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I consider myself an injured person-wife gone to the missionary meeting, my two daughters gone visiting and here I am alone with three grand-children-got to watch them till somebody comes. I've never seen one of the stock that wasn't full of mischief and frolic. Thought I would take a played around, but it was no use. They got all the chairs in a row home she settled them down and cheats to get something for the played club-fist and tremble-toe children, and the world is outwith them and I had peace.

it suits me to take care of the chil- gang dren, and the children have an idea that they are to do as they please when there's nobody about but me, and so I suffer myself imposed on and I feel like an injured person. I believe I will go to the missionary society myself next time. But after all, there is no use in posing as a domestic martyr or a patriacrhal pack-horse about these things, for I do like especially little girls. Children are a blessing to the household. They take away our selfishness and purify our feelings. Their joy and glee and sportive happiness carries the old people back to their early life, when the days were all sunshine. It is a sad sympathy we feel when we see them so happy now and foresee the troubles that await them. Poor Tom Hood how sad he was when

he renned those touching lines: "I remember, I remember, The fir trees dark and high;

I used to think their slender Were close against the sky. It was a childish ignorance.

But now 'tis little joy To know I'm farther off from beaven Than when I was a boy."

There is no happiness like a child's. If I could I would exchange all that I have realized since I was sixteen years old for that I had before. Those sixteen. years are about one-third of the average life and the memories of them are more precious than all the rest. If a child is blessed with loving, indulgent parents those years are an unbroken season of unalloyed enjoyment. Sometimes I see my wife looking about her children or her child-

their salvation. and foreboding, children are our ping came out just five years too greatest blessing and the family late. I never did take much stock tematically and studies his busithe greatest bulwark of good so- in bad little boys. They are a ciety and good government. It nuisance, not only at home, but is the law of our being that man abroad. Boys rhyme with noise, and woman should mate and mar- and the little rascale want a gun ry and rear children, and there is or some fire crackers or a drum or no substitute for the marriage re- a tin horn. It always seemed active capital must bear a certain no substitute for the marriage re- a til dord. It is not substitute for the marriage re- a til dord. I hardly knew the val- strange to me that mothers love relation to the volume of business My friends and the public generally are lation. I hardly knew the val- strange to me that mothers love relation to the volume of business My friends and the public generally are lation. I hardly knew the value of a child until a few weeks ago their boys better than their girls, and where the capital is not avail- the freshest oysters served.

-very sick, and for days and known boys who had no other sometimes more profitable to curnights was very near the gate of friend. A father loves his boys tail than to enlarge one's trade, heaven. She suffered and we according to their conduct, but a permitting it to grow only with watched and suffered with her mother loves them anyhow. Her liltle lips and throat were swollen and inflamed with dip- in the family. She is very close tharetic sores. Her langs rattled kin to angels. Her value cannot with pneumonis. How she be estimated in dollars and cents.

millions, if I had had it-to relieve breath our prayers silently. the boy didn't like that and so the greatest man this country has racket continued. They turned ever produced, said: A good the chairs upside down and slid father will shrink from no toil, down the backs head foremost and no sacrifice to raise his children rolled over, turned somersaults, to a better condition than his and then jumped off the table and own." If I was a judge and a the lounge and shook the floor and father was brought before me for made the windows rattle like an stealing or even for robbing, I earthquake. Will they ever get would seek to know the hidden tired? thought I. No, never. But | motives that prompted him to the by and by, when my wife came crime. Many a man steals or

raged and calls him a thief and

My folks have got an idea that | the law sends him to the chain-

would like to rest in her old age, precision of a book-keeper and but the maternal instinct still neglects to collect his bills in children as she ever did about ber ranning on a loss which ultimately own. In fact, she is less enacting bankrupts him. and more indulgent. The little to have the little chaps around me, boy we have with us is a young to depreciate the value of clerical

me. But I'll get him, see if I oranda.

the year is out- see if I don't.

A sweet little girl is a treasure pleaded with us for help-for re- If she is seriously sick the alarm lief-pleaded with eyes and hands paralyzes everything about the and we could do nothing but caress house. We whisper our auxieties her and weep. I would have giv- in sad voices. We walk lightly en a million dollars-yes, ten and close the door gently and a little nap on the sofa while they that child and save her from suf- she dies there is an aching void the fering. Prayers or medicine or world can never fill. What is the good nursing or something saved value of a child? When the rail. and played railroad and locomo- her, and we are all grateful. road trains kills a man the lawtive awhile. Then they played What is the value of a child, any- yers sue for his value. It may be soldier and fired guns and killed how? If one was up at auction a thousand or ten thousand or fifty one another and fell dead. Then what would the mother give? How thousand according to his consethey played horse and run round insignificant is property or gold quence, but that is nothing when the centre table. I thought the or silver when compared with it. compared with the value of a lit. little girls would get tired after What are we all working for but the child. How rich these mothers a while and settle down to their children, Itheir happiness and are-rich in their children! How dolls and make a playhouse, but prosperity. Daniel Webster, the utterly poor when they lose them!

ACCURACY.

BILL ARP.

The importance and value of ac curacy in business mattes should be impressed upon the minds of al young men about to engage in any industry. The difference between failure and success in business un dertakings frequently depends upon whether the manager has or has not an accurate knowledge of the details. He may be an excellent workman, able to compete in a general way the cost of an article But after all, it is the mother without making a detailed calcuwho screens them, protects them lation, he may be a good manager and wraps them in her bosom. I of men and economical, but if he thought my wife was tired and does not keep his books with the possesses her, and she seems as methodical way, at stated periods, much concerned about the grand- he may, unknown to himself, be

Skilled workmen are inclined cyclone and keeps the home in an labor and the services of salesmen uproar. When I get outraged and collectors who do nothing in with bis tumultuous racket and the manufacturing sense. Yet the threaten him with punishment book-keeper, the salesman, the colmy wife takes his part and says lector, the advertising agent are he is nothing but a baby. Yes, essential factors in the conduct of a four year old baby who slams modern busines on a large scale. the door like an athlete forty times and their work must be done in an hour and don't mind anybody some fashion, even in small esand I could regulate him in an tablishments which cannot afford hour if I had my way. My wife a minute division of labor. It is never allowed such liberties from important that this work shall be ber own. They were afraid of a well done in small undertakings spanking or of being shut up in if they are to grow and especially the parlor when they got too bois- that the accounts shall be wel terous. And now she pleads for kept so that the master by referthis boy and says he is nothing ing to his books can tell accuratebut a baby. But I'll get him some ly his position, the cost of his proof these days when she goes to the ducts and the means at his band missionary meeting-see if I don't for economizing expense or en I've promised him a licking every larging his business. He cannot day for two months and be re- do this readily if his book-keep treats to her and looks defiance at | ing consists only of disjointed mem-

don't. He is nothing but a baby, It is the purpose of systems of but he takes the dog to the cow book-keeping to simplify accounts lot and sets him on the cow, and by bringing together those that when I tell him that the cow will are related to one another, classifyhorn him and that she gives him ing and separating them. The milk, he says he don't want any ways of doing this have been well milk. He lets the chickens out considered and tested by experiof the coop, but he is nothing but ence, it would be foolish for any a baby. But I'll get him before one to devise a system of his own instead of adopting one ready at I'll do like Dick Johnson, who hand and sure to be superior to was trying to raise his boy on any amateur's device. In other sad and dreamily into the glowing love. But the boy got so had that words, the man of business should embers and know she is thinking one day Dick picked up a lath and learn to keep accounts by an apwalloped him good. It was a des. proved system of book-keaping, hood and recalling the joys of her perate remedy and had a fine tem- and should keep them bimself or youth when she had a mother and porary effect, and Dick walked the employ others to do so, assured that could lay her head upon her lap piazza with a triumphant stride. the labor or expense will be well and feel the soft caresses of her "I told you I was going to whip repaid in the accurate knowledge gentle hand. What a weight of you, sir. For five long years I to be obtained from well kept accare and anxiety presses continu- have promised you a whipping counts and the means thus fur- and best sense a family and general newsally upon the heart of a mother. and now you have got it, you son nished him of improving his husi- TPE TIMES aims to have the large How often do her prayers ascend of Belial." And Dick puffed and ness. The employer should himto heaven in the dark watches of blowed like he had fought a great self learn to keep accounts even the night-prayers for their health battle and whipped the fight. He though he employs clerks or booktheir welfare, their good conduct, bragged about the performance keepers to do the work for him, for a week. But it didn't do the because it is only in this way he ered by carriers for 6 cents per week. Sun-

But with all the cares, anxieties boy any lasting good. The whip. can learn their true significance. The man who keeps books sysness soon learns the important part played by capital and the useful lesson that there is expense and danger attendant upon doing business on borrowed money. The a dear little grand-child got sick but I reckon it is right. I have able except by borrowing it is

the growth of means to carry it on. All this is made plain by accurate book-keeping; it is often unsuspected by the merchant or manufacturer whose growing trade impresses him with the belief that be is on the high road to prosperity when, in fact, be is going deeper and deeper in debt and piling up

on his shelves against his debts depreciating stock whose value may at any moment be swept away by a change of fashion. There would be less ruinous competition in busines and fewer failures if accurate accounts were kept of all transactions, and especially if men would be content to let their business grow with growth of capital instead of speculating upon the future with the aid of borrowed money .- Ex.

MORE ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

The Norfolk Landmark thinks the business outlook for 1897 is bright, and bids the South be of good cheer and press forward in the march of progress and prosperity. It says:

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In the last year, for instance, the Southern parts of the United States have attracted balf of the increase in exports from the entire cities the gain bas been phenomeual. New York has practically lost its prestige as a commercial port. The owners of Southern co'con factories have uttered few, if any complaints. The New Eng. land mills bave done nothing but complain. According to the Maunfacturers' Record, one of the most reliable authorities in the country, the total production of pig iron in the United States was 6,623,127 tons in 1896, against 8,446,308 for the year preceeding. For the same two years respectively, the production of the South was 1,802,038 tons and 1,834,451 tons. Thus, while the production of the whole country decreased 8 or 9 per cent the production of the South was increased nearly 8 per cent.

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