, which, while not difficult in themselves, perhaps, were very difficult for me, and so I dared not preach from them, lest I should convict myself, and stand convicted in the presence of my people. I could not urge them to "lay apart all filth-iness and superfluity of naughtiness" if the traces of such superfluity were discoverable in my breath and on my body. I could not insist that the word of the other and nurses in the United states. Sold everywhere at 20 cents a bottle.





ploy no traveling men or runners to solicit

a very bad education." The atmo- such a trivial matter, and said to myself

al-when we gave ourselves up to wassail, worse-but for all time. but without the wine, the tobacco serving as a substitute.

jected to like dangerous exposure.

Little by little the appetite grew, and surprising and beautiful way. I found myself bound in fetters of brass,— the most abject and inveterate of slaves. I say the most abject, because I hugged my fetters, nor cherished a single aspira-tion the bound in fetters of brass,— but with a dazed, demented, bewildered feeling—a collapse, a consciousness of im-becility over which I could have wept—a sort of "chimera bombinans in vacuo," tion to be free, for it did not occur to me that I was enslaved—at least it did not for many a year. I make this qualification, son shorn of his locks, only I never was for by and by the consciousness did come otherwise like Samson before or since. I ing force.

Possibly a change of latitude may have had something to do with it, for I left the tobacco plantation more than twenty years go-possibly I am growing wiser as well as older-possibly, and still more probably, the grace of God has helped me to clearer views and a better life. Humbly believing this, I desire greatfully to acknowledge it. I am a convert of only one year's standing, and mindful of the fact that fresh converts are apposed to be fanatical. I mean to be modest, and also cautious, lest, in case any-thing should happen, which I sincerely hope will not, "I should be ashamed of this same confident bogsting."

account of my tobacco. It v as not domes- not of an experiment-for I am not experitic, because blessed with the most patient menting—but of an experience, which to of wives. Nor was it physical, because me has been a new life, full of joy and blessed bless blessed with a body of extraordinary tought blessing. Like the three young Hetrews, ness of fiore. But lonad trouble of con I am "fairer and fatter in flesh;" and it

sphere, at least, of my early life, was none " Is it not a little one, and my soul shall of the purest, for it was never free from live?" But I had preached from that text tobacco smoke. After the usual initiation, too ofen, and to too many just such sinners with its nauseous revulsion, in which nature as myself, to extract much comfort out of atters her indignant protest against the of- it. I remembered that Scripture, "He fense put upon her, I became, at a compar- that eateth is damned if he doubt," and I atively tender age, a consumer of tobacco. more than doubted, and so was not only When only twelve years old, sent away involved in doubt, but danger. I deliberfrom home to school, and thrown in with ately, solemnly, prayerfully determined, boys ambitious to be men, and I no less God helping me, to have done with tobacco ambitious than they, the indulgence at first at once and forever. And so I quit,-not was limited to extraordinary occasions- for a time, to see if I should feel betterhigh days, holidays-days of grand carous- then I should have felt immeasurably

pose, that "cleanliness is next to godliness,"

vessels of the Lord;" and the conscious-

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My whol system having so long been accustomed to the use of a narcotic, my We proudly fancied we were holding body having so long been saturated with Bacchanalian orgies," and enveloped in it through and through, my brain having so the "clouds" we " blew," we were fre- long been dependent upon its artificial quently as veritably drunk as Bacchana- stimulation, it was just a question and one lians ever were. I need not dwell upon of exceeding gravity, it seemed to me, as the doubtful associations into which the to the possible consequences of so sudden habit brought me, nor the perilous tenden- and complete a revolution in the whole cies in other directions, of which I was fre- habits of my life. But having first solemnquently painfully conscious. To these I ly decided that it was the Christian thing look back tremblingly, thankful for the at least for me to do, then there was nothmercy that rescued me, and frevently ing left but to do it, trusting Him, for praying that my boys may never be sub- whose sake I did it, to take care of all the consequences. And he did, in the most

what at first was only occasional and ex- From the supreme moment of final deceptional became at last, common and cision, the spell of the appetite was utterly habitual, until by the time I had reached broken. And yet I suffered—not with any my majority, instead of being a free man, insatiable craving for the old gratification, with exceeding vividness and overmaster- could no more have made a sermon than I could have built a locomotive, and my only Possibly a change of latitude may have resource was to turn up the barrel, and fish

For a long time I had been in trouble on This week concludes the twelfth monthscience, which for a Christian is of all my whole life work is not being better done