The Child's Pleading.

Father, leave, oh! leave off drinking, Sign the temp'rance pledge to-day. For our home is now so cheerless. While you at the dram-shop stay. We remember when 'twas happy, When your coming made us glad; But we fear to hear your footsteps When the drink has made you mad.

Father, dearest father, listen To the pleadings of your child; Do not waste your time and money With the drunken and the wild; Think of mother and the children, How we weep and mourn for you; Never drink again, dear father, Sign the pledge, oh! father, do!

When, at eve, you come home weary, We will greet you with our smiles, For you then will be quite sober, Free from drink that now beguiles; Shouts of joy, Instead of weeping, Shall salute you every night, And our merry voices ringing Make your heart feel glad and light,

EFFIE'S THANKSGIVING.

BY S. ANNIE FROST.

Thaksgiving dir.ner with us, will you not? I should be pleased to introduce you to my family, and we want you to feel at home in Webster.'

'Thank you. I shall be pleased to come.'

'Good-bye, then, till to-morrow. We go home with us.'

And hospitable Mr. Greynaught took his gray head and good-humored face out of the office of the new doctor, and walked homeward at a pace not consult you?" that did not promise much for fees, if his bodily silments were in question. Half an hour later, seated at his own his wife and two blooming daughters flicted. It is very sad. in this wise :-

'Yes, I called on the new doctor, and invited him to dine with us to-morrow. He is younger than poor Smiley, of course, but not a boy either; about thirty-four or five, I should looks like a hard student; full of new Lola. fangled science, too, I suppose, for his office is a perfect library and muse-

Mrs. Greynaught, without speaking looked up with a wistful earnestness, that was oddly copied on the two faces of the two girls. The old gentleman glanced from one to the other, and answering some unspoken appeal, said :

'No. I have passed my word that no further experiments shall be tried. There is no suffering, and she pleaded so hard to be left in peace now, that I have promised she shall not even see Doctor Murrell.'

Mrs. Greynaught sighed softly, but no answer was made to this enigmatical speech, and in a few minutes conversation flowed freely again, and the new doctor was described and discussed with eager interest.

All Webster was talking on the same subject. Calls, professional and unprofessional, kept the office well filled all day, for the thriving village had but one physician, and everybody wanted to see the gentleman who had succeeded the kind old doctor who had felt the pulses of the oldest inhabitants, and been followed to the grave by every man, woman, and child able to walk there.

Opinions varied. Some favorable. some unfavorable comments were made; and in the quiet of his room, Doctor Murrell, too, thought over his new position. Many of his new friends interested him strongly, but his mind turned often to his first caller, Mr. Greynaught, and he felt glad that his invitation to a Thanksgiving dinner was the first he received, as its acceptance was an unanswerable excuse for declining the many succeeding ones.

In answer to a cautious mention of his name to a gentleman who had visited him later in the day, he had been informed that Mr. Greynaught was one of the leading men in Webster, a retired merchant, who now passed his time in amateur farming and gardening, having a house, grounds, and greenhouse that were the pride of the country. He had married late in life, a lady much younger than himself, and had three of Mendelssohn's inspirations, so submenced in this wise:

of the happiest homes in the country, her solace in her sore offlictions, her girl. She sees some old friends,' stalled in Webster were the young lies of the country, and where verifications still Mr. Greynaught has one great companion in lonely hours, her com- thought the doctor. 'It is no one in couple united. trouble, with which you will doubt- fort in pain; it was all to her that sohere the interruption came, and Doc-

genial old gentleman's affliction. listener to the eloquence of the minister the next morning, but his eyes would wander to the pew where Mr. Greynaught sat, with his fair wife befor even a stranger to notice the re-

semblance. Introductions followed the meeting on the church porch, and room was the host taking a seat beside the driver, leaving Doctor Murrell with the ladies. It was no novelty to them to converse with refined and educated New York, and the hospitable doors something to be valued and admired, ster. Conversational powers such as he displayed are not granted very often, and so easy and natural was his voice and manner that it was only when his words were recalled that his listeners realized that vast fund of information and observation from which

they must have been drawn. The favorable impression of all was lowed with the invisible performer. | strument was possessed by very imps | Thanksgiving Day, Effle.' increased at dinner time; and while 'You are very killd to say so,' was of mischief.

also experienced much in the inter- patience or politeness any further.'

Greynaught said: I want a word with you,'

that she implores me now to let her Webster.

service, it will be a pleasure to me to the Hill.'

'Is the mind at all affected?'

lect is seldom seen. She is morbidly ly long enough for necessary rest.

'Without a teacher?'

open, and sheets of music were scat- wider fields of usefulness.

tion on the piano.'

musical treat. Effle!' tain a low, dreamy melody, like some eighteen. hitched his chair closer, and com- scribe the whispering of birds in pen with the shower of golden curls. and ink, as to try to give any idea of Only the head and face were visible. 'Rich and respected, and with one Effle Greynaught's playing. It was tor Murrell had no clue to the hearty, did not know one written note of mu-He was by no means an inattentive too complicated for her ear to catch,

or her fingers to master, and the execution was simply marvelous, unless one considered how much of her side him, and two dark-eyed, dark- difficulties of fingering that would young life was passed in mastering haired girls, enough like their father have made her well-taught sisters throw aside their music in despair. Doctor Murrell listened in amazement and delight, ignorant even as

made in the ample family carryall, by save by its own inspiration, yet recognizing how far above and beyond mere piano playing it was. The prevailing tone of the music was sad, but friends, for Webster was not far from and there was a triumphant ringing of their home opened often to crowds Mr. Greynaught asked for some opera measure, but nothing lively, until of summer visitors, but they one and selections, varied by her own caprice. all admitted in their rooms before Then a very imp of merriment seemdinner that this new arrival was ed to possess the plane as the rapid variations followed one brilliant sweet voice from the inner room

> 'Two hours, papa. Doctor Murrell must be tired?'

Involuntarily the doctor cried:

he had been mistaken in thinking he tained its part that the odd sensation and thinking sadly of her infirmities had heard Mr. Greynaught had three caused at first by its invisible owner and of how sweet such intercourse of daughters. It seemed an answer to gradually became lost in the interest mind would be for life, only to ponhis unspoken thoughts when Mr. and pleasure excited by the tenor of der again sadly of the affliction that her words. Without any pedantic so isolated her. while we step into the library and try Greynaught to converse without giv- the air was heavy with heat, and na-

think you will find them excellent. amusements, often deprived of the drove to Doctor Murrell's office door, close the book, and try to remember power to sew or knit by pain, she had They had smoked some moments found her book and music such com- once?" in silence when Mr. Greynaught panions as they never can be to the free and bappy. Many a dreary day driving to Myrtle Hill. 'What I want to say to you, doctor, had been shortened by mastering is an apology for what you might some new difficulty in a foreign lan- doctor. otherwise consider a professional guage, puzzling out a geometrical slight. I have a daughter, Effle, problem, or translating a Latin verse, days past, but to-day has had fainting smart remarks, bits of information, pothe eldest of my children, who has till it was surprising, even consider- fits in a quick succession that alarms litical reflections, fashion notes, all in been for seventeen years a deformed ing her peculiar life, to find how us. She knows you are coming, and a confused jumble, never to be thought cripple, partly owing to a fall when much she had learned and remem- to our surprise, makes no objection to habit of careless reading, hard to only eight years old; partly due, I bered. Her almost morbid sensitive- it. 'You will come and eat your think, to an unsuccessful surgical op- ness about her appearance kept her The patient lay upon a wide lounge trashy novels Nothing is so fatal to eration. I have spared no expense, from even joining any social gather- when Doctor Murrell entered the reading with profit as the habit of no trouble in efforts to cure or relieve ing, but there were many gentlemen room, and all but her face was cov- forgetting them as soon as read. her, and have twice spent a winter in of deep culture and noble intellect ered by a snowy counterpane; but

shall see you at church, and you must rest, and has exacted a promise that I The hours passed so swiftly that mouth partly open as if the breath will not consult another physician. Doctor Murrell could scarcely credit came painfully and troubled. I consented the more readily, as she his eyes or his watch when he found I am not writing a medical treatise, is now free from all pain, and seems it was nearly midnight, and he bade so it will suffice to say that the preshappy. You are not hurt that I do his entertainers good-night with a ent illness proved of no great mo keen desire to accept their warm in- ment, an exhaustion from the intense LAFAYETTE INDIANAPOLIS 'Certainly not,' was the reply. v.tation to 'come again soon, come heat and a weakness of constitution;

table, he answered the questions of alleviate the sufferings of one so afwere not to be passed in visiting. It affliction.

sensitive about her appearance, but so | Doctor Murrell was a great nephew expected to find. long as we allow her to be invisible, of the old doctor who had preceded It was but a few days before the illshe is happy. Sometimes I coax her him, and, when he stepped into his ness for which he had been called in to let me drive her out, but she comes uncle's practice, he inherited also his yielded to his remedies, and Effic was home so weary that I think the effort house and comfortable fortune, while in her usual health. does her more harm than good. Her apart from that he was a wealthy Then he saw the deformity, a conoom overlooks the garden, and has a man. He had studied medicine be- traction of the muscles that drew the door leading out to the porch, so in cause he loved it, and with that love figure into a sitting posture. For pleasant weather she will walk there and ample means at his command, he seventeen years the poor girl had not If she is sure of being unseen. You had made such progress as many men stood upright, though, looking in her would be surprised to see what moun- scarcely gain in a lifetime. Three face it was hard to believe twenty-five tains of brain work the wee thing ac- years he had passed in Paris, studying summers had passed over her head. complishes. German, Latin, and so closely that he found his own French are all familiar to her, and health required relaxation, then home questioned her, and became convinced she is now threatening a course of again, with a French diploma added that, terrible as the deformity was, it

skill and money freely; and when painful, till he could bear it no longer, The young ladies evidently expect- he came to Webster it was but to re- and he speke to her father. ed this demand, for when the gentle- main until another physician wished The old gentleman shook his head. men entered the purlor, the plane was the position, and left him free to seek 'I have promised to hy no more expe-

one paculiarity in the handsome so closely to his profession. He stood must be months of suffering, of con-

and possessing taste and love for mu- dismounted and gave up his horse. her !' sic, and an hour passed pleasantly in Strolling up the wide avenue, he This was not all. I cannot write For circulars address THE BEVERLY CO. music and singing, but Doctor Mur- looked towards the house, and in the the long pleading that won him his rell was rather startled to hear his windows of the room he knew from crippled bride, for Effle refused to so 'There! Good girls! Now for my head and face that almost arrested his of her own love she understood his. There was no spoken word for an- first it was a child, but a second glance she did not dream it was love that swer, but after a moment there stole convinced him that it was a young wrapped him so closely in her heart,

out from the folds of the heavy cur- girl, apparently about seventeen or and, when she thought of a lifetime danghters, all young and at home. tle and sweet that it was like the echo so he walked still more leisurely to forbade her to burden any other life case, so that it can be re-wound at any time, from some angels' choir, and one look at her. It was the face of an an- by her infirmity. Yet in her own and run as long as desired. It is light an ly arrested by the arrival of a number doubted the power of a modern piano gel. Waves of curling hair fell over self-denying love she read his heart, brush in the hands of a servant. It is ornamental and occupies less space on the table of visitors, and Doctor Murrell was and feminine fingers to produce the the shoulders, a complexion fair as an and knew that even were his hopes than a castor. It has a beautiful bronze base, curious to know what was left unsaid, effect. I cannot describe it. I could ivory miniature, large blue eyes, and disappointed he would be happier as with the stem and projections nickel plated, to which fans are attached, which revolve

> Webster. Perhaps some visitor for The same day they left Myrtle Hill on a bed or chair, to accurate to net or the sick; and is far preferable to net ciety, attention, pleasure, and excite- the Christmas holidays. I never saw and the little village, left New York, ment are to other young girls. She so lovely a face,' and here his mental too, a week later, and sailed for a ton and faithful sentinel, never weary. Flies observations were cut short, for the home in Florence. sie from another, but no melody was young lady saw him, and a curtain fell in an instant before her face.

> > the sweet voice of the crippled girl joined the conversation, but no mention was made of the beautiful visitor, fess, that he did not again see the exqusite face at the window.

The winter wore along, and Webster became a lively little village, around her, and said : where the doctor was a social favorite. Mary and Lola Greynaught met him day? frequently at the evening gatherings of the young folks, for, student as he was, he was fond, too, of society.

But let his engagements be ever so numerous, no week passed without a flery suffering to your cure?" visit to Myrtle Hill. The gossips wondered if it was Ma-

ry or Lola the doctor was courting. and various young gentlemen of Webster wondered also if their hopes even in the busy metropolis from theme after another. It seemed but a They knew how attractive the young 'I think you are entirely well,' he ladies were, but Docter Murrell had said, 'and we may go home again, Do such keen appreciation of their mer- you know what day this is at home. its. He thought only of that sweet Effle? See! here are the New York voice heard only from behind the papers, and by the dates you see that folds of the curtain that shut Effie this is the day the President appointfrom the world; of the music, now ed for Thanksgiving. Two years to- BabcockFireExtinguisher 'Oh, no, indeed!' and then stopped sad, now gay, now grand, now full of day, darling, since I first heard your not knowing if conversation was al- wonderful intricacies, as if the in- sweet voice. I can never forget

the guest gave pleasure, he certainly the reply, 'but I will not tax your Of course, he was not in love, he have made the day one of heartfelt told himself, with a monster of de- gratitude for me?' she said, and foldcourse with ladies of taste and cul- A few words of warm thanks from formity so bideous that she hid her- ing her hands on his breast, she said, ture, and the cordial hospitality of the doctor was an opening for a con- self from all the world; yet often he in a low tone a prayer from her heart. his hots. Several times he caught versation in which all joined, and caught himself dreaming of her wit, that he echoed as he kissed away the himself wondering what trouble that musical voice from behind the her intelligence, her varied informa- tears in her eyes that softly fell to could cloud this happy home, and if curtain so frankly and freely sus- tion, the sweet tones of her voice, baptise Effle's Thanksgiving.

New York for her treatment there, who recalled with pleasure their con- the face, once seen, never forgotten, but no good has resulted. Indeed, so versations with the crippled daughter was the fair vision he had seen at the The T. P. & W. Route much has been done, and so vainly, of Mr. Greynaught while visiting at window, but now white and still, the violet eyes closed, and the sweet

Still, if at any time I could be of often, and try to feel at home at Myr- but the barrier once passed, Effle no longer secluded herself from the doc- COLUMBUS MEMPHIS

'Sadder than you can realize. A was an unusually sickly season at He knew before that she had stud. PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK brighter, happier child you have nev- Webster, a damp but warm winter led far more than even the average of er seen than she was before she fell having set in, causing fever and male intellect undertakes, but even from a swing and injured herself, and rheumatic affections to prevail to an then he was surprised when he saw now she is as cheerful and happy as extent heretofore unknown in the vil- her room. Evidences of her taste ever I would see her; really more lage. Day after day added to the list and love of beauty were scattered judge; tall and dark, very pale, and contented, I think, than Mary or of patients, and although there was everywhere. The choice library, the little to alarm, little to tax his skill grand piano, he was prepared for: and knowledge, he found his time but the dainty trifles of needlework, 'No; a clearer, or more active intel- fully occupied, and his nights scarce- the exquisite little fancy articles, the pretty feminine pursuits he had not

Gradually, cautiously the doctor to the one already taken in Philadel- was not incurable, yet he shrank from the thought of the suffering that 'Oh, I help her, but she soon leaves In New York he had practised must precede the cure. Day by day me behind. But, come, we will have amongst the very poor, giving time, the struggle in his mind grew more

riments,' he said, sadly.

tered about as if recently examined. It had been a life of peculiar lonell- 'Mr. Greynaught,' said the doctor, Doctor Murrell's quick eyes noticed ness that had wedded Alan Murrell 'I will be very frank with you. There drawing-room -a heavy curtain fall- literally alone in the world from his stant care, of loving ministrations, ing from an alcove, evidently hiding seventeenth birthday, when he had but I am convinced it will end in a an inner room, which must have followed a widowed mother to the cure. The long cramped limbs can be History of every Administration from Washoverlooked the garden. Seeing his grave. What of his wide philanthro- straightened through much suffering. net officers of all the Administrations, their eyes wander there, Mr. Greynaught py, his pure, noble life, his ready In these months your child will need sympathy, and gentle courtesy were loving, skillful care, such as only"- the Senate, etc.; all Political Events of in-'Effie's room, where, when the door due to her loving guidance none He paused, then said, burriedly: 'I sas; dates of the origin and decay of Politiis open, she can enjoy the conversa- knew but himself, but that they were love her! I love her! Give her to tion of our visitors, and remain invis- firmly implanted in his nature, all me, and trust her cure to a husband's Constitution; dates of Admission of all the ible. She is very sensitive about her who knew him were ready to admit. unwearied devotion and care. Day appearance, and sees only a few old November was past, and Decem- and night I will watch her, that the friends, never any strangers. Come, ber's cold was aiding the doctor in his strain of pain may not be too severe; Mary, he added, in a louder voice, work of healing, when, having a leis- no pains that love may take, no re-'give us the last fashionable abomina- ure afternoon, he turned his horse's sources that science may afford, shall head in the direction of Myrtle Hill. be neglected. Oh, sir, she is dearer to of American Public History. The best The young ladies were both good At the gate, meeting one of the men me than my own life! Give her to performers, evidently well drilled, who worked on the place, the doctor me, and, God helping me, I will cure

steps with surprise. He thought at |She had loved him so hopelessly that passed by his side, she dared not grasp She was not looking towards him, the blessing, for the very love that about one hour and a half at each wind as well paint a sunset in words, or de- delicate features, in perfect keeping her nurse and husband than alone and noiselessly, above the head, with no incon-

'Some visitor of that poor cripple only when another physician was in- it will last many years. It has been adopted

Winter came and passed. Spring,

The call was a pleasant one, and ter was before them, when, one morning, Doctor Murrell came into his wife's room with papers in his hands. Was it Effie who sprang to meet they have enjoyed. To merchants and agents and Doctor Murrell felt a disappoint-ment he would not have cared to con-figure, straight as his own; that face LEE FLY FAN CO., 42 South 3d St., second radiant with health and love? Were the bitter days, indeed, over at last? He threw his arm caressingly

'Tell, me love, if you are well to-'Yes,' she said, wondering a little at his grave tone.

'You have never thought me cruel.

'Never.' my heart, little one.' 'I know that,' she said, caressing

'Can I ever forget how truly you

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Your memory is bad, perhaps; but I can tell you two secrets that will 'The ladies will excuse us, doctor, display, it was impossible for Effle It was the heart of summer, when cure the worst memory. One I mentioned above : to read a subject when strongly interested. The other is, to a box of cigare I opened to-day, a gift ing evidence of a thoughtful, studi- ture was in holiday dress and mood, not only read, but think. When you from a good judge of the article, so I ous life. Shut out from out-door when, one morning, Mr. Greynaught have read a paragraph; a page, stop. 'Effie is sick. Can you come at the ideas on that page and not only recall them vaguely in your mind, but put them into words and speak them Not five minutes later they were out. Faithfully follow these two rules, and you have the golden keys of 'What is the trouble?' asked the knowledge. Besides inattentive reading, there are other things injurious to memory. One is the habit of skim-'She has been week and languid for ming over newspapers, items of news, break. Another is the reading of running through story after story, and

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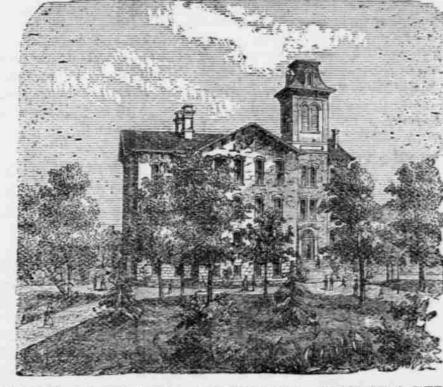
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