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yearly settlements, is not conclusive evi-

dence of prudent management and well

regulated expenditure. The outlay for

sugar, coffee and tobacco alone would

and week, and so many such things

Poor Richard" promulgated the most uni-

really favorite collection of maxims on

which the English language contains,

om everybody's mouth we have such

A penny saved is two pence clear;

but who studies Economy as an art?

With Franklin, neither time nor money

were wasted-not even a groat or an hour.

ild not get one price he took another;

and then took care of what he earn

The influence of Franklin is here still;

er was the way to wealth and inde-

MT. VERNON, N. C.

gent in this matter, however, I will pre-

gritings of Matthew Paris. It contin-

bout the 20th of February following.

th foot and horse crossed the Thames,

bulating on terra firma.

ng most of this time, as safely as if

At Leipsie, the cold was so intense, on

s were frozen to death; and, at the

ecity, December 17th, 1788, the ther-

eter fell 27 degrees below zero.

feral persons being frozen to death.

behind them.

Dear Watchman:

ence easier for the enterprising and

control the business of the

The same way

E. P. H.

March 19th, 1877.

A pin a day as a graot a year."

orisms as 🚐

any body else does it.

"too tedious to mention.

MT. VERNON, N. C. ceedingly small a "kitten" at the time, it always seemed like a wonder that he should March 26th, 1877. have survived it, as he has listened to the "old folks" telling how the chickens and It is an "ill wind, that blows nobody any luck;" and a very manifest beneficial

The thermometer ranged from 12 to 16 detendency of these hard times is to revive one of the best arts, viz: the art of Doing Boston. The whole winter was remarka-When that wise but surly old ble for the lowness of its mean temperabllow, Diogenes, was invited to sit down ture, the number of extremely cold days, ing solid. This was on a Wednesday. The winter of 1755 was an unusually

years afterward, on the 29th of January 1780, they had a "cold snap" which is duof freedom from the foolish slavery of luxury and fashion will eventually derive a

ast and permanent improvement from the present season of involuntary absti-There is no denving the fact that we re an extravagant poeple. That we find

In the night, January 11th, 1810, the

axes-about which the sheriffs have such a fass toward Christmas. If these rticles must be bought, the moderate use them would reduce their cost to less han one half—and that would be the end fone great difficulty. Let whoever needs

be convinced on this point, take his late and perform a little example in comon multiplication, division and subtracion-multiply the monthly cost of your

sugar, coffee and tobacco by 12, divide by 2, and from this subtract the amount of From Christmas until the 29th day of our tax-receipt, and, unless you are an nusual exception, (as all rules will have it is said, was over five feet thick! But, an evening, lest they should disturb Transome exceptions,) a quite noticeable sur- it was reserved for a later date to show olus will remain. The art of even doing what the Thames was capable of the ice without them entirely is by no means im- formed on it at London, February the 4th, possible or uncomfortable—as many folks 1814, above the bridges, and a fair was

deer necessity, to relinquish their use. and there are quite a number of other in the northern parts of the United States such articles on our tables, merely as matin the early portion of February, 1844. Long Island Sound was frozen over a few cold air was rushing in upon Transome er of habit, which cost money, and do out little service, and which if dispensed miles above New York; and a canal, sev- through the open door, and as the boy with once, would Jeave us healthier, en miles in length was cut through the ice at Boston to allow the British stramer to wealthier and wiser for the bedance of our go sea. About the same month and day Then who would undertake to catalogue of 1856, the thermometer was 30 degrees

s, at home and abroad? Their name is gion. A glance at some of the more to a degree unknown before. comment must suffice. There is no tell-The most violent snow storm that had ng what we lose by the rage for foolish occurred since 1831, commenced at Wash ery, intemperate eating and drinking fall sorts, hot-headed law-suits, hastily

attle dying and crops wasted and de-The 15th of February, 1817, was a cold royed for want-of-care and thrifty treatday throughout the United States-thersent, impoverished lands unregenerated good tillage and manuring, tools rotout in the fields and lost or carried off egroes, time squandered by the hour.

only true way is to make more and 8th of March. we ought to do it. Talk this subject is plentiful and trite. But

musty tome, may have some interest to striteness does not relieve us from its hose who call the present winter 'The consideration and practice. Ever coldest." E. P. IE ce the days of Dr. Franklin, whose

# FAITHFUL IN LITTLE.

Author of 'Lost Gip.' &c.

tract notice, and to influence the tactics the community or neighborhood by his cample? This Dr. Franklin did; but I am afraid it will be several days before all draughts, I told him about my nev was a very poor printer's boy. But,

the simple use of economy in time and ney, he rose above all the evils of his adition, and made himself of such useness to his country, that his name will a gradely fine lass for's sister, and hoo bonored in Europe, America and everywhere else, through all ages. One of his Captain John Champion was na' captain fules was "time is money." So he never went to grog-shops, or toafed around public mares and stores, or joined labor strikes, oud measter swore 'at he'd never forgie'

not generally diffused or we could not lad's mother scores of times before she ave such hard times. The men who own en to all who have no other capital

their hands and a good character. ent. They who start carly in it, behave written a book.' expenses accumulate on them, and

ick square up" to Franklin's rule, can guaranteed, nine out of ten of them, to by a comfortable living and leave es-The severity of the late winter is almost precedented. To facilitate out Judgsent a brief random outline of a few of the most noted scold spells" recorded of for-

On the 19th of December, 1150, began a at "frost" in England, mentioned in

member, and takes the sacrament ; he's chairman at the meetings. If that boy belonged to me, and me rolling in riches face looked happy and pleasant, and he 13th of December, 1759, that ten sen- like him, I'd give him the best schooling in all English. I suppose he's took proud together, so long there was no need for to forgive his poor dead sister for marry-

severe "frost" began in England Dec. 937, which lasted 120 days; and, on 31st of Dec., 1796, the thermometer as four degrees below zero in London, The "cold Saturday," which was such

'No,' I answered, 'the Lord hasn't made ing in riches.

word in the mouths of the generation the immediately preceding the preshappened on the 4th day of January, poor are all alike to Him; but that's hard a morsel to eat, and a sup to drink. The the tea all ready. The benches began to vastly less than the great majority of the fance in order to wash it, they made a steps, and cried, "Hurrah, he's gone someand it has always heretofore been Surded as the coldest day on record from

Well to go on with my story ! Pippin | won't send you back; the lady in Loudon Lit's the grasshopper, I thought, smilling months, never missing morning or even- of stone.' other animals froze and tumbled over. ing. I got so used to him being close be-

and the great quantity and long duration thirsty for learning, and could never when I'm a rich man.' of snow. The next winter was rigorous have enough. Many and many a question That's reet and honest, lad,' said Tran- ly, dragging one foot after another also; the 16 day of Dec., 1835, was severe he asked that I could not answer, any some, 'faithful in little, faithful in much.' and grounding heavily. Poor old man ! ly cold throughout the United States, and properties of been a little angel. It was nought but a small foreign had not got my glasses on for fear of brea the thermometer was 40 degrees below ze-more than if he had been a little angel. It was nought but a small foreign had not got my glasses on for fear of break ro at Lebanon, N. Y., the mercary become from heaven to learn all about this coin, with a hole bored through it, and ing them over my rough work, and world. I used to wonder how Mary hung on a blue ribbon, like a coronation could not see his face clearly, but his The winter of 1755 was an unusually spaced the questions the blessed child medal. But it was all Pippin had, and grouns went light to my heart. He had severe one at Philadelphia; had, just 5 lesus would be sure to ask her. What he would not take it back again, so I put never given way so badly before, and I little I knew I taught him; but I soon saw it away carefully into a small box, where and I hastened to pull his arm-chair for-

ly chronicled as eclipsing it by several det he would be quickly beyond me. He was I kept a curl of Willie's hair, and the lit- ward. hings all blike a woung bird with unfledged wings the testament he had learned to read in. A great snow storm commenced on the nestling down under my care for a little 'It's earnest money,' I said. 'The Lord ty-six hours, extending over the New white; but soon his wings must be strong | will know when to give us the rest.' England States, and causing great inter- enough to carry him away, and he So we bid Pippin good bye, not without would fly out of my sight, and think no tears even in Transome's eyes, though he a blow." more of me than a bird thinks of last year's was growing too old to shed tears at little nest, left in the branches of a tree. As things. And I stood to watch him, in Iraish, it was observed at 45 degrees of soon as he could hold a pen, or make an spite of the searching bitter wind blowing a, and a b he was wild to write a letter to over the brow of the hill, as he ran down The next coldest winter to those of 1755 his father. And many a letter he wrote, the street until he was fairly out of my and directed them all 'To father, Captain sight. That night I strung up Willie's John Champion, on the Sea,' Even Mrs. | chair again to the ceiling. at Danbury Connecticut; being the hard- Brown had not the cruel heart to tell him that his letters could never, never find his

But one night, when Transome and me remainder of the French army to cross were sitting quiet in the fire-light as usual, I heard a low rap at the door. Now some, being, as I said, a silent man, and not used to children's talk since Willie died. I opened the door by a hand-breath. and who should be breaking the rule save There was long continued cold weather Propin himself. There he stood panting as if he had been hunted up the hill. The could not find his voice to speak. I drew him inside. His handsome face was crimson, and his eyes were glowing and sparkof the needless drains upon our pock- below zero in Kansas; and the cold extent ling with excitement. I took him up to ed over the United States, in some parts | the hearth, and poked the fire into a blaze for Transome to have a good look at him 'This is Philip Champion,' said I.

> Transome put down his pipe, and wiped is glasses on his sleeve before looking at

He favours his uncle,' he said, as the boy faced him; 'but he's the born image

'I've come to say good-bye,' cried Pippin all eagerness and excitement; I am going which lasted 3 months, broke up on the a longway off to-morrow by the train-to London.

> 'Going to London!' I repeated in amaze ment; is your father come back, Pippin?' I could not get rid of the notion that his father would come back some time, and that helped the boy to be so fond of me.

'No,'he said sorrowfully; 'Mrs. Brown's sure he'll never come home now. So I'm going away.

'But where to?' I asked, drawing him within my arms to the very front of the fire. I telt my heart very heavy all at once; and the cold wind, whistling round the house, made it chilly even at the fire-

'Why,' he answered, squeezing my arm to his side, 'it's partly because you taught me how to write letters. Just read this up, loud, Mrs. Transome.

He drew a crumpled bit of printed paper out of his little pocket. But I could not read the small print without my glasses, which were at the end of the mantleshelf. When I had found them, and lit a candle, I smoothed out the bit of paper and read these words-

'A lady wishes to adopt an orpan, the child of respectable parents, and will provide for the maintenance and education of the same. A boy preferred, who must come for three months on trial. All expenses paid. Address :- E. D. G. P. O., London.

"Well ?' I exclaimed, more puzzled than

I wrote to her out of my own head. said Pippin, 'and she's sent money for me to go to London to-morrow.'

'I never heard of such a thing!' I cried. 'Don't you know any more about her,

"No,' he said. 'I wrote of my own self. going round to kiss him. He was sore and she's sent the money to Mrs. Brown for me to go. Only if I don't do for her you know, I'm to be sent back in three months; and Mrs. Brown says she doesn't know who's going to have me, for she 'If I could write a book,' I went on, as can't. She says I must go to the union,

> 'Ay, ay so it is, said Transome, whose eyes were fastened on the boy. "Couldn't you have me?' he asked.

eeaxingly, and putting his little arm about my neck. You're kinder to me than anybody else. Don't you let me be sent to the union-please don't.' I looked across at Transome, and his

nodded his ficad at me. We had lived him to speak. It was as much as if he had said, Ally, my lass! do as thee likes!' It

came to school for nigh upon twelve is sure to love you, if she hasn't a heart to myself; the grasshopper shall be

grees below zero all day, in the vicinity of not have been myself if he was away. get it, never. So I've brought you a bit hopper, for He's helped me to bear the Never, no ! never had I such a scholar as of money father gave me long ago. That's burden and heat of the day." him. He learned as if he was hungry and all I've got now; but I'll pay you lots But Thid not put everything as it should

### IV .- A TERRIBLE BLOW.

to school. I had good scholars and bad but never one like Pippin. Not one of month's time. Oh! Ally, my lass! them had his hungry brain and loving . It tell upon me that sudden I was quite the gun, his rifle cocked, his finger on the heart. He had been to me something like sturmed and dazed at first, as if, Tran- trigger, one eye shut, the other looking the beloved John was to our Lord; and some said, some body had struck me a the barrel through the sights—in this ponow he was gone all the others seemed heavy blow! All the house-place seemed sition, without a struggle or motion, and commonplace and at a distance from me. swimming round me. T could theat his of course without pain, he breathed out They could not creep into my heart as sobs and groans but felt as if I could his life so gently, that when he was found Pippin had done.

est to me, next to my own Willie.

Transome's rheumatism did not mend when I raised the school wage by a pennever came to anything. I used to won-

of sky-line resting on the brows of the a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and immore than content.

Lord, He'll provide for us all. But she, feel much heavier than they used to be. stars. | nullound lines to minered large profit. List bour speared No excitement whatever, All seem to ty, and his to be to

SOME TROUBLE IN THE HOUSE.

[From the Burlington Hawkeye.] A woman out on the North Hill being counted out the other morning, after a debate on the question, "Who shall arise and build the fire ?" got up and split her husband's wooden leg into kindling wood, and broiled the steak with it. It made him so mad that he got hold of her false teeth and bit the dog with them. She eried until she had a fit of hysterics, and then flipped out his glass eye, and climbed upon the bed-post and waxed the glaring eye to the ceiling with a quid of chewinggum. Then he took her wisp of false hair and tied it to a stick and began whitewashing the kitchen with it. Then she started off to obtain a divorce, but Judge Newman decided that he couldn't grant a divorce unless there were two parties to

## HOW DANIEL BOONE DIED.

of them to make one.

the suit, and there was hardly enough left

[From the Paris (Ky.) Citizen, Sept. 8, 1809.] As he lived, so he died, with his gun in his hand. We are informed by a gentleman direct from Boone's, on the Missouri, that early in last month Col. Daniel Boone rode to a deer lick, and scated himself within a blind raised to conceal him from the game. That while sitting thus conresting on a log, his face to the breech of not understand why he was in such troit | next day by his friends, although stiff and cold, he looked as if alive, with his gun out clear. I felt as if the house was altogether certain if a buck had come into crumbling away. Better it should fall range of his gun, which had been the upon us, and crush us to death; than we death of thousands, but it might have intuitively followed its old employer's mind That was a night to be remembered for and discharged itself. The hypothesis

> The Boston Public Library, founded in 1852, has increased from a single delivery in 1867 of 136,080 volumes, to the present system, embracing the central library, six branches and two deliveries, the whole comprising 312,000 volumes, increasing at an annual rate of 20,000 volumes. In the same time the annual circulation has increased from 208,963 to 1,200,000 volumes; the number of registered readers, taking books for home use, from 12,057 to 130,-000, while during the same period the relative expenses of carrying on the institution has largely diminished, so that, while the circulation is nearly six times as great now as in 1867, the expense is only twofifths as much as then. For example, the average cost of the delivery of a book in 1867 was 25 cents, while to-day it is but

# DON'T WORRY.

So great is the power of the mind over the body, that for a person to think he has a disease will produce that disease. This we see effected when the mind is insurgeons and physicians who make a speciality of certain diseases are liable to die so great that sometimes people die of diseases which they have only in imaginathe vessel. We have known a person to die of cancer in the stomach when they had no cancer or any other mortal disease. A blind-folded man slightly pricked in the arm has fainted and died from believing that he was bleeding to death. Therefore well persons, to remain well, should be cheerful and happy; sick persons should possible from themselves.

In a recent lecture delivered in Edin-SAVINGS IN GOLD AND SILVER .- The Hartford, Conn. Times says: "On the closing up of the Smith & Rogers silverplating concern in New Haven, a few days ago, preparatory to its removal to Meriden, the floor of the plating-room was taken up, burned, and the ashes analyzed, with the result of procuring pure silver to the amount of \$981. The particles of gold and silver are made so exceedingly fine, in the processes of the manufacture of gold and silver goods, whether solid or miles a second, would not read sit in less plated, that no devices for saving the material abraded or thrown off in the vari ous manipulations are entirely effectual reach the earth; and front some of these In most manufactories of articles of gold and silver the proprietors do not allow would take half a million of years to pass the workmen to retain their work-clothes when worn out, but pay for them a price generally sufficient to procure new garments-an old tattered vest belonging to a quarter and said, \*Keep-the changehave become extinct thousands of years a bench workman sometimes being valu-Transome had been hearty enough that ago, and yet their light might present it- ed by his employers, even when worn to

A man at Placeville, Cal., having occasion recently to erect a new building

WHAT MONTH WERE YOU BORN IN We extract the following from an old

paper. It is, to say the least, a very amusing production: January-He who is born in this month will be laborous and a lover of good wine: he will be complaisant, and withal, a very

fine singer. The lady born in this month

will be a pretty, prudent housewife; rather melancholly, but yet, good tempered. February-The man born in this month will love money much, but the ladies more; he will be stingy at home, but prodigal abroad. The lady will be a humane and affectionate wife and tender

mother. March-The man born in this month will be rather handsome; he will die poor. The lady will be a jealous, passionate

April-The man who has the misfortune to be born in this month will be subject to many maladies; he will travel to advantage and love ladies to disadvantage, for he will marry a rich, handsome heiress, who will make-what, no doubt, all un derstand. The lady of this month will be tall and stout, with agreeable wit and great talk.

May-The man born in this month will be handsome and amiable; he will make his wife happy. The lady will be equally blessed in every respect.

June-The man born now will be of small stature, passionately fond of women and children, but will not be loved in return. The lady will be a giddy personage, fond of coffee; she will marry at the age of twenty-one, and be a fool at forty-

July-The man will be fair; he will suffer death for the wicked woman he loves. The female of this month will be passably handsome, with a sharp nose, but of a rather sulky temper.

August-The man will be ambitious and courageous; he will have several maladies and two wives. The lady will be amiable and twice married, but her second husband will cause her to regret the September-He who is born in this

month will be strong, wise and prudent. but too easy with his wife, who will give him great uneasiness. The lady, roundfaced, fair-headed, witty, discreet, aminble, and loved by her friends,

October-The man of this month will have a fine face and be a gay deceiver The lady of this month will be large, liberal, and full of novelty.

November-The man will have a handsome face and florid complexion. He will be wicked in his youth, always inconsistent. He will promise one thing and do another, and always remain poor. The lady will be pretty, a little too fond of talking. She will have two husbands who

will die of grief, she will best know why. December-The man been in this month will be a good sort of person, though passionate. He will devote hinself to the army, and be betrayed by his wife. The lady will be amiable and handsome, with a good voice, and a well proportioned body; she will be twice married, remain poor, continue honest.

A TEXAN'S WONDERFUL TRACES, -- A Texan, visiting this point, gathered around him some of our citizens Monday, tensely concentrated upon the disease of and entertained them with some of his another. It is found in the hospitals that experiences in the Lone Star State. One incident told by him is as follows:

"You'd hardly believe, now, what I am of it themselves; and the mental power is going to tell. In Texas we use raw-hide straps, or thongs, for traces, and in wet weather they do stretch amazingly. Why, land lay all before me, with a great sweep son, Anson or Forsythe, under penalty of tion. We have seen a person seasick in often in damp weather at home I've hitchanticipation of a voyage before reaching ed up two horses and drove down the hill from my house into the creek bottom for a sled load of wood. I have loaded the wood and many times driven back home and unhitched the horses and the sled would not be in sight." "How did you get the wood home then ?"

asked an inquisitive bystander.

"Oh, I just tied the ends of the traces together and threw them over a post, went knocking about my work and waited till the sun shone out. Sometimes it would be more than two hours before that sled load of wood would get home, but you'd see her crawling up the hill at last, gradually approaching as the raw-hide traces shrunk up into their proper lengths. Yes, Texas is a great country you bet."-Greencastle Star.

A REAL HOOSIER DRINK .- An Indianian went into a Chicago saloon, and asked for "a gin coektail with some strength into it." The barkeeper made mixture of alcohol, pepper sauce, absinthe, limes, and painkiller. "The Indianian drank it," says the Chicago Tribune, "and about a quart of tears came to his eyes, his mouth contracted to about the size of a safe key hole, and when he had sufficiently mastered his emotion to speak, he said, 'How much's that !' 'Fifteen cents,' responded. the barkeeper. The customer put down have something yourself;' then, wringing the barkeeper's hand, be added, 'That's the first good gin I've tasted since I left home-something like liquor; it's sort of quick in taking hold and slow in letting go. Come and see me, and I'll give you some corn whiskey that's better stillwhiskey that's like swallowing a circular saw whole pulling it up again. The barkeeper, an hour later, asked the patrolman if he had heard of an old man being found dead on the sidewalk, and when the officer said no, he danced a few jig

and regale himself with a choice variety of the most sumptuous viands, at the table of a Grecian grandee, he looked at it while and then turning quietly away. he walked off, saying, "what a number of things there are in the world Diogenes can do without!" We now have to learn in the same school with the crusty old chilosopher, whether we will or no. And doubt not that our health, our finances,

28th of Dec., 1853, which continued thirruption of business and travel. "make both ends meet," in our

mereury in three thermometers froze at Moscow, and withdrew into the ball. At Fahrenheit immediately before it froze. more than doubly pay all our farmer's

aud 1780, in our Northern States, was that of 1807. On the 12th of January, the thermometer stood 19 degrees below zero,

est weather there in 27 years.
So intense was the "frost" in Holland on January 14th, 1795, that it played its part in military matters it enabled the

January, 1762, the weather was severe was an understood thing that none of cold in England. The ice on the Thames. The scholars were to come to the house of will testify, who were compelled, through held upon it during eight days.

ngton, February the 20th, 1851, and extended over the Middle and Eastern welled and unnecessary doctor's-bills, States.

> mometer 8 degrees below zero in Phila delphia, and 20 degrees at Salem, Mass. o' his mother, poor lass! Heavily laden teams crossed from Boston to Fort Independence. The great "frost" of 1663, in Paris

These details, gathered from many a

BY HESBY STRETTON III .- A STRANGE ADVERTISEMENT

Who goes beyond precept far enough to In the evening after school was over; and I'd helped Transome to get up and ome down stairs, and had settled himquite comfortably in his own chair, out of

'Why, my lass!' he cried, 'aw do believe as it's oud measter's own nephew? He'd wedded beneath her, like thee, Ally. o' one o' the bettermost sort o' ships; and made a fuss. He kept busy. If he her.'

I coaxed Transome to tell me all he knew about it, though his words were as scarce as silver. He had seen the little was married, when she was living with her brother, our landlord. But when she had died, or how her poor child came to

be living in our town, he could not tell. 'Transome,' I said, as I poured out his before. tea, 'if God had asked me what I wished for as he asked Solomon, I'd have chose to

'Eh! but aw niver did see sech a woman for a book!' he said again, looking across the table at me with such a pleas. Pippin, my dear child? ant look that I could not keep myself from changed since we came home together. along the canal, and picked flowers from morning till night; but I loved him as much, ay! ten times more now than then. sat down again in my chair, 'I'd write and that's a dreadful place.' one that would prick our old master's

heart to the quick. 'Eh, lass! it u'd take a pen very long, and very sharp to prick his heart,' he anabout two months and ten days, or swered.

'Yet,' I said half to myself, 'he's a church

ing below her.' 'He's a gradely rich man,' said Transome, shaking his head gravely, and aw reckon he can afford to have his likes and dislikes.

any one rich enough for that,'

rise to sunset. The writer was so ex- to mind, Ally.

burden. Yes, yes! that time 'Il come to But I must come back some time to me as well as poor Transome. But God side me in the chimney-nock that I should pay you, answered Pippin, 'I'll not for- Almighty, He'lf help me to bear the grass.

No, such another child never came again ones, and they were constantly changing,

three months. We never even heard of like a great wave, and all the trouble stood in Hand just in the act of firing. It is not him. He was little more than a babe in years, and children cannot remember as old folks remember their friends. Mrs. Brown told me, when I made a purpose journey to inquire after him, that the lady had written to say he was safe and quite content, but she did not wish him to have any communication with his former home. live in Manchester, so we could ask for no news about Pippin. I had, at times, an recollected him as a child, who was dear-

as he grew older and more infirm, and the burden of earning the rent as well as the living fell upon me. But times were very prosperous in the town just then, and to be faithful in little, and aw 'm sure trade was increasing every year. New mills were built along the river, and the hand-mills had constant work. Money was plentiful, and not a soul grumbled ny a week; the extra penny just serving to pay our rent. Now and then I was troubled within me by a talk of some grand new school being opened that would the General Assembly, ratified the 6th of 'tice all my scholars away; but the talk der at times what I could do, for I could not see to stitch fine cloth any longer, my yes were too dim, and the stockings I knit instead did not pay me half as well, ties along the great railroad lines is likely though I knit as long as there was a glim-

mer of fire in the grate. Ah! I shall never, never forget that fore enacted that it shall be unlawful to sunshinny evening early in May, when I export quails or patridges, dead or alive, followed my last scholar down the gar- from the counties of Catawba, Rowan, den, and stood for a moment or two lean- Guilford, Alamance Rockingham, Orange, ing over the wicket. The broad open Iredell, Davie, Gaston, Columbus, Davidlistant hills. The sky was all blue; and the prisonment not exceeding thirty days, for vellow stonecrop on the thatch shone like gold. The withy branches were covered with soft, little fluffy tufts called goslings by children; and though the poplar tree, growing so tall and slender at the corner of the house, had no leaves yet, there were tassels of long crimson catkins hanging on its topmost twigs, and floating down when the soft pleasant Spring breeze shook them a little. There were the rosemary and lavender bushes, that I had carried all the way from home when I was married, to plant under our kitchen window, and they were just coming into bud. I looked down what used to be the dingle, and thought of the primroses and hawthorn, and bluebells that used to grow in its green and grassy nooks. It was no wonder that I could not help shaking my head a little at the ugly houses that had sprung up in their place. Yet when I turned by back upon them, and could see nothing but our own home, with the blue sky only behind the thatched roof, I was

'The Lord knows exactly what I love best,' I said to myself as I walked back up the garden path more slowly and toilsomely than when I was a young wife : 'I wouldn't change it for the grandest house in all the town. Home's home, be it nev-

was getting harder work than ever to win to carry the month's rent. It was not far stars, he noticed that it was computed bread for him and me; but I could not to go, but he would be weary and worn- that Alpha Lyra was one hundred billions bear to think of my clever, bonny boy be- out more than enough before he could of miles distant from the earth, and its where an old one stood, a party of miners ing sent to the Union; and his uncle roll- climb up home again; so it would not do magnitude and splender were as 20 to 1 agreed with him to dig out the lot, fill it for me to loiter and tarry in the sweet air when compared with our sum. Similar in again, and give him half the proceeds. 'Yes, yes, my laddie,' I said, 'if you and sunshine. I hurried in to redd up investigations brought out the Phey found the earth so rich in gold that 'Aw were wrung,' he said, 'rich and come back we'll find a corner for you, and the house, pile away the benches, and lay our sun was neither vastly greater nor although they had to eart it a long dis-

be before Transome came in slowly, slow-

'Transome,' I said, is the pain so very bad this evening?

'Ally !" he answered. in a stammering. checking voice; Ally, lass! aw've gotten

All at once his old grey head fell on my shoulder, and he broke out in bitter sobbing and wailing, like a little child crying on its mother's bosom; only it was a thousand times more pitiful than a child. who can be hushed and sung to sleep in its worst trouble." 'What blow, Transome ?' Teried ; 'who'd

strike an old man like thee?

"Th' oud measter,' he said, samid his sobs; 'we've got to go, Ally, to guit, He's goin' to sell th' oud place to build bigger cealed, with his old trusty rifle in his old ones leaving and fresh ones coming in: housen on; and we're bound to quit in a hand, pointed toward the lick, the muzzle

He did not come back at the end of bled Then all at once it came over me, be driven out of it in our old age.

ever, We sat down to the tea-table, but being novel, we leave the solution to the we could not swallow a morsel, nor a sup, though our thronts were parched and our Soon after that Mrs. Brown went away to tongues dry. Whichever way we looked all was darkness and blackness. There was no one to comfort, and no one to help. unsatisfied yearning, when I thought of Neither him nor me had any hope of him; but, as years slipped away, I only changing our master's mind. After we were gone to bed, and both lay awake, making pretence to sleep, I could see no way-no way at all-out of our bitter

sorrow and distress. 'Lord! I heard Transome whisper, in the dead of the night, 'only gie as strength thee'll gie us much when the reet time is

But how could we be faithful in little if even that little was taken from us ?

(To be continued.)

THE BIRD LAW.

The act passed at the recent session of 101 cents. March, recites that experience and observation have shown that the insect-destroying birds afford material protection to grain crops; and that the exportation of quails or patridges from the tier of counto result in the extermination of those beautiful and useful birds. It is there

each and every such offence. It will be noted that the exportation. dead or alive, is alone prohibited. It was thought this would afford the needed protection. Gamning or netting is not prohibited; but as these can only be indulged for private sport or home use, they cannot result in anything like extermination of these magnificent game have their attention diverted as much as oirds .- Greensboro Patriot.

ourgh, on "The Stars," Prof. Grant gave graphic idea of the immensity of space. He said a railway train, travelling, night and day at the rate of fifty miles an hour would reach the moon in six mouths, the on in two hundred years, and Alpha Centauri, the nearest of fixed stars, in forty-two millions of years: A | ball from a gun, tarvelling at the rate of ninet huns dred miles an hours, would treach Alpha Centauri in 2,700,000, years; while lights travelling as it did at the rate of 185,000 than three years. Light from some of the refesconicistans would take 5/760 (ears) to clusters the distance is so great that light the earth, southat we sain objects not as they really are, but as they were half a million of years ago. These stars might afternoon to go down to his old master's self to us. As to the magnitude of the