It was a bleak winter day. Heavy snow drifts lay piled up in the streets of New York, and the whole appear- clo-ely. ance of the city was cold and dismal.

Seated upon the steps of one of the and his hands were blue, and his teeth | said : chattered with cold. Lying at his knees was a newspaper he had, picked up in one of the streets, and he was trying to read the words upon it. He silks and furs came towards him.

of age, and so beautiful that the poor boy raised his eyes and fixed them upon her in undisguised admiration.

him and turned to her companion, ex-

" Mariam, just see this fellow on turning to Louise he said: my steps! Boy, what are you doing here?

this little strip of paper," answered the boy. The girl laughed derisively and said.

Mariam's soft blue eyes filled with head and exclaimed: tears as she replied: "Oh, Louise, don't talk so; you know that Miss Fannie teaches us at ing to read. The child of affluence school: 'The rich and poor meet to- derided him, and said she had heard

ed his face. He was walking away when Mariam said:

hesitated; and he followed her into a large kitchen, where a bright warm the was shedding its genial warmth and allow me, Miss Gardner, to tender

"Well, Miss Mariam, and who are ment of that boy."
ou bringing here now?" asked the Overwhelmed with confusion, Louyou bringing here now?" asked the servant woman.

"A poor boy who has almost perished; you will let him warm, will and turning to Mariam, said: you not, Rachel?" "Oh, he shall be warmed-sit here and he left them.

little boy," and she pushed a chair in front of the stove, and then gave him where she daily met Mr. Hamilton, a piece of bread and meat.

the first rudiments of reading and of a distinguished Congressman. spelling. Going to the boy she

piece of paper. Do you know your to Mariam. letters ?"

learned myself. But oh, I want to book?" read so badly."

was so busily engaged in this work her hand and said : that she did not see her mother enter the room, nor hear Rachel explain about the boy, nor did she know that her mother stood some time behind her listening to her noble child teach-

ing the beggar boy his letters.
There were but few that he had not already learned himself, and it was not long before Mariam had the satisfaction of hearing him repeat the alpha-

When he arose to go he thanked Rachel for her kindness and offered Mariam her book. "No, I don't want it—I have given it to you to learn to read from. Won't

dwellings joined, and almost every for they attended the same school. These two children were differently dispositioned and brought up-Louise was proud and haughty. Poverty in her eyes was disgrace and crime, and poor too suffer. These views she changed the whole current of her life. carned from her mother. Mrs. Gard- For a while she shanned Mr. Hamilner moved in one exclusive circle—the ton, but by persevering kindness he made her feel easy in his presence, and she soon became the acknowledggrowing up to believe herself even family. The teaching that Mariam Hayes re-

ocived was totally different from this. Mrs. Gardner was one of Mrs. Hayes most particular friends—yet, though she moved in that circle, she was far from one of them. Her doctrine was the text her girl had used-"the rich and the poor meet together, and the Lord is Maker of them all." This she taught Mariam. There was no distinction in wealth or position; that the distinction was in worth alone. She taught her to reverence age and pitty the poor and destitute; and that p'easant words were as sweet as honeycomb, sweet to the soul-a little kindhes was better than money. Mariam tearned the lesson well, and was ever ready to dispense her gentle words to all, whether they were wealthy and laftuential, or ragged and indigent, and the boy she had that morning befriended.

A gay and brilliant throng was as-combled in Washington. Congress was in session and the hotels were crowded with strangers. It was an evening party. The brilliantly lighted rooms were filled with youth and two culty veight muesic. beauty.

Standing near one of the doors were

member from W.?"

us. I wish she would make haste-I have no patience.

"Don't speak so, Louise. I wish you would not be so trifling," said A singular smile played around the mouth of a tall, bandsome man who

passed them he scanned them very In a short time Mrs. N. come up with Mr. Hamilton, the new member, large dwellings upon Fifth Avenue, and presented him to Miss Gardner was a boy apparently thirteen years of and Miss Hayes. As they were con-He was literally clothed in rags, versing together, Mr. Hamilton

> "Ladies, we have met before." Both Mariam and Louise declared

their ignorance of the fact. "It has been long years ago, yet I had thus occupied himself for some have not forgotten it, nor a single time, when two little girls, clad in sentence uttered during that meeting. I will quote one that may recall it to The eldest was about twelve years your memory-The rich and the poor

The rich blood tinged the cheeks of The child of wealth stopped before Mariam, but Louise still declared herglanced a moment at Mariam, and then

"Long years ago, a little boy, rag-"I am trying to learn to read upon is little strip of paper," answered he boy. ed by two girls righly dressed. The "Well, truly, I have heard of in- eldest of the two attracted him, for tellect in rags, and here it is person- she was as beautiful as an angel; but as they came near him she lifted her

"Boy, what are you doing here?" The boy answered that he was trygether, and the Lord is Maker of them of intellect in rags, and that he was needlessly imposed on them. But they the very personification of it. Her Louise laughed again, and said to companion's answer was that "The the boy: "Get up from here; you rich and poor meet together, and the shall not sit on my steps; you are too ragged and dirty." The elder girl drove the boy away from her The boy arose, and a blush crimson- steps, but the younger one took him into her house and warmed and fed him there. When they parted the boy, is now before you, ladies, as Mr. Hamilton, the member of Congress; my thanks to you for you kind treat-

ise knew not what to say or do.

In pity for her, Mr. Hamilton arose, "I will see you again, Miss Hayes,"

Louise could not stay in the city where she daily met Mr. Hamilton, the Plymouth pulpit was occupied by and in a few days left for New York, a stranger, who delivered a polious, Mariam watched these arrangements, leaving Mariam, with the consciousand then glided from the room; when ness of having done nothing to be "And behold Simon's wife's mother she returned she had a primmer, with a shamed of, and enjoying the society

Mariam and Mr. Hamilton were walking together one evening, when console himself for his morning's dis-"Little boy here is a book that you the latter drew from his bosom an old appointment by listening to E. II. may learn to read from better than a and well-worn primer, and handed it Chapin. He was shown to the front

"Some of them, but not all. I nev- who is so distinguished here first learn- to see the minister of the morning aper had anybody to teach me. I just ed to read. Do you recognize the

Mariam sat down beside him, and began teaching him his letters. She membered book. Mr. Hamilton took fever," and went out of the sacred

gotten you. Since the day you were tion. so kind to him, and gave him this book, his life has been one great aim, redeem in a measure the defeats of the and that was to attain to greatness. I returned to my home ten times hap- of hearing the genial, eloquent and pier, and went assidnously to work to scholarly Bethune. But his heart

good friends, and was adopted by a Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a gentleman in W—. As his son I fever," the party who knew all about have been educated. A year ago he the subject rushed wildly from the it to you to learn to read from.

you tell me your name?"

"Jimmy," he replied.

"I will not forget you, Jimmy—you the dearest. I have kept this first train for home, and stepping into mer next to my heart, and dwelt upon the hope of again meeting the giver. I see her all, that my imagination of the day before, with his sermon under his arm. The New York bells were ringing a fire alarm, and says

she thought nothing too severe for the a severe lesson, and one that soon with a fever." to visit her mother's friends, and was ed friend of the Congressman and his

Years have passed since then, and Louise is training up a family of little ones; but she is teaching them not to despise "intellect in rags," but to be guided by Mariam's text—" the rich and the poor meet together; and the Lord is Maker of them all."

A Essay on Music, by P. Benson, lost from his tryeb, and wanted som- foot out for fear of being drowned; thing to amoose hisself with. Muesic but it's always the way with selfish is 4 kinds: instrewmental singin, people."
brass bands, and fiddlin. Fiddlin is "The beauty of a flood, my dear," dun with a vyolin. Whistlin iseut said a blackbird to his mate, 'is, that neither of the 4 kinds. It isent muethe ground will be so tender, and prothe phiphe is instrementle musick. The pleanno is highly instrewmentle. Fiddlin is mutch sot after by the Fiddlin is mutch sot after by the Fiddlin is mutch sot after by girls, home! my dear, my beautiful home. Hacks burds, and peeple. Peeple which burds, and peeple. Peeple which ody beyond the clouds, the cruel waters ties, etc. A share them gits twogether and sings to meet- | flowed out, and I looked down in vain When a quire of them gits two- for my home! gether, they always quori and fite. If a ream of them was to git twogether,

P. BENSON, SR., which the Sr, it stands for singer. as to whether the flood is good or —Song M. ssenger, Chicago. bad?"

two young ladies, busily engaged conversing together. The elder of the two suddenly exclaimed—

"Oh, Mariam, have you seen the new the bellows to the fire. "Oh, yes; I always contrive to get wind of you,'

Latin And Labor.

John Adams, the second President in life-next to honesty of purpose-as of the United States, used to relate the following anecdote:

the practice of good manners. A pofollowing anecdote:

"When I was a boy, I had to study the Latin grammer; but it was dull; was standing near the girls; and as he and I hated it. My father was anxious to send me to college, and there-fore I studied the grammer, till I could bear it no longer; and going to my father I told him I did not like to study, and asked for some other em- not wish to be understood as referring ployment. It was opposing his wishes and he was quick in his answer. Well, John, if Latin grammer does hat to ladies and men of position, and turns away from the poor man, but not suit you, you may try ditching; we mean the honest face—the man perhaps that will; my meadow yon- who always carries a smile on his der needs a ditch, and you may put by Latin and try that.'

"This seemed a delightful change, the man who has a kind salutation and to the meadow I went. But I when he meets you in the morning. soon found ditching harder than Latin, and the first forenoon was the longest ening; a man whose face is always I ever experienced. That day I ate the brend of labor, and glad I was when night came on. That night I made some comparison between Latin self ignorant as before. Mr. Hamilton grammer and ditching, but said not a word about it. I dug next forenoon, and wanted to return to Latin at dinner; but it was humiliating, and I ged and dirty, seated himself on the | could not do it. At night, toil conquered pride; and though it was one of the human machine begin to heat, of the severest trials I ever had in my and wear, and screech, and the entire life, I told my father that if he chose, mechanism becomes noisy and ruinpaper, when his attention was attract- I would go back to Latin grammer. ously wasteful of power. He was glad of it; and if I have since gained any distinction it has been owing to the two day's labor in that aboninable ditch.

Boys may learn several important lessons from this story. It shows how little they oftentimes appreciate their privileges. Those who are kept at study frequently think it a hardship must do something; and if set to ditching, would they like that any better? The opportunity of pursuing a liberal course of study is what few enjoy; and they are ungrateful who drag themselves to it as to an intolerable task. You may also learn from this anecdote how much better your parents Latin, his name would not probably have been known to us. But, in following the path marked out by his large judicious parent, he rose to the highest honors which the country affords.

Simon's Wife's Mother.

A countryman was in New York on an August Sunday, and crossed the, Brooklyn ferry in the morning, for the purpose of hearing Beecher. But lo, common-place sermon from the text: lay sick of a fever." Mr. Beecher was away taking his vacation.

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In the evening the man thinking to day, accepted a choice sitting in the When I left your house with this book, Reformed Dutch church, for the sake earn to read. My mother was an in- quite broke when the evil spirit that BRANCH OFFICE, ALBANY, OR., valid, and ere long I learned to read to had possessed him all day got up and "When my mother died I found text was announced, "And behold

The Worth Of An Opinion.

"Isn't this charming?" said the ducks, one to another, as they sailed about in the high flood that laid the fields under water. "What a pity it isn't always so !" cried one. "I don't see why it shouldn't be !" said another; "I'm sure it's much prettier to look at, and a great deal more convenient."

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is gone down."
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"Neighbor," said an old rook that was swinging backward and forward on the elin tree top, "how can you account for all those different opinions, and what decision should you come to

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