To die in the shade this old door made; And some have wandered so far away, They never shall stard where the shadows play Of the old oak door that, to and fro, Weaves, as life's shuttle, sad and slow.

The old oak door has opened to greet Fall many a bride, with music sweet; Father and mother, si-ter and brother, Have e tered there; and children fair Have raised its latch, in merry glee; And the flowers without oft smiled to see The old oak door that, to and fro, Watched life's trail shuttle, weaving slow an old oak door has op; ned, and those

passed through in a dreamle

Have, one by one, th ir journeys done; Within the fire burns warm and bright; No child sh form no bride in white, Comes to the door; At ! to and fro, Death stilled their voices long ago.

The old oak door is mourning; I speak, And it answers book in a solemn creak: Oh, treasure hely, however lowly, To some you seem as a bygone dream. You are to me, for childt ood's k n Have pas-ed be you and died within; So, dear old door, swing to and fro, As some worn shu tle, tired and slow.

MARK TWAIN.

He Tells of a Core of Croup in the Mc-Williams Family.

Well, to go back where I was before I frightful and incurable disease, membranous croup, was ravaging the town ror, I called Mrs. McWilliams's attention to little Penelope, and said: "Darling, I wouldn't let that child be chewing that pine stick, if I were you."

to take away the stick-for women cannet receive even the most palpably judicious suggestion without arguing it; that is, married women.

least nutritious wood toat a child can abandoned life. eat."

wife's hand paused in the act of taking the stick, and returned itself to her lap; she bridled perceptibly, and said: "Hubby, you know better than that. You know you do. Doctors all say that turpentine in pine wood is good for weak back and the kindneys."

"Ah! I was under a misapprehension. I did not know that the chils's kieneys and spine were affected, and that the family physician had recommended"-"Who said that the child's spine and kidneys were affected?"

"My love, you intimated it."

"The idea! I never intimated anything of the kind." "Why, my dear, it hasn't been two

minutes since you said"-

what I did say. There isn't any harm in sive the child in! Mortimer, please a child's chewing a bit of nit perfectly she wants to, and dall chew it, too! So well, now!"

the force of your reasoning, and I will There, there, there, my precious, my a mind to show him the door. No, the go and order two or three cords of the best pine wood to day. No child of for Nelly-good for mother's precious harder and dislodge the trouble. So be mine shall want while I"-

you must take it up and go to argung, till morning! Mortimer, a tableshoon | croup," said he. "She has been chewing you are talking about, and you never do." child needs beliadonna, too! I know the kind, and got some littles livers

However, she was gone with a flourish

as a sheet. "On, Mortimer, there's another! Lit-

tle Georgie Gordon is taken." "Membranous croup?"

"Membranous croup." "Is there any hope for him?"

19 to become of us?"

By and by our nurse brought in our Penelope to say good night, and offer the register." the customary preyer at mother's knee. and running away with the activeness through the fog of my drowsiness: which terror inspires.

She commanded that the child's crib | grease-will you ring?" be removed from the nursery to our bedwith speed. A cot-bed was put up in But now Mrs. McWilliams said we were again?" what if he were to have the symptoms am hurt, Caroline." in the night?-and she blanched again, poor thing.

We then restored the crib and the you had --- " nurse to the nursery, and put up a bed for ourselves in a room adjoining.

a new panic to her heart, and the tribe in mine." of us could not get the crib out of the wife, thou h she assisted in her own like that. It is a pity if you can not person, and well nigh pulled the crib to do the few little things that I ask of you pieces in her frantic burry.

We moved down stairs, but there was | child-" no place to stow the nurse, and Mrs. McWilliams said the nurse's experience | want. But I can't raise anybody with | Is the most de icious luxury you can prob would be an inestimable help. So we this bell. They're all gone to bed. returned, bag and baggage, to our own | Where is the goo e grease?" bed-room once more, and felt a great "On the mantelpiece in the nursery. gladness, like storm buff-ted birds that If you'll step in there and speak to State street, Chicago, he can supply the have found their nests again.

but there's some- a match to." his sleep now. He to breathe so regs dreadful!"

he always breathes regularly."

"Oh, I know |, but there's something dreadful about il now. His nurse is too young and inexperienced. Marie shall stay there with her, and be on hand if anything happens." "That is good ides, but who will

"You can help me all I want. I wouldn't allow anybody to do anything

this." I said I would feel mean to lie abed and sleep, and leave her to watch and toil over our little patient all the weary night. But she reconciled me to it. So old Maria departed and took up her an-

but myself, anyhow, at such a time as

cient quarters in the nursery. Penel-pe coughed twice in her sleep "Oh, why don't the doctor come? Mortimer, this room is too warn. This room is certainly too warm. Turn off the register-quick!"

I shut it off, glancing at the thermometer at the same time, and wondering to myself if 70 was too warm for a sick child.

The coachman arrived from down digressed to explain to you how that town now with the news that the physician was ill and confined to his bed. Mrs. McWilliams turned a dead eye upon and driving all mothers mad with ter- me, and said in a dead voice, "There is providence in it. It is foreordained. He never was sick before. Never. We have not been living as we ought to live. Mortimer, time and time again I out, and my wife wan "Precious, where is the harm in it?" have told you so. Now you see the cellar and get some said she, but at the same time preparing result. Our child will never get well. it is a laborious job, Be thankful if you can forgive yourself. be nearly warm enou I never can forgive myself."

I said, without intent to hurt, but with heedless choice of words, that I could "Love, it is notorious that pine is the not see that we had been living such an rupted. I lugged w

> "Mortimer!" Do you want to bring he judgment upon baby, too?"

Then she began to cry, but suddenly exclaimed, "The doctor must have sent medicines!" I said, "Certainly they are here. I

was only waiting for you to give me a "Well, do give them to me! Don's you know that every moment is precious now? But what was the use in sending

ease is incurable? I said that while there was life there

medicines when he knows that the dis-

"Hope! Mortimer, you know no more what you are talking about than tochild unborn. If you would live, the directions give one tes-

"Brother what I said! I don't care sponful or had a whole year before us to hurry. Give the poor perishing thing "Say no more, my dear. I now see -- "Don't drive me frantic? * * * throat. At this I thought my wife had

"Oh, please go along to your office There, there, there, put one little head spasm of coughing, and presently up and let me have some peace. A body on mamma's breast and go to sleep, and came a little wood splinter or so. can never make the s mplest remark but pretty soon-Oh, I know she can't live and arguing, till you don't know what jul every half hour will -On, the a bit of pine shingle or something of "Very well, it shall be as you say. she does -and aconite. Get them, Mor. in her throat. They won't do her any But there is a want of logic in your last timer. Now do let me have my way.

You know nothing about these things." before I could finish, and had taken the close to my wife's pillow. All this tur- them is very good for certain diseases child with her. That night, at dinner, | moil had worn upon me, and within two | that are peculiar to children. My wife she confronted me with a face as white | miautes I was something more than half | will tell you so." asleep. Mrs. McWilliams roused me; "Darling, is that register turned on?"

> "I thought as much. Please turn it on at once. This room is cold."

I turned it on, and presently fell "None in the wide world. Oh, what asleep again. I was aroused once more. "Dearie, would you mind moving the crib to your side of the bed? It is nearer

said: "Suppose the baby should catch to remain here and attend to these du- soil than out of the bricks and mortar of it from Penelope?" This thought struck | ties, which are in her line, and are not our crowded cities.

"Now, Mortimer, I should think you nursery again last enough to satisfy my | would be ashamed to make a remark at such an awful time as this, when our

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I aragged mysta and then sat down dis "Mortimer, don't si your death of cold. As I was stepping wait a moment. Ple some of the medicine Which I did. It

"Mortimer, I feel distinctly. There is this disease as a draft. crib in front of the fir I did it, and colli again, which I three Mrs. McWilliams spr at, He id and Nervo rescued it, and we ha and Abuses of Manhad another triffing of any kind or char and then got up, by sile to cure. Ladte. structed a flaxseed p piaced upon the child

A wood fire is not a I got up every twent newed ours, and this liams an opportunite times of giving the minutes, which was a to her. Now and the I reorganized the flax applied sinap sms a where unoccupied pla upon the child.

Well, toward morn clothing. Now mi another layer of poul

there to do its healing

which made a child 1

so my wife made use

terval to strip it and

with the goose oil.

once more, but once

I did not finish, b for some little time, and fell to snoring whose strength is all soul is worn out. Last, at broad day

on my shoulders that senses suddenl wife was glaring | Schenck's Mandrak she could sand her tongue she said, "It is all over. All over! The child's is a gentle stimulant and alterative, the sikali of per-piring! What shall we do?"

"Mercy, how you terrify me. I don't know what we ought to do. Maybe if we scraped her and put her in the draft

"O. idiot! There is not a moment to lose. Go for the doctor. Go yourself. rest him he must come, dead or alive.' I dragged that poor sick man from his bed and brought him down. He looked at the child and saidshe was not dying. This was joy unspeakable to me, but in made my wife as mad as if he had off-red a personal affront. Then he said a tablespoonful and try to be quick." the child's cough was only caused by What, my dear, a tablespoonful might" some triffing irritation or other in the own; it's nasty, bitter stuff, but it's good doctor said he would make the cough darling; and it will make her well gave her something that sent her into a

"No," said 1. "I can well believe

But she did not. She turned away in disdain and left the room; and since that time there is one episode in our life which we never rafer to. Hence the tide of our days flows by in deep and untroubled screnity.

People Calling for Work.

There is an urgent call by the Phila-I mov d it, but had a collision with delphia press upon the farmers to fur-In the midst of "Now, I lay me down the rug, and woke up the child. I dezed nish work for the thousands that are to sleep," she gave a slight cough. My off once more, while my wife quiete! idle in that city. With all the extraorwife fell back like one stricken with the sufferer. But in a little while these dinary preparations made for the Expodeath. But next moment she was up words came murmuring remotely sition during the last year, there are not less than 10,000 able bodied men in "Mortimer, if we only had some goose- that city, embracing all the varied branches of skilled and ordinary labor, I climbed drearily out, and stepped on who cannot find employment at any room; and she went along to see the a cat, which responded with a protest, wages, and there are other thousands order executed. She took me with her, and would have got a convincing kick now gladly laboring at scarcely halt pay of course. We got matters arranged for it, if a chair had not got it instead. to obtain bread. A New York paper "Now, Mortimer, why do you want to says of this, that the complaint and sufmy wife's dressing room for the nurse. turn up the gas and wake up the child fering is not peculiar to Philadelphia, for here there are nearly three times too far away from the other baby, and Because I want to see how much I 10,000 people receiving full or partial aid from our public and private institu-"Well, look at the chair, too-I have tions. The tendency of young men and no doubt it is ruined. Poor cat suppose women is towards the city. If these people really knew, or acted upon, their "Now, I am not going to suppose any own best interests, they would rather thing about the cat. It never would look to the country for relief than to Presently, however, Mrs. McWilliams have occurred if Maria had been allowed the cities. More is to be got out of the

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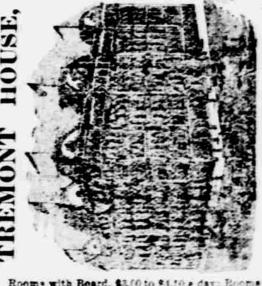


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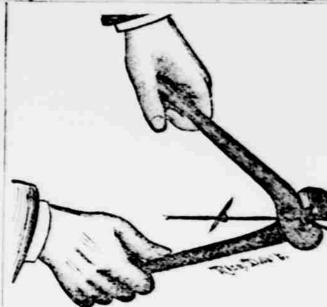
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