HIS DEAR CHILDREN.

Look at his hands, they are knotted; See how his shoulders are bent; In toiling and gathering riches All of his years have been spent; Striving for gain has deformed him, But great is the wealth he has won To leave to his care-free daughter And give to his polished son, And they blush for shame at the manner In which their father began, For she has a maid to attend her And Reggie possesses a man.

From that which the world thinks pleasure, He has steadily turned aside; All of his wit and his power To gaining have been applied; The poor little shop where he started Stands idle beside the way, And the papers are publishing pictures And stories thereof to-day; He shaves himself in the morning And saves wherever he can-A French maid dresses his daughter And Reggie possesses a man.

He is proud to think that his children Have a right to the pride they show; He is proud of the way he has risen, Of the start he made long ago: And they are impatiently waiting To build him a monument, To buy the old shop and destroy it And boast of a proud descent. For his hands are knotted and clumsy, Showing us how he began-A maid serves his glorious daughter And Reggie possesses a man. -Butte (Mont.) Miner.

**** How Her Consent Was Won

TUT OWARD ASHBY! How absurd! She, a hireling, low-born, the Aughter of a blacksmith! No, I never will consent. Rather let our race die out with us than the fair name of Ashby be sullied by such a union!" exclaimed Mrs. Ashby, looking at her son in a dignified manner.

The sweet notes of a joyous canary bird flooded the roon with melody, but the haughty woman heeded it not.

"You wrong her; you wrong me, you even wrong yourself, mother," said her son. "You have not seen her. In intellect, in culture, Miss Watson is our equal. That she is of humble parent-

tibuled train would crash into the great surprise by the open window sat freight, and a colossal disaster would May Watson. The August sunlight She grasped the lever of the sema- dark beauty. With extended hands she

phore that was to simultaneously move came eagerly to him. the switch and signal the engineer of the coming express that the track was clear. She pulled it over, but it did claimed Howard in his confusion, not slip into its accustomed notch. Incatapult, and struck her a stunning ing drug," said Mrs. Ashby, blow on the chest. It knocked her off vented her losing consciousness. That said as one waking from a dream,

result.

the lever must be moved was the one place an awful catastrophe would oc- Ashby. cur within a few minutes.

shot through her body. Her brain reeled, but she held on to the lever and

slowly moved it over to the right the ratchet that held it.

the driving wheels as the great motor | tery unravel itself. came on, swaying with its long train of passengers behind. One look showed that the track was clear, that the signal was in its place. The long whistle of the engineer showed her, too, that

he had seen the signal. A mist swam before her eyes. She turned again to the instrument at the little table, and, almost fainting from pain, moved the switch that connected | Mrs. Ashby.

her with Blanford. "Send help to Templeton. I am hurt. Wa-" The message dribbled off in an unintelligible fass of dots and dashes, but fortunately it was understood by the operator at Blanford, for as she was trying to make clear what had happenedfi she sank unconscious on the floor of the lofty switching tower.

There she was found, lying as if dead a half hour later. Tenderly she was carried to an express wagon, and made as comfortable as possible on blankets, and brought to her boarding house. The physicians who attended her

streaming full upon her heightened her

"We are glad to see you!" she said. "M-May! M-M-Mother!" ex-"One would think, Howard, that you stead, it flew back as if fired from a were under the influence of a stupefy-

"Pardon me, I pray! This meeting her feet, and for a moment she lay was so unexpected that it quite unthere: but the importance of clearing nerved me. But I am delighted to see the track for the coming express pre- you, Miss Watson, I assure you," he "Miss Watson will spend the autumn idea that was burning into her brain. with us. You must assist in making She knew if it was not in the proper her visit pleasant," remarked Mrs.

Howard Ashby passed a sleepless She dragged herself to her feet and night. The more he thought of his grasped the lever agin. Sharp pains mother's strange conduct the more he became mytified. The next morning he asked for an explanation.

"Miss Watson is a very estimable place, and heard the click as it reached young lady, Howard; I sincerely hope that you will enjoy her visit, and that

She glanced from the window. The you will endeavor to make it equally headlight of the locomotive was in full enjoyable to her," said Mrs. Ashby, view, a stream of black smoke pouring and she declined to discuss the subject from the stack and fire grinding from | farther, so he resolved to let the mys-

> One morning in October Mrs. Ashby entered the library. Howard was waiting for her there.

"Mother, I-I have asked Miss Watson to be my wife," he said hesitatingly.

"Well, did she consent?" "Yes."

"And so do I, most heartily!" said

Then she told him the story of the switching tower, how her heart had gone out to the brave girl who had saved his life, how she had hastened to her and cared for her until her recovery, and had won the girl's love, and gained her consent to be taken to the Ashby home as soon as the doctors would permit.

"My son," she said, "this is the happiest moment of my life. Of all women, you have chosen the one most worthy to bear our name."-Waverley Magazine.

STEEL RODS ARE IN FAVOR. Fishermen Claim They're Stronger,

Handier and Better Balanced.

Steel fishing rods are pecoming pop-

ular with the angler. While some do

not take kindly to the new idea, claim-

ing that men who are true sportsmen

will give the fish every chance to get

away, the rods are fast becoming used

more extensively than the wooden

ones. Anglers claim that the steel

rods are handler to carry and that they

are better balanced. Moreover, there

section is inserted in the larger, which

makes it practically impossible for

the piece to become disjointed when

metal. The rod can be made to suit

a fisherman letter as to the balane-

is no danger of the rod breaking.



A Party of Spoils.

The disorganization of the Republican party in many states has all occurred since the unfortunate event From the moment that death closed the eyes of President McKinley factional fights began to develop, and have now culminated in the extraordibrought about the antipathy of these rival factions to each other is a question of importance to political students. It will be noticed that only in those states that are strongly Repubevery case the spoils of office is the chief cause of disruption. It shows the helm, is either incapable of distributing the federal patronage fairly, or has been so intent upon securing the control of the party machine for his own purposes that he has antagonized the leaders of one or the

other faction to the point of rebellion. When a President of the United States enters into the details of party

management for his own aggrandizedivision and disgusts many voters who are idie in Philadelphia alone. regard politics from a higher plane than to secure office for themselves or their friends. President Roosevelt has attempted to manage too much. He is ambitious to be the whole party. and instead of healing divisions he with his interference. He is attempting to dictate candidates and platform

satisfied. Like Chairman Babcock's "intelligent farmer" constituents, they persist in asking uncomfortable questions. Many of these do not fall in that made Mr. Roosevelt President. with the league view, that the farmers are protected because wheat and other cereals, eggs and potatoes cannot be imported from Canada without paying duty. The "intelligent farmer" nary dissensions in Wisconsin, . Illi- of Iowa and other States knows that nois and other states. What has the price of wheat is fixed in the open markets of the world and that the Canadian surplus is but a drop in the bucket. They also know that freight and commission charges more than strong language in speaking of Dodd's overcome the tariff on potatoes and lican are the partisans of each faction other produce, and such articles are at each others' throats and in nearly rarely imported unless there is a great too much," says Mr. Stevens. "They scarcity and the price abnormally high. that President Roosevelt, the man at in Iowa than in Manitoba. The Pro- that I had to get up two or three times tective Tariff League cannot answer in the night and sometimes in the day the intelligent farmer, but beats around the bush and declares we must all stand pat. Then the league is having trouble

on half time or have shut their mills down until trade revives. The official ment, it surely leads to weakness and information is that 60,000 operatives

But the last straw that has about broken the back of the league is the demand of the National Manufacturers' Association for tariff tinkering. They want flexible tariff schedules to promote reciprocity. Just think of the wrote the list." has disgusted many important leaders ingratitude of these manufacturers! After years of coddling by the league, aided by Republican Congresses, with and even to supervise the speeches to the home market turned into their leadership has been increased by his they like for their products, they are her contradiction."

A Few Sample Infants.

claimed that gigantic trust is an in-

fant and requires protection to keep it

The sugar trust has received.

Bright Boy.

A small boy cyclist was riding early in the evening without a light and was stopped by a policeman, who asked him in gruff tones where his light was. "Why, it's here!" exclaimed the rider in surprise.

"Yes, but it's out." solemnly asserted the patrolman.

"Well, it was lighted at the last turn."

"Why, it's cold; couldn't have been lighted this evening," triumphantly announced the officer.

"Huh! That thin metal cools in a minute. I'll light that lamp and wait until it gets red-hot, put it out, then ride to the next corner and back, and when I return it'll be cold."

"All right; try it," assented the acute policeman.

The boy lighted the lantern, waited until it grew red-hot, turned it out and started, and he is going yet.

Strong Language.

Fredericksburg, Ind., June 20.-Rev. Enoch P. Stevens of this place uses Kidney Pills, and he gives good reasons for what he says:

"I can't praise Dodd's Kidney Pills have done me so much good. I was In ordinary years prices are lower troubled with my Kidneys so much when starting to the water house the water would come from me before getting there. Two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me entirely.

"I have recommended Dodd's Kidney nearer home. The textile manufac- Fills to many people and have never turers of Pennsylvania, New Jersey yet heard of a failure. Dodd's Kidney and New England are either running Pills are the things for Kidney Disease and Rheumatism."

> Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure the Kidneys. Good Kidneys ensure pure blood. Pure blood means good health.

The Real Thing.

"Is this your writing?" asked the merchant, as he glanced over a written list of goods wanted.

"No," replied Mr. Meeker; "my wife

"Well, she certainly knows how to handle a pen," said the merchant. "Her diction is absolutely perfect."

"Yes, I suppose her diction's all be delivered at the national conven- laps, so that they have charged the right," replied Meeker, with a deep sigh, tion, and the feeling of distrust of his whole American people about what "but it's nothing when compared with

age is true, but that she should educate herself, become proficient at telegraphy, and, by her own zeal, should rise from obscurity to a position of responsibility is highly commendable."

"Howard, why by so persistent, so irrational? My ambition has been that you should marry well. Since your



····· ··· SAT MAY WATSON.

beyhood I have looked forward proud ly to the day when you would bring home a bride worthy the name of Ashby, and you have made love to a girl almost a pauper because you were enamored of her pretty face!"

Mrs. Ashby sank lower into her rocker, her jeweled fingers stroking the chair arm impatiently.

"I have not made love to her, moth er. I have sought your approval before mentioning love to her. have___"

"Howard, let us dismiss this distasteful subject. I canot be reconciled to your marrying so far beneath you. Why did you speak of this matter today? Why thrust this hateful theme upon me to haunt my loneliness during your absence? Have you forgotten that you must start for Detroit today?"

"I have not. I shall go on the colonial express this evening," replied the young man.

Howard Ashby had but a faint rec -oliection of the stern, haughty father who died when he was a child. The Ashby estate was a fair domain, and the boy's slightest wish had been gratified by the indulgent mother. Howard Lad taken a year's course at the Templeton business college. While at Templeton he fell in love with May Watson, who was employed as a telegraph operator there. Mrs. Ashby's gone only a few weeks, but his restless oposition to this love was the first spirit demanded continued change of scenes, so his absence had been proshadow that came into the young longed. mau's life. He could not disregard the wishes of his mother who had been so

said she was severely hurt internally. The lung tissue had been bruised but there was no evidence of internal hemorrhage, and they had strong hopes of

her recovery. Mrs. Ashby was in 'her elegant li-

brary reading the letters the post had brought. On the table beside her were several magazines, and a copy of the

morning paper. After reading her letters she took

up the paper. The bold type of a These steel rods are made of the lengthy article's heading caught her finest tempered steel tubing and japanattention: "Colonial express saved by ned. The eyelets are of German silwounded girl. Miss May Watson ver, fastened to the rod with fine wire. struck by semaphore lever in switch-The handle, of course, is of cork, ing tower at Templeton last night. Almounted with nicke!, as is all of the most unconscious she puts it in place, mounting of cork handles on the woodand collision with freight is averted." en rods. The joints are long-that is

Mrs. Ashby's face grew grave and to say, nearly three inches of the finer oale and the lines that time and care had imprinted thereon became more listinet.

"The colonial express? Why, that bent, owing to the plability of the was the train that Howard had taken!"

with almost idolatrous devotion.

smith, had done this!

she summoned a servant.

low-born, the daughter of a black-

For nearly an hour Mrs. Ashby

walked up and down the room in agi-

tation. A multitude of thoughts rushed

through her excited brain. Presently

"Tell Thomas to have the carriage

in readiness at one-thirty," she said to

the maid who answered her summons.

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Howard Ashby was returning home.

He had been absent four months.

When he left home he intended to be

ing, as the weight of the pole can be Eagerly she read the article. She evenly distributed throughout. In saw the glowing account of the brave weight the pole can be made light or girl's heroic deed. In her tremor and heavy by putting in it material of difexcitement, the paper dropped from her hands. A possible scene of the ferent temper and size. Steel rods awful disaster plctured itself in her are no heavier than the wooden ones, varying in size from six ounces upmind. She saw the flying express crash with impetuous velocity into the ward.

long freight, derailing cars and piling The wooden poles become rotten after long use, while a steel one can be them an unrecognizable mass of deused without reserve and requires very bris. She heard the terrible clang of little care—a coat of japan each year iron against iron, the horrible hissing or so. There is nothing to rust or rot of escaping steam, and the dull grindabout a steel pole. Anglers also claim ing, crushing, splintering of wood. The piteous shricks and groans of the that the new pole is more sensitive wounded and dying rang in her ears, than the wooden ones. Every move of a fish can be felt, and the angler can and there among the bruised and mangled bodies was the boy she loved be guided accordingly.

The favorite wooden pole at present is the lancewood, though split bamboo But instead the express had been is in demand .- New York News. saved by a brave girl! She a hireling,

Saving His Negatives.

The man who made a big hole in the barn door for the old cat to come through and a smaller hole for the kitten must have had a kinsman in the Englishman who went fishing with Capt. Andrew Haggard in the Lake St. John country, and whose adventure is related in "Sporting Yarns." The two men, with Indian guides, were about to shoot a terrific rapid in two canoes. Captain Haggard, who could swim, had little fear. Chambers, his companion, who could not, expected certain death.

"What shall I do if we upset?" he called.

"Tie the camera under your chin." When autumn drew near he became called back his companion. "It's holmuch to him. While she lived he tired of a roving life, and hastened low and will make a good life-preserv-

ostentatious meddling. Party leaders not satisfied and cry for more pap, have declined the vice-presidential these infant industries. They now denomination and the chairmanship of mand the foreign markets which the the National Committee goes begging. league, tariff expert that it is, knows The party leaders long ago determined that the home and export trade are into allow him free rein, although many compatible under the protection sysof them were entirely opposed to his tem. leadership or nomination, but there The officers and members of the Prowas nothing else to do, as to defeat tective Tariff League look careworn him would have been to acknowledge and do not have the jaunty and prosthat his administration had been a perous look that the vast prosperity failure. That would have put the that protection was supposed to give party on a defensive attitude on many them should inspire. Can it be possiimportant matters and would have ble that the Dingley bill, though every been difficult to explain to the voters. schedule was written by or for the Ex-Senator Thurston, referring to trusts and protected monopolies, is not the Roosevelt presidential boom, said fulfilling its mission of giving special that Mr. Roosevelt was "a man whom privileges to the few at the expense everybody is for, but whom nobody of the many?

wants." The old "gray wolves" of the Senate tariff-are not satisfied with the plunare intent on saving their own scalps der they are receiving and the many from the ruin they see impending and are determined to uproot the system, Senator Quay is stated to have said no wonder the faces of the tariff that the Republican party is preparleague wear a lean and hungry look ing for a good licking and deserves it. these days. They feel that tariff re-It is given out from the White House form is in the air and that even Rethat the party platform has been publicans are tired of paying tribute agreed upon, except the phraseology to the trusts through the high cost of of the tariff and trust planks, which living. is troubling the mind of the President. Not the question of revising the tariff will not be enthused by the announceor curbing the trusts, but how to comment of President Baer of the coal pose the plank so that the tariff benetrust that he intends to advance the ficiaries and the trust magnates will price of coal to all the consumers will not be alarmed and the voters lulled pay, and this was corroborated by into the belief that the Republican President Thomas of the Lehigh Valparty is for vigorous measures in the ley Railroad, who said that conditions people's interests. forbid any reduction in price. The

Statesmanship is a lost art with the Roosevelt administration has not taken Republican leaders, and chicanery and any steps to stop the exactions of the wire pulling has succeeded in its place. coal trust. With the traditions of the party thrown to the winds and all ethical responsibility left for an organization, there is no element powerful enough render the tariff on boots and shoes to withstand the fight for spoils. No if they are given free hides. That wonder the worst elements have come themselves for mastery and that per- dustry had outgrown its swaddling sonal ambition is their sole motive of clothes and is no longer an "infant" action. It is disheartening to those requiring protection pap. If it is who believe in righteous party govern- good for the boot and shoe industry ment to see a great party descend to to have free trade, why should the steel trust be protected? It cannot be opportunism and spoils.

uncomfortable questions about the by the pauper labor of Europe, for it vision.

cent discount on the tariff on sugar The Protective Tariff League is befrom that island. How much it divides ing uncomfortably overworked this with the Cuban sugar grower is not warm weather and there seems but yet discovered, but the American conlittle prospect of any let-up in its sumer is paying the same price if not strenuous existence. Those of the more for the refined article. Why not league who have influence with the take off the duty on sugar? The sugar

Ointments for Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely d when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo. O., contains no mercury, and is taken inter-nally, acting directly upon the blood and muyous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Instinct or Reason.

A Pittsfield man, as a proof that plants reason, offers the following account of a vine on his premises. The vine grows in a box on the window ledge. While watering it recently his If the few-the beneficiaries of the daughter noticed a delicate tendril reaching out towards a nail in the side casing. She marked the position of the tendril on the wood, and then shifted the nail about an inch lower. Next day the little feeler had deflected itself very noticeably, and was again heading for the nail. The marking and shifting were repeated four or five times, always with the same result; and finally one night the tendril, which The housekeeper of moderate purse had grown considerably, managed to reach the coveted support, and was found coiled tightly about it. Meanwhile another bunch of tendrils had been making for a hook that was formerly used for a thermometer. Just before it reached its destination the young lady strung a cord across the window sash above. It was a choice between the old love and the new; and as some vines seem to prefer a cord to anything else, it was not long in making up its mind. In a very few hours the pale, crisp, little tendrils-which, The shoe manufacturers of Massachusetts say they are willing to sur- by the way, conveyed a surpassing suggestion of human fingers-had commenced to lift toward the twine; and to the front and are fighting amongst would indicate that at least one in- the next day they reached it and took a firm grip.

Spade.

Schuyler hesitated. "Call a spade a spade!" I urged. "But this man is a rake!" persisted ie.-Puck.

FOOD FACTS.

What an M. D. Learned. A prominent physician of Rome, Georgia, went through a food experi-

ence which he makes public: "It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nuts food, and I also know from having prescribed it to convalescents and other weak patients that the food is a wonderful rebuilder and restorer of nerve and brain tissue, as well as muscle. It improves the digestion, and sick patients always gain just as 1 did in strength

Troubles of the Tariff League. The "intelligent farmer" is asking from being swamped by steel produced

low price of hogs and cattle and the is underselling the foreigners in all increased cost of living. The textile markets on some of its products. world is at a standstill and the manufacturers are demanding tariff rethrough reciprocity with Cuba, 20 per

May Watson was temporarily filling the post in the telegraph and switch- ing station at Templeton. It was a position that would have tried the en- durance of a man, which required all her senses to be on the alert. A mis- take might mean instant disaster and death to hundreds. She had to know every order passed down the lines by the dispatcher. The orders to her station had to be obeyed promptly. There could be no delay, no hesitation. On a certain day the clicking key told her that the night express was ap- proaching at forty miles an hour. She must have the track clear for the pass-	scenes from the car window as the train sped through his native State, he realized how dear the old home and its associations were to him. It was a short drive from the sta- tion to the Ashby residence. When the carriage entered the spacious grounds he saw his mother coming across the lawn to welcome him. "Mother," he said, as they entered the house, "I have visited many fair places, but this is the dearest spot of all." "Then why have you stayed away from it so long, Howard? My lonedi- ness became unendurable, and I sought the companionship of a dear young lady who has been with me many weeks, and has done much to relieve the tedious monotony of the dull	He was vastly amused to see Cham- bers adopt the suggestion, and hang the camera under his chin. A moment later, however, as they came into the most dangerous place, Chambers snatched it from his neck again, and placed it carefully right side up in the bottom of the canoe. "What was the matter was the life- preserver?" asked Captain Haggard, when they had safely descended. "Why, I just happened to think," said Chambers, in all innocence, "that if we upset I should get the pictures	have, are helping President Roosevelt and his kitchen cabinet to phrase the tariff and trust plank that is being prepared for the National Republican platform, so that while it will with certainty "stand pat," yet will bluff the other players, the Republican vot- ers, into believing that they hold the winning hand. The actual result will follow—the stakes will go to the trusts and tariff beneficiaries and the voters will be fooled as usual. The 35,000 business men of Massachusetts have so stirred the political atmosphere with their demand for Canadian reciprocity, free hides, free wool and other un- looked-for desires that it takes all the pressure the trusts, the monopolists and the league can bring to bear to keep the weak-kneed politicians in the narrow path of standpatism. Then,	Smoot and the Republicans. The press dispatches inform us that Senator Smoot has made an appeal to a Mormon audience at Salt Lake to carry Utah for the Republican ticket. He declared that President Roosevelt could not carry New York and would need the electoral vote of Utah. This anxiety of Senator Smoot for the suc- cess of the Republicans corroborates the charge that he has been promised to retain his seat in the Senate if the Mormon vote is thrown for the Re- publican ticket. As the Republican majority in the United States Senate have postponed action on the Smoot case until after election, the Mormon Church will have to produce the votes or Apostle Smoot will be retired to	"I was in such a low state that I had to give up my work entirely and go to the mountains of this State, but two months there did not improve me; in fact I was not quite as well as when I left home. My food absolutely refused to sustain me, and it became plain that I must change; then I began to use Grape-Nuts food and in two weeks I could walk a mile without the least fatigue, and in five weeks returned to my home and practice, tak- ing up hard work again. Since that time I have felt as well and strong as I ever did in my life. "As a physician who seeks to help all sufferers I consider it a duty to make these facts public." Name givea by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Trial 10 days on Grape-Nuts when the regular food does not seem to sus- tain the bedy will work miracles
told her that the night express was ap- proaching at forty miles an hour. She	lady who has been with me many weeks, and has done much to relieve the tedious monotony of the dull hours," said Mrs. Ashby. "A young lady? Who is she, moth- er?" inquired Howard. Mrs. Ashby did not reply, but open-	tub to support a worthless husband an Ohio woman sued a railroad company because it let one of its trains run over him. Down in Panama a woman doesn't cut much of a figure in society unless she is the daughter of at least fifteen	pressure the trusts, the monopolists and the league can bring to bear to keep the weak-kneed politicians in the	have postponed action on the Smoot case until after election, the Mormon Church will have to produce the votes or Apostle Smoot will be retired to private life. What affections do landlerds most	by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Trial 10 days on Grape-Nuts when