## Children's Column.

HOW MY BOY WENT DOWN. It was not on the field of battle. It was not with a ship at sea, But a fate far worse than either That stole him away from me. Twas the death in the tempting dram That the reason and senses drown; He drank the alluring poison, And thus my boy went down.

D) we from the heights of manhood To the depths of disgrace and sin; Down to a worthless being, From the hope of what might have

For the brand of a beast besotted He bartered his manhood's crown; Through the gate of a sinful pleasure My poor, weak boy went down.

Tis only the same old story That mothers so often tell. With accents of infinite sadness. Like the tones of funeral bell; But I never thought, once, when

I shou d learn its meaning myself: thought he'd be true to his mother I shought he'd be true to himself. Aut, alas! for my hopes, all delusion!

Alas! for his youthful pride! Alsel who are safe when danger Is open on every side? Oh can nothing destroy this great evil No bar in its pathway be thrown, To save from the terrible maelstron

The thousands of boys going down?

-National Temperance Almanac.

GUNPOWDER JACK'S CABIN BOY Gunpowder Jack-what a name! Yet it belonged to Sir John Narborough. one of the bravest of English seamen Monarct," and won more than one naval victory for England; and the name was given him on account of his daring and dauntless courage. But not about Gunpowder Jack himself, but about his cabin bay, who became a much more famous character than even than the old admiral

Story! I wonder if you have ever thought that "story" is only the word history" with its head cut off? And this story is really a but of history, all teresting character, too.

The event was a great naval battle between E glish and Dutch fleets, fought on the North Sea one gray au tumn day, more than two centuries and a quarter ago Plucky little Holthe mastery of the seas, and with a well-ordered navy and several naval commanders of more than usual abilhold her own. Oa this particular occasion the battle raged long and furiously; all day long the thunder of the sea, and as the gloomy October night R corder. came down, it looked as if victory might perch on the banner of the plucky Dutch Republic.

But Gunpowder Jack had not yet and mizzen maste shot away, and whole windrows of wounded and dying Len lay upon his decks, he saw that the Dutch fire was really lessening If he could hold his own an hour longer, or until help should come, victory might yet be wrested from his brave, but exhausted, enemy.

But how could help be summoned No signal could be seen amid the thick clouds of smoke, and no boat could find its way safely through that fire of shot and shell. There was but one way, and now the hero of the day comes for ward-a little cabin-boy not more than twelve or thirteen years of age, his face all grimy with smoke and powder and his ciothes bespattered

with the blocd of his first battle. The admiral had called for volun teers to carry a message to the captain of a detant ship, promising fifty guineas to the one who should successfully perform the undertaking "I will go, your honor." said the lad,

touching his forelock. exclaimed Narborough why, do you know it is all that your life is worth to venture through such a dodge the shot, and I have swum in worse seas than this. I will carry your dispatches safely if you will give

eyes and the lithe little body, and his own eyes glistened with admiration as de grasped the boyish hand. G, my brave lad, and God keep

them to me."

Placing the dispatches in his mouth, the lad plunged into the boiling waves

Would be perform his errand? Vainly Biblical Recorder. they watched for a glimpse of the boy ish figure through the smoke and seething waters; but after a time they 31W an E glish snip bearing down to the right, and shortly after another bore down at the left, while their can

Who was he? In Westminister England's proudest n val heroes. who Degan his career as "Guupowder Jack's Cabin boy."-8-bbath School Visitor.

the heroism of a little cabin boy.

on he farm today is largely pro or-the savi w of time and labor-which farm products. Provably no single



and hauling of manure, enslage corn, he straw, corn fodder hay &c., all oal, the use an advantages of a low ugon are almost inestimable. The Eleclets. All druggists refund the money stored to the right of citizenship in a crated Christian life."—Sunday School stored to the right of citizenship in a crated Christian life."—Sunday School manner prescribed by law.

## Jhristian Life Column.

DECAY OF FAMILY RELIGION.

Thoughtful, observant people are impressed with the fact that family religion is on the decline. Firty or fifty years ago there was more family relig ion, in proportion to the number of pect to keep standing until the election professed Christian parents, than there in August of this year. It is not nec is now. Family worship and religious conversation and instruction was more common than now. Not only preachers, but a larger proportion of laymen than now, kept up family worship and religious instruction in their families.

My father used to read a chapter from the Bible every morning. He often gave short explanations of various things in the chapter; after which he lead in prayer. At night he always sung a hymn and prayed. He repeated the words of the hymn from memory. two lines at a time, and all the family joined in singing the hymn. There were two reasons for singing a hymn at night instead of reading the Scriptures; one was, that he wanted to train his children to sing; another was, it was not always convenient to have a light sufficient to read by. Lamp oil was not in use then. Tallow candles were not sufficiently plentiful to use all the time. To a large extent lightwood knots had the place of both lamps and candles. In this way family worship in the county six months, and in the was always kept up in my father's He lived in the time of the "Merry family. It made a deep impression on me when I was a small child and a large, reckless boy.

My sainted mother gave her children the story that I am going to tell you is excellent religious training. She required us on each Sabbath to commit | deprive any person of the right to vote to memory a good hymn and from five to ten verses of Scripture, and stand before her and recite them from memory. She often gave us earnest religious instruction. She never alabout an interesting event and an in- lowed us to leave home on the Sabbath, except to go to church or to visit and the punishment of which now is or help the sick or needy. There was no may hereafter be, imprisonment in the Sabbath School in reach of us, but in State prison, shall be permitted to vote the home of my youth family religion unless the said person shall be first rewas a blessed power for good. Many stored to citizenship in the manner land dared contend with England for other families in the community kept prescribed by law. up family worship.

My mother, though having only a ity, she put England to some trouble to limited education, possessed a large store of religious knowledge. She was a constant reader of the Bible, Hengreat guns boomed over the troubled ry's Commentaries, and the Biblical

But now comparatively few heads of families hold family worship. At a recent association a report was offered given up the battle. Though several on Family Prayer. During the disthis guns were disabled and his main cussion of the report, a speaker asked all present who held family prayer to hold up their hands. Only six or eight went up, and most of these were preachers. It was a sad sight to see

Why is family religion so much neg lected? I think of three probable reasons. First, in this age of steam and electricity, and machinery, everything goes with a rusa, and men do not take time to attend to religious duties as they should. Secondly, the way of getting religion devised by our modern evangelists has fire filled our churches with a membership who love little be cause they have been forgiven little. Inird, but perhaps the most potent reason, is this-parents and guardians think they can shift the responsibility of training their children off on the Sunday School teachers. God makes parents responsible for the training of their own children. This duty cannot sea, with the shot flying round you?" be delegated to others. The Sabbath "I am small, your honor, and can School is an excellent help to parents in teaching their children, but it cannot take the place of home training.

But some parent says, "I am not The old warrior gaz d at the fl shing qualified to teach my children." It you are not, whose fault is it? Have you not had opportunities to learn You have, and in neglecting them you you! You are worth your weight in have sinned against yourself and chil-

O! for a revival of family worship amidst the cheers of those who stood Bible reading and religious teaching in every home.—Rev. J. A Stradley, in

## SHADOWS OF LIFE.

What He does we know not now, but we shall know hereafter. I re- following oath; "I, ----, do sol honade of guns swept all before it. member on a glorious day of all but emply swear (or affirm) that I will sup sigland had won the day, thanks to cloudless sunshine passing in view of a port and maintain the Constitution and try. well-known line of bare and majestic laws of the United States and the Con Abbey there is a noble monument to downs, then backing in the full beams stitution and laws of North Carolina, Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovel, one of of noon. But on one face of the hill not inconsistent therewith, and that I rested a mass of deep and gloomy will faithfully discharge the duties of offers. hadow. On searching for its cause, I my office as ---- So help me at length discovered one little speck of God." Labor Saving Conveniences cloud, bright as light, floating in the clear blue above. This it was which momy of production-and not higher | cas; on the hillside that ample track of | First all persons who deny the being or app ian e raves in the aggregate so gloom. And what I saw was an image of Almighty God. Second, all pery wagon. Take for instance the of Caristion sorrow. Dark and cheerless often as it is, and unaccountably as it passes over our earthly path, in heaven its tokens shall be found; and or under judgment suspended, or any it shall be known to have been but a shadow of the brightness whose name for which the punishment may be imis Love - D an Alford.

> TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money

THE PROPOSED CONSTITU-TIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full here with the proposed Constitutional amendment, which we ex essary for us to say that it should be carefully considered and that the voter should not allow prejudice to influence him in deciding whether or not he will support it. The amendment reads as follows:

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY OT OFFICE

QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR. (Section 1) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2) He shall have resided in | English in war. the State of North Carolina for 2 years. precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months | the fighters in the world!" answered next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime,

(Section 3.) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally regis tered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as pre scribed by law for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on as sessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

(Section 5) No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to under section 2 of this article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law."

(Section 6 ) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by

Section 7. Every voter in North Caro lina, except as in this Article disqualifled, shall be elgible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the

(Section 8). The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: sons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guit or indictmenttreeson or felony, or any other crime prisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizers of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be reYou often hear the salesmen of other machines say Just as good as McCormick, but you NEVER hear a Mc Cormick salesman say Just as Good!"



Our Reputation and Sales are the Greatest in the World.

CHICAGO

A YANKEE "JINGO."

The English language is capable of many queer twists and turns. An American and an Englishman were once discussing the history of their respective countries. The American boasted that his people had repeatedly beaten the

"What! The English beaten? I would have have you understand, sir, that the English are the cream of all the Englishman.

"Whipped cream, then, I guess!" said the Yankee.—Sel.

CONFESSION AROUSES SUSPI-CION.

"I dunno," remarked Piute Pete. "I'm beginnin' to teel kind o' doubtful about that case."

"Ye mean about that hose thief we jes' 'tended to?" \*\*¥€8."

"But he confessed."

"I know it. An' it wasn't tell he confessed that I had doubts. Toere ain't no circumstances wha somever under which I'd take his word for any thing."-Washington Star.

A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago, and the thief, being apprehended, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the (Section 4) Every person presenting following: 'O ving to a personal prejuhimself for registration shall be able dice, the court will not hear this case to read and write any section of the It will be tried by the bailiffs, who will Constitution in the English language, find a verdict in accordance with the and before he shall be entitled to vote facts. In the meantime," he added, be shall have paid on or before the impressively, "the court will go outside and get a rope and pick out a good tree "- Argonaut



Everybody is Reading IN HIS FOOTSTEPS;

What Would Jesus Do?"

BY REV. CHARLES M SHELDON THE RALIGIOUS MASTERPIECE OF THE CENTURY.

MILLIONS OF COPIES ALREADY

In this wonderful book, Ray. Charles M. Sheldon tells the story of men in every walk of life who pledge themregister and vote in all elections by the selves for a time to bring the stern people in this State unless disqualified test question, "What would Jesus do?" to bear upon each act of everyday

A sermon story dealing with the great moral questions of the age. Written in the winter of 1896, and read by the author, a chapter at a time, to his Sunday evening congregation in the General Assembly shall be viva Topeka, Kansas. It was then printed as a serial, then in book form, and at once was recognized as the greatest religious work of the day. It is esti

have been sold in England alone, this exceeding the record of any other American author in any foreign coun

In order that no one shall fail to read th's book on account of price, we have arranged a special edition and make the following exceptionally liberal

Read These Offers! Why Not Get a Copy Free!

To any paid up subscriber, or to any person sending us \$1 on his subscrip tion, we will send a copy of this great work for only TEN CENTS EXTRA To any person sending us 50 cents in pending, and whether sentenced or not, new subscriptions, or \$1 in renewals (not one's own) or will send a copy of WORK FREE OF CHARGE.

Order today. Address, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, RALEIGH, N. C.

"The reading of this book will search many a heart, and ought to leads to a simpler, holier, and more fully conse



S. M. & W. J. YOUNG, Raleigh, N. C. Seed. Hardware.

A QUICK CURE FOR COUGHS AND COLDS Very valuable Remedy in all affections of the

THROAT or LUNGS Large Bottles, 25c. DAVIS & LAWRENCE CO., Limited, Prop's of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

**Beccessessessessesses** 



A NOTABLE BOOK.

It is seldom the case that an audience which has listened to a long course of leetures covering several weeks, unanimously requests its repetition. Such is the case, however, with the course of lectures delivered by Professor George D. Herron, of Iowa College, in Willard Hall, Chicago, last fall, and which has just been repeated to immense audiences in one of the largest halls in Chicago. These lectures have just been published

in book form under the title of 'BETWERN CESAR AND JESUS." They touch every present-day question by laying the foundation upon which the settlement of all of them must rest. This book is of special value to preachers, teachers, reformers, and professional men and women. Its price is 75 cents in cloth, 40 cents in

paper Address The Progressive Farmer,

RALEIGH, N. C.

EVER LAUGH?

If So, You Can't Afford to Be Without

Samantha at Saratoga,

-BY-JOSIAH ALLEN'S WIFE

(MARIETTA HOLLY.) One of the Funniest Books Ever Written. 100,000 Sold at \$2.50 per Copy.....



THE BRETS 273 - (GEFAILY REDUCED)

SHE TAKES OFF FOLLIES, FLIR-TATIONS, LOW NECKED DRESSING. DUDES. PUG DOGS, TOBOGGAM-ING, ETC.

"Exceedingly amusing."-Rose E. Oleveland. "Delicious Humor."-Will Carleton. "So excruciatingly funny, we had to sit back and laugh until the tears came " - Witness, "Unquestionably her best."-Detroit Free Press. 'Bitterest satire, coated with the sweetest of exhilarating fun."-Bishop New-

\$10,000 CASH

was paid for the copyright of this work, and until recently it was sold at \$2.50, but lately to put it within the reach of every. body it has been published in somewhat chesper form. It is printed from new type, and on fine paper.

NOTHING YULGAR OR UNOLEAN.

JUST PURE HEARTY FUN.

This remarkable work was first sold exclusively by agents at \$2 per copy. new edition has been issued which contains every word and every illustration in the \$2 edition, but is printed on lighter paper and has a heavy, tough paper binding.