

"Ours are the plans of fair delightful peace, unwarp'd by party rage, to live like brothers."

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#### A FAMILY PICTURE.

The following story, so admirably true to nature, which we copy from the "Augusta Mirror," is ter the two grandmothers and herself. from the pen of Judge LONGSTREET :

"I describe a Georgia family. It is a fair specimen of Georgia families generally, the heads of which are parents of good ers. sense, good morals, and well improved minds. To be sure, there are in Georgia, as many notions about parental government, as there are in any other country, and the practice as various as the opinions. Some gustus, after two brothers of his wife. parents exercise no government at all ; others confine themselves exclusively to the government of the tongue; and others rule class, blend these several modes of government, and prefer the one or the other according to times and circumstances. To this class belonged Mr. and Mrs. Butler, the heads of the family which I am about to describe. Gilbert, was the christian name of the husband and Eliza, of the wife. I was intimately acquainted with them both,

so universally prevalent among parents, and particularly among mothers. It is very silly child's improvement in the second. Were passion.' it not for this, I have no doubt children would speak their mother tongue as correct-Persons residing without the State will be ly at four years old, as they do at sixteen.

Eliza smiled, and observed, that this was ly and was asleep in a few minutes. such a small matter that it had also better be left to future adjustment. To this Gil-

About two months after this conversation,-Gilbert was blessed with a fine son; whom he named John James Gilbert, after the did, if you had given him the same lesson 'Is-s-sp!' said William, 'sassidges, that's two grandfathers and himself-a profusion

repent. Just fourteen months and six days there- ed it out of him ; and I have had no trouble after he was blessed with a fine daughter, in quieting him since.' whom Eliza named, Ann Francis Eliza, af-

third blessing, like unto the first; which he ment of children. I observed that you ad- to eat.'

of blessings. As soon as his good fortune by prescribed rules.'

'Give him to me,' said Mrs. Butler. 'You'd better not take him,' said Gil- these poison pig-tails. They are a source

As she received him, 'hush sir!' said this house again I'll box his ears as long as she sharply : and the child hushed instant- I can find him. Now remember it. Come along to your breakfast.'

'Strange,' said Mr. Butler, 'how much In a little time after some controversy sooner the mother acquires control over a about places which was arrested by the mochild than the father.

'Not at all.' said Mrs. Butler. 'You had dropped in the mean time, taking his would have controlled him as easily as I father's seat.

beforehand that I gave him. He got in what I love.' of names which he had cause afterwards to just such an uproar the other day, and find-'Hoo ! said Isaac, 'Spare-ribs !' that's her.'

ing nothing else would quiet him, I spank- what I love.'

before you without comments. No body 'I begin to think Butler,' said I 'that Eli- cares what you love or what you dont love.' za was right in the only points of dif- 'Souse,' said Abraham, 'I dont love souse Fifteen months thereafter, he received a ference between you, touching the manage- - I would'nt eat souse ta'n't fitten for a dog lump of dough, that the whole plantation put the probing question- Well what did

called George Henry, after his two broth- dressed the child just now in the gibberish 'Get up sir; right from the table, and

which you so much condemned before you march out of the house until you learn bet-Thirteen months and nineteen days after became a father: and though it seemed ter manners. I'll be bound if I say you the birth of George, a fourth blessing des- ridiculous enough, especially in you, I shall eat souse, you eat it. Do you hear ity, ashey, black, wrinkled, burnt biscuit, cended upon Gilbert in the form of a fine think it would have appeared still more me sir.'

son. This took the name of William Au- ridiculous, if you had said to a child so Abraham raked himself lazily out of his have been just precisely the proper accomyoung, 'John, my son' do not put your seat, and moved slowly off, casting a long-Eliza now made a long rest of nineteen fingers into the flame of the candle, it will ing look at the many good things on the tamonths, four days and five hours, ( I speak burn them.' And your experiment has ble which he thought ' fitten for a prince to ble, she commenced her repast. from the family record,) when by way of taught you the absolute impossibility of eat."

by the rod alone: but by far the larger amend, she presented her husband a pair governing children of very tender years, 'Ma, said he as he retired, 'I wish you'd as she cast her eye upon the unsightly bismake Bill quit laughing at me.'

was made known to him, Gilbert expressed I am half inclined to your opinion,' said . 'William, 'I've as great a mind as I ever regret, that he had not reserved his own Butler. 'Eliza's discipline has performed had to do any thing in my life, to send you laugh is always responded to with comname until now, in order that the twins several good offices. It has relieved us of from the table, and not let you eat one might bear his own name and mine. See- John's insufferable noise; it has taught mouthful. I despise that abominable dising this could not be, he bestowed my him to control his temper at its first appear- position you have, of rejoicing at your broname upon the first born, and gave me the ance, and it has learned him the meaning ther's misfortunes. Remember sir, what

privilege of naming the second. As I con- of a word ('hush,') which will often supply Solomon says: . he that is glad at colami- b-i-s, bis, k-i-t, kit, biskit.'

groes giving these children any more of please make Miss Louisa come out of the in the first place, and it greatly retards a ert, in an under tone, 'while he is in such a of endless torment. And now young gen- out o' the fire she'll git burnt up presently snatched up the very one I was lookin' at.' tlemen-one and all of you-the next one -say every time she tell her to come out 'No danger,' said she; 'hand him to me.' of you that brings one of those things into o' the fire she make mouth at her.'

and tell her to come into her breakfast this ple-put down that biscuit sir, and take aninstant.

'I did tell her ma'am: and she say she wont come, till she gets done bakin' her ther's eye, they were all seated ; John who cake.

> Mr. Butler left the room, and soon re-appeared with Louisa sobbing, and crying : 'Aunt Dorcas jerked me jist as hard as ever she could jerk, 'fore I did any thing 'tall to

'Hold your tongue! She served you right ed that his memory had been refreshed; and 'Well cease your gab, and eat what's set enough: you'd no business in there. You're he drawled out ' never none now,' with a a pretty thing to be making mouths at a tone and countenance that plainly imparted person old enough to be your grandmother. guild to some extent. His mother suspect-If I'd thought when I gave you that little ed he was hinging upon technics, and she was to be turned up side down about it, I'd you say ?'

> have let you do without it.' 'Miss Louisa, after a little sobbing and pouting, drew from her apron, a small dirwarm from the kitchen shovel, which would swearing which if not corrected immediatepaniment to Miss Rebecca's dish; and upon this, in preference to every thing on the ta-

'W'ell Lou,' said the mother with a laugh cuit, 'you certainly have a strange taste!'

Every body knows, that the mother's pound interest by all her children. So was it in this instance; and good humor prevailed ling it. Oh you malicious toad you, where round the table.

brother.

ved from?"

cuit baked.

breakfust.

Mother. What?

Mother. What ?

run as fast as we can split.

cuits twice over!

'Spell it William.'

William spilled it correctly.

of it. John what is it derived from?

you ma, when company comes?

ver; as I believe sea biscuit still are.

'Ma,' said George, 'what is biscuit deri-

'I really do not know,' said Mrs. B., 'and

yet I have somewhere read an explanation

William. Why ma, you do'nt bake bis-

Abraham. Yes ma does sometimes; do'nt

Mother. No; I sometimes warm over

cold ones, when I havn't time to make fresh

Butler. They were first made to carry

Isaac. Ma what's breakfast 'rived from?

Mother. Spell it and you will see ?

er. Break-fast, is the word ; not breck

Abraham. I know what it comes from.

Abraham. You know when you call us

Mother. Well that is a brilliant deriva-

Abraham. But ma, every body has chil'-

Isaac. Ma I know what sassidge comes

Just here, Miss Sarah, who had been

tion truly. Do you suppose there was no

breakfast before you children were born?

Mrs. Butler explained the term.

Isaac. 'Cause its got sass in it.

chil'en to breakfast, we all break off and

'I'm sorry,' said Abraham, 'for Louisa's hor that trait of character in a child.' 'Well really,' said Mrs. B., 'you are a ers for three nights.' 'Ma,' said Abraham, 'may'nt I come to handsome speller. Is that the way you Abe and Bill now exactly swapt places spell biscuit ?' and countenances. 'I can spell it ma!' bawled out Isaac. 'Yes,' said the mother, ' and I suppose I 'Well spell it.' should never have heard of that, if Abraham 'B-i-s, bis-c-('Well that's right.')-h

'Ma just look at Abe!' cried out William, kitchen-say if you dont make her come 'he saw me going to take a biscuit, and he 'Abe,' said the mother, 'I do wish I could

make you quit nicknaming each other; and 'Why sure enough, where is Louisa! Go I wish more that I never set you the examother.

> Abraham returned the biscuit, and William took it up with a sly, but triumphant giggle at Abraham.

'Ma,'said Abraham.'Bill said 'God durn.' ' Law, what a story! Ma, I declare I never said no such thing."

'Yes you did, and Chaney heard you.' William's countenance immediately show-

"I said, I be teto'tly 'od'um."

'And that's just as bad. Mr. Butler, you positively will have to take this boy in hand. He evinces a strong propensity to profane ly will become ungovernable.

'Whenever you can't manage him,' said Butler as before, 'just turn him over to me, and I reckon I can cure him.'

"When did he say it ?" enquired the mother, returning to Abraham.

'You know that time you sent all us chil-'en to the new-ground to pick peas !'

"Why that's been three months ago at least; and you've just thought now of teldo you learn to hear malice so long ! I ab-

'Ma,' said Bill, 'Abe ha'n't said his pray-

before their union: and was ever afterwards, admitted to their household, with the freedom of one of its members-indeed I was a connection of one of them.

They had been married about eight months, when a dull November evening found me at their fire side. In the course of the evening, the conversation turned upon raising children. 'By the way Eliza," said Gilbert, 'I have been thinking for some time past of interchanging views with you upon this subject; and there never can be a better time than now, while Abraham is with us, whose opinions we both respect, and who will act as umpire between us."

'Well,' said Eliza, 'let me hear yours. 'If we should ever be blessed with children, (Eliza blushed a little, ) let it be a fundamental law between us, that neither of us, ever interfere with the discipline of the other, either by look, word, or action, in the presence of the children.'

"To that rule I most heartily subscribe." "When a child is corrected by one of us, let not the other extend to it the least condolence or sympathy.'

"In that also you have my hearty concurrence.'

'Let us never correct a child in a passion.

'The propriety of that rule I fully admit; but I fear that I shall not always be able to conform to its requisition. I will, however, endeavor to do so.'

Well if you will do your best, I shall be satisfied.

'Let us, as far as it is practicable, introduce among our children, the universally admitted principles of good government among men.

'That is a very indefinite rule husband. I know very little of the principles of good government among men ; and much less of those principles which are universally admitted.'

"Well, I will be a little more specific .---I believe it is universally admitted that laws, taught to avoid it.

'These principles seem very reasonable applied to children. If you do not correct a child until it is old enough to learn from precept the difference between right house with it for the first five or six years of its life and no controlling it afterwards.

than great riches,' I called the innominate, after Isaac the patriarch, and a beloved uncle of mine.

manner, did Mrs. Butler close the list of himself with the subordinate station of her ier sons.

ters, and in the short space of five years cal strength than she possessed. produced three, that a queen might have this maxim in making up her family; for to Gilbert's principles of good government.' Sarah completed the number of children.

screamed insufferably. Gilbert tossed him, age when they were permitted to take seats

the flame until the hand came nearly in the fire, clamorous with the events of the ony. contact with it, when he snatched it away. morning. crying 'bunny finnies!' which is by inter-

pretation, 'you'll burn your fingers !'---Eliza and I exchanged smiles, but neither of us said any thing.

The child construed this into wanton teazing and became if possible, more obstreperous than ever. Gilbert now resorshould precede punishment : and that none ted to another expedient. He put his own should be punished who are incapable of fingers into the blaze, withdrew them sudunderstanding the law. In accordance with denly, blew them, shook them, and gave these principles, I would never punish a every sign of acute agony. This not only child, who is incapable of distinguishing quieted but delighted the child, who signibetween right and wrong, nor until he shall fied to him to do it again. He instantly have been forewarned of the wrong, and perceived (what was practically demonstrated the minute afterwards,) that the child

was put in a most dangerous interpretation to me,' said Eliza, 'but they can never be upon his last illustration. He determined therefore, not to repeat it. The child, not satisfied with the sport, determined to repeat it himself; which the father opposing. and wrong, there will be no living in the he began to reach and cry as before. There was but one experiment left; and that was, to let the child feel the flame a little. This Gilbert received these views of his wife, he resolved to try, but how to conduct it

sider 'a good name, rather to be chosen the place of correction, and always fore- ties shall not be unpunished. warn him of desires unlawful. Long before the second son arrived at my breakfast."

the reasoning age, Gilbert abdicated, up 'Yes, if you think you can now behave In this very triumphant and laudable reservedly, in favor of his wife; contenting yourself with decency."

ministerial officer; in which he executed forth at once. She now turned her attention to daugh- her orders in cases requiring more physi-

of their births, were Louisa, Rebecca and after most of the children had reached the homony, and some egg, andims, 'If you have any thing to do, do it at which I am about to sketch, he will be suppose! Put down your plates-every once,' and she seemed to be governed by pleased to turn his thoughts occasionally, one of you. George what'll you have.'

Sarah was about two years and a half John was about a year old, when I was old, when Gilbert invited me to breakfast again at Gilbert's for the evening. He was with him one December's morning near seated by the supper table with the child the Christmas holidays. It was the morin his arms, addressing some remarks to ning appointed for his second killing of me, when I called his attention to the child, hogs: which, as the southern reader knows, who was just in the act of putting his fin- is a sort of family carnival in Georgia. I gers into the blaze of the candle. Gilbert went, and found all the children at home, jerked him away suddenly; which so in- and Gilbert's mother added to the family censed Master John James Gilbert, that he circle. John and Anna had reached the suffered the punishment of his fault, and let

patted him, walked him, and whistled to at the first table; though upon this occasion him; but he could not distract his attention John being engaged about the pork did not

from the candle. He removed him out of avail himself of his prilvilege; the rest of sight of the luminary, but that only the children were taught to wait for the semade matters worse. He now commenced | cond table. Breakfast was announced, and his first lesson in the 'principles of good after the adults and Anna had despatched government.' He brought the child to- their meal, the children were summoned. wards the candle, and the nearer it ap- As they had been taught not to seat themproached, the more pacified it became. - selves to the table until they were bidden, The child extended its arm to catch the and there were some preparatory arrangeblaze, and Gilbert bore it slowly towards ments to be made, they all gathered round

> 'By Joeky,' said William, 'did't that old black barrah weigh a heap!

'Look here young gentleman,' said his mother, 'where did you pick up such language as that? Now let me ever hear you by-jockying, or by-ing any thing else again, and I'le by jocky you with a witness, I'll pretty quick, you'll want your breakfast, I'll warrant you.

'But the black barrah,' said George, did'nt day long with your wants. Say what you weigh as much for his size as the bob-tail

it-you shall not contradict each other in full from each dish.

hear them.

At this instant William snatched a pig-tail out of Isaac's hand.

if I was near you I'd box your ears for that your younger brothers.' with some alarm, and entered upon a long properly was not so easily settled. It snatching. Mr. Butler, you really will have 'Rebecca what do you want.' argument to convince her that they were would not do to allow the infant to put his to take that fellow in hand. He's getting 'I want my pig tail ma'am.'

Abraham returned; and they all broke 'Ma,' may'nt I have some sassidge?'-Ma, I want some spare-rib.' Ma, Fa'n't Passing over the intermediate period, I got no coffee.' 'Ma, if you please ma'am been proud of. Their names in the order now introduce the reader to this family, let me have some ham-gravy, and some fried Sarah. It was one of Mrs. Butler's max- 'age of reason.' In contemplating the scene . ' And some of every thing on the table I

'Some sassidge, and some fried potato.' ' John, help your brother George.' " What do you want William ?"

'I want some spare-rib and some fried omony.'

' Chaney, help William.' "What do you want Abraham ?" ' I reckon,' said John smiling, 'he'd like

a little souse. 'Now John behave yourself. He has ones, but never bake them twice.

it there rest. 'I'll have,' said Abraham, 'some hamravy, and some egg, and some homony,

' Help him Chaney.' 'What'll you have Isaac ?' 'I'll have some ham-gravy and some homony and some sassidge, and some spare-rib

and some-'Well you're not a going to have every thing on the table I assure you. What do you want?

' I want some ham-gravy, and some hom-

· John help I-----

'No, I dont want no gravy, I want some spare-rib. · John give him \_\_\_\_\_

'No, I dont want no spare-rib, I want sassidge-'Well if you dont make up your mind

tell you. I'm not going to be tantalized all from.

want and have done with it.'

'I want some ham gravy and some sassidge, and some homony."

'Help him John.' 'John helped him to about a tea-spoon- older.

'Now ma, jist look at bud John ! He breakfasted at a sidetable, was seized with nimity in a measure, with a gently encouryour hog-pen wonders-no body wants to h'a'n't gi'me only jist these three little bits a curiosity to see what was on the breakfast table.

o'bits. 'John, if you cant keep from tantalizing the children, tell me so, and I will not trou- | self up to the convenient elevation by the | prayer ?' 'Ma' said Isaac, 'make Bill gi' me muh ble you to help them any more. I confess tablecloth. Her mother arrested her just

that I am at a loss to discover what plea- in time to save a cup, and pushed her aside 'You William give him his-thing. And, sure one of your age can take in teazing with a gentle admonition. This did not a-

bate Miss Sarah's curiosity in the least, and

had not told of your profanity. -'Ah well that 'll do, you needn't go any 'I know better,' dragged out Abraham, in farther; you've missed it farther than your eply to William.

'Abraham,' said the mother solemnly. did you kneel down when you said your prayers last night ?'

'Yes ma'am,' said Abraham brightening a littlé.

'Yes ma,' continued Bill, 'he kneels down and 'fore I say ' now I lav me down to sleep,' he jumps up every night and hops John. From the French; bis twice, and in bed and says he's done said his prayers, and he ha'n't had time to say half a prayer. During this narrative, my name sake kept cowering under the steadfast frown of his mother, until he transformed himself into the perfect personification of idjocy.

'How many prayers did you say last night Abraham ?' pursued the mother in an awfully portentous tone.

'I said one, and-' (here Abraham pausto sea; and they were then baked twice o- ed.)

• One and what ?'

'One and piece of t'other one.' 'Why ma, he could'nt ha' said it to save

Isaac. B-r-e-c-k, breck, f-u-s-t, fust, his life for he had'nt time-'

'Hush sir, I dont ask for your assist-Mother. Well Ike, you are a grand spel- ance."

> 'I did,' muttered Abraham, 'I said t'other piece after I got in bed.'

'Abraham,' said his mother, 'I declare I do not know what to say to you. I am so mortified, so shocked at this conduct, that I am completely at a loss how to express myself about it. Suppose you had died last night after triffing with your prayers as you did; who can say what would have become of you! Is it possible that you cannot spend a few minutes in prayer to your Heavenly Father, who feeds you, who clothes you, and who gives you every good thing you have in the world.' You poor

sinful child, I could weep over you. Poor Abraham evinced such deep contrition under this lecture, (for he sobbed as if

Well there, there, there, I've got enough his heart would break,) that his mother of your derivations unless they were better. deemed it prudent to conclude with sua-You'll learn all these things as you grow sives; which she did in the happiest man-

> Having thus restored Abraham's equaaging smile, she continued :

'And now Abraham, tell your mother Accordingly, she undertook to draw her- how you came to say a part of the second

> 'I could'ut go to sleep till I said it ma'am.' 'Well that is a good sign at least. And what part was it ?'

"God bless my father and mother."

she recommenced her experiment. Her Mrs. Butler felt quickly for her handkermother removed her a little more emphati- chief. It had fallen from her lap, and she

speckle, though.' 'He did.' 'He did'nt.' 'Hush your disputing-this instant stop that manner. And let us hear no more of

erroneous. She maintained her own very	hand into the blaze; because it would eith-	so that I can do nothing with him.'	'Bless my soul and body, hav'nt you for-	cally this time. These little interruptions	was glad of it. She depressed her head be-
well, but Gilbert had certainly the advan-	er burn it too little, or too much. He	isa, said Dill, ne took my otatha	got that pig-tail yet. I'ts burnt up long ago	only fired Miss Sarah's zeal; and she was	low the table in search of it-dismissed the
tage of her in the argument. All he could	therefore resolved to direct the hand to a	110000.	I hope. Look Bob and see, and if it is'nt,	returning to the charge with redoubled en-	children before she raised it-and then rose
say, however, did not in the least shake her	point so near the flame, that the increas-	I did it.	give it to her. I wish in my heart there	ergy, when she ran her cheek against the	with a countenance suffused with smiles and
confidence in her opinion.	ing heat would induce the child to with-		never was a pig-tail upon the face of the	palm of her mother's hand with a rubifa-	tears.
I was at length appealed to and I gave	draw his hand himself. Accordingly he	Dont I tell you to hush your disputing.	earth.'	cient force.	'Poor babes,' said she, 'what an odd com-
judgment in favor of Gilbert.	brought the extended arm slowly towards	went may uncle 1 ofk give it to me.	Bob produced the half charred pig-tail and		
'Well,' said she 'I never was better	the flame; the child becoming more and	'He did'nt, uncle Monday give it to me.'	laid it on Miss Rebecca's plate.	ing 'Gramma, ma whipp'd your precious	
satisfied of any thing in my life than I am	more impatient with every moment's post-	'He did'nt.'	'There,' continued her mother, 'I hope		
that you are both wrong But let us com-	ponement of its gratification, until the hand		Learning and the second s		time, and discovering some uneasiness at
promise this matter. I'll agree to this : if	came within about an inch of the wick, when	Here the mother divided a pair of slaps		1 Did she my dannig. Then grandina s	Mrs. Butler's tears, the latter explained
ever I correct a child before it is old enough	he held the child stationary. But John	requarity between the two disputations, which	to '	precious darling angel baby must be a good	As she concluded- The Lord bless the
to receive instruction from present and	would not let his hand remain stationary,	silenced them for a few moments.	'Ma, I dont want this pig tail.'		poor dear boy,' exclaimed the venerable
Voll (lo not approve of my conduct I will	nor at the chosen point. He kept snatch-	At this juncture. Miss Repecca cried out	Take it away_I bren you did'nt mont		matron, raising her apron to her eyes, 4that
then promise you never to do the like a	ing at the candle, till finding a'l his efforts	with a burnt finger : which she received in	it you little perverse brat. I know you did'nt	Well then mother wont whip it any	shows he's got a good heart. No danger of the child that can't sleep till he prays for
gain.'	fruitless, he threw himself violently back.	cooking another pig-tail. The burn was so	want it: and I dont know what got into me	more.' And this conference was kept up	of the child that can't sleep till he prays for
'Well,' said Gilbert that is very fair	gave his father a tremendous thump on the	slight that she forgot it as her mother jerk-	to let you have it But really I am so tor-	interest of a fetter of a fitter	
One more rule will settle the fundamentals	nose with the back of his head, and kick-	ed her from the fire.	mented out of my life, that half the time I	fordet and the grandhouter decined it ea	
and we may safely trust all others to future	ed and screamed most outrageously.	Von little wivin ' said the mether (mhat	hardly know whether I'm standing on my	pedient to remove Miss Sarah to an adjoin-	
adjustment. Let us never address our chile	(Von little rescall' said Gilbert (I're to	possesses you to be fumbling about the fire!	herd or my heels '	Ing room the moment ended of	would be the greatest man of our age, if you
dren in the nonsensical gibberish that is	good mind to give you a good granking '	M. Butles I beseach you to farbil the nre!	Willes I all Cl	on the immediate fulfilment of her promi-	would buy a few yards of red tape, and tie
and invite instear grobertan, that is	Bood mind to give you a good spanking.	Mr. Butler I beseech you to forbid the ne-	Mis es, said Chaney, 'aunt Dorcas say	ses.	up your bills and papers."