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Do you all remember yet That home in the shade of the rustling trees

family jar.

Do you know how we used to come from school Through the summer's pleasant heat With the yellow fennel's golden dust On our tired little feet?

We loitered by the way. And stopped in the woods to gather flowers

COMING HOME.

O brothers and sisters growing old.

Where once our household met

Till warned by the deepening shadow's fall, That told of the coming night,
We climbed to the top of the inst long hill, And my our home in night?

And, brothers and sisters, older now, Than she whose life is o'er, Do you think of the mother's loving face, That looked from the open door?

Alas, for the changing things of time!
That home in the dust is low,
And that loving smile was hid from us
In the darkness long ago. And we come now to life's last hill. From which our weary eyes

Can almost look on that home that shines Eternal in the skies. so bro here and sisters, as we go, Still let u- move as one,
Always together keeping step
Till the march of life is done.

wearing a smile so -weet, Now warts on the hills of Paradise

For her children's coming eet. THE GOLDEN SIDE.

There is many a rose in the road of life. It we would only stop to take it; And many a some from the better land, If the querulous heart would make it; To the sunny soul that is full of hope And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth, The grass is green and the flowers are bright Though the winter storm prevaileth.

Better to hope, though the clouds hang low For the sweet blue sky will still peep through When the ommous clouds are r fled: There was never a night without a day Or an evening without a morning; And the darkest bour, so the proverb goes.

Is the hour before the dawning.

There is many a gem in the path of life. That is richer tar than the jeweled crown Or the miser's hoarded treasure: may be the love of a little child Or a mother's prayer to heaven. Or only a beggar's grateful thanks For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life A bright and golden filling; And to do God's will with a ready heart And hands that are prompt and willing. Than to snap the delicate, minute thread Of our curious lives asunder, And then blame Heaven for the tangled en And sit and grieve and wonder.

#### Meg's Domestic Experience.

began her married life with the determination to be a model housekeeper. John should find home a paradise; he should always see a smiling face, should fare sumtueously every day, and never know the loss of a button. She brought so much love energy and cheerfulnesto the work, that she could not but suceced, in spite of some obstacles. Her paradise was not a tranquil one; for the little woman fussed, was over anxious to please, and bu-tled about like a true Martha, combered with many cares. She was too tired, sometimes, even to smile; John grew dyspeptic after a course of dainty dishes, and ungratefully demanded plain fare. As for outtons, she soon learned to wonder where they went, to shake her head over the earelessness of men, and to threaten to make him sew them on himself, and then see if his work would stand impatient tugs and clumsy fingers

any better than hers,

They were very happy, even after they discovered that they couldn't live on love alone. John did not find Meg's beauty diminished, though she beamed at him from behind the familiar coffee-pot ; nor did Meg miss any of the romance from the daily parting, when her husband followed up his kiss with the tender inquiry, "Shall I send home some vest or mutton for dinner. darling?" The little house ceased to be a glorified bower, but it became home, and the young couple soon telt that it was a change for the better. At first they played keep house, and froticked over it like children; then John took steadily to busines, feeling the cambric wrapper, put on a big apron, and fell to work as before said, with more energy than discretion.

While the cooking manis lasted, she went through Mrs, Cornelius' Receipt Book as if it was a mathematical exercise, working out the problems with patience and care. Sometimes ber family were invited to help eat up a too bounteous feast of successes, or Lotta would be privately despatched with North t arolina, in the Supreme Courts of the State and in the District, Circuit and Supreme Courts of the United States. feb 6tf. ient stomachs of the little Hummels An evening with John over the account the jully was still in a hopeless liquid know, restrained her; and after a After this Meg had Mr. Scott to tall in the culinary enthusiasm, and a frugal fit would ensue, during which the poor man would be put through a

made preserves, she undertook to put to her swa corrant jelly. John was requested to order home a duzen little buts, and an extra quantity of sugar,

for their own currents were ripe, and were to be attended to once. As John firmly believed that "my wife" was equal to anything, and took a natural pride in her skill, he resulved that she should be gratified, and their only crop of fruit laid by in the most pleasing form for winter use. Home came four don't know what to do." dozen delightful little pots, half a barto the elbow, and a checked apron, the finishing stroke to Meg's woe. amazed her at first, but John was so Scott home to dinner, and-" fend of jelly, and the nice little jarstraining, and fussing over her jelley, nation, reproach and dismay-

would not "jell." and ask mother to lend a hand, but John and she had agreed that they would never annoy as y one with their private worries, experiments of quarrels. They had laughed over that last word, as is the idea it suggested was a most preposterous one, but they had held to their resolve, and whenever they could get on without help they did so, and no one interfered-for Mrs. March had slune with the refractory sweetmests all that hot summer day, and at five o clock sat down in her topsy-turvy kitchen, wrung her bedaubed hands,

lifted up her voice, and wept. Now, in the first flush of the new life, she had often suid:

"My tushand shall always feel free Like most other young matrons, Meg to bring a friend home whenever he ikes. I shall always be prepared; there shall be no flurry, no scolding no discomfort, but a neat house a cheerful wife, and a good dinner. John, dear, never stop to ask my leave; invite. whom you please, and be sure of a welcome trom me."

How charming that was to be sure John quite glowed with pride to bear her say it, and felt what a blessed thing it was to have a superior wife. But although they had company from time to time, it never happened to be unexpected, and Meg had never had an opportunity to distinguished herself till now. It always happen so in this vale of tears; there was an inevitabiliy about the jelly; it really would have been unpardonable in him to choose that day, of all the days in the year to tring a friend home to dinner unexpectedly. Congratulating himself that a handsome repast had been ordered that morning, teeling that it would be ready to the minute, and indutging in pleasant anticipations of the charming ffeet it wou d produce, when his pret ty wife came out to meet him, he escor ted his friend to his mausion, with the irrepressible satisfaction of a young nest and husband.

It is a world of disappointments as John discovered when he reached the dove-cot. The front door u-ually stood pospitably open; now it was only shut but locked, and vesterday's mud still dorned the steps. The parlor windows were closed, and curtained, no picture of the pretty wife sewing on the piagza in white, with a distracting little bow in her hair, or a bright eyed hoscare of the head of a family resting up- tess, smiling a shy welcome as she sort-for not a soul appeared, but a sangumary looking buy ssleep under the current bushes.

"I'm afraid something has happened: up Mrs. Brooke," said John, slarmed at the silence and solitude.

Round the house he shot, and in the kitchen found two-thirds of what wasn't current jelly sitting about here and there, two jelly pots broken, and the Mug longed to go and tell inter; dreds of times, and so did Meg, both Lotta, with Tentonic phiegm, was calm comings, of foyalty to John, who ever made; for family peace was prely earing bound and current wine, for might be cruel, but hobody should served in that little family jar. books usually produced a temporary state, while Mrs. Brooks with her apron summary cleaning up, she dressed her- dinner by special invitation, and servover her head, sat subbing dismally. "My dearest girl , what is the mat- John to come and be lorgiven. ter ?" gried John, rushing in with aw-

to her domestic possessions what young worried. I've been at it muil I'm all and promised to come again. But couples seldom get along without - a worn out. Do come and help me, or John was augry, though he did not

Fired with a housewifely desire to see her store-room stocked with home- | him r sweet welcome in every sense of his bour of need. "It wasn't fair to

John, tenderly kissing the ensern of the be laughed at or nitied. No, by George little cap, which was all askew. "Yes" sobbed Mes despairingly

with it, love,"

would look so well on the top shelf, him off, and clasped her hands with a that Meg resolved to fill them all, and tragic gesture as she fell into a chair. so spent a long day pickling boiling, exciaining in a tone of mingled indig-

to remember what Hannah did that she do such a thing I'

re-strained, but that dreadful stuff the confounded jetly, but ut re helped now " said John, surveying the in her best partor.

turtle doves will peck was ruffled." there was no time to send word, for I my dear." met him on the way out. I never thought of asking leave, when you have always told me to do as I liked. advised the plan. So Meg wrestled I never tried it before and hang me if

> aggrieved air. and and 1/34 "I should hope not ! Take him isn't any dioner."

" Weil, I like that Where's the beef and vegetables I sent liome, and the pudding you premised?" ened. " I hadu't time to cook anything ! lately uncomortable. neant to dine at mother's ; il'm serry,

regau again. as of the Bar a see to come home tired hungry, and hopeful, to find a chaotic house, an empty able, and a cross wife, was not exactly enductive to repose of saind or man-

per the restrained hitself, however, and the little squal would have blown over, but for one unlucky word. " lt's a scrape, I acknowledge; bu if you will tend a hand, we'll pull brough, and have a good time yet. Don't ery, d'are but just lexert butrself a bit, and knock us appresent thing to eat. We're buth as builded as buns ters, so we shar't mind what it is.

cheese. We won't ask for julty." He meant it for a good shatared joke but that one word sested his fator bleg thought it was too eruel to hines about her latture, and the last atom of pa-

Give us cold meat and bread and

ience vanished as she spoke. W Is "You must get vourself out of the scrape as you can; Phi too used up to exert' my self for any one. It's like a man, to propose a bone and virgar bread and cheese for company. I won saud Am 1200 and to South time aven l'ake that Sport up to Mother's and ton unn l m amin -- mck wood, any thing won't see him, and you can lange at me and my felly as much as you ake; you wan't have anything clas there; and having delivered her defiance wh one breath, Meg cast away her pinalore, and procipitately left the field to bemoni hersell in her own room.

What these two creatures die in South was not taken," up to mother's, bushand on the forehead. inted her with horror. Lotts reported innaing tenderly ner throw away all the sweet stuff, and

other burning garly on the stove - out a sense of sharps at her own short declaring that it was the sweetest jelly

course of bread pudding, hash, and ful visions of soulded hands, sudden not seeing the matter in that light. He gracious, and made everything go off gre's wing shows four rows of feathers, Jun; he can't read." narmed-over soffee, which tried his news of affliction, and secret concentra- had carried it off as a charmingly, that Mr. Scott told 1. ... the counterfeit only three,

soul, although he bore it with praise- tion at the thought of the guest in the Scott, excused his little wife as he could John he was a happy fellow, and should I shall die!" and the exhausted, houses show it; he felt that Mey had got him wife cast herself upon his breast, giving jute a scrape and then described him to the word for her pinafore had been tell a man to bring tolks any time buptised at the same fout as the floor. with perfect freedom, and when he took "What worries you dear? Has you at your word, to flare up and binze saything happened?" select anxious at him, and leave him in the turch, to

it was not! and Meg must know it." He had fumed mwardly during the "Iell me quick then; don't cry; I feast, but when the flurry was over, can bear anything better than that; out and he strolled home, after seeing South off, a milder mood came over him "The the jelly won't jell and I "Poor little thing ! It was hard about her when she tried so heatily to please John Brooke laughed then as he me, She was wrong, of course, but rei of sugar, and a small boy to pick never dared to laugh afterward; and then she was young. I must be pas the currents for her. With her pretty the decisive Scott smiled involuntarily tient, and teach her." He hoped she hair tucked into a little cap, arms bared as he heard the hearty peal, which put had not gone home- he hated gossip and interference. For a minute he which had a coquettish look, in spite of "Is that all ? Fing it, out at the was ruffled again at the mere thought the bib, the young housewife fell to work window and don't bother any more of it; and then the fear that Meg feeling no doubts about her success ; for about it. I'll buy you quarts, if you would cry herself sick softened his hadn't she seen Hannah do it hundreds want it; but for heaven's sake don't heart, and sent him on a quicker pace, of times? The array of pots rather have hysterics, for I've brought Jack resolving to be calm and kind, but firm, quite firm, and show her where she John got no further, for Meg cast had failed in her duty to her spouse

Meg likewise resolved to be "calm and kind, but firm," and show him his duty. She longed to run and meet him, and beg pardon, and be kissed and She did her best; she asked advice of "A man to dinner, and everything in comforted, as she was sure of being; Mrs. C. rnelius; she racked her brain a mess! John B. ooke, how could you but, of course, she did nothing of the sort ; and when she saw John coming, had left undone; re-boiled, re sugared "Hu-h, he's in the garden; I forgot began to hum quite naturally, as she

She longed to run home, bib and all prospect with an anxious egest are John was a little disappointed not to "You sught to have sent word or find a tender Niobe; but, feeling that told me this morning, and you ought his dignity domanded the first apology to have remembered bo a busy I was." he mide none i only came lesserely in: continued Meg, petulantly to for even and laid himself upon the sofa, with the singularly irrevalent remark-"I didn't know this morning and "We are going to have a new moon

> "I've no objections," was Meg's equaliv spotbing remark.

A few other topics of gorreral line est were introduced by Mr. Brooke I ever do it again," added John with an and wet blanket by Mrs. Brooke, and conversation anguished. John went to one window, unfolded his paper, and away at once; I can't see him, and there | wrapt himself in it, figuratively speakmg. Meg went to the other window. and sewed as if new rosetts for he I ppers were among the necessaries of ife. Neitner spoke-both looked quit John, rushing to the larder, sould send "calm and firm," and both feit desper-

"Oh, dear," thought Meg, "married out I was so busy," and Meg's tears life is very trying and does need infinite patience, as well as love, as moth-John was a mild man, but he was er says. ' The word "mother" suggested human : and after a long day's work, ed other maternal counsels given long ago, and received with other unbelieve

"John is a good man, but he has hi faults, and you must learn to see and sear with them, remembering your own. He is very decided, but never will be obstmate, if you reason kindly not appears impatiently. He is very ocurate, and particular about the truth doing. And depend upon it, the law a good trust, though you call hun fus-Never deceive him by look or rork, Meg, and he will give you confidence you deserve, the support you and live and act on the principle, that need. He has a temper not like ours one flack, and then all over-but the white, still anger that is seldom stirred but when up hard to queuch. Be care This was the first serious disagrees

fur and you will have a sweet reward." ment; her own basty speeches sounded both silly and unkind, as she recall ed them; her own anger looked child ah mow, and thoughts of poor John coming home, to such a scene, quite nelten her heart. She glanced at him With hours in her eyes, but he did no me then t she put down her work and get up thinking "I will be the first to a) , forgive me, ! but he did not seem w hear her; she went very slowly cross the room, pride was hard to swarlow, and glood by hun, but still se slid not tars his head, For a unit ite she felt as if she really couldn't o'it & then came the thought, "This he beginning; Pli do my part, and ave nothing to reproach myself with, her abscuce, she never knew; but Mr. and stooping down she softly knows and when Meg descended, after they course that settled it; the penitent kiss gentleman of Cheraw, that the work of had strolled away together, she found was better than a world of words, and step into the garden, Scott, white I look traces of a promiscoous finch which which won had her on his knee in a minute,

> that they had eaten a lunch, and was two bad to laugh at the poor greatly saughed; and the master bid fittle jelly pots; forgive, dear, I never will again."

The Honest Lawyer. "Are you a lawyer?" said a young man, hastily taking off his hat. "Yes, sir, that's my business; what

can I do for you?" "Why something of a job, I reckon. to a terrible colliery accident in first The fact is, I have got into a little trou ble, and want a bit of help." And he took out a five dollar bill and laid it

The young lawyer made no motion

towards taking it. Client - "Wny don't you take it ? don't call it pay, but to begin with kind of wedge; what do you call it?" Lawver-'Retention fee, I presume

Client-"Just so, and by your taking it you are my lawyer. So take

Lawver-"Not quite so fast, if you please. State your case, and then will tell you whether or not I will take. the retention fee."

Client-Why Mister, the case is simply this: Last spring I was doing a little business by way of selling meat. So I bought a yoke of oxen o old Major Farnsworths. I was to have them for one hundred dollars," Lawyer- Very well; what became

of the oxen ?" Client-Butchered and sold out, to

Lawyer-"By you ?" Client-"Yes."

Lawyer-"Well, where's the trous Client-"Why, they say, that as only gave my note for them, I need not pay it, and I want you to help me to

get clear of it." Lawyer-"How do you expect me to do it "

Client -"Plain as day, man; just say, Gentlemen of the Jury, this young man was not of age when he gave Major Farnsworth the note, and, therefore, in law, the note is good for nothing, that sall !"

Lawyer-"And it was really so ?" Client -"Exactly."

Lawyer-"11 w came Major Farnsworth to let you have the oxen ?" Client-"On! the goodly old mar never suspected that I was under age. Lawyer- What did you get for the oxen in selling them out?"

Chent-Why somewhere between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty dollars. They were noble fellows.

Lawyer-"And so you want me to help you cheat that honest old man ou of these oxen, simply because the law this human imperfection, gives you the opportunity to do it ! No, sir; put up our retention fee. I promised my dying mother never to do such a thing, and I will die first. And as for you, I wanted to help you to go to the State prison, I could take no course so sure as to do what you offer to pay me for ver who does help you, will be your worst enemy. Plead minority! No go sir, and pay for your oxen honestly let what will come, you will be an hour est man."

#### The Insanc Asylum.

We mentioned vesterday, that this astitution was full to its utmost capac ity. On Wednesday a patient was rought from Caswell county and was refused admission for want of room Pa die notice has been repeatedly giv en on this subject in the papers and irculars sent to County officers of ev ery county in the State, notifying them that it is useloss to send patients to the Asylum without first writing to the Superintendent to ascertain that there is room for them.

The papers of the State would do favor to the authorsies in their respective lucalities by calling attention to this matter in their columns, Raleigh Sentialel, mentages a 1 server of the

----Cheraw and Salisbury Hond. We are glad to inform the reader, in the assurance of a well informed this road is commenced in earnest. He thinks there is no doubt but that I will reach Wadesboro in due time.

We think, too, that it would be to the interest of the Greensboro Railroad Company to push their road to this point, and here make intersection with our Roads, striking off to every point of the compass .- Wadesboro Argus.

Watch out for counterfeit \$10 green backs. They are said to be getting very plentiful. The shield under the self prettily and sat down to wait for ed filur up a pleasant feast without a eagle in the counterfeit shows but nine cooked wife for the first course, on tars while that of the genuine shows Unfortunately, John didn't come, which occasion she was so gay and thateen. In the genuine buil the ea-

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TORE WORKS CARPE MOTHERS TILL TO A

HARROWING SCREEK

Potnite of the Francis (Colliery Admicident in Saxony Spor 40014/100 A letter dated Dresien. gunt 5, myas.

Early on Monday mo telligence was received here that at a short distance from this city up of four hundred men had failer it was hoped that the number were considerably exaggerated, but it is now nearly certain that the funces will prove even greater, 420 or more being absent from the roll call on Tuesday, The following are the details as ex-

act as it is possible to arrive at them during the consternation caused by the sad calamity. On Monday morals at 5 o'clock, a shock like that of as earthquake, alarmed the neighborhoo of Potschappel, a pretty little village somewhat resembling Matlock in Dere by shire, situated about five miles from here among the hills, beyond Pleasen. and it was immediately surmised the an explosion had occurred in one of the great mines belonging to Baron Be I'wo men were bown out of the shuf by the force of the explosion, but, in such frameguts as to be altogether un ? recognizable. The gas ignited the cost and for some hours the pit was in flames. Up to Tuesday night only 15 budies were recovered. Some were burnt to cinders, others singed black with the explosion, the scene arous being past description. The growde of pour women, some of them having lost three or four of their family, stone ding in the wildest grief round the pie. hoping against hope that their loved ones might still be rescued alive the heart breaking sobs of the children and the sterner grief of the men made the

scene agonizing in the extreme. On Wednesday morning I went to the spot and found that altogether fifty budies had been recovered and were placed in a neighboring shed for recogn mition. En route thither I met cort miler cart carrying away one or Awa coffins and two large vans laded with empty shells for the reception of the bodies as they were brought to the bank. I saw altogether thirty corpact and their state defies description Here a long shapeless black smass which the miners told you was ended their comrades, but in which its d flicuit to recognize the slightest like. ness to humanity-here one hed his head blown off, there one his arm; one lay on his bed of leaves with his fece. split open, another as though much bruised by the coal falling on him. The said work of recognition was proceeding with as much dispetch as possible, and the bodies were then placed in their shells and their names written on the lid in chalk. A shriek in goo corner would tell of a mother recognizing ber son, on a wife ber buebend. lying among the long rew of the per sightly corpses, while the plaintire wan throughout told of a wide spread

I conversed with one of the minere who had just come up, and he said the lator of recovery must be very slow. (about one body every three hours) as the sides of the mine had fallen in and they had to work the coal away is most cases they found the men is ing under the sides of the mine, some buried in soal, others on whom the coal had fallen and then burnt un Que was found near the mouth of the furthest shaft, hardly injured at all, and se he lay in the shed he formed a stri king contrast to his companious, being extremely, white and well dressed The appearance of the few recevere seems to indicate that most of them died from suffication, being much swollen it the face. The total source and

Among the many distressing cases one bears of one alone I will mention that of a poor girl travelling in the same carriage with a friend of mine who had lost her father, two brothers and a step-bruther, her whole famile being swept off in one day.

Jear not others apon a if they be foolish, God has depled then understanding ;"if they be vidious ve ought to pity them, not revile if deformed, God formed their work and will you scorn his workmanship Are you wiser than your Creator ?"

Mrs. Partington savs she district marry her second husband because oved the sex, but just because the the size of her first husband, and could wear his old clothes. " As I Tobaste

A Cowardly fellow having kicked a newsboy for peacering him to buy an evening paper, the lad waited till another boy accosted the gentleman and then shouted in the hearing of all byst nders; "le's no use to try big;