## CHAPTER L.

DRAD MARTIA-I can't come home after my feet yet but I'm goin ter send you some money by next steamer; all I can scrape together, and I want you and the babies to pack up and come out.

I know at looks hard fer you to have to make the trip across the plains alone with the children, but I dont are no way to help it unless we are never to see one another again, and I can't stand that, nor I dont believe you want to either. And there's Rastus, he must be gettin most a man now, and will help you a heap, and I'll do the square thing by the boy when he gets out here.
Jo Prouson's wife's cousin, Sy Peters, has

writ Jo that he is goin to come out this summer with a company, and you can come with him I reckon. You remember Sy. He's a livin up near Perkinsyllie now, bein driv off of his land long of the rest of us. Sy will be giad to do you a good turn I know, for when we was both broke up back in New England by goin se-curity at the bank, he and I swopped sym-pathy with one another, and now that the railross corporation has gobbled us both, sy will be with no do some more swopin of the

done a way up job when she made this counmade em by hard work. Seems to me thet ther must be somethin wrong with the law, fer the poor dont stan no chance with the rich, an the more law the less

proposed to form a jint stock company, and she saw rise up before them. out the ore, agin our claim; an bein as we was suxious to get at the dust as fast as possible, so as we could go back to the States for our families, we agreed to it, but some way it find pan out like it out to a done. The other fellows elected theirselves directors, an pinted one of theirselves book-keeper, and pard and me never exactly tion.
understood how it was, but there was assess.
She remembered how proud she ha both froze out of the mine entirely after pay-in back to the company all the dust we had taken out afore we was such fools as to go in

After that I knocked around in the diggins for a spell, an then bearin of this Suscol Ranch I struck out for it, and here I am; an I tell you, wife, shes just the most giorious bit of country on this side of the big range which nobody doesn't come back from when they hev crost it, and I hev took up 160 acres of land, and will hev a cabin up an a good bit of the side broke n'ore you, cit here and we'll of the sile broke afore you git here, and we'll be comfortable in our old age yit, in spite of

everything.
This bere's the finest valley in the State and would all have been took up long ago only some rich fellows pretended to have a kind of a Spanish claim on to it, and folks were afraid to settle here, most of em, for fear of bein driv off like we have been, but finally some felier took the case up to court and it was decided in favor of the squatters; that is, them as was on the land makin of themselves homes; and now everybody as a rushin in and

pre emptin quarter sections, and you needn't be afraid of bein ionesome, for we'll have neighbors on every side in less than a year. Well, this is an awful long letter, but you see I wanted to tell you all about everything. and I hope you wont feel too bad because cant come for you. You know Id lies to if I could, but I cant and I promise you shant ever have to move agin. They cant drive us much further any way, unless they make us take ship for it; an they cant do that, for the courts has decided that no body has any claim on to this here ranch, ceptin the fellows that

I think Sy Peters will be down to see you within a week from the time you get this, for the time possible for gettin ready.

Hopin this will find you and the babies as well as it leaves me, I remain Your lovin husband.

JOHN PARROYS The above letter was read by Martha Parsons, first silently, and then aloud to her two little girls, eight and ten years of age, as they stood in front of their mother and listened with breathless attention and wide open eyes, as if seeing wonderful things, half glorious, half frightful, but altogether strange and unexplainable.

These were the babies that John Parsons had left six years before, when a corporation representing a railroad laid claim to a large tract of land upon which he and hundreds of others had settled, having bought and paid for it, and holding, as they supposed, incontestable titles thereto.

When it first became known to them that a corporation would contest with them the right to their homes and farms, a portion of the settlers threatened vengeance and declared they would give up their own only with their lives; but he's going to send money home for frame of studding, and the cracks but John loved peace better than con- us to go to California on, and Mr. Peters tened with narrow strips. The boards tention, and knew by experience the is a coming down right away to see if being sixteen feet in length and nailed difficulty of fighting bodies that have no we can be ready to start next week. on perpendicularly gave abundant room souls within them, and he had said to and-

"It is no use, Marty. The Philistines are upon us agin, and we have got to git. It's hard, I know; harder fer you ner for me, for you was brought up sort o' tender like and ust to better things, an' you've worked hard and cone without much, and now when we was just to wash with to-morrow? and ain't these of boards, and a partition of boards, gettin' a start agin' after losin' what rails dry? Guess they are, fur your unplaned but neatly fitted together, diyour father giv us an' all we had added father split 'em and laid 'em up him- vided the lower room into two apartto it, on the spot where you was born, It's mighty tough, but we'll have to think they ought to get dry in six years nor a very costly house, but its builder stand it.

they want it all. But while they are a rails, and if you cut 'em up for wood fully, and had built a porch over the doin' it I'll try an' win enough to make they will be spoilt, and besides the cat- front door, doing everything himself another home for you and the babies. the will get into the field." I'll go to California, Marty, and make a "Spose they do, who cares? Taint thinking of how it would add to the fortune, while you stay on the place our field. They stole it. Wish the catthey git ready to turn you out of this, never fear but I'll come back with this place," he added, bringing his with him. enough to take you to another home axe down with all his strength and fin- "She's worthy of a palace," he har an' a better one. May be it is for the ishing the destruction of the one he was said to himself over and over again best, after all. May be I'll git rich at work on.

gether what money he could by the sale hands and talking excitedly of the com- eating his supper of bacon and beans of their few head of cattle and sheep, ing journey to their father, and the new with the addition of "slap jacks," if leaving the family with one cow to sup- home which they were to have in the he was not too tired or too indifferent ply them with milk, had kissed the beautiful country to which they were to cook them, he would light his pire babies as they lay asleep in their cradle, going, while the boy strode on by their and sit in the front door for hours. had kissed the wife who for long years side saying less, but with a look and looking out along the track by which to come should only know such sleep step that proved him not less excited he knew they must come, and wonder than his companions. lebor and study of how to make the in-come meet the expenses which must be met, and had crossed the plains and that immediately followed it, was occu-if all were well; if they were in danger mountains that lay between his home pied by the family in devising means for from the Indians; if the borses with

find by decision of the last court of resort that individuals have no rights which corporations are bound to respect, and in the end to be handed over to the marries of those whose tenderest mercy is a cunning which led them to more alowly on their pay, exhausting cows. The pigs were sold to get one—

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I together again in the home which he meant nover to leave until called over the nover to leave until called over the way preparing, and which he meant nover to leave until called over the way about the better one.

I wonder now if the little girls will know me," he had said alodd, as he set thinking one evening.

The pigs were sold to get one—

[20] I wonder again in the home which he meant the properties of the meant that they should have before they could start.

A new wagon was bought at the will know me," he had said alodd, as he set thinking one evening.

The state of the state of

the resources and tropes of the settlers vas for the wagon cover, the chicken by slow degrees, and letting their first to pay for shoeing the horses all round to hopes born of tales of a vet better obtained from a neighbor in exchange

evicting the settlers was but robbing ton jeans for a change for the boy were family it was, however little intended. road were packed into the wagon with a blessing; for from the land already their remaining provisions; the feeding cleared Mrs. Parsons had been able to box was hung to the tail board, a bocket make a living for herself and children, for watering the horses and a pair of aided only by Erastus, an orphan boy grease for greasing the spindles were whom out of their native goodness of hung under the hind axle, and one heart John and Martha had taken to morning in May when the sun came up their hearthstone and their affect ons over the tree tops and looked down into ten years before. He was now a robust the little clearing, he saw only a delad of fifteen, tanned by the sun, tough- serted and abandoned log house, from ened by work, and with a sturdy air of whose chimney no wreath of smoke you and the babies like I hoped to do, cause independence, born, in part, of the curled upward, upon whose hearthstone I'm broke again; leastwise I gev ben since I heavy responsibility which he had been no fire was blazing. wrote you last, and I gint squarely got onto taught rested upon him as "the only The family had again joined the great man about the place," in part of nature caravan of tollers that, like the red men, itself and showing itself in his eyes, and have been driven from sea to sea across through the childish words and actions a continent, hunting for homes and a which had once led John Parsons to re- resting-place from those who covet all mark to his wife that "the little cub and will be content with nothing less weren't exactly lackin' in willingness to

claim what was his'n." When Mrs. Parsons had finished reading aloud the letter from her husband. the little girls stood with hands crossed upon their long gingham aprons silently gazing at their mother, who as silently arose, laid the letter upon the rude mantel over the stone fire-place, and took up her household work where she had left it when a neighbor, in passing,

with thoughts to which the letter had given birth for her to be fully conscious I spose you'll want to know what kind of a place I am askin you to come to and I tell you honest. Marty, when I say that natur nine out of every ten of the wives of of what she did, but force of habit, born nine out of every ten of the wives of laboring men, and especially of farmers I reckon, an all I'm askin for now is to have the world over, to be constantly "on you an the babas, an I ii be satisfied for all the go," always busy, always at work the hard work and losses we've bad, and for others, held her to her usual round they've driv us from sea to sea almost, a gob-blin up one home after another after we had of duties, even while her mind was busy discussing this and that plan for the most rapid and profitable disposition of their little remaining accumulathe fellows that works gits.

When I wrote you afore, I was rakin in the distributions, devising this and that scheme for adding to the comfort of the family upon fellows from New York came up there and the long and lonesome journey which

Then, too, her thoughts turned backward over the past; to the scenes of her girlhood; to the time when she wedded

been when he first told her of his love and asked her to be his wife, and how hopeful they had been, and how certain of their future happiness when they began life pogether.

And then came sadder remembrances to help a neighbor; the death of their first baby that was buried in the little church-vard beside her own father and mother, long since gone to their reward and the other little one, that had come to them only a few months after they landed in the spot from which they were now being driven, whose tiny grave, she remembered with a pang keen as the thrust of a dagger, must be left without any to care for it, without a permanent inclosure even, perhaps to be forgotten, obliterated, trodden upon. But these thoughts only served to recall her to herself, for with the poor, to think to the living, the living whose necessi- the land of golden promise, ties lay claim to every waking thought,

to every effort of the hands and feet. Her thoughts recalled from the past to the present, from the dead to the living, without ceasing her work or even turning around, but intending to address the little girls who yel stood sileatly beneath the weight of their childish thoughts of the wonderful, perhaps dangerous, journey to their father which they understood was to be taken. Mrs.

Parsons asked: "Where's Erastus?" Her voice troke the spell which was upon the children, and snatching their sun-bonnets from the bed upon which they had thrown them when they followed the neighbor in with the letter. they whipped out of the house and darted around the corner in the direction from which came the sound of the boy's

Across the pasture lot they sped, catching their sun-bonnets from of their heatis as they ran and carrying them in their hands, until out of breath and within talking distance of the object of their search, the oldest girl broke out

"Oh! Ras! what 'd spose? Ma's got a letter from pa, and he ain't comin'

changing from that of a very interested the walls, both above and below, were listener to one of set determination, covered with heavy muslin neatly and "wall, s'posen I am? Didn't your mother say she wished she had some dry wood covered with muslin, but the floors were self 'fore he went to California. Shud ments. It was neither a very grand

"They can't put us off the place for a time, any way, for some of the fellers are goin to fight em' with the law, the wrong involved in the destruction house his family were leaving "back in though 'tain't no use, for they'll take of property causing them to forget every- the States." everything they want in the end; and thing else for the moment. "They're He had whitewashed the outside care-

enough to go back East and buy the Then he shouldered his axe and the shanty as comfortable an' as conven-old place where you was born."

Then he shouldered his axe and the shanty as comfortable an' as conventhree returned to the house, the girls lient as contrivin' an' fixin' kin do it." And so John Parsons had got to- still swinging their sun-bonnets in their And every evening, after cooking and

fierce anger burn itself out or give place with new shoes; a better harness was country to be found in some distant for the old one and such cheap imple-State or Territory where they would be ments for tilling the soil as they had free to again build themselves homes. been using on the farm; calico and mus-While in most cases the delay in lin for garments for the girls, and cotthem of so many more years of their procured somehow, the few cooking labor, in the case of John Parsons' little utensils and the beds needed upon the

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THE JOURNEY. Who shall say that he can truly draw the picture of a six-months' journey by wagon train across the continent?

Who has done it? Who has depicted, or can depict, the feeling of loneliness and isolation that takes possession of the hearts of a little band of pilgrims when having, by such tedious methods of travel, placed a thousand miles between themselves and their old home and home associations, they realize that they are yet a thousand miles from the new home which they hope to make in an untried coun-

Who can recount the many incidents over which men laugh or women weep, that go to make up the weeks and months of such a journey? Who can convey to the minds of those who have never seen them, a true pict-

ure of the prairies That seem bounded. Like the waters of the ocean. Only by the purple sunset And the gray clouds that in patches Fleck the sky that hangs low over? Who shall picture the camp at night pon the open plains-in the rocky pass by the river side - within some deep defile? Who tell again the stories that

were told: who sing the songs that were sung by the camp-fire, or along the weary, dusty road? Did those who blazed the way across

who followed them? Those who came after counted the graves by the roadside. Did these give names to the streams which they crossed?

Others, camping by the streams. the loss of their home through trying drinking of their waters, talked of the memories which those names called to mind

They who never made the journey can not describe it; those who have, alone could understand it if written: and they-they do not need to read it. What others saw who crossed the plains in 1850 by wagon train, they saw who made up the little company in which was Martha Parsons, with her two girls and Erastus Hemmingway.

What others suffered of loneliness and hardship they suffered. They enjoyed all that others enjoyed of the beauties of nature and of the companionship of of the dead is always to recall thought those with whom they traveled toward

They forded the same streams, traveled for days and weeks and months across the same prairies, along the same beaten track, that at times seemed endless; they climbed the same mountains; they greeted with glad cries and thankful hearts the first evidence of the near approach of their journey's end. just as the members of every other company that had preceded them had done; just as those of every other company that came after them did do; and when they had broken camp for the last time; had made their last day's journey; they received at its end the same hearty, unspeakable welcome from a waiting husband and father that every other husband and father, long separated and anxious for the presence of his loved Two Things Which Mr. Cleveland an ones, gave them when their journey was ended and he folded them once

more within his arms. When John Parsons first clasped his wife and little ones to his breast after their long separation, it was in front of the shanty which he had promised should be ready for them in front of master's Department in Tennessee, and

the land which he had pre-empted. The shanty, however, was not what would be called such in the heavy-timbered country of the Middle West, but home, 'cause he's been froze out again, was of redwood boards pailed to a for several beds, and for the storage of "Why, Ras, if you ain't cuttin' up any article of clothing or of household use not in daily demand.

"Wall," replied the boy, his look Instead of being lathed and plastered securely tacked on. The ceiling was and owner had taken no small pleasure

and lingering long over the nicer jobs:

"an' I'm just goin' to make this per mountains that lay between his bome and the Pacific Ocean, hoping to gather enough gold to repay them for all their past labor and sufferings.

As John had anticipated, some of the homesteaders had contested with the railroad company the right to the land for which they held deeds from the United States Government, but only to find by decision of the last court of research and the other article into things it was preparate. RETARY BAYARD.

State If Current To The statement that Secretary of the Bayard is already tired of his office, and thinks of resigning at an early date, may or may not be true; but it would all his previous record to an interest of land are a contract of the may or may not be true; but it would all his previous record to an interest of land are a contract of the may of may not be true; but it would all his previous record to an interest of land are a contract of land be creditable to Secretary Bayar I if it and declarations. If such appo were true, that he has already begun to were asked for by the local constituenrealize his mistake in accepting an cies, he should at least have been office in which his temperament, his warned by Mr. Endicott, if he consulted prejudices and his training have united the New England members of his Cabo lead him into a series of remarkable met, that three such appointments blunders. President Cleveland's Ad- would nauscate even the Democrats of ministration has seriously suffered from this section. Pilisbury and Chase were the extraordinary and apparently stupid fellow-conspirators in the attempt to errors of the State Department Mr. steal the State of Maine for Garcelon-Bayard seems to have acted upon the a scheme which covered the Democratic theory that a man who had been a ram- party with shame throughout this secpant rebel or had been one of Mr. Bay- tion. Pillsbury, since his migration to ard's personal friends had sufficiently Massachusetts, has been an obsequious established his ability, character and Butler man. Chase remains in Maine atness to be sent abroad to represent to become Internal Revenue Collector the United States as Ambassador in a for that State. Troup, the Connecticut foreign court, so that careful inquiry appointee, is a labor and greenback aginto his antecedents would be superdu- itator and Butler demagogue. That ous. Such a gross piece of carelessness the President should fall "into such as the nomination of Mr. Lawton, with- a nest of misfits" indicates a wide deout inquiry to ascertain whether his po- parture from his usual discretion and litical disabilities had been removed, caution in discriminating between the could only be exceeded by such a worse | men really fit for important political piece of stup dity as the nomination of trusts and the men who get "the sup-Mr. Keiley to be Minister to Italy, port of the delegation." Whether we whose people and King he has grossly. look at these men from the stand-point put fiely and notoriously insulted in the of Mr. Cleveland's independent supmost foolish and reckless man- porters, or from the stand-point of his ner. Further, the frequent selection straight Democratic supporters, they tion of conspicuous ex-rebels are equally objectionable. To see these against the United States Gov- unscrupulous Bourbons and tricksters ernment to represent this Govern- preferred to high places of honor weakment in foreign nations, is well calcu- ens the party with itself; disheartens its lated sariously to prejudice the reputa- most honorable and devoted members. tion of the Administration, both at and staggers those who had put faith in tion at home, and there can be none command reform administration. As sbroad, to giving to distinguished ex. Independents would only ask for decent Confederates offices with n the United Democrats, Democrats should ask for States; and inasmuch as it was ex- no less pected that a Democratic Administra- It would be only fair for the United notions and nonsense. Bobby was had come down to the road to see what tion would confer many honors upon States Senate to give Mr. Cleveland a about fourteen years of age, and, as the matter was, "this is my son. He's persons whose fame or notoriety was chance to repair the errors so deeply his mother expressed it, "big for his been tryin' to run away, and I've just mainly achieved in rebellion against the affecting this whole section by reject-Government, it would have been more ing these nominations. The Repub-

discreet to bestow only home offices lican majority alone can do this; howeien Governments that no penalty, but But we trust that before the Senate asbest represent the United States Government and the Democratic party. sible. Foreign nations will not fail to notice that various high foreign missions are heretofore got along very well and given to men who fought conspicuously hopefully, but it has got only a very against the United States Government, little way. It can easily dissipate bewhile none are given to men who tween now and December the good imfought for the United States Govern- pression which it has gained. If it ment; and they will naturally conclude thinks to strengthen itself with such that, under the present Democratic Ad- nominations as these, it is gravely misministration, it is regarded as a merit taken. Even the "practical politito have fought against the Union. Secretary Bayard has been long con- There are many Democrats who would

spicuously held up as a prominent and have filled these places with satisfacworthy Democratic candidate for the tion to their own party, and with no Presidency. He has been claimed to be offense to the other. These men will a statesman of large, practical shrewd- be the occasion of discord and disgust. ness, discreet, far-seeing, carefully If they are the kind of men Mr. Manjudicious in his judgments of men, and ming picks out, his Finance Minister is broad and liberal in h s views. But his likely to give the President a great course in his present office has greatly deal of trouble. - Springfield (Mass.) injured, if not wholly destroyed, this Republican. fictitious reputat on, which has been so long and carefully cultivated. Of all the members of the Cabinet, he has so far exhibited the least capacity for practical affairs, and the most prejudices and weaknesses. A few more blunders will relegate him to the cate gory of those who are merely smooth possess the qualities of practical shrewdness and sound judgment necessary for men who aspire to positions where they can govern. Hence, if he does not already regret that he left the Senate to

WORTH NOTING.

Mr. Endicott Should Remember.

A Washington telegram in the Nash-

ville American states that several Ten-

nessee Congressmen filed formal appli-

cation for the removal of certain in-

spectors of claims for the Quarter-

The agents referred to are investi-

gating Tennessee claims against the

nited States for property taken by the

Union army during the war. Under

the act of Congress only loval claimants

are paid, and on the average not one-tenth of the amounts claimed is allowed.

The Solid South Democrats, whose

claims would be rejected for disloyalty

of claimants, naturally wish new agents,

and, through their Congressmen, rec-

ommend that they be residents of Ten-

nessee! After the Democratic fashion,

they insult the faithful and honorable

officers, who have done their duty re-

specting tictitious claims and claims of

disloyal people, by saying they want honest residents.

It would obviously save the United

look to ex-Confederate Tennessee Con-

seen if this naive suggestion of the

Tennessee Congressmen is adopted, will

the substitution of honest residents.

tions. He has gone far enough for a sing: and plausible theorists, but who do not beginning-to what end? The appointment of Mr. Phelps as Minister to England, although it robs the Vermont Democracy of one-half its numerical strength, is cordially and even enthusiastically indorsed by Bradaccept a place in the Cabinet, it is rapidly becoming evident that he ought to ley B. Smalley, who constitutes the reregret it, and that the President prob- maining half. It is well understood ably will if Mr Bayard does not -De- that Mr. Phelps was appointed to oblige troit Post. Smalley and Bayard-half of Vermont

and all Delaware. The rest of the Union is unrecognized. If Mr. George H. Pendleton's appointment as Minister to Germany was not intended to oblige Colonel John Rodgers McLean, then whom did it oblige? Certainly not the Ohio Democracy, which had repudiated Senator Pendleton for

THE DIPLOMATIC BOTCH.

Errors of Mr. Cleveland in Filling th

Leading Positions Abroad.

President Cleveland began his ap-

pointments by filling diplomatie posi-

his share of Civil-Service Reform. Mr. Robert McLane goes to France to oblige Senator Gorman and to renew voluntarily a residence in France which his dislovalty made necessary during a war to which he urged others and from

which he fled himself. In selecting General Lawton for the Russian mission President Cleveland seems to have been ready to oblige almost anybody but the Constitution he has sworn to observe.

General Keiley, selected for the Italian mission, labors under the personal but potent disability of being very nearly the only American living whose utterances against the great cause of Italian liberty bar his admission to the court to which he is accredited.

Mr. Hanna, of Indiana, is sent to Persia to oblige Mr. Voorbees, and he seems inclined to stay at home to oblige himself.
Colonel William R. Roberts, given the Chilian mission, is the clerk of States a good deal of tax money not to Mayor Grace on a salary of \$2,000 a send Tennessee agents to investigate vear. Mavor Grace is a member of a Tennessee claims, and, therefore, not to firm interested in South American contracts. Suppose, only suppose, Mr. gressmen to recommend the agents who Blaine to have been caught with this are to investigate claims of ex-Confed awkward combination; but it is not necerate constituents of such Congressmen. essays to go further in sketching how

The word "honesty," applied to the the Mugwumps would rage and the kind of investigations which will be Democratic press imagine a vain thing. The moral significance of the appointment of Minister Jackson as Minister to enter on a stage of kalesdoscopic variety.

If Mr. Cleveland or Secretary Endicett

as the public has since been informed get this thing clear in their minds, they will settle two points in the interest of the United States and their party; 1. have been intended in the nature of a Not to send Southern Democrats to in- bargain that he should never be guilty vestigate claims, nine-tenths of which of repeating the offense.

Then, as to consulates, Colonel Boyd crats, and are generally tiestitious; Winchester was selected to please Colespecially not to let the representatives onel Watterson without pleasing Colof such ex-Confederate claims name the onel Winchester. Mr. Stockton never dges of their constituents' claims 2 voted any ticket, and Mr. Hayden Ed-That hone-ty is of supreme importance | wards has always voted the Republican in such agents, and it will be difficult ticket, which is the best thing to be said to replace these agents with others as for any of these appointees. Colsolid in this respect as the present corps onel Morgan goes to Melbourne, of agenta, which is the result of many into waters where his foreign service siftings and selections They are faith- was on the rebel cruiser Shenandoah siftings and selections. They are faithful, competent and reliable. The last Corgress emacted that any vacancies occurring among this corps should not be filled, as the work of investigation is approaching completion. This applies also to clerks working upon these claims. So that it is probable the yearning for residents to examine such claims can not be gratified, even if the Presidently dent cheristics it, and it is cridently manner than any deep temperature of the rebel cruiser Shenandoah: but, as his foreign policy is embraced in a pampblet published last fall in support of Mr Blaine, the account here balances.—Philadelphia Press.

—An eccentric Tennesseean living at Jasper, in that State and lately dead, left a large property in trust, the income to be used by the trustees in any deep temperature.

dent cherismos it, and it is evidently fortunate; but this particular form of change desired in the South is worth noting as a dream of Referen.—Indicated to suppress the liabit prevalent among men of eating with knives when forks should be used.

-We milk the cow while England old and a widower, traveled twenty also have an ill apply; that here and put married in the evening.

-Challengers (Time.) The congruence Literally.

FOR OUR YOUNG READERS

TURNING BACK.

AMERICAN BOYS.

Not so where Kuro

Look round upon its four -And frown upon the man who water And works for something better. With us, each man is free to do What'er, in right, he wishes to And is as free to "push it through"

As Zeus from every fetter.

So, youth, if you do not succeed Then something must be wrong, indeed, About your own dear self

Or would you competence acquire?
You may obtain what you desire.
E'en though you wish for pelf. But if you'd rise to high position, You must fulfil a sure condition; There is a stage of hard transition

To think to toil and to discern Between the worthless chaff and corn, And every idle thought to spurn-All this you are to do.

So, then, don't say your let is hard, And that all hope you must discard Of ever being sage or bard Or splendid millionaire;

But show that you deserve to be An honored man, and then you'll see That soon the people will agree To raise and put you there.

-B. G. Wasion, to Louisville Courier-Journal.

\_\_\_\_\_ BOBBY.

A Little Boy Who Punished His Pather by Running Away - His Safe Return Home. smith, a rough, hard-fisted man, but a

Reuben Hotchkiss had decided that upon this class. But to send men to ever great might be the temptation to Bobby should follow in his footsteps, lar. represent the United States in import- let the Administration do its worst, no and be a blacksmith, too. He had duly ant foreign missions who are famous Senator could vote for confirmation of given notice to Bobby to that effect, but chiefly for rebellion against the United grossly untit local appointees, without the plan did not meet with the latter's States, is significantly to declare to for- sharing the responsibility for them approval. Bobby had a very lively rather honor, attaches to rebellion in sembles, Democratic Senators will be- imagination. The fact was, Bobby had in the world that he liked to go it was the United States, at least under the come convinced that these are nomina- a decided aversion to learning any to his Uncle John's. And there he was Democratic party; and that ex-rebels tions which should not be confirmed. trade at all. Sundry books containing in shame and disgrace, guarded by a and sympathizers with the rebellion but from which the Administration adventures of sea life had fallen in his red-faced woman, who set him in a way, and he was determined to be a sailor. When he made known his in-Mr. Cleveland's Administration has tentions to his father the response he got was not exactly of a kind to encourage him. Instead of providing him with "a sailor's outfit" and sending him to sea at once, the matter-of-fact mechanic gave his son to understand. in very blunt English, that if he ever mentioned the subject again we would "strap him," a very unpoetic performcians" can see the error of them. ance, indeed.

Bobby knew that his father was very resolute man, and not at all backward in using the strap when he chose to consider it necessary; so he took care to say nothing more in his hearing about going to sea. But he by no means relinquished his purpose. On the contrary, this purpose grew more determined than ever. So he read his old sea-stories over again, and the black-mith's life of Lord Nelson, and he fancied himself another hero of the Nile and Trafalgar. One day, happening to be alone in the shop for awhile, the thought that was always in his mind spoke out aloud, and he began to

" Ho, a sallyer's life for me-e,

On the big briny sea e e. Where from keer I kin be froeee. On the seacece! On the sea I don't know whether this rhyme was original with Bobby or not, I suppose it expressed his feelings as well as if Barry Cornwall wrote it. Another song greatly affected our

Silver buckles on his knee." Hobby Shaffto's gone to sea, Was not his name Bobby-or nick-

name? Might not he be supplied with monument at last like that of which the them a success. boy Nelson dreamed? He thought the poetry prophetic. The poet meant him. Bobby sat down and wrote the following affecting lines with a pencil on a leaf torn from his father's account-

"DEAR MOTHER,—When you git these few lines, your Bobby will be many miles from you. Father be treats me awful for threaten ing to run away; be'll wish he hadent some day. I am going to sea; I am going to the West Indee hands. When I come home, I will bring you a shawl; I sha'n't bring pa nothing. Tell little Sister Katle not to cry. Good by!

"BORRY."

He enclosed this letter in a huge velthe post-office. Arrived there unper-

ceived, he dropped it in the box, and kingdom for a cow" then made his way out of the village across lots, as fast as his short legs would carry him. The nearest seaport to Bobby's residence was distant about seven hundred

miles. Bobby proposed to walk this distance. He had a twenty-five cent his expenses. By the time he had gone until to-day he is one of our les and tried to go to sleep; but he could not sleep. Visions of his afflicted mother rose up before him. He imagined that he saw her reading his letter. He thought he could see the look of agony on her face, and hear her sobs

"Of course he'll be comin' back preciate.
"Now, buys, you are going home for

hardly make up his mind to go back. His father had not been presided enough yet, he thought. Uncertain what to do, he approached a house not

"You would hav?" said the lade

tramps pleaty. I've nothin' to give away to a stant chap like you."

"I didn't want you to give it to me," said Hobby; "I'd pay for it."

"You would, would you!" said the woman. ""S'ptain' you show me your money before I climb down collar." Bobby put his bands into his purious, what as he discovered that his memory was the most have but it when he crawled under the paratack. He tried

to explain this to the "A likely story that is!" h 'you never had no money. Be of

now, right away. Go."

Bobby walked away dejected. He went back to the havstack and hunted for his money, but he could not find it. Then his courage forsook him. He sat down in the road, very disconsolate, feeling like Caius Marius amid the ruins of Carthage. Suddenly he heard the sound of wheels, and looking up, he beheld his father and mother and sister Katy riding towards him in the old family buggy. Overjoyed, he sprang to his feet. He expected his mother and sister to scream with delight and welcome him to their arms.

"Aha! trying to run away, was ye? This is the way you treat your pairents, is it?" cried Mrs. Hotchkiss. The father said nothing, but Bobby

saw him stop the horse and get out of the buggy, and he had reason to guess what his silence meant. In a second the rough blacksmith had his boy by the collar. Then he bounced him up and down in the road, and twitched him about by one ear and then by the other.

just fix you so you'll stay put while we're gone. See here, Mis Birchard," steady worker and a hearty hater of he called to the red-faced woman, who catched him. If ye'll set him to work in the house, and keep an eye on him till I come back, I'll give ye half a dol-

"Then that's your boy, Mr. Hotehkins? Wouldn't a thought it. But I'll see to

him. Poor Bobby! if there was anywhere corner of the kitchen and kept him paring and cutting apples all day.

Boboy returned safely. He had found the world unsentimental and cold. "Wern't you worried, mother?" he

"I never had a doubt that you would come back, and be wiser," she replied. "Nor I." said his sister.

His father said nothing at all. Bobby looked at the patches on his knees, and thought of the silver buckles that might have been there, but he never sings "sea-songs" now in the bearing of others. They recall disaster, He heips his father manfully and is preparing for some good work in life by being a faithful scholar in the district school. Jeff. L. Harbour, in Youth's Companion.

GENIUS.

A Schoolmaster's Address to His 100 dente. Who Were Going Home for the

"I tell you, boys," said the schoolmaster, "it doesn't depend half so much on special talent as on energy and ambition, for success in life. You've got to work, work, work, and dig, dig, dig, right at a thing if you are going to succeed. If you have a special talent, all the better; but the finest talent in the world will not amount to much without invincible energy and inyoung hero's imagination. It began- dustry along the line in which your talent leads. There are few who have special talent; but, boys, there are none who have ordinary abilities but can so silver buckles on shipping, and have a direct and cultivate them as to make of

" As for genius -genius has been defined as 'an immense capacity for taking trouble,' which means, simply, capacity for work. "There were two boys at school to-

rether. One could draw and caricature anything; the other could not But one day one twitted the other. " You couldn't draw a cow so could be told from the side of a house. " I can!" said Morgan Grav.

"Let's see!" cried Elliot Mandall Oh! such a cow! Is it cow? or a horse? or a dog? or a cat? or the side of a low envelope, and having directed it, house! See boys! see this cow! Ha. he stole out by a round-about way to ha' Morgan Gray's cow! O, boys, this is too killing. Ho! ho! ha! ha! Me

"He didn't mean to be cruel, but he could take a pencil and switch of a cow, or any other creature he had seen.

" I can' and I will-some day,' said Morgan Gray; and from that mome piece in his pocket with which to pay for labor), he worked in that direction five or six miles his borish enthus nom began to cool a little. This was a grave matter, for without it he realized that his runaway courage would not last. At first he had traveled rapidly, being very much afraid that his father would come after him. As night drew near, he traveled considerably slower, and felt very much afraid his father woulds't little to day he is one of our leading artists. He just went right into the work. Why, he would go down to the slums of cities to study the staggering gait, or drunken leer of a drunkard, or into our penitentiaries for lines of various depicted on convict faces.

—to the opera—the theater—anywhere. He studied anatomy to get the right dispation of rains and much less all the dispation of rains and much less artists. He just went right into the work. Why, he would go down to the slums of cities to study the staggering gait, or drunken leer of a drunkard, or into our penitentiaries for lines of various penitent come after him. When it was dark he his work. He would sit for hours becrawled under a haystack in a field. fore a glass distorting his face in

and wailings as she realized that her only how was gone. And then he thought of his little sister Katie, and her distress when she should find out her district her di "One other thing, boys, don't divide your energies. Decide on what you Deloded boy! At the very moment when he began his sad meditations under the haystack his "afflicted" parents were toasting their feet before an open fire, and discussing the best means of grains, when the fact is he has done to make the world to see the world t punishing the truant when he should re- no worthy work for the world to ap-

when he gets tired and hungry," said the holidays. Many of you will not rethe unsent ments! mother.

"He'll be here maide of twenty-four ceed or fall, scoording as you work. Even small Sister Katy thought the same, and did not appear to have a bit more sentiment than the rest.

At less At last morning came, and our young work, work, work, work, and an array crawled out from under the Be not discouraged, but personne, and runaway crawled out from under the Be not discouraged, but personne, and runaway crawled out from under the mornly success of the best kind will the heat of which you are capable the Lord sale or more sales heat of man - Morning St