

For the Watchman.
(CONSOLATION)
 TO BACHELORS AT CHINA GROVE.

Oh, bachelors at China Grove,
 You may as well hang up your harps!
 For thirty years you yet may rove,
 And never see fair lady's heart.

For thirty years in vain you've tried
 To win the heart of lady fair,
 And none have stood up by your side
 To vow your grief through life to share.

At home, abroad, at school, at sing,
 You've tried to tune your harps to play
 The nuptial song—a noble thing—
 And never yet have struck the lay.

Still other plans you yet may try;
 But at the end of sixty years
 You'll raise the bacheloric cry—
 Your cheeks and chins all wet with tears.

You need not think to advertise,
 And thus secure some lady's hand;
 Had they not sense of ears and eyes,
 A little chance you then might stand.

You may as well submit to fate,
 Roll up your sleeves, and swing the pot,
 Pin back your ears and lick the plate,
 For bachelor's life is e'er your lot.

ROLLER.



FACTS FOR THE TIMES.

A large part of mankind live in hope, and without this heavenly attribute, so lavishly bestowed, there would be little incentive to labor, especially in disastrous times. For a decade of years this has kept up the drooping spirits of the disappointed farmer. In all weathers and under all vicissitudes, he has toiled from year to year, hoping against hope, to surmount the billows of trouble; and many courageous souls have succumbed to evils, over which they had no control. When we look into the future there is nothing to cheer. Poor crops and low prices have subdued the energetic into passive submission, and the coming year offers but little encouragement. The Western farmer, with his rich land, improved agricultural implements, intelligent labor and cheap transportation, may live and prosper, but the Virginia farmer cannot. With corn at forty cents per bushel, wheat at eighty cents per bushel, and tobacco and other things in proportion, there is no profit—not even costs; and, what must be done in the future, is the momentous question. One plan must be pursued, though it is inconvenient and irksome and mortifying to one's pride. It is to reduce expenses to income. If a farmer makes only fifty dollars to the hand, he must make his outlays to be settled by the profits of the farm. If he does not do this, he must live on some one's labor, which is unpaid for. The field hand generally gets his pay, but the merchant and other creditors must suffer. The consequence is, that a large portion of the people are living on the other portion, and consequently there is but little prosperity for any. This reduction of expenses must take place before credit is gone and poverty knocks at the door. Commence in the family, and let each person be reared from childhood to be independent. Have as few servants as possible, and after some years of experience, the results will show that the children so reared will be more industrious and self-reliant, and more capable of taking care of themselves in after life. The Jews bring up their children in their business, and are enabled to prosper when other people fail.

By trying to keep up appearances, as in the past, numbers of people have lost caste and character, and been made bankrupts in every way. Many people are pursuing a more prudent course. If they cannot pay for luxuries and conveniences, they do without. Many a farmer has no carriage or vehicle for his family, and he prefers to pay his debts and continue his struggle to live honorably than to ride in a vehicle and dress in costly apparel—all unpaid for. Suppose this rule was adopted through the State of Virginia, the result would be several millions of dollars saved and circulating in the State instead of being carried out of the State, and in this way trying to equalize the balance of trade, the times would become easier, and with more money in circulation, confidence would return. To accomplish this object the whole people must practice economy, and continue it for many years, which cannot be expected. The great evil of slavery in requiring too much waiting on in the house and out of it, has hardly changed in the present generation, and nothing but stringent poverty will change many people. Thousands of

persons are spending the best part of their lives in useless display and pretentious wealth, and before they are aware of it, sickness and death hurries them away, and they leave their families penniless and dependent on the slim charities of an unfeeling world of mammon sinners. The ups and downs of this life are so frequent, that enquiry as to the causes reveals nothing but what could be easily seen—"living beyond one's means."

Is this state of affairs to continue? Must any man, presuming to know his own business, yield to the fictitious ideas of society, and, from year to year, increase his expenses beyond any rational expectation of paying his debts until so deeply involved that despair fosters idleness and drunkenness and questionable modes of living? To honest people, this is the only alternative; to dishonest people, who believe the world owes them a good living, it is time thrown away to suggest economy in all things.

C. R. C.
 Hanover Co., Va.

AN EMPTY MAUSOLEUM.

About twenty-five miles from the city of New York, on a wide expanse of prairie land, and from an elevation in sight of the ocean, is a newly built town called Garden City. Everything is new about it, for ten years ago not a house was standing there; the trees themselves are struggling with the soil for a secure lodgment; the streets, good as far as they are made, all terminate in unbroken or freshly cultivated fields, and the one hotel seems wondering what it was put there for, as of all places in the world Garden City is about the last to invite travelers. Those who live there are merchants or clerks from New York. There is not a manufactory of any kind in the vicinity, or a store, except those miscellaneous affairs found in every country village. It is a farming country, rich in dairies, hay, corn and cabbages, but a more quiet and serenely peaceful country is not anywhere to be found. Garden City may be traversed at noon-day without meeting a human being.

In the centre of this ambitious town, all of which belongs to one estate—that of the late Alexander T. Stewart—rises one of the stately churches in this era of ecclesiastical magnificence. It is yet unfinished, but its spire points heavenward, and it bears all the evidence of high art and of unlimited wealth. The stranger unacquainted with the history or its construction would wonder over it more than the hotel, for there is no population to fill it. Probably, it will have its active uses in the future; it may possibly be the center of great educational movements, but its chief end was to serve as a monument to the man whose money built it, and whose bones were to rest in a costly and magnificent crypt beneath its stately roof. No civilian ever before had a tomb so grand, a mausoleum so enduring. A description of it says:

"On either side of the cathedral granite steps lead under the church. A short passage, about twelve feet wide, extends to a mortuary chapel. This is about twenty-six feet by thirty-six feet. There will be two entrances from this chapel into the mausoleum, which will be directly under the chance of the church proper. As yet it is only rough brick walls, but those who have made a careful study of the plans say that it will be one of the finest of its kind in the world. Some declare that it will surpass the mausoleum of Napoleon."

Nearly all the fine marbles of the world are used in the ornamentation or in the more solid parts of the structure. The sides, the floor and the ceiling will all be of white American statuary marble, with elaborate tracings. At each angle there will be three detached columns, forming a triangle. The front column of each triangle will be of black Irish fossil marble, with a beautiful white vein, and all highly polished. The remaining columns will be of white marble, but of different kinds. At the head of the crypt will be a white marble pedestal, three feet high, on which a life-sized figure of the Angel of Resurrection will stand. In the middle of the crypt a sarcophagus will be erected. It will be of granite, and about six feet in height, with space for one coffin. And here the great merchant was to rest under the solemn light of the sixteen stained-glass windows, and here during the winged centuries to come he was to point the moral of life and of earthly mortality. The story recorded in another col-

umn is in terrible contrast to this other story of the cathedral, and reminds us that the nearer men attain to Christian civilization the blacker seem the crimes that stand forth as its opposite. We have on one side a noble beautiful and costly building, setting forth the faith of the nation and its highest aims, and on the other the miserable ghoul, the unshriven and soulless fiend who have robbed the grave of the body that was to rest beneath its roof. Language has no words to paint this atrocity, and it is a singular fact that the law has never fathomed the depths of a crime like this and provided a penalty. It is far beyond what we supposed men capable of doing, and borders on the barbarism that sanctions the eating of enemies captured at war.—*Newark Advertiser.*

OUR DAILY NEED.

We never wake in the morning but we want strength for the day; we never go to bed at night without needing grace to cover up the sins of the past. We are needy at all periods of life; when we begin with Christ in our journey days we need to be kept from sins and follies. In middle of life our needs are greater, and in old age we are needy still. So needy are we that in lying down to die, we need our last bed to be made for us in mercy. So needy are we that if Jesus had not prepared a mansion for us in Heaven, we should have no place to dwell in. We are full of wants, as the sea is full of water. We must keep those two adjectives close together in our confessions, "I am poor and needy."

Children are quick to perceive the standard of integrity held by those around them, and to catch the prevailing tone of moral feeling. When they hear injustice condemned in large things and palliated in small ones; when their own childish deprivations are treated with levity, or passed over with indifference; when deceitful practices are tolerated, and simply troublesome habits punished, it is not strange that they learn to measure the guilt of dishonesty only by the material loss or annoyance entailed.

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