At Pour, she is a merry maid, And looks on naught but play as felly; She can't believe bright flowers fade-That only sandust is her dully.

At Eight, her troubles come in scores, For oft she is perverse and naughty; A pouting puss in pinafores-Who's sometimes whipped when she is naughty

At Twelve, she is a saucy tease, Who knows full we I her glances rankle, Her petticoais scarce vall | er knews. And fairy fillis scarce kiss her ankle.

At Pifteen, she's the pearl of pets, And feels assured her power is strengthened; Her snowy school-girl trouserettes Are hidden when her skirt is lengthened.

At Sixteen, she's the sweetest sweet, And dress s in the he ght of fashion; She feels her heart 'cert's podice beat. In earnest for the tender passion.

At Eighteen, p'raps she may be sold Her lot to share for worse or better: She'll either sell her heart for gold-Or give it for a golden fetter!

BARBARA'S UNCLE.

BY ANNA LINWOOD.

Barbara sat in her little room, busy with her sewing-machine. Around her were great piles of vests, which she had just finished. Though the room was so small, the sunlight came in and tinged everything with its golden light. Indeed, the sun is no respector of persons, and steps as freely into the dwellings of the poor as into the mansions of the rich.

The young girl paused in her work to listen to the song of a robin under her window; then she began to sing to herself in a care-free, happy way. Just then she heard an old body hobbling up the stairs, and afterward came a knock at the door. Barbara went to open it. An aged man stood before her-ninety he might have been, to judge by his wizened face.

"Is this Barbara Henrich?" he asked in a piping voice.

"Yes," said Barbara, smiling. "Come The old man put his hand to his ear,

as if quite unable to catch a word. "Come in," she shouted; and he followed her into the room.

"I'm your Uncle Jacob," he screamed as if she were as deaf as himself-"your mother's only brother; and I have come

to find you." "Ay, ay," said Barbara, with whom

the love of kindred was very strong. The longer she gazed into his face, the more she saw the look of her mother. There was the same kind smile, the same merry glance in the twinkling, gray eyes. So she fell to hand-shaking in her hearty German fashion; then came the tears, and it all ended by throwing her arms around his neck and kissing him.

A short time afterward, Barbara began to set the table, for to talk with her old uncle was impossible. Just as she had finished, by placing a huge platter as a center dish, up the stairs came her brothers, Conrad and Joe. They were much the worse for lager, as they usually were at night, and when they saw a decrepit old man sitting at their table, they were anything but pleasant.

"It's our Uncle Jacob," said Barbara, softly, "come to see us from Germanyour dear mother's only brother. I wish he wasn't so deaf, I so want to taik with

him." A moment afterward, as Courad and Joe began to swear, she was glad that he could not hear them. Barbara gave the old man her bed; then she sat down to do a little extra work, that she might buy comforts for him. At length she lay down upon a hard couch, but sleep healthy. Next morning, Uncle Jacob was too ill to rise.

"Send the old body to the poor-house," said the brothers in a breath; "it's too pauper relations."

"Indeed he shall not go," sa'd Barbar" "Ith spirit; "our mother loved him too well for that. Don't you remember how she used to talk about him? He was her only brother, and has neither chick nor child to care for him. Just see how like mother he looks-as she did in her very last sickness."

The young men answered her roughly, and, putting on their boots, stalked detracting from the well-established out of the room. Barbara bath d the fame of the General. The public genold man's head, and with a few soft erally seem to think that Booneville work.

and as to staying here and supporting and explored the West for four years. with credit until the close of the war. an old pauper, we will not do it."

"No, indeed, I will not leave him." said Barbara. But when she saw them trappers, to the Rocky Mountains. going down stairs with their satchels on Ashley took out a party of fifty men their arms, the love of kindred which in 1823, at which time I was among the was so strong in her heart, made her Osages in charge of the trading outfit follow them. "Let us shake hands," of Messrs. Paul Balis & Co., of Saint she said, softly, "we may never meet | Louis. He left his party near the Great again;" and, rough as they were, they Salt Lake, under Jackson and Sublett, returned her warm kiss, and said, "God and took out our party to reinforce bless you," ere they departed.

back to her room and cried as if her dispersed the first party, and the surheart would break. In the midst of her vivors were scattered through the weeping, there was a well-known foot- mountains. The trappers of our party. fall on the stairs, and in a minute more, and others who were in the country,

kindly, taking her hand in his; "you'll were the free trappers of the British Joe."

brother," said Barbara, sobbing. "No, indeed; "you're a brave girl, and

you've done right." vacant and could be had for two hun- Campbell, now one of the wealthiest enough to make herself comfortable, gas was lit, the host and hostess fired dollars a year. There were two men of St. Louis.

rooms above, with sunny windows, in could but grow.

at once?" he asked.

with an unpaid debt." penny for the poor and needy."

but she answered,-

work and wait."

up a penny.

to him, and said-

"Do look here, said the amazed girl; what can this mean?"

"I'm sure I don't know," said the young man, equally surprised.

chuckling laugh, "that I'm most done child, I've been foolin' you. Conrad voyagers. and Joe wanted to cart these old bones to the poor-house; would they do it now, think you?"

money to me?" said Barbara.

Barbara's children; especially to the one and the other companies had over 1,000 suburbs of this city. We are not at with me?. It's all coming out right." "Then why may we not marry, Fred?"

inquired Barbara. ister, for this sickness is no sham, what- the United States. The British com-I shall soon be gone."

three neighbors came in, and, standing and traders from the mountains to the close by Uncle Jacob, the words were | Pacific, and there were as many more one. Then they knelt by the bed, and over the West and Northwest. Many Uncle Jacob himself offered the prayer of these men found gold in the Black and gave the blessing.

Uncle Jacob, when the guests were gone, gold hunting, and was more certain. and the three were left to themselves. and when the rush was made for Cali-"It is on the corner, you say, and has fornia all the old trappers pointed to two sunny windows above. Be sure you | the Black Hills as a fine field for mining | penny for the poor."

many good talks together.'

"Not so, my child, for I shall soon be have gained such fame. gone. But did you notice, my dear, at what part of the Bible you found the dra ts?" "No," said Barbara, "I did not."

"It was right by the thirty-fourth psalm. Read it carefully, and you will find that every verse is a treasure. It is full of advice and promise of help. All night Fred and Burbara watched

soon came, for she was young and by Uncle Jacob, whose life, though flickering brightly for the moment, was fast going out. At daybreak, just when the birds had begun their morning song the aged uncle, like Jacob of old, gathered much to expect "s to support all our up his feet in the bed, and gave up the

> White Men in the Sioux Country. n Old Trapper's Experience Forty Years

Ago in the Laud of Gold and Furs.

Having just returned with the Commission to negotiate with the Sioux, of which I was a member, I was informed in a late issue of your paper you published a sketch of Gen. B. L. E. Booneville, in which some errors have crept which I would like to correct without We're going to make money like dirt; Booneville received a furlough in 1832, go out until the next year, but served

In 1825 I accompanied Gen. W. H. them. We found on arriving on Bear When they were gone, Barbara went | River that the Indians had attacked and the British possessions into Mexico. "Don't fret," said the young man, Our principal competitors in those days

which, he said, her lillies and roses post was Fort Osage, in Jackson county, impression on her, and that was that the door was closed and locked. Every EAST "Shall I take them, and we be married there westward. The Indians in those pose, which she interpreted, without the And thus it stands. The last visitors "No," said Barbara; "something might and lances, and their arrows flint- of old, and these led her to accept one and the specter. They had nothing to happen-let us wait. You'd have to tipped. It was only amusement to fight of several offers of matrimony. Have excite their minds to the same frenzyborrow the money, and I could not sleep them, and a few trappers went fear- ing made up her mind to marry, she set nothing to awake them at exactly the "Yes," said Fred, "there's a risk. But incident of that my first trip. As we girl of eighteen could exhibit. She this away by natural causes, we should it was such a good stand, and my heart | were traveling along the Platte River | bought a handsome trousseau and ap- like to have it done, for of course it must ran away with me. I said to myself uplands one day, we discovered in the peared at the altar in a steel colored originate in some manner capable of that I would make good bread, and distance a large number of Indians, silk, with velvet cloak, sealskin muff explanation.- Evansville Journal. give honest weight, and perhaps have a and those of us who had not made the and boas, velvet bonnet trimmed very Barbara's face brightened as he spoke, cited in anticipation of a brush, when lace and very handsome jewelry. Out | waiting for the fair one's appearance, "It will come right in time-let us plain stretched in full view before us affianced, she did not conceal her own brother came cautiously into the room, "Perhaps so," said Fred, with a sigh. any direction. You can imagine our well arranged. She was attended by held out a handful of something, and Barbara resolved to sew harder than | wonder, and the jokes put at us by the | five generations of her relatives, who | earnestly inquired : ever, so that, besides supporting her old trappers, who tried to make us be- preceded her into the church and took aged uncle, she might now and then lay lieve we had seen a mirage, common on reserved seats. The ceremony was per-The next day, Uncle Jacob requested us to the underground village of the solemnity, and the large congregation, "those are beans." his little valise to be brought to him, Pawnees, where they lived in subterra- that is, all that could get within the and spent the afternoon in examining neous rooms, like the prairie dogs, church, behaved with respectful attenits contents. Then he called Barbara These rooms were about eight feet in tion. After the ceremony and after the "You have been very kind to me, and | buffalo hides, each being the abode of lated by the clergyman, Master Cole-I want to give you something-all I a family. We had no especial inci- man Gentry, a youth of five years, a you could call a prolonged one that have to give-my old German Bible. dents beyond those of hunting and nephew of the fifth generation, stepped evening. Your mother and I used to read it trapping on the expedition. We ran up to her, bearing a beautiful bouquet together. Be sure you search its into a party of Rickarees who were of camelias and orange blossoms, which The tears came to Barbara's eyes, and of our fellows put the party to flight. was accepted by the bride with evident ske fondly stroked his hair in testimony | Along the mountains ten or twenty | pleasure. The congregation remained of her heartfelt gratitude. When even- Indians would occasionally pitch at one seated while the bridal party passed ing came she opened the book. Care- of our men when they got him in a out. At the door an old negro woman fully looking it along, her eye fell upon | close place, but if he could get a fair one of her former servants, lifted her a small bundle of papers. To her sur- show he could keep them off until as- train and carried it until she entered prise, they were drafts to a large amount, sistance reached him. They preferred her carriage, when they drove off to

In 1825 we traveled 1,200 miles, to our taken through the South Pass nine years one of the most extraordinary mar-"It means," said the uncle, with a low, the first wagon train through there. None of the regular trapping outfits with the money, and I want to give it had wagons in those days, but a light to some one who deserves it. Eh, eh, cart called a charatte was used by the

The Santa Fe traders who went after silver took a route 1,100 miles through of Bismark, D. T.), and at the mouth of | ed with all the parties concerned. "Sure enough," said the uncle. "The the Tenton, since called Bad River. young man shall go at once for the min- Fort Leavenworth was also built by trading west of the mountains, and the "Now you can take the bakery," said | and trading paid far better then than |

the Capitol and speaking of Carson and other things, he said: "Boone, I dependence Rock, but I found your name there." I then told him that it was the trappers' mile-post on the Sweetwater for years before I saw it.

Yours, respectfully. A. G. BOONE, of Denver Col. Washington, January 8.

Cupid's Last Prank. The very largest congregation that ever assembled in any church in Lexington came together on Monday, Jan-This is his third marriage, but in all Ashley, of St. Louis, with a party of 100 probability he may survive it many years. Mrs. Lawson was bern in Virginia, but was brought by her parents to Kentucky in early life. When but sixteen she was addressed by Mr. David Lawson, and became engaged to him, but with rare good sense refused to marry him until he had secured sufhcient for their mutual support. He left immediately for the South, where he remained twenty-three years, she hearing nothing of him in the meantime. but remained constant through those

In 1825 the most Western military dream not long ago that made a deep house made. It was in vain. Every Mo., and the wilderness stretched from Lord was sparing her for some wise pur- window and shutter was fastened. days were arme! with stone hatchets doubts and incredulity that beset Sarah never heard the story of Miss Harris lessly anywhere. I well remember one about it with all the eagerness that any same moment. If anybody can explain trip to the mountains before were ex- becomingly with feathers and point the Indians suddenly disappeared. The of respect for the white hair of her the other evening, when her little and we could have seen them go off in, gray hairs, but had them puffed and and gliding up to the young man's side, those plains. But a short time brought formed by Elder Marshall with all solemnly, taking up one in his fingers, diameter, and lined with grass and venerable couple had been congratugoing to fight the Pawnees, and a few he presented in due form, and which and in her name. Just at that moment | fighting their Indian enemies to both- | their home and happiness. A bountiful wedding breaktast was awaiting their arrival. Everything passed off in beaver grounds, and our carts were the most satisfactory manner, and closed before Booneville is said to have taken riages that we ever remember to have heard of. - Lexington, Ky., Banner.

Death Keeps Life's Promise.

An Indiana Woman Returns from the Grave in Fu fillment of a Pledge Made. Since the account of the banshee warning that attended the deaths in an

the wilderness ten years before Marcy | Evansville family that was published | "And do you mean to give so much graduated from West Point, in 1832. in the Journal, a highly intelligent and Flour. Along between 1825 and 1835 the fur- reliable citizen has furnished us with corn "Yes; why not? I haven't a child of trade fever was at its hight. The the facts regarding apparations that my own, and why shouldn't I give it to American Fur Company of St. Louis were twice seen in a dwelling in the that was willing to share her last crust men in their employ. They built forts liberty to give true names or to locate wheat-No 1. at the mouth of the Yellowstone, at the the house, but the story is vouched for Mandan Village (above the present site | by our informant, who is well acquaint-

About eighteen years ago there lived Miss Harris, who was young and amiaever may be said of the deafness. Well, pany had fully 1,000 men trapping and ble, and was engaged to be married. She had a very intimate friend some So Fred went for the minister, two or | Mexicans had quite as many trappers | years older than he rself, Mrs. Cook, and the two had often amused and instructed themselves with inquiry into superspoken which made the young couple free traders and trappers scattered all natural subjects, so called, and among others discussed and investigated the doctrine of Spiritualism, which was then Hills and other places, but the trapping | finding lodgment in the West. One day | opened an E it was proposed, half in jest and half in earnest, that the one of the two friends | ers desiring t who died first was to appear to the survivor in order to set at rest all doubt upon the subject. The proposition was always give honest weight, and have a enterprise. These trappers rarely ever accepted, and by discussion they adopted or Teachers became miners; they preferred their soli- it seriously, and agreed that the one "I am so glad you can hear me," said tary rambles to the bustle of a mining dead should, if possible, make the Barbara, laying her hand on his with- camp; but they penetrated everywhere demonstration. In less than a year Mrs. ered cheek. "I hope we shall yet have and guided the explorers to the wonder. Cook was dead, and in a short time Miss ful scenes in whose description they | Harris broke her engagement when the wedding day was near. She was un-In conclusion I will say that Kit Car- happy, and on the evening which had son was a relative of mine, though been set apart for the wedding she remuch younger, his mother being a tired early and was restless. It was Boone. One day meeting Fremont in warm, and about midnight finding she could not go to sleep, she raised the mosquito bar and arose to walk to the thought I was the first white man at In- window. As she did so she confronted a solemn veiled figure standing at the side of the bea gazing upon her with rigid, yet questioning countenance. One quick, earnest look, and the girl recognized the features of her dead friend, Mrs. Cook. She was terribly frightened, and, uttering loud shrieks, ran past and down stairs into the room of her uncle and aunt, and there trembling with fright cowered behind their bed. She was so unnerved that she was utterly unable to speak, and they were trying uary 1, at the Main Street Christian in vain to ascertain the cause of her Church, to witness the marriage of Dr. fright, when another scream was heard. Joseph G. Chinn and Mrs. Catharine and a servant girl who had a room op-Lawson, the former of this city and the posite Miss Harris, bounded down stairs latter of Fayette County. The respect- and into the room also frightened. Upon ive ages of the high contracting parties | inquiry the girl said that she heard Miss made it one of the most extraordinary | Harris scream, and thought it proceeded marriages that was ever solemnized from her aunt. She arose to go to the The groom was of the ripe but modest old lady's room, and as she entered the age of eighty years, and looked as vig- hall she saw a white figure kneeling at touches about the pillow that love and Fremont and Marcy were the first orous as most men of sixty. The lady Miss Harris' door, with her hand shadalone can give, she went back to her explorers of the sections of which they will be ninety years of age on the 1st ing her eyes, as if in sorrow. She give such graphic descriptions, but in day of May next. Dr. Chinn was a looked again and recognized the dead That night the brothers came home this they are in error, as most of the soldier of the war of 1812. He enlisted woman, Mrs. Cook, and shricking ran more drunk than usual-to pick up their country was hunted, trapped, and when about thirteen years of age, but down stairs. A close search of the things and start for the West, they said: prospected years before they set about owing to an accident, by which he was house failed to reveal any intruder or "You'd better go with us, Barbara. their scienti's explorations. Captain severely wounded in the foot, he did not any signs of one. The doors were all locked and the ground windows closed. Miss Harris afterward married a most worthy minister of the gospel, and is

now living in the far West. After detailing these facts, and giving the skeptic a chance to explain them away, we will now relate the sequel to this story. About two months ago two young ladies arrived in this city from New Albany, Ind., to visit the aunt of the former Miss Harris. They remained here for six weeks. Two weeks before they left they were both sleeping in the

same bed in the room formerly occupied by Miss Harris. One night, just after midnight, both long years of silence and doubt. At awoke suddenly with a shock each last he one day walked into the parlor | without knowing the other was awake. her friend, Fred Heiberger, was beside | trapped all along the mountains from of the house where his faithful "Kitty" | There standing by the side of the bed lived, and claimed her hand and the was a white-robed figure, dim and infulfillment of her promise, saying that distinct, but evidently that of a woman. he had made money enough to purchase | Each girl, in great fright, softly atget along better without Conrad and Northwestern Fur Company, who a farm. They were duly married and tempted to awake the other, and at the ranged all over west of the mountains, lived together forty years, during which same moment discovered both were "I couldn't turn away my mother's and had taken out 3,000,000 beavers be- they grew rich, and the kind of wife awake. As they looked, the figure, dim fore Ashlev's first party went to work, she made is best told when it is said and shadowy, glided slowly backward, When Ashley returned to St. Louis in that he left her his whole estate. A and disappeared into the hall, through 1825 he left the party of about ninety- few years ago she thought it about time the closed door. They both arose Then he began to tell her about a five men camped on Bear River (now to prepare for the great change that instantly, fearing it was some thief who little baker's shop that was that day in Utah), in charge of Col. Robert awaits old and young alike, but reserved had gained admission to the house. The

He sat alone in her father's parlor

"I say, mister, what'r them?" "Those?" replied the young man,

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