

no such a thing as rest for me this side of the grave" said Mrs. Bidge.

Mr. Bidge said nothing. The iron of remorse was in his soul, and his wife's lamentations kept wringing in there.

"With all these children to see to! It can't be. It would be worse than staying at home."

"But I mean leave them here and have somebody to care for them."

"Easier said than done."

"I'll try, at all events. What do you think Mrs. Bidge?"

Mrs. Bidge, struck with the force of the proposition, held up her hands in a delightful state of hope.

"O, if they would!" said Mrs. Bidge.—Bidge moved to the door.

"Tell them there's only eight," said Mrs. Bidge. "Four of them are twins, and for only one week!"

Bidge was gone for twenty minutes, and returned from a successful mission. The Bidges were overjoyed at the proposal and had agreed.

On the following day, Mr. and Mrs. Bidge left dull care behind them, and went into the country; while Mr. and Mrs. Bidge assumed the charge of the eight young Bidges.

Happy arrangement of affairs. The Bidge was so fond of children—treasures beyond their power to possess.

Since the first years of their marriage, the Bidges had not enjoyed themselves half so well as during the first two days of their absence from home.

O, how relieved they felt. How they realized the bliss of liberty. No young ones to see to; no responsibility; no noise; no confusion; no whippings to give; no meals to get; no clothes to mend; no children to dress, or send to school, or put to bed.

On the third day their ardor began to abate, and while Mr. Bidge was considering how his business in town was getting along, Mrs. Bidge also grew thoughtful and wondered how the children were.

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ORIGINAL POETRY.

THE MOUNTAINEER'S SONG. Removed from the land of my birth, No azure-robed mountains in view,

The eagle may stoop from his nest To grapple his prey on the plain;

My fortune it never may stray Again in that Eden to stray; The tide of life's troublesome sea

My dear Post: When this letter is spread before your readers in your columns, we are in the midst of the Christmas shopping excitement.

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buildings on Chesnut St., and extending northward on Fifth St. The stocks of goods, which were consumed, were of great value, and the total loss is put down in round numbers at \$1,500,000.

Two large steamships, the Alps, of the Cunard line, and the Washington, (American) having been libelled by the U. S. revenue officers, for violation of the revenue laws by smuggling goods into this port,

The Times newspaper is out with great severity upon the Life of Barnum, denouncing the spirit and tendency of the book as prejudicial to morality and integrity.

THE EARTH IN A STATE OF IGNEOUS FUSION. In the progress of Geological investigations, hypothesis have been multiplied in endless variety, to account for the various phenomena that are met with upon the face of the earth.

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only say that it is a new enterprise, with the energy of the Harpers to give it success, and the name of Jacob Abbott to recommend it to confidence.

Kirwan's new book is entitled "Parish Penitentials," and it contains a large number of just such incidents as only a pastor can narrate.

The firm of Evans & Dickinson, publishers of this city, has dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Evans from impaired health, and Mr. James S. Dickinson continues their flourishing business in his own name.

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