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The Happy Village.
 BY KANE O'DONNELL.

As often I pass the roadside,
 When weary falls the day,
 I turn to look from the hill-top
 At the mountains far away.

The red sun through the forests,
 Throws hither its parting beams,
 And far in the quiet valley
 The happy village gleams.

There the lamp is lit in the cottage
 As the husbandman's labors cease,
 And I think that all things are gathered
 And folded in twilight peace.

But the sound of merry voices
 Is heard in the village street,
 While pleased the grandam watches
 The play of the little feet.

And at night to many a fireside
 The rosy children come;
 To tales of the bright eyed fairies
 They listen and are dumb.

There seems it a joy forever
 To labor and to learn,
 For love with an eye of magic
 Is patient to discern.

And the father blesses the mother,
 And the children bless the sire,
 And the cheer and joy of the hearthstone
 Is as light from an altar fire.

Oh, flowers of rarest beauty
 In that green valley grow;
 And whether 'twere earth or heaven
 Why shouldst thou care to know?

Save that thy brow is troubled,
 And dim is thy helpmate's eye;
 And graves are green in the valley,
 And stars are bright in the sky.

A Mother's Influence.
 Who can measure the influence of a mother on the young and immortal minds of her children? Her looks, her actions, her smiles, or her frowns on her children stamp impressions on their minds which will last forever. She gives a moulding influence to their character, their course of life, their temporal and eternal well being. They rise to the glories and happiness of heaven, or sink to the woes and ruin of a lost eternity, much according as the mother trains them up for God, or allows them, through neglect, to grow up in selfishness and sin. The mother sits at the threshold of their existence, and directs their first tottering footsteps. Her duties lie at the foundations of human society, and from these young springs of life flow out in all their after existence, streams of bitter or sweet, purified or poisonous.—California Agriculturist.

Wit and Humor.

When an employer sees a young man with good wages who spends all that he earns, it might be well for him to see that he also earns all that he spends.

The farmer who hung an old coat in his field to frighten birds away and afterward found a young brood in one of the pockets, has lost faith in scarecrows.

They build large residences out west. An Iowa paper says: "It is only twenty-one years since the first house was erected in Burlington and now it contains 20,120 inhabitants."

A gentleman drove a sorrowful looking horse into town last Saturday, and requested a small boy to hold him a moment. "Hold him!" exclaimed the boy; "just lean him up against the post—that'll hold 'im."

"What do you expect to live on?" asked an old gentleman of a young man, who sought his daughter's hand. "Live on!" exclaimed the young man, "why, on you, of course." He thought such engaging frankness would please the old man, but it didn't.

A celebrated anatomist being asked why, with his knowledge of the human frame, he could not cure all the diseases of the body, replied: "Unfortunately, I am like a porter who is acquainted with all the streets of the city, but is ignorant of what is passing in the houses."

During a conversation between two citizens of Detroit, one of them a widower, remarked: I have just returned from Elmwood Cemetery, and I feel downhearted." "Yes, it makes a man feel sad to view the grave of a lost loved wife," was the reply. "Wife—grave!" exclaimed the first, "why, I was up that way to collect some money from a fellow who has been owing me for a year past, and I couldn't get a cent."

The San Francisco Bulletin predicted that the time will soon come when every farmer will cure his own fruit and store it away as he does his hay, the drying apparatus forming a part of every well regulated farm outfit. The city is every prospect of a good fruit season in California. Cherry, pear, and peach trees are in full blossom, and apple trees are beginning to bloom, and the State will soon be one great orchard of fruit trees.

In a street car the other day a boy about seven years old made his mother much trouble by climbing on the seat, asking questions, and making remarks about passengers. She whispered to him four or five times without any good results, and finally leaned over and said: "Now young man, if you don't behave yourself you shan't go with me Sunday to see your brother's grave." That touched him on a tender spot, and he at once subsided.

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