TWO KITTIES.

Two little kittles Wandered away Into the prairie One summer day One on two feet Rosy and fair, Almost a baby,-"Golden Hair."

Four feet, -useless, Eyes fast closed, Borne in a basket, The other dozed Searching in terror Far and wide, "Golden Hair's" mother Moaned and cried.

Mother Poss calmiy Following slow, Listening, -e lling Mech1-Mech1-Mother Puss found them, A little heap. Down in the deep grass Fast asleep.

- Joy Allison, St. Nicholas for O t her.

"CALL & MAN!"

A plain, unassuming, bashful young man was John Eldred, living with his mother on a good farm, left him by his father, who was dead. They were in excellent circ imstances, and John was as happy as a well-to-do farmer can be. He was no fool, either, for he had a good library-and read it, too-and gained a great deal of useful knowledge. John was good looking, not a handsome man (for there are none), but a tall, finely formed man. But John had one failing in my eyes; he was twenty-six years old and not married. Nor was there any prospect of any such event hyppening very soon, for all the bashful men that ever wore a shirt collar, John Eldred was the worst. The girls in that immediate vicinity were strangers to him, John always avoiding everything that wore a dress, save his mother and sister.

John's mother was a quiet, loving woman, who ever had uppermost in her mind the happiness of her children, consequently she had for some time secretly wished that Jon was married.

Gertrude, John's sister, was a very pretty young lady, and also shared her mother's wish, but how to bring it about she could not imagine.

In the same neighborhood lived Judge Clark, who had a daughter named Mabel. Now, John had for a long time admired Mabel, and although he had never betrayed it, his sister had guessed his secret, and resolved to bring about a match between the two, but just how to do it she was at a loss to determine.

It happened in July, the anecdote I am now in shape to relate. Gertrude had invited a number of girls to a quilting party one afternoon, Mabel among the rest. She told John they were coming. and then added:

"Now, John, for my sake, do come into tea this afternoon. You know all the girls that will be here, and -'

But, Gertrude, that patch of timothy by the north wood must be cut, and as Jim has gone to stay over Sunday, I shall have to ent it."

And so, much to Gertrude's chagrin, he took his seythe over his shoulder afabout four feet, and at every blow he would scream

"Call a man!" The frightened girls rushed from the house, and they had hardly got inside the door as John flew past it with the shout

"Call a man?"

Down across the road he went, jumping the gate at a bound, and as he entered through the flock of hens, scattoring them in every direction, shouting loud and clear:

"Call a man!" Around the barn, back again toward the house, went the strange pair, and as the gate was again leaped, came the ry thi time of:

"For God's sake, call a man"

As he again disappeared ar und the house. Mable Clarke ran out of the door. and, seizing a stick some four feet in length, stationed herself at the corner, with the cudgel elevated above her head. On came John, panting like an engine, and as he came around the corner, down went the club, barely grazing John's head, but striking the racer a blow that broke its hold and back at the same time. John concluded it best not to wait,

but gathering his remaining strength for a final dash, bounded into the house, up stairs, and into his room. An hour later, Gertrude tapped at his

door. "John, will you come down to tea or

shall I call a man?" "I will come down, Gertrude," was

his answer, in a firm tone. And he did. He made a careful toilet, and there was not a feature of his face that betrayed embarcassment. Mabel had extracted a promise from the girls not to speak of the episode, or betray any knowledge of it whatever. Mabel had John's company home that night; and in the glorious October weather there was a wedding at Judge Clark's. It was not until then that the tory came out, but John often says to Mabel, "I am thankful to Providence that you did not call a man!"

A College Freak.

The following story of old times in South Carolina is told of the learned Dr. Marey:

On one occasion several of the students of South Carolina College resolved to drag the doctor's carriage into the woods, and fixed upon a night for the performance of the exploit. One of their number, however, was troubled with some computctious visitings, and managed to convey to the worthy President that it would be well for him to secure the door of the carriage-house. Instead of paying any heed to this suggestion, the doctor proceeded on the appointed night to the carriage-house. and ensconced his portly person inside half dozen young gentleman came to his retreat and cautiously withdrew the carriage in o the road. When they were fairly out of the college precincts they began to joke freely with each other by name.

One of them complained of the weight of the carriage, and another replied by swearing it was heavy enough to have the old fellow himself inside. For nearly a mile they proceeded along the highway, and then struck into the Making themselves infinitely merry at

a few weeks ago. All these things make Madame Thiers prominent, and identify her with the party of which her hushand was the origanizer and the leader. That this is being done with a purpose is evi-

dent. Whether the purpose is to make her a candidate for President, or to use her influence with the people in favor. of Gambetta or some other candidate. the fact that she stands a powerful fac tor in politics still remains.

French politicians ti e of steady, common-place pulling in party topics, and they know that the French people delight in noveities and surprises. It is entirely within the range of possibilities that they will present Madame Thiers as a candidate, and very probable that as a candidate she will call out extraordinary enthusiasm and hearty support. The people who ran forecast the future; but we cannot, we wild after Napoleon Bonaparte, and then welcomed the return of the Bourbons; who smiled on the House of Orleans, and gloried in the work of the empire, and who tired of Thiers, as they have tired of MacMahon, are likely to embrace eagerly the opportunity to try a new experiment, and elect a woman President.

Madame Thiers is thoroughly French woman. She bears an honored name, and has been for years the center of an influential political circle. Her husband is on record as paying the highest compliments to her judgment and foresight. She is, in short, an available candidate, and, as the result of the struggle in 1880, may stand more of a ruler than the Queen who some forty years ago snubbed her mother.-Inter Ocean.

Scientific Uphcavals.

In the Geological section I have no doubt it will be pointed out to you, or, at any rate, such knowledge may crop up incidentally, that there are on the earth's surface what are called loci of disturbance, where, for long ages, cataclysms and outbursts of lava and the like, take place. Then everything subsides into quietude; but a similar disturbance is set up elsewhere.

In Antrim, at the middle of the ter-

tiary epoch, there was such a great centre of physical disturbance. We all know that at the present time the crust of the earth, at any rate, is quiet in Antrim, while the great centres of local disturbance are in Sicily, in Southern Italy, in the Andes, and elsewhere. My experience of the British Association does not extend quite over a geological epoch, but it does go back rather longer than I care to think about; and, when I first knew the British Association, the locus of disturbance in it was the Geological Section. All sorts of terrible things about the antiquity of the earth. and I know not what else, were being the vehicle. In less than an hour some said there, which gave rise to terrible apprehensions. The whole world, it was thought, was coming to an end, just as I have no doubt that, if there were any human inhabitants of Antrim in the middle of the tertiary epoch, when those great lava streams burst

out, they would not have had the smallest question that the whole universe was going to pieces.

Well, the universe has not gone to pieces. Antrim is, geologically speaking, a very quiet place now, as well woods to a cover which they concluded eultivated a place as one need see, and there is some confusion of intellect, not inscription. "The Lord have mercy up

which would raise him from the ground al was made a political demonstration, where the faith and the race of his as was the celebration of the aniversary fathers have struck so deep a root, not to think again and yet again of this

well known line of the philosophical "Westward the course of empost. pire takes its way." Far be it from inv of us to anticipate the course of Providence and to say that the latest growth of time will be the greatest. Far be it from a stranger to forecast the duties or prospects which rise he fore his imagination, as he finds himself in this west beyond the west, in this west which even beyond itself look forward to a yet further west; toward which the bass and promonitories of these eastern shores of the new continent shall, perchance, as the years roll on, stand in the same relation as the East, the ancient consecrated East, the ancestral hills and valleys of Oriental and of European Christianity stand to them. We cannot, we dare not, so dare not, repress the thought that a future vast and wonderful for good or for evil, must be in store for those descendants of our common race to whom this mighty inheritance has been given. For the new world as for the old world there is a glorious work to do -a work which requires all the reverence, all the seriousness, all the repose of the East; all the activity, all the freedom, all the progress of the West; all the long past of Europe, all the long future of America -a work which neither can do for the other, but a work which both can do together.

Symptoms of Yellow Fever.

An attack of yellow fever is generally quite sudden, though in some cases there are slight premonitory symptoms, such as loss of appetite, general uncasiness, headache, or costiveness. It is commonty ushered in by chilliness, alternating with flushes of heat, or the person may be overcome with langor and extreme debility, while at his usual occu-

nation. These feelings are soon folowed by fever, and the hodily temperature rises rapidly, often reaching 10215 Fahr, in a few hours, the normal temperature being 98.4°. The fever is accompanied by headache, generally located immediately over the eyes, or shooting through from temple to temple, and often very severe. But the headache is frequently trivial in comparison with the frightful pains in the oins, which make the patient writhe in agony. The pulse is generally full, strong, and rapid, beating from ninety to a hundred and twenty times a minate. The skin is hot and dry, the face flushed, the eyes bloodshot, brilliant and watery, and the tongue covered with a creamy white fur, but with red clean tip and edges. There is usually some uncasiness of the stomach from the first, and in from twelve to twenty- [four hours this develops into nausea and a persistent sensitiveness, which will not allow anything to be retained. The pit of the stomach is very tender on pressure, and vomiting is almost incessant. With all this there is intense thirst, and iced drinks are exceedingly

grateful to the patient. The bowels are at first generally costive, and some- Sir George Etherage, and their set, times obstinately so, but as the disease progresses they become loose. The pa- footsteps of the grand old Archbishop. tient is usually very much debilitated. but is uneasy and tosses about in bed. and occasionally will try to rise and expresses the greatest anxiety and dis- the inmates were dead or dying from tress. The fever continues for two or the plague. The grass grew in thorthree days, being most severe in the oughfares that used to be crowded, and evening, the temperature often reach- where brilliant carriages had traveled ing 104° or 105°, and, according to La to and fro at every hour of the day, the Roche, in malignant cases, even 110°, tracks of the dead-cart only were seen. Then the fever subsides, never to retura, and the temperature within 12 appropriate, or even decent ceremonies. hours may become nearly normal. The Huge pits were dug in the outskirts, other symptoms mostly disappear, and and the bodies of men, women and chilhe organs resume their natural func- dren, uncoffined, almost naked, were tions. or fourth day, the yellow discotoration of the skin appears upon the face and thence extends over the body. If the attack is mild, recovery is now rapid. In the vast majority of cases, however, this lull in the symptoms is deceitful. and lasts only from a few hours to a day, when the gravest stage of the dis-case sets in. The pulse soon becomes small and thready, beating only 80 or 40 to the minute, and the heart often works vigorously after the pulse can no longer be felt at the wrist. The nausea and vomiting return and become constant, the respiration is often embarrassed, the tongue becomes dry and brown, the skin is cool and dry, there is often a distressing hiccough, and the and unbridled wickedness of every form thirst is insatiable. The mind is often reigned supreme. clear, but singularly apathetic, or there may be delirium or stupor. The disorganization of the blood and the tissues have now gone so far that the small vessels of the mucuous membranes no longer retain their contents, and blood oozes into the stomach. This produces intense nausea, and the blood is vomited up, changed in color by the acids Eyam. The houses were clustered towith which it is mingled. This forms the dreadful "black-vomit," and varies in hue from brown to almost jet black. generally appearing like coffee grounds floating in a thin, watery fluid. The urine, which becomes scanty early in the disease, may now be entirely suppressed, or, if excreted at all, is black and bloody. The discoloration of the skin increases, until the body is of a dusky brown, livid or mahogany color, and there are frequent hæmorrhages from the mouth, nose, and eyes, or even under the skin, forming livid spots and blotches. The body now exhales a cadaverous odor, the tendons of the wrist twitch convulsively, hiccough is constant, the features are pinched and ghastly, cold sweats come on, and the patient passes away in convulsions or coma, though occasionally he retains his intellectual faculties unimpaired to the last .- Dr. R. Tracy, in Popular Science Monthly for October.

What the Great Plague Did.

The dreadful prevalence of the selew fever as an epidemic in portions of he South, will make the following sketch of the Oriental plague, and its ravages of interest to our readors.

Its most frightful attack was centu ries ago, when, under the name of the Black Death, it wiped away, according to a me estimates, one third of the popalation of the old world; but compararvely in modern history. It has appeard no less than three times, and oursered its victims by tens of thousands. The first occasion was in 1576, at Mian, where the great St. Ambrose had once preached and extorted mercy for a doomed people from a reluctant Ro man emperor. His noblest successor, Cardinal Carlo Boromeo, was then arch bishop. Like St. Ambrose, he was one of the greatest saints of the Church, and proved one of the most glorious examples of human courage, rising supefor to the terrors of death in its most hideous aspect. He was so universally beloved that his flock, his clergy, even, besought him to save his life by flight. but the shepherd was faithful to his sheep, and would not desert them in their hour of extremity. He refused to leave, and throughout the many weary months during which the plague lasted, was constant at his post, bend ing down to hear fevered lips, mutter their last confession, and offering the last rites of the church in hospitals and pest houses recking with the poisoned virus. He seemed to bear a charmed life, and when all but he and a few faithful ones like himself appeared to have abandoned every hope, by assemded his congregation under the migner dome of the magnificent cathedral, and there, after solemn high mass, knelt down and prayed to God to take his

r his people from the curse. But there was work for him yet to do and the Archbishop and many of the priests who had been brought into the losest contact with death, survived. while many rich men who had fled perished in the last week of the agony when, its fury appearing to be assuaged they returned, as they fondly hoped, in safety. .

ife as an explatory offering, and deliv

Its next appearance was in Amsterdam, in 1663, whence later the following year, it crossed over the channel and visited London. From the following February until the after the first frost of winter, its ravages were horrible. In one month no less than 60,000 people died, and the city, so soon afterwards to be consumed by fire, was half depopulated. The symptoms were the same as they had been in Milan. A raging fever of the typhoid form, was accompanied by malignant tumors on the inner side of the arms and thighs. The pain was excruciating, the thirst tormenting, and the patients died by hundreds in the very delirium of madness. There was no Count Borromeo to direct the energies of the priests and nurses. There were deeds of heroism done, but it was not a heroic age. The profligate Charles II. was borne upon the throne, and the Earl of Rochester, were scarcely the men to follow in the When the pestilence was in its height the condition of London was fearful. Whole streets bore upon the door a yielding abundance of excellent pro-amounting to delirium, and the face on us," as a sign that one or more of hard on the floor of the cage, and as There were none to bury the dead with At this time, i. e., on the third hurled in by the hundreds. Corpses were even left to fester and rot in the lanes and alleys, and for some days it appeared that enough would not be left alive to bury the dead. It was a carnival of crime. Thieves and housebreakers roamed the city at will, and hired nurses, impatient at the slow approach of death, murdered their charges by the hundred, and enriched themselves with the s; oil. Quack doctors, fortune tellers, sellers of amulets and charms, and even of poison, reaped huge profits, In one way fanatical street approachers added to the confusion, and in another the reckless orgies of men desperate with drink and fear, prepared the way for almost universal anarchy,

months they stayed upon the hillside, no one seeking refuge in flight. Every day some of their number died, until the number of the dead was two hundred and fifty-nine. Mrs. Mounfessen died, but her husband still continued nis giorious work. On Sundays, Wednewlays, and Fridays services were hold in a tree heltred gratto. He himself was one of the survivors, but when the destroyer at last passed away, the litthe village was, as he described it, a Golgotha, a place of skulls. The names of all should be blazoned in letters of gold, and honored wherever devotion and self-restraint are reverenced among meri.

The last and third appearance of the plague was at Marseille, in 1721, when an infected ship anchored off the Chateau d'If, from the Bay of Tunis. The Duke of Orleans, then Regent, sent 22,-000 marks to the sufferers, and Pope Clement X1., three ship-loads of provisions. The Parliament of Provence attempted to establish a military cordon around the city, but fugitives esaped, and carried the disease to Tulon. Arles and Ais, and it was not until nearly 90,000 had perished that the plague abated. The Bishop, Henri Francois Vavier de Belgunce, was the hero of the southern city. Not content with prayers for the dying, he even mounted the tumbrils and accompanied the remains of the dead to their graves. there to administer the last sites to all. Wherever it has appeared, except at Derbyshire village, an outbreak of crime has accompanied the plague, but everywhere, also, thanks to Heaven, there have been noble men and noble women, whose patient heroism stands that brightly burning to illuminate the page of history .- Cincinnati Salurday Night

A Monkey's Death-Scene.

"I never saw such a thing in my life," said James Donohue, the night watch of the Cennral Park Museum, New York. "On Tuesday, Zip, one of Mr. Barnum's monkeys, fell suddenly and dangerously ill. He was a great favorite with his companions-their leader in mischief.

Superintendent Corklin examined him, and said he would die. We got a bed of straw and cotton for him, and left warm milk by his side. At 11 o'clock I went to the cage. Usually the monkeys at night sit huddled together. sound asleep; but this time they were all awake, sitting silent and motionless, watching Zip's dying agonies: he lay in a corner sobbing and meaning. Jack and Pete, the two trick monkeys, were at his side. Jack had Z - head resting on his bosom, while Pete every now and then dipped his paw in the milk and wet Zip's lips. But there's a stranger thing about it yet. At midnight Zip fied Then came what my partner Reilley and Barnum's man say they never saw the like of.

As Zip's head fell limp in the arms . of Jack he gave a low squeal, and Pete sprang to his side. Pete looked at Zip. lifted up one of his paws, tapped him gentry on the breast, put his ear to his heart, raised his head, and then gave a small squeal. Jack in answer d.opped Zip just as naturally as a human being would at the first intimation that the form he held was dead. Pete was the tirst to recover himself. Slowly he approached Zip, examined him closely, raised humein his arms, dropped him Zip did not move, sprang to the uppermost perch. Wasn't that strange?" The reporter assented. "Then, sir," continued Mr. Donohue came the most extraordinary thing ever witnessed in the park; the monkeys set up the most piercing scream; the baby monkeys pressed close to their mothers, and the females close to the males. All chattered and chattered, and pointed to poor Zip. Finally Pete, followed by all the others, sprang to the bottom of the cage; they were all silent now, moving slowly, and in the form of a circle they gradually came nearer and nearer; then hugging close, they stooped. All night long they remained watching the body. and I never saw a wake that could beat that one for earnestness and sympathy.

ter dinner and started for the patch of timothy. But he lingered around the orchard until he saw the plump figure of Mabel Clark coming, and then, heaving a sigh, he started for his work. The patch of timothy referred to was

a newly-cleared piece of land, nearly aurrounded by woods, and so full of stumps and log piles that it was impossible to use the machine. Here we will leave John mowing and return to the party.

It was a very warm day, so the girls had moved the chairs out doors in the shade of some large maples, and there they sat chatting, joking and laughing as only a party of light headed girls

Meanwhile John had mowed several times across the patch, and it began to be quite hot. The sun poured its rays down with great intensity, and the thick wood on all sides kept off any breeze that might be stirring. John was more than hot-he was fairly boiling, and as thirsty as an old toper. So John, thinking that no one could possibly see him. sat down on a log and took off his shoes and pantaloons, and then, with his long gingham shirt and wide rimmed straw hat and his socks, resumed mowing. He had mowed twice across the piece, and was picking out the high grass around a decayed log pile, when right beside him he saw a pair of blue racers.

John was no coward, but he was afraid of snakes. If he had been warm before, he was a chunk of ice now. With a dash of his scythe he cut off the head of one of them, and the other one raised his head and darted toward him. John dropped his scythe, turned and jumped just as the hooked teeth of the snake caught above the wide, firm hem of the rear end of his gingham shirt.

He cas one look behind him and saw his dreaded enemy-streaming out like a penant from a steamship-and, thinking only of the terrible fate that awaited him if he stopped, bounded toward the house with the speed of an express train.

On he ran through the north meadow and orchard, and, as he neared the house, the thought of the party flashed | the family. This chapter in the life of the on his mind. But there was no other way, and so on he ran.

He dashed down past the west end of the house, and as he rounded the corner the whole party of girls met his view.

"Call a man!" he yelled, and then turned the corner. So great was his momentum that the snake swung around and struck him on his bare legs like the sharp sting of a raw-hide riding whip. The girls screamed and jumped, and

the quilt went over on the ground. The rision sped around the corner, and once more came the cry:

"Call a man!"

No quicker did he disappear around the corner of the house than he would in declining a State funeral unless cerappear at the other corner. Every time

the doctor s expense, and conjecturing how and when he would find his carriage, they at length reached the spot where there had resolved to leave it. Just as they were about to departhaving once more agreed that "the wascarriage heavy enough to have the old doctor and all his tribe in it"-they were startled by the sudden dropping of one of the glass panels, and the well known voice of the doctor himself thus addressing them:

"So, so, young gentlemen; you are going to leave me in the woods, are Surely, as you have brought me vou? hither for your own gratification, you will not refuse to take me back for mine. Come, Mr. ----, and ---, and -, buckle to and let us return; it's getting late!"

There was no appeal; for the window was raised, and the doctor resumed his seat. Almost without a word the discomfited young gentleman took their places at the pole and the back of the chicle, and quite as expeditiously, if with less voice, did they retrace their course. In silence they dragged the carriage into its wonted place, and then retreated precipitately to their rooms, to dream of the account they must ren der on the morrow. When they had retired the doctor quietly vacated the carriage and went to his house, where he related the story to his family with much glee. He never called the heroes of that nocturnal expedition to an account, nor was the carriage ever after-

ward dragged at night into the woods.

A Woman for President.

Louis Adolphe Thiers was a prominent figure in F. ench politics for over fifty years. That his widow is to be made an important factor in the political struggle of 1880, in France, is now

among the possibilities. We publish in another column a sketch of the domestic life of the ex-President, the most curious phase of which has a bearing upon his elevation to power under Louis Phillippe. The story is decided-ly Frerchy. Thiers playing the part of lover to the mother, and marrying the daughter that he might be taken into great leader has subjected him to severe criticism, but there is nothing in it to reflect in any way upon Madame Thiers. She idolized the man and married him. She continued to idolize him throughout his life, and exulted more than himself when he became President of the

Republic. In the days that succeeded the close of the Franco-German war, Madame Thiers became as popular as her husband, and enthusiastic Frenchmen associated her name with that of the President, when speaking of the executive power. This popularity continued, and special acts of hershave play-ed their part in shaping public opinion. Her action at the death of her husband tain conditions were complied with.

ical Section, nothing can be milder than the proceedings of that amiable body. All the difficulties that they seem to have encountered at first have died away, and statements that were the horrible paradoxes of that generation are now the commonplaces of schoolboys. At present the locus of disturbance is to be found in the Biological Section, and more particularly in the anthropological department of that sec-

tion. History repeats itself, and precisely the same terrible apprehensions which were expressed by the aborigines of the Geological Section, in long far-back time, is at present expressed by those who attend our deliberations. The world is coming to an end the basis of morality is being shaken, and I don't know what is not to happen, if certain conclusions which appear probable are to be verified.

Well, now, whoever may be here thirty years hence—I certainly cannot but, depend upon it, whoever may be speaking at the meeting of this department of the British Association thirty years hence will find, exactly as the members of the Geological Section have found, on looking back thirty years, that the very paradoxes and conlusions, and other horrible things that are now thought to be going to shake the foundations of the world, will, by that time have become parts of every-day knowledge and will be taught in our schools as accepted truth, and nobody will be one whit the worse.-Prof. Huxley in Popular Science Monthly for October.

Dean Stanley.

This noted English divine preached his first sermon in America, in Boston, on Sunday, September 22d. He contrasted the religions of the East and the West, and in closing said:

I have spoken thus far of the general contrast between the East and the West. between the children of Shem and the children of Japhet, between the sacred regions of Asia and the sacred regions of Europe. 1 have tried to point out that here, as elsewhere in the gospel. that which was last has become first: that which seemed secular has become more holy than that which seemed most sacred: that the things of Cæsar are not separate from the things of God, and that by giving to Casar the things which are Cæsar's we in that very act give to God the things which are God's. Thus far what I have said is applicable to the whole Eastern world on the other side of the ocean as well as to

the Western world on this side. In this respect we are all the common children of the mighty nations which formed the center of the civilization and history of mankind. But does not every word that has been uttered acquire a deeper force to the son of that old world when, standing here for the first time, he looks upon this new world, of which, in their loftiest flight of fancy or inspiration, apostle or prophet never dreamed? Is it possible for him, as he he turned the corner he would receive was dictated, it was said, by the lead- descends from his flight on the wings a heavy blow from the cold, wetsnake, ers of the Radical party, and the funer- of morning and lands on these shores,

America took the prize for paper at the Paris Exposition.

London possesses nine cemeteries. with a total of 2,225 acres.

The United States Supreme Court was established in 1789.

Laplandlers can travel a hundred miles a day with a pair of deer.

The first locomotive in America was put in operation August 28, 1830. Georgia has 2,396 miles of railroads completed and in operation, or about one mile of railroad to 488 inhabitants.

But vile as was the state of the capital then, England was not without her heroes of the plague, and the simple but lofty heroism of a few hundred simple villagers lent a lustre to the whole century.

Among the hills of Derbyshire there was a beautiful little village called gether half way up a gentle slope, fronting a lofty hill upon the other side of the valley. Tidings of the great plague had reached the hamlet, but in its seclusion no one feared the fate of the capital. Unfortunately a tailor recei ed a bundle of cloth from town. It was opened, and in a few hours the tailor sickened and died, with plain symptoms of the plague. The wife of the pastor, Mrs. Momfesson, begged him to fly, but like the Italian, he would not desert his people, and then, wifelike, Mrs. Momfessom also resolved to remain. He caused the bells of the church to be tolled, and the people to assenble within its walls. There the noble .aan told his hearers the true state of the case, and added that if they fled then, they would carry the infec-tion all over the country. They prom-ised to remain, and Mr. Momfesson wrote a letter to the Earl of Devonshire, at Chatsworth, asked for food and requisite medicines to be placed daily at a certain stone near the entrance to the village, where, in return, he would leave money, which would be fumigated, and that being done, he

disappeared not one of his parishioners should leave the town. There were but a few more than six hundred of them, but right nobly did they redeem their pastor's promise. Their heroism, tho' perhaps but few have heard the tale, was as gallant as that of Leonidas and the profession with a perfect hatred. his band of Thermopyle, or Cardigan and never, when he could help it, openand his Light Brigade at Balaklava. For ed a book that bore upon it.

Self-Assertion of Genius.

A great writer has said that "a child should be treated as a live tree, and helped to grow, not as dry, dead timber, which is to be carved into this or that shape, and to have certain mold-ings grooved upon it." This is true This is true enough, but the difficulty for parents is to find out what is the kind of tree. It is said that when Dr. Watts was a child he was exceedingly fond of verse-making. His father, a stern and rather straight-laced schoolmaster, was very much annoyed at this, and did all in his power to keep the boy from indulging his taste. According to the wellknown story, on one occasion he threatened to flog him severely the next time he found him making rhymes, upon which little Isaac fell upon his knees exclaiming:

"O, father ! do some pity take, And I will no more verses make." Yet the son followed his bent, and has come to be regarded now as one of the first of English hymn-writers. Numberless instances might be given of the same sort of thing-fathers and mothers failing to discover their childrens' peculiar inclinations. Kelper the astronomer, was brought up as a waiter in a German public house: Shakspeare is supposed to have been a wool-comber. or a serivener's elerk; Ben Johnson was a mason, and worked at the building of Lincoln's Inn; Lord Clive, one of the greatest warriors and statesmen that England can boast, was a clerk; Inigo Jones, the architect, was a carpenter; Turner, the greatest of English landscape painters, was a barber; Hugh Miller, the geologist, was a mason; Captain Cook, the celeb: ated naviga-tor, was apprenticed to a haberdasher; Bewick, the father of wood engraving, was a coal miner; Sir William Hershel, the astronomer, was educated especipledged himself that until the disease ally for a musician: Michael Faraday, the philosopher, was apprenticed to a bookbinder: Jeremy Taylor, the poetical divine, was a barber, as was also Richar 1 Arkwright, the inventor of the spinning-jenny, and Cowper, the poet, was brought up to the law, but hated