THE OLD SCISSORS' SOLILOQUY.

I am lying at rest in the sanctum to-night-The place is deserted and still-To my right lie exchanges and manuscript " white, To my left are the ink and the quill-Yes, the quill, for my master's old-fashioned and

quaint,

And refuses to write with a pen; He insists that old Franklin, the editor saint, Used a quill, and he'il imitate Ben.

love the old fellow-together for years We have managed the "Farmer's Gazette," d although I am old. I'm his favorite shears, And can crowd the compositors yet. But my duties are rather too heavy, I think, And I sometimes envy the quill As it lazily leans with its nib in the ink, While I'm elashing away with a will,

But when I was new-I remember it well. Though a score of long years have gone by-The beaviest share of the editing fell On the quill, and I think with a sigh Of the days when I'd scissor an extract or two From a neighboring editor's leader. Then laugh in my sleeve at the quill as it flew In behalf of the general reader.

I am being paid off for my merriment then, For my master is wrinkled and gray. And seldom lays hold on the primitive pen Except when he wishes to say: "We are needing some money to run this machine, And subscribers will please to remit;" Or, "The last load of wood that Jones brought us WAR STECD

Jane."

noon?"

our."

"Yes, ma'am," I reply.

"Where have you called?"

And so knotty it couldn't be split."

Here nervous and deaf and is getting quite blind (Though he hatcs to scknowledge the latter), And I'm serry to say it's a puzzle to find Head or tail to the most of his matter. The compositors plague him whenever they see The result of a luckless endeavor, But the darling old rascal just lays it to me, And I make no remonstrance whatever.

Yes, I shoulder the blame-very little I care For the jolly compositor's jest, For I think of a head with the silvery hair That will soon, very soon be at rest. He has labored fall long for the true and the good 'Mid the manifeld troubles that irk us-His only emolument raiment and lood, And-a pass, now and then, to the circus.

Heigho! from the past comes a memory bright Of a lass with the freshness of clover Who used me to clip from her tresses one night A memorial lock for her lover. That dear little lock is still glossy and brown, But the lass is much older and fatter. And the youth-he's an editor here in the town-I'm employed on the staff of the latter.

I am lying at rest in the sancium to-night-The place is deserted and still-The stars are abroad and the moon is in sight Through the trees on the brow of the hill. Clouds hurry along in undignified haste, And the wind rushes by with a wailis no consolation like rest, and time the winding up would be: "Though, of course, I know nothing about it. One alone can heal the wound.

As I neared Mrs. Flint's, everything | hears so much, you know." My share of the conversation had had a closed-up look, as though no one was at home. Sure enough, the girl chiefly consisted of, "ah," "indeed," "I had not heard," and the like. Even if

said : "Faith and she's to her mither's." I had wished it, there was not the least I left my card and proceeded toward chance of saying anything else, for the "Flicker Mansion."

Mrs. Flicker, delighted at having some Now I had put off this call to the last one to talk to, hardly stopped to draw for this reason, I did not care to stay a long breath. At last, rising in the long, and thought the lateness of the midst of a thrilling story about somehour would be a good excuse. body's hired girl, Christmas gifts, and

They-or rather, Mr. Flicker is the so forth, all jumbled up together, I most influential person in town, and a told her I must be going home, for it gentleman in every sense of the word. was getting late. At the door I had a His wife and daughter-well I won't good chance, and so I said: say it. But I was entertained in this "Well, I don't know but the best plan is to stay at home, for when I do go out

fashion: Mrs. Flicker-"Why, I'm delighted to I hear so much that I am perfectly dissee you once more. How are the little gusted."

ones? Did you leave them at home?" "That is just what I told Kate the I reply that -"They are well and with other day," said she, folding her arms complacently. "One can never go out "Indeed !" said she, in a tone that | without hearing so much slander and

back biting. I never saw such a town, makes one uncomfortable. anyhow. There are more awful things "Have you been out all the afterhappen here than any town I ever heard

of." And she gave a long, deep sigh, whether for the town or over my depart- | a life study, and is thoroughly conversure, remains an open question in my mind yet.

Industrial.

Мавси 21. 1876.

"On Mrs. Jones." "Well, well," said I to myself, as she "O, have you?" said she interrupting walked away, "she don't know how very me. "How is the old thing, anyhow? disgusting it is. The very next one she Some one was telling me she was nearly meets will hear all about my affairs, I suppose. I do believe I've heard somedead, on account of Billy's disgrace. thing about every one in town " And Now, I know nothing abour it, of my heart was sadder far than when I course, for it is none of my affair; but left Mrs. Jones', with her heartaches fresh on my mind, or Miss Cling's, with no girl of mine shall go or keep comher great bereavement. Sorry, not for pany with a young man when he goes her woes, but for her idle, useless lifehome every other night so drunk he her silly, slanderous tongue. And I

don't know A from B." went home to my darling children, de-Now, I knew that her daughter had termined to try and profit by my visits And I said that night to John: been angling for this same "Billy," but "If I have nothing good to say about he preferred a certain little blue-eyed my neighbors, I'll just sit still and hold Grace, and you know the fox in the my tongue."-Cincinnati Times.

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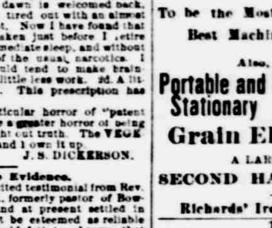
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MY THREE CALLS.

It was the Tuesday after Christmas that I made up my mind to repay some calls. I had not been out of the yard. so to speak, for a long time, and that morning, as I was busy at my work. I had made the resolve to go; perhaps a little visiting might enliven me somewhat.

So, after dinner, I put on my black alpacca and new winter hat, and really, when I was ready to start, and had taken a good turn before the glass. I scarcely knew myself. Even little Tot seemed to notice the change for he came up and patted my dress, jabbering in his sweet, cunning way we all love so well to hear. Giving him a good bye kiss, and telling Lucy to stay in the house and mind Jane, off I started.

While I was dressing, I had made up my mind what route to take. There was Mrs. Jones, first; then Miss Cling, the music teacher; then Mrs. Flint; and from there around to Flicker's. These four calls at least.

How beautiful everything looked. The sun shone brightly overhead, and my spirits rose with the scene.

A few minutes' walk brought me to Mrs. Jones' neat little house. She met me at the door, with: "My dear, how very kind of you to come this afternoon; am all alone, as you see, for the children are out at my sister's, spending the holidays." The children mentioned are two girls and a boy, ages from 18 to 24

years.

"How I wish," said I "that my children were grown."

"Don't let me hear you talk so," cried she in her kind, motherly way, that remin ded me of my own dear mother far away. "Now is your happy time with them; don't be planning for their future, but enjoy them every day and hour."

"I do, but sometimes my patience gives out when they are so noisy."

"Just listen to this foolish mother," she interposed. "They may give you the headache now with their innocent prattle, but your heartache will come after awhile."

Then she told me of her Willy who came home once-only once-with staggering steps; of her sorrow and anguish; how she had prayed with and for him. done wrong to complain of my troubles.

town. Miss Cling is so common." Dumping Cars .- Geo. A. Gregg, Quar "Did you know," said Kate, "that Jim rv. Iowa. Wright took music lessons?"

Root-Cutting Plows .- Jehn S. Swaney, Marengo, Iowa. A pecultar form "Yes," said Mrs. Flicker, "they say and combination of cutters.

she spends more time at Wright's than Dumping Cars .- Isaac B. Howe, Clinwith any of the other scholars, though, ton, Iows. Car adopted to different of course, it's nothing to me;" with a uses by shifting removable wheel pedestoss of the head and a smile that made tals. "Lubricant Packings for Axle Boxes .her false teeth shine. "Our money is as James H. Boone, Atchison, Kansas, good as anybody's, I reckon, and I do Manilla is bundled in packages with the know she never stays here more than an ends exposed to form a lubricant pack-

Dakota.

Hay-Loaders .- Francis T. Wilson and "May be she finds young men interest-E. J. Bartlett, Ames, Iowa. A peculiar ing pupils," interposed Kate, with manner of combining an elevator apron laugh and a shrug. (I am heartily dis- with rake teeth having two different gusted, and wish I was home.) "Philcurves.

lips takes in washing. She used to hire Car-Brake Shoes .- I. H. Congdon, Omaha, Neb., assignor of three-fourths her own out. I always thought she would his right to Geo. M. Sargent, Des Moines, have to come down a little. What ever Iowa. Sections of wrought iron, steel. would have become of them if the old or malleable cast iron are imbedded in man was to die! I don't know, though, the wearing surface.

Pumps.-Jacob Kunes, Tecumseh, she did tell me they had money out on Neb. One lifting pump raises the water interest. I don't know where, I'm sure; from its bed, and discharges it into a but then what is it to me?" reservoir, and discharges it where de-

"They say the clerk at Boswell's has sired, by which means water may be raised by suction to double the usual wife and child back in York," says height. Mrs. Flicker, glibly.

"O, horrors!" I mutter under breath, Newton, Kansas. The wires that surwhat next?"

spiral springs upon their overlapping "He was here a couple of evenings to ends, that serve to contract and expand see Kate, but when we heard that, Kate the stay. Side braces support these gave him his walking ticket in a hurry." wires, and hold them upon the broom. Here Kate says she will run over to Submarine Excavating Apparatus.-Charles Poutez, Omaha, Neb. The ten-Mercer's and see if Salina has her hair der slides upon a central hollow shaft, in curls, or if there are any drab-colored and fits with its edges over the excavatpiecies lying around this time. ing chamber. A water chamber at the

"Well, did you hear that old Mercer man-holes are provided through top and had mortgaged his house for a thousand bottom for the workmen. dollars? I just wonder if it's so. One hears so much, you know. They say man, Woodbury county, Iowa. To the Salina is making her wedding clothes, under side of the wheeled frame is pivoted a circular revolving harrow though whether it is true or not I frame, having shovel beams attached by couldn't say. I've never set foot inside hinged swivel joints. Motion is comtheir door, for my part, though they are municated to the seeding mechanism in here every day." through a series of bevel wheels.

"Well, said Kate, as she tripped out Waterloo, Iowa. Two cogs, one at of the room, "I think I should do with either side, being made of extra width, less for my wedding trousseau, if it and engaging with correspondingly couldn't be got without mortgaging the broadened cogless parts, thereby facilihouse," and she gave her pretty shoulders | tating locking and unlocking by the same operation by which the gearanother shrug. wheels are turned in manipulating the

"Well, as I was saying about the device. clerk," (I was in hopes she would let

Wind-Powers. - Ellwood Cleaver. the clerk rest in peace) "hough, of Hawthorne, Iowa. The vertical shaft supports on its upper end four long flat course, I know nothing at all about it, bars or arms horizontally and at right only what everybody says, he has a wife angles to each other. The vanes are

in York and he goes to Phillips' every hinged in pairs to the arms, on the for-Sunday night regular. You know he ward or advancing edge, there being an has to go right past here; though, of upper and lower vane to each pair, the inges being raised a short distance course, I couldn't say what he goes for. from the arm by the blocks gives an But you ought to see that girl primp up open space for the passage of air when And as she went on my tears flowed and fix and run to the gate. Though, the vanes are closed, and by placing the with hers, and I felt that I had, indeed, of course, one hears so much, you know. hinge on the vanes at a distance from the edge equal to the thickness of the

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and everybody says he goes to see blocks, this space is nearly or quite

"But," said she, brightening up, "my and I did hear he had her to church girls are all to me a mother could wish. Christmas night, but Kate and I were receive the force of the wind. When Mr. Jones died his last words neither of us there. Sensible people are were: 'Make good men and women of the ones that stay in doors dark stormy

them.' But it was not God's will I nights," (this with the most satisfied should keep both my boys. Why do I look imaginable). "They've got such a about two diminutive young ladies from good joke on old Mrs. Phillips. You the lower part of Delaware, who are entertain you with my sorrow? Your face is as long as the moral law." know the night of Smith's party?" (I And in a few moments we were chatnod assent.) "Well, that night thisdwarfs-the Misses Marine-exhibited ting gaily. When I left the house I what's his same-I forget, well it don't at the Paragon House last week by Mrs. felt calmer, and more like my old self matter-this clerk took Minnie Powell Linder, from Greensborough, are truly than I had for a long time. home, and the very next day she goes

I went straight from there to the over to see Mrs. Powell, and while she Deacon's, where Miss Cling boarded. is there brings up the subject of parties No sooner had I entered the room than and beaus, and says she, 'Mrs. Powell. she burst out crying. I was much suryou ought not to allow Minnie to have prised. After a little she said : beaus already. She is too young,' and

"Such sad, sad news,", and held up a upon my word, Mrs. Ball, there ain't a telegram. I read it through. Her only week's difference in their ages. (Of brother, a fine young man whom I had course I laugh at this). But what she known for years, was dead and buried.

"Only think of him away out there, far away from home and friends; the thought is terrible-terrible!"

I tried in my weak way to comfort the sorrowing girl.

"Don't think of him as dead, remember he is only gone before, to that beautiful 'Land of the Leal.'"

wants of a married man for a son-in-law is more than I can make out." "Maybe she don't believe these stories," I venture to remark. "Well. I don't care, no girl of mine should keep company with a young man

that was the town talk." small and look odd. They have not And thus was I entertained (1) for one traveled heretofore, but intend next sumsolid hour. First one, then another was mer to visit the Centennial and exhibit I did not stay long, for in grief there brought up and "picked to pieces," and themselves to an astonished world.

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