A PLEA FOR THE FIRE-PLACE

Grandma sat with her fleecy shawl Tightly drawn, for the air was chill. The first sharp frost had pinched the grass And tinged the leaves across the hill While through the clear air, crisp and brown, The shining nuts came tumbling down.

Grandma's room has an oaken floor; Persian rugs of a quaint design: Rare old paintings, a marble clock, Costly hangings rich and fine. Her gown was silken, and folds of lace Softly fell round her wrinkled face.

Grandma glanced through the shining pane Down to the busy street below; Ever and on went the tramp of feet. As the bustling crowd swept to and fro, But her thoughts fiew far from scenes like these

To a quiet home 'neath the old elm-trees.

She felt the clear air, sharp with frost: She saw the maples tinged with gold: And from the sunny threshing-floor She heard the laborers talk of cold: While toward the wood-pile, towering high, The farmer glanced with cheerful eye.

Again the wintry wind swept by: Without, the storm and driving snow: Within, the fire-place heaped with logs, The cheerful blaze and ruddy glow; And gathered close about his knee, The farmer's rosy children three.

Grandma sighed as the twilight fell: "Nothing so good as a fire!" said she; "I remember how we gathered near In the evening hour so dear to me; And he would talk of the crops, while I Could tell of busy hours gone by.

"And if things went wrong-as go they will-To talk them over was help to me; And the children listened as children should Till the father dozed and I was free; And, looking into the embers red. I must find them a story to take to bed."

"So, when the house was hushed in sleep. I lingered yet o'er the embers gray. Covered the fire and wound the clock That marked the close of a busy day." Grandma sighed: "The years have flown! No fire gleams on the cold hearth-stone.

"They may be better-these modern ways-But the heart of home was the firelight glow; And closer knit seemed the ties of love, As vines round a common center grow: They may be better-these modern ways-But the home-light shone in the cheering

-Agnes L. Mitchell, in Good Housekeeping.

HER HUSBAND'S NIECE.

She Proved Any Thing But a Silly, Troublesome Thing.

"George, when did you get this letter?" asked Mattie Henderson, as she glanced into her husband's face.

"On Wednesday," he said, with some hesitation.

left New York yesterday and will be "How do you do, uncle?" a twinkle of other to rake in the heads of the wheat This is a nice state of affairs, isn't it?" to do so. "It was careless in me, Mattie," the young farmer regretfully admitted.

He was a handsome, good-natured speech. He had a whip in his hand, and his wagon, loaded with milk cans, was standing at the gate.

"She says she'll get off at Forest station, where you are to meet her." Mrs. Henderson said, her eyes once more

"Oh, pshaw," cried the husband, with station on time. Why didn't she come | most fainted, the pain was so great."

over the road most convenient to me?" "I suppose she'll have to walk here," replied the young wife. "And as she says that she intends to stay three weeks, no doubt she has brought her better." trunk with her-a trunk of no mean dia good deal more put out about it than gestion." you are. There's the butter to churn. the clothes to iron, the currant jelly to increasing appreciation of his niece. make, and goodness only knows what

"I know it will prove an infliction," the husband consolingly said. "But I his wife. "Reared in the city, as she has guess there's nothing to do but to bear beenit. Things may not turn out so bad as you fancy they will."

seldom peevish and rarely complained, | girl, and it is lucky that she came." but the visit really seemed inopportune. She was not very strong, and as she worked early and late and took no rec- | the butter." reation, it was beginning to tell on her

and they were not able to keep a girl. if you do." She was a sensible little woman, and felt that it was her duty to second her and then slipping into the sitting-room dom from dependence upon our fellow not competency, would come by and by. cheery way with the patient. In descending the steps of the spring house she fell and sprained her ankle.

the pain so great that she almost she found every thing in most excellent the development of all the finer vir-

That means a week of enforced idleness," she despairingly thought. "Time so precious, and that fashionablyreared niece of George's more a hindrance than a help. Oh, dear."

After much painful effort she succeeded in reaching the sitting-room and threw herself upon the comfortable lounge. She fell into a doze, and when she opened her eyes there stood Fanny smile. Atwood, looking down into her face.

She had on a plain, sensible-looking traveling dress. Her figure was compact, her complexion healthy, her air cheerful, her demeanor self-possessed. Her cheeks were dimpled, her mouth indicated resolution, her soft brown eyes offered confidence and invited it. She had walked two miles through the hot "But it wasn't right for you to do it. hardships. He may win it as a scholar—sun, over a dusty road, but one would Surely your hands—" win it by the highest possible developsun, over a dusty road, but one would Surely your hands-" hardly have thought so, she looked so

neat, clean and placid.

lurking among her dimples.

effort. "Your uncle forgot to give me calls it. If it was right for you to your letter until this morning. He could | whitewash the cellar-way, it was right not meet vou because he had to deliver the milk over at the other railroad at the hour you named. I am sorry you had to walk."

"I wasn't vexed about it," replied the visitor. "Nor am I in a hurry about my "I sprained my ankle." Mrs. Hender-

son said. "I am afraid I will not be about for three or four days." "That is too bad," commiseratingly rejoined Miss Atwood. "It seems I was just to come. I can do ever so many things for you."

"Yes," grimly assented Mrs. Hender-

"I'll first look after that ankle," the visitor said, briskly, cheerfully. She removed her dainty-looking cuffs, in my thoughts. I supposed that you and then took off her aunt's shoe and

stocking. "It is considerably swollen," she said. "I am not surprised," replied Mrs. Henderson. "You will find a bottle of liniment in the cupboard, yonder."

"I wouldn't put liniment on it just aunt's hair. yet," advised Fanny. "Have you any sugar of lead?"

"Very likely. Look in that medicine I confess my injustice-why I want to box in the cupboard. There's a little of make amends-why I-every thing there, almost."

Fanny found the sugar of lead, and then some linen suitable for a bandage. She put the sugar of lead in a basin, added cold water, soaked the bandage in it and then wrapped it around the swollen ankle. She went about it like am not one of them. If I was, I am a professional nurse.

"That feels very cooling," Mrs. Henderson gratefully said. "There is nothing reduces a swelling

like sugar of lead water," replied Fanny. "I'll wet the bandage every now and then with it. Just you remain quiet, dearie, and don't bother yourself about any thing. You have no girl?" "No, child," Mrs. Henderson said

"We can not afford to keep one." "I'll get uncle his dinner," announced

"You'll-get-George his dinner!" repested Mrs. Henderson. Panny noticed the incredulity in her

tone, laughed prettily, and said: "Why shouldn't I? If you'll allow me to skirmish around I'll manage to find things. However, it isn't near dinner time yet. When I went to the kitchen | well as a naturalist, describes a reaper for the basin I saw you had sprinkled the clothes. Shall I iron them?"

She saw the odd smile that came to her tired aunt's lips and correctly inter- A. D. 1889, consisted of a wagon or cart preted it.

"May be you think I can't iron?" she pleasantly said. "Just you wait and see." | facing the dash-board; that is, provid-"But the dress you have on, Miss At- ing, of course, they used dash-boards in wood. It-"

"Was selected for service," completed of the cart, or to what would Fanny. "Of course I'll put on one of be the fore part, this curious machine your aprons."

When George Henderson returned provided with sharp spikes set at an from his errand he heard some one sing- angle which admitted of their coming ing in the kitchen. He stepped in and together at the base a short distance, "And this is Friday," rebukingly re- saw his niece ironing away as deftly as say an inch, from where they were plied his wife. "You carried it about if she had spent the best part of her life driven into the bar before mentioned. in your pocket for at least two days. It at it. She made such a pretty picture Each of these early reapers were prois from your niece, Fanny Atwood. She that he stood still and looked at her.

here on the eight o'clock train this merriment in her brown eves; then she as they were cut or pulled off by the morning, and it is half-past seven now. went and kissed him, standing on tip-toe sharp-toothed combing machine. A ma-

"I'm glad you've come, Fanny," he said with heartiness. "I suppose Mattie explained why I did not meet you at the fellow, sturdy in frame and pleasing in station? But why are you ironing? Boyce was awarded the first patent on a Where is Mattie?"

"She is lying down, uncle. She fell and sprained her ankle."

Mr. Henderson stepped into the sitting-room, a look of concern on his face. and Cope and Hooper patents, which "Why, dear, how did this happen?" he | were issued in 1825. kindly asked.

"Oh, how does any thing happen?" she an impatience unusual with him. "I replied, a little querulously. "Through can't. I must have my milk at Beaver my own awkwardness, no doubt, I al- without practical results.

"Does it pain you now, dear?" "I am glad to say that it doesn't." "I'll bathe it with sugar of lead water," be said. "There isn't any thing H. McCormick invented the first ma-

"Fanny has already done that," remensions, I'll venture to predict. I am plied the wife. "It was her own sug- vesting problem was forever solved .-

"Oh," ejaculated Mr. Henderson, with "And she insists upon ironing. A else. She'll be too dainty to lay a hand pretty mess she'll make of it!"

"Well, may be not," Mr. Henderson to any thing, and will spend her time reading, sleeping and lolling in the said, in a quiet tone. "I watched her a hammock. She might have waited to be little while. Mattie, you are a good ironer, but she is your equal."

"Oh, nonsense, George!" exclaimed forth. It is chiefly prized for the power

"Didn't necessarily make her a lazy, silly, novel-reading imbecile," inter- lender. But its highest value-is to He got into the wagon and drove off. rupted her husband. "Perhaps we Mrs. Henderson walked into the spring haven't been just to Fanny. I think she house to churn the butter. She was is a solid, energetic, capable sort of a "Well. I hope it may prove so," doubt-

ingly rejoined the wife. "George, there's "I'll churn that." he said. "We'll get along. Just you keep your mind at

The farm was not entirely paid for, ease. You will get about much sooner kind may be a free man; but the great Fanny Atwood prepared dinner, now

thrifty husband's efforts. Leisure, if to wet the bandage, and to chat in her men. No man can escape that, and it is On the third day Mrs. Henderson was able to hobble to the kitchen, where done. Mutual dependence is essential to

> "Look at my current jelly," Fanny proudly said, as she held up one of the glass jars to the light. It was trans-

lucent and bright as ruby tinted wine. "It is very nice," Mrs. Henderson said. "How much sugar did vou take?" "Pound for pound," replied Fanny. 'I wasn't extravagant, was I?"

"You were wise," her aunt said with : She opened the door leading into the

"Fanny, did you whitewash the stair-

way?" she asked in surprise. "Yes, auntie. It needed it. I knew you meant to do it. for I saw you had slaked the lime. Isn't it nicely done?" "Very nicely," Mrs. Henderson said. high motive will lift him over many

"Look at them." Fanny said, laugh- ment of his mental and moral powersing. "They are as white and soft as by any thing that gives him superiority "You are my Aunt Mattie. I suppose?" any lady's. I put gloves on-and then in any kind of work. But in lieu of she said in a low, sweet voice, a smile I have a sort of dainty way of working. special talents, money will do it. Every I can do it well without pitching into it | wasted dollar is a new link in the chain "Yes," Mrs. Henderson said, with an all over. I have a knack, as mother of bondage.-Interior,

HOUSEHOLD BREVITIES.

-In undressing keep the slippers on for me to whitewash it. I came here to as long as convenient; in dressing, put help you and to spare you; to ride the them on as soon as possible. horses, to go to the mill with Uncle

George, and to make myself useful and

-welcome. If you are not going to let

me work, or have any fun, why, I'll go

She spoke with voluble earnestness,

her gestures rapid, her dimples dancing.

Mrs. Mattie Henderson sat down in a

"Why, aunt, what is the matter?"

asked Fanny, her brown eyes widening.

"No, dear, you didn't," replied Mrs.

Henderson, in a broken voice. "I am

crying because I am ashamed of myself

would annoy me, and hinder me; that

you would be helpless, selfish, fault-

"But you think more kindly of me

now, do you not?" interrupted Fanny,

her hands moving caressingly over her

"Most certainly I do," replied Mrs.

Henderson, explosively. "That is why

"Don't mind it, auntie," said the sweet,

censure you, and it's all right now.

There may be-and, in fact, there are-

listless, frivolous, helpless girls in New

"I am glad you have come, Fanny,

afraid I would despise myself."

Stauffer, in Detroit Free Press.

HARVESTING MACHINES.

They Were Used By the Lowland Gauls in

the Days of Pliny.

properly speaking of a reaping machine,

is of unknown antiquity. The elder

Pliny, who was born when Christ was

but nineteen years of age, and who in

his mature years became a historian as

used in his day by the Lowland Gauls.

This clumsy device, which would hardly

compare with a McCormick of the year

provided with shafts, into which one or

two oxen were yoked with their heads

those days. To the hind part

being run tail first, was attached a bar

vided with two men, one to drive and the

chine, similar in all its details to the

one just described was used in England

In 1799 an Englishman by the name of

The first American patent was taken

In 1828 a preacher by the name of Bell

The first machine to command public

was issued in 1831. Obed Hussey and C.

chines, in 1833 and 1834, respectively,

which proved to the world that the har-

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houses, equipage, art, service, and so

which it gives over others-for the old

potency, marked so long ago, which

makes the borrower servant to the

lender. The highest value of money is

in its power to purchase personal liberty

and independence. There are other

ways in which men gain emancipation

from personal servitude to other men,

who has exceptionally fine talents in

literature, art or applied science of any

mass must purchase themselves with

money. By this we do not mean free-

one of the most beneficent of the fund-

amental laws of nature that it can not be

tues. But we do mean personal

servitude, the necessity of obeying an

individual master. Ordinarily this

may not be in itself a hardship; but

emergencies do come, and come not in-

frequently, when this servitude involves

the sacrifice of sacred rights and man-

hood-often the sacrifice of conscience.

Lack of knowledge of the highest value

of money leads to a very general sacri-

fice of its best use to inferior uses. Peo-

ple buy luxuries-better houses, living,

etc., not knowing that they are selling

their liberties for present gratifications.

Every young man ought to start out

with this one main object in life in

view, to win his freedom. It is an in-

spiring struggle, and one in which the

The highest value of money is not its

invented a rude reaper in Scotland.

out in 1803, by the firm of French &

up to about the time of George III.

reaping device.

St. Louis Republic.

The invention of the reaper, or more

-because I have been so unkind to you

"I hope I didn't say any thing to-

right back to New York."

chair and cried.

finding; that you-

-Molasses will remove the grass stains so often found on the summer clothing of children. Rub the molasses as if it were soap on the stained place and then wash the garment in the ordinary fashion.

-The cellar should be well aired every day, and also given a good whitewashing whenever it is necessary to do so. Every portion of the cellar should be thoroughly cleaned, and if it has a cement floor it should even be well scrubbed.

-A few years ago a fashionable table was so piled with high dishes that it was impossible to see one's vis a vis without peeping under the heavilyladen silver and glass ware. Now a table is considered vulgar when not laid in a low, simple manner.

-Brown Steamed Pudding. - One quart of flour, one coffee cup of raisins. one teacupful chopped suet, one teacup half full of molasses and filled with brown sugar, one teaspoon of soda, two cups sweet milk, a little salt. Mix and steam three hours. Use two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder instead of soda if preferred. Serve with sauce.

forgiving, sympathetic voice. "I don't -Almond Custard .- Put over a quart of milk (half cream is better), in a double boiler; when near boiling, stir in the York City-and in other cities-but I yelks of six eggs with the whites of two, a small cupful of sugar and half a pound of almonds, blanched and pounded to a paste, with four tablespoonfuls of rosewater. Stir carefully until the custard and I will be sorry when you go," Mrs. Henderson said, and she meant it. "My thickens, then remove it from the fire and set to cool. When almost cold, stir prejudices misled me, and I have been thoroughly and pour into cups. Use the taught a lesson. Hereafter I'll not be so hasty in estimating people, especially reserved whites of eggs in making a before I have met them."-Frank H. meringue, flavor with almond, and put a little heap on each cup.

-Cod-fish Cakes .- One pint bowl of cod-fish picked very fine, a two pint bowl of raw peeled potatoes, put together in cold water and boil until the potatoes are thoroughly cooked. Drain off every particle of water, mash with a potato masher, add a piece of butter the size of an egg, two well beaten eggs and a little pepper. Mix well with a wooden spoon. Have a frying-pan with deep boiling lard, into which drop a spoonful of the mixture and fry brown. Do not freshen the fish but wash well; do not mold into cakes but drop from the

spoon.-Good Housekeeping. -Scrambled Oysters .- One quart of oysters, one pint of milk, one tablespoonful of butter, and flour sufficient to thicken like cream; put the milk into a spider, and beat to boiling: when about to boil add the ovsters; as soon as they are boiling add the thickening with salt, white pepper and a tablespoonful of sage and a teaspoonful of tomato sauce: do not let the ovsters boil long; remove from the fire and stir in the butter; toast some crackers, place them on a warm platter, moisten them little with warm milk or water, pl on each half-cracker a large spoonful of oysters, and pour the cream over and around them.

STYLES FOR WINTER.

Changes and Modifications From Popular Autumn Fashions. The Directoire styles have served a

good purpose in introducing the long

princesse coats and the modest princesse

dresses which will prevail during the

coming winter. The Empire styles re-

main in favor, their classic designs Hawkins. Then came the Ten Eyck being copied literally for evening gowns, while their folded bodices, made without visible darts or side forms in the back, are used in various ways for day dresses, often having the skirt which went the way of all the world sewed to them permanently, making a dress in one piece, as convenient and as easily put on and off as the more simply attention were those made on the plans shaped princesse dresses. Basque furnished by the Manning patent, which bodices have of late been left almost entirely to tailor gowns, but Worth has never entirely abandoned them, and he now makes basque backs slashed in square tabs to complete his mediæval corsages, with cuirass front and slashed sleeves. A broad back is a new effect seen on many gowns, given by coat-like forms of even length below the waist, with the tab finish just mentioned, or else by round waists with fullness from BYTHE' the neck and shoulders down to the waist line, dispensing with all seams value exchangeable for luxuries-for that might make a tapering effect, having only the under-arm seams that are absolutely necessary. The fronts of waists are as fully draped as they have been of late, and in many very elegant dresses are round, while the back is pointed. The collar is high for street free the borrower from bondage to the gowns, but lower, and either round or pointed, for house dresses. Sleeves are also varied according to the different gowns, those for the street being only large-topped coat sleeves, or the ampler mutton-leg sleeves, while for the house but they are open to but few. A man they are the fullest bishop's sleeves, as full below the elbows as at the armholes, or else they are full over-sleeves, falling open to show an under-sleeve, which is plain or in full puffs, according to the material of which it is made. We must also metion the coat sleeve with a simple round Empire puff at the top.and row after row of velvet ribbon or of passementerie passing around the sleeve below, a fashion that makes long arms look shorter and thin arms fuller. Foundation skirts are not changed in shape, and the skirts of street gowns retain their straightness in plaits all around, or else they have smooth scant fronts with slight upward curves from hip to hip, and the mass of fullness gathered at the back. In some of the long coats or over-dresses a tendency toward fullness or slight drapery is seen by cutting off the back forms in corset shape, and sewing on the full skirt, sometimes with a slight jabot effect: still others bave a point or two points in the middle forms coming over the skirt fullness, but the greater number retain the continuous princesse breadths, with additional fullness plaited in the seams. What was long ago called the "Marguerite polonaise back." with its fullness draped under two bows on the seams between the middle forms and the side forms, is seen again in both gowns and coats; and, indeed, almost any arrangement is permissible for the back of gowns, provided it does not make the fullness project in a shelving tournure.

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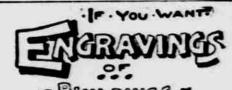
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