THE PARISH SCHOOL.

Two little nuns are teaching school Near by, on Cozy street; I pass each morning, as a rule, And now and then we meet.

The humble house is small and low; Its walls are rude and bare; And yet I loiter by, for O, It seems so peaceful there!

I never liked to go to school; I always rather play: I hated any kind of rule, And sometimes ran away.

But when I pass that little door, And breathe that holy air, I want to be a boy once more, And learn my lesson there.

O, little nuns, with wimples white, And hearts of purest gold, My soul is troubled sore to-night, My heart is growing cold.

O, little nuns of sable dress And sours of drifting snow, Teach me the way of righteousness, And I can tearn, I know. Albert Bigelow Paine in Harper's Weekty.

GRAYFUR.

Deep down in a cosy nest lived brother and L as snug as a bug in a rug, and never were there such happy beings. An old oak tree was our home, in the grand and magnificent forest of Fountainbleau. One thing. however, marred our bliss, and that was the danger, we were told, which was lurking around us. Mother commanded us time and again to keep as still as mice whenever we heard the least noise.

Father was often away, and left her to potect her bairns, and one wintry day, during his absence she was again warning us, when we were startled by a low rustle in the trees. Before we were aware of its meaning our poor mother received her death blow. Then we were rudely seized and hastily carried down before our father's return.

Our kidnapper was a small boy. His brother was with him but remained below. waiting. We reached terra firma in safety, and then arose the question how we should be carried. Our captors were considering this when a beautiful lady with her grew despondent. two daughters drove up. Our beauty had attracted her and she inquired what price they would be willing to take for us. . Five francs for the two," quickly responded the elder boy; so without delay the lady handed him a gold coin saying: "Here you are—mind you spend it wisely."
"Yes ma'am," answered the boy. taking off his cap. Then we were handed over, and tied up in a handkerchief.

When we reached our new home we were rolled in a warm blanket and laid in the tin-lined box of the register, which was built in this floor. My poor brother did not survive, Jack Frost had gotten the upper hand of him, it had been such a bitter day. Thus was I left alone-but my sorrow soon turned into happiness for friends surrounded me. hardly been in my new home an hour before a deep love kindled in my heart for all of them and especially for the old lady. She allowed me to run about the house, and at dinner when coffee and desert were served. she permitted me to jump upon the table and help myself to anything I fancied. A piece of sugar was my favorite dish, so with a lump and a jump I bounded on her shoulder. crunching to my heart's content and sometimes I was allowed a sip of coffee from a silver spoon.

When the oldest daughter went to school, she took me with her in her pocket, and I would usually take a delightful snooze on the way. My visits afforded the girls much amusement, and they almost killed me with kindness. They put an end to my daily trips to school, for the decline of my health was feared, and it was thought that so much teasing and caresses would result in nervous pros-

A wooden house was built for me, containing three rooms-my bed, dining and exercise room. My mistress loved to watch me every morning while I made my bed, though I never let on I saw her. It seemed to amuse her, to see me take out my blankets one at a time, and shake them vigorously in the doorway.

One chilly morning, while taking my usual exercise, the nail on which my house was hung broke, and down came I, a little frightened but luckily, no precious bones were broken. The door was thrown open by the fall. thus enabling me to escape. A bath chair stood near, on which I bounded. and in a few minutes had recovered my self-possession. When my mistress appeared, she seemed delighted that I had no intentions of escaping; so that from that time on I was allowed to run about the place and into the woods close by.

The distinguished name of Grayfur was given me, and I passed a year in this delightful home. Then a trip to the seashore was suggested, and off we started for Brittany. The journey was rather tedious for such a little squirrel, I thought, and I was glad when it was ended. The morning after our arrival my mistress' oldest daughter, with her sister, went for a at once the state of affairs. walk on the beach. I went, too; but oh! how frightened I was when I beheld that terrible monster, the sea, and I hid quickly in the girl's snug little pocket when it came too near.

I had always prided myself on my beauty, until one day my pride received a severe shock. The youngest daughter had a friend to visit her. who caught sight of my house, but was unable to get a glimpse of me. "Oh!" she exclaimed, "Show me

your pet rat." "It is not a rat!" indignantly answered my little mistress.

"Then it's a little baby bear." .No; it's a squirrel, you little goose!"

w . Oh! is that what you call a squirrel in the country?" F I pitied her for her ignorance. Besides this little incident, nothing occurred to mar my happy life.

One beautiful spring morning I had a longing to visit my dear old father. who was now living with his second wife. When I returned to him he recognized me in no time. My stepmother was watching over her two little darlings who were playing together in their downy nest. I had not been with them long when a visitor appeared, a stranger me, but evidently a staunch friend of father's. He was a fine young squirrel, of large stature, with a long bushy tail and a coat like velvet.

I was at once deeply impressed by him and he seemed to be quite taken with me. I was wooed and won on the spot, and before he took his departure he asked me to be his wife. parent's consent we were married in two days.

That night I did not return to my mistress nor for many months to come. We began life together surrounded on all sides by the congratulations of loving friends. The leaves rustled over head whispering their good wishes while our feathered songsters accompanied them with their gay trills. The sun, who is ever gracious even to insignificant creatures seemed to concentrate his rays on us. The stump of the old oak tree in which we were married was exquisitely decorated by nature. and surrounded by ferns and wild flowers. After the ceremony we returned to my father's home, where we lived happily for a long time.

When our blessings were increased by the advent of four little ones there was much rejoicing. But happiness cannot last an eternity, and a great sorrow came to us. One wintry day my husband came staggering in with just life enough left to tell us that he had been poisoned by a large rattle. snake which had pounced upon him while he was enjoying a nut. With that he fell at my feet dead. What grief I endured no one can imagine. I would have given up altogether, if father had not reminded me that I had much to live for in my children. ·Keep up courage, daughter, for your little ones." he would say, when I

Oh! futher," I'd cry. 'you do not know how hard it is! I miss him so; and he was so good to me!"

In time I recovered slowly, and my children were my delight and comfort. They were as different as could be. Scamp was mischievous included to be a bully in the family, foremost in madcap freaks, and often led the others into scrapes. He took pleasure in teasing timid little Tintic, who was often in tears through his ili-usage. But Teddy and Becky were always champions in her cause.

My conscience often troubled me in regard to my mistress. I felt that I had ungratefully deserted her, and thinking that it would please her to behold me with my family. I resolved to throw myself again on her hospitality. So one bright autumn morn-I had ling I awoke my cherubs, saying that a journey was before them. At first they whimpered, but after they became wide awake and heard that they were going to a wonderful new place they were delighted.

Off we started, and when we arrived my mistress and her daughters were at breakfast. I overheard one of them say: "What could have become of poor little Grayfur? She would have surely come back if nothing had happened to her." 'I fear the worst," sorrowfully answered my mistress. The words had scarcely been uttered when in I strutted followed by my four little ones. I crept up, my children doing likewise, into her lap. 'O!" she screamed. 'What is this! Why. here is our lost Grayfur! And see what she has brought with her! You pretty little dears," she said, turning to my babies. 'Nellie run and fetch Grayfur's house. We will put them in there for to-day, and to-morrow I will have a wing added to it."

My children were very happy in their new home, and thought there was no one to compare with their mistress or her daughters. When I taught them to strictly obey me I took them out for a daily romp in the woods and after awhile I thought I I was deceived. One day little Tintie came home alone, crying. 'Oh! mother, dear! naughty Scamp enticed Teddy and Becky far into the woods. I tried hard to prevent them from going, but Scamp hollered to me to mind my own business, and called me a dunce and mama's timid baby, but I did not mind that. What shall we do if they never return?" . Pray that no evil shall ever happen to them, dear," I answered.

Tintie and I immediately started for the woods. We looked high and low for them, but without success. Night came on and we were forced to return home. The next morning we started before daybreak, but at night returned alone. Our expeditions continued for some time, and I had about given up hope. But early one morning we were suddenly aroused and who should be standing at our door but our lost kindred. They were not alone, but had three stranger squirrels with them. I saw

·O. dear. dear mother!' cried Scamp, "What bad children you must think us. But we are so happy and are sorry to inform you that we have no intention of staying. for we each have a family of our own to look after, but we will visit you often, and will be so delighted to have you call on us. We are to live together in an old oak tree which stands by the roadside, and on its bark is painted a red cross. I am sure you will have no trouble in finding us."

.That," I exclaimed, 'is the tree in which I was born."

'Oh! how funny," they all cried in chorus. Scamp then turned to Tintie with the question, . Pray. what is to become of you, my lady?"

"I will always remain with mother. to be sure to make her happy." And dear little Tintie kept true to her word -National Tribune

A GREAT MAN'S PROPHECY.

A writer in the Plow and Hammer published at Tiffin Ohio relates the and humonitarian, Wendell Phillips: eler in Connecticut.

Let me give the conversation I had with that great humanitarian, Wendell marine engineering, is eighty-eight Phillips, only a few years before he died. He was in this city to lecture before our library association, and it was my pleasure to spend several hours line in the world is that between the in conversation with him. Our conversation was mostly upon economic and reform topics. On the subject of ture of close upon \$10,000,000 a mile. slavery he said: "I spent forty years of the prime of my life in educating a church carry around in their clothes generation to see and realize the fun- small wooden toy barrels, with a slot He found me willing, and with my damental injustice and moral wrong of chattel slavery, but I have lived too long; I ought to have died years ago." I asked him why he said that, for, having devoted so many years of his life, his talents and necessarily a large portion of his earnings, I thought he would walls. A rosette containing a rubber gratified now to see chattel slavery gone forever from the American re-He replied, "that would be the case

if it were not for one thing." I asked him if he would tell me what that one thing was. This was his answer and I shall never forget it: "My friend, you may not see it but I see clearly that there is a form of slavery coming, and it is intensifying rapidly, which in time will be worse than chattel slavery ever was." This surprised me and I asked him to explain what he referred to. This was his reply: "You may live to see it, but thank God I shall be on the other side of the river before it comes in its worst form. Wage slavery is coming to the wealth producers of America, and it will come so gradually that they will not realize their condition until all of liberty and a republican form of government is gone. White and black laborers alike will be in the grasp of corporations and concentrated capital, which will be more exacting and tyrannical than the holder of chattel slaves ever dared to be. The chat-tel slave was provided with shelter, food, clothing and medical attendance, for personal interests prompted this and when crippled and too old to work had to be provided for by the owner; but the wage slaves will be told, 'work for us on our terms or starve; you must shelter, feed and clothe yourselves and waen crippled or too old to work, go out on the common to die, in case no

alms house is provided for you.' Poverty begets ignorance and ignorance is the mother of vice and crime Our land will then be filled with a class of vicious criminals wholly unknown among chattel slaves. Such will be the condition of society when wage slavery is brought into full play, and it you live to be as old as I am, you will see that what I tell you will be a stern, actual reality."

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Frauds in Georgia.

The vote of Georgia in the recent election, if all other evidence was wanting, would convict the Democracy of that state of the grossest frauds. In 1884 the aggregate vote of the state was 143, 270; Democratic tion on the financial question and ought 94, 687. Republican 48, (04. In 1888 the vote was 140.895; Democratic 100, 449, Republican 40, 446, The returns for 1892 places the vote of the state at 220,509; (leveland 129,230, Harrison 48,549, Weaver 41,741, little book contains much very interes- Bidwell 989. This shows a net gain ting information regarding spiritualism of 89,614 in the voting strength of that state since 1888, or an increase of 64 per cent. The entire vote of the Southern states for 1888 amount-Constant petty thieving is going on ed to 3, 259,000. If all these states in Ashland, Neb., and the town seems have increased their voting strength to be full of tramps and thieves, driven in the same ratio as Georgia the zens were recently entertained by a 2,109,440 in four years. If each race down the street, a number of citi- voter represents five people, which is have increased in population 10,-447, 20) during the same period. To show the fraud more plainly. let it be remembered that the population of the United States according to the census of 1880 was 50, 135, 783. The census of 1890 disclosed a population of 62,000,000 in round numbers, or a gain of 12,000,000 in ten years for the whole country. But the returns from Georgia show that this section alone gained over 10,000,000 in the past four years. The evidence is too plain for contradiction. — National Watchman.

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