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Lines to Mrs. A. J. Beniway My friend, I fain would write you; I've tried indeed to write, But pen and heart are heavy, And sorrow dims my sight.

Times were when words came flowing take a fountain from my pen; that I six older growing. And times have changed since then.

oughts still are busy chasing Each other through my brain, But they glide away like spectres

I think of life's bright morning. Of manhood's early prime; Of flowers, life's path adorning. Now nipped by frosts of time. And then like guests ambidden Come thoughts of after years, When joy and hope were hidden, By spriow, sin hild teller, Of these my muse will waken

The echoes of her lyre; But those are themes forsaken When hopes bright rays expire. I know, my triend, 'tis duty. "To labor and to walt,"
The words are full of beauty
But oft 'its seen too late.

"A still small voice" arrests me In my melancholy strains; A voice sweet, sott, celestial, Sava "Tosty still remains

I'll heed the Heavenly warning, No more life's ills deplore; At noon, at night and morni

These lines I send you greeting; I thought I could not write; But time and life are fleeting The goal's almost in sight.

May you reach the blissful haven And pluck the fragrant flowers That bloom in rich profusion W. A. M. ALEN, May 10, 1871.

[Written for the NEW NORTHWEST.]

Queen Moon, thy form was round Only one month ago; And with a halo crowned, Haif-draped in clouds of spow.

To-night we gazed and wondered to sadily changed, and soon? How was thy fair shape sundered, Oh, broken-hearted Moon?

Tho so cruci and cold As to mar thy regal splendor, And make thee crook'd and old-Who was the bold offender?

Tenderly, faintly reflected, Down from her silvery she The spoiler chief was detected; The face of a man was seen! I will keep his Image ever,

O, broken-hearted Moun!
And the pilst is account, weeping.
But her tears are so pearly bright
That mortals, awake or sleeping,
Mistake them for beams of light.

JUDITH REID

A Plain Story of a Plain Woman. k's Office of the District Court of the United one es for the District of Oregon.] CHAPTER II.

My parents, though illiterate, were much more intelligent than their neigh-bors, and as a matter of course were much annoyed over the necessity of bringing up their children without good educational advantages; but poverty had years before driven them to one of the newest settlements of the then New West, and there the same stern master compelled them to remain. They had nigrated to that spot when I was a tiny infant, and I had no recollection of any other home than the one that shelered me. Their hard life had blunted what with their cares, their poverty and mother's poor health, no wonder they did not regard with satisfaction the mental qualities of their little daughter, who, in common Western parlance, "had to cat and wear as well as the best of them."

which I will chronicle here that you, attentive reader, should it be your lot to bring up a child, may see the obstacles which they execumtered, and seeing may avoid them. They sought to quench my temper, and found the task impossible.

A merry, noisy little river ran by our farm, and could be seen distinctly from my father's door. Huge, bold rocks and rugged bluffs on the opposite side of the stream from our dwelling would often, during seasons of high passion; but the water, present such obstacles to the twelling floods that they would oversep their banks and come tearing down owards our little habitation as though i would be their chief delight to ench them, but my father prepared dith, but you often do that who other channel for the increased volbad in the eyes of Jesus." mission of good, fertilizing the valleys and uprooting the dank, green undergowth that had been keeping the sun-shine from the roots of the grand old "Can't you pray, Judith?"

I did not make this application then; "God help but looking back through the long, of the child?"

clutching the bed-clothes, while the other was tightly clasped over my burning forehead and aching eyes.

"Judith, are you sick ?" I could not speak, but forced back th calding tears and answered with negative shake of the head.

"Then what is the matter? It was all I could utter. A swelling sob half stifled me.

"Well, what are you crying for Speak! or I'll see if I can't compel yo to talk!"

"Go away and let me alone, mothe lease," I managed to say.
"But if you are sick I want to

"Well, Judith, if you will be an ol dient and good-tempered little girl Jesus will love you. He loves good children."

"Your brothers and sisters pray."

"But they are good."

"I know they are not to obstinate like you, Judith; but Jesus is full of compassion. He pardoned the thief on the cross, you know." My spirits had risen at the word com-

"No, mother." "God help me! What will become

wood that lay heaped up solemnly telled the hour of one during To Heapers Hay in the Stack or Mov.

I moved mechanically down the foot-I moved mechanically down the footpath always be compelled to drudge at housework. If she had only been a boy I could see some bright future prospects ahead of her. But women have no chance for life outside of matrimony, banes for life outside of matrimony, Judith! I would feel better if the child were dead."

I moved mechanically down the footpath in the footpath in the footpath in the path in the footpath in the footpath in the footpath in the footpath in the path in the footpath in the A half-suppressed sigh was the only response, and, hearing no more, I sank back into the bed-clothes with such a heart-sick, oppressive wall that my mother grew starmed and came to the room to see what was the matter.

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I must have remained in that cro ing position for two hours. They did not seem so many minutes; but the chick-ens began to celebrate their morning jubilee by exultant crowings that brought me back to dife miscrable. weary, plodding life-again, and I hurried homeward. Noiselesly I lifted the latch; silently I sought my little room. undressed in haste and cropt shivering into the bed, and again I heard the old hall clock with its measured "tick, tock, tick—yet, pell, pick—seedy been ac, and I'm sick—tick, tock, tick," the monotonous cadence bringing back the Again I grew, O, so miserable. Heaven help you, patient reader, should such somations ever get a remorseless huld

but looking back through the long, weary years that are gone, I cannot but wonder that I did not then upply it.

But my punishment must be endured. I soon heard her and my father engaged in whispered conversation. What they mother tolled throughout the long, hot summer to prepare the winter clothing, and where she shivered through the cold, bitter winter to manufacture our summer apparel—no wonder she slowly falled, poor thing—was to be my prison during the hottest months of the year. Wearly the work went on. Pick, pick, pick at the hoge pile of burr-be-matted, that was my day-time occupation, had the long in the long.

shominable west that lay heaped up behind the grim old boun.

My fingers grew white-almost transported—while my limbs are not opported with an invest weight of persons. The most simple my behavior of a state of independent of the continued only daning asyling it death. But this state of apathetic indifference continued only daning asylinght. At high my whole nervous system was strong up to a state of independent while my those organization seemed ellow with scate seemations. The most simple and ordinary mounds grew insupportable, and I frequently remained aware through the cutter alight, listering to the monotonous tick, tick, tick of the least tweek of my prescribed purishment the player of the few seams and an amounts. The first day of the last week of my prescribed purishment the player of the few seams in the state. The first day of the last week of my prescribed purishment the player of the few seams in the state of indicate the same frost covered every visible carrily things. My fast were shown sate will be gained by allowing eighty while a state of indicate the same frost caused them to sking the player of the few seams in the state of my strength and the same makes the same frost caused them to sking the player of the few seams and player of the few seams and player of the same in the same that the same makes and the same of the same and the same through the uncertainty and the same through through the same through the same through the same through the same through thro

punishment," replied my father; "but I must keep my word with her, though the child. If I were rich Pd bring her up differently from the other children; but she must fare like the rest of them. Her genius won't pay for her bringing up."

"She gives me more trouble than all the rest of the children put together!" was my mother's emphatic remark, "I don't see," she presently resumed, "why you would educate her differently from the other children. She is no better than they."

"But if she had proper cuitivation she'd make an extraordinary woman."

"She's extraordinary enough as she is, and doesn't need cultivation she'd make an extraordinary woman."

I have seldom heard such a retort from my mother's lips. She must have been grievously ve zed with me.

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SCARCITY OF POISONOUS SERPENTS IN TROPICAL AMERICA.—We are in the habit of supposing that tropical lands are naturally infested with poisonous serpents of varied species and in great numbers, and are led to consider this Supposed condition as one of the chief drawbacks to residence or travel in those regions. This may be the case as it regards Asia, and also a few of the West India Islands; but it certainly does not apply to Central America, where, with an immense multiplicity of species, those of a venomous nature are comparatively rare; in fact, much scarcer than in Southern United States. A naturalist, relating his recent experiences in Guatemala, which is a fair type of the region generally in this respect, remarks that one may be in the country a long time without seeing a stake of any kind, and much less frequently a poissonous one. The latter indeed are, perhaps, not actually rare on the coast, but they avoid the presence of man, and at any rate move about but little in the day-time. A species of rattlesnake is most abundant. The writer also remarks that the poison of the rattlesnake is most abundant. The writer also remarks that the poison of the rattlesnake is farther north, as quite a number of cases of bites eame under his notice, but he never heard of one resulting in death. SCARCITY OF POISONOUS SERPENT

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