THE VILLAGE PEDAGOGUE. BY DE. C. D. GARDETTE.

If down the village street you wind Till the swart blacksmith's shop is passed, And leave the quaint old church behind, Then breast the hill and you will find The school-house on its crown at last.

No art forms reft from heathen lands
Its rustic fitness mar or clog—
A simple, rugged frame it stands,
By willing hearts and sturdy hands
Builded "between whiles," log on log. And, lo, the master! grave and calm, With threads of silver in his hair, Leaning his chin upon his palm, As if he harkened to some psalm

And so he does, for at his side
A bright-tressed little maiden stands,
Her eyes upturned in wonder wide,
While through her hips in music glide
Words from the volume in her hands,

But, as the master lists, he hears, Or seems to hear, sweet tones that thrill Through dreams of half-forgotten years; And, lo, with unaccustomed tears, The fringes of his dark eyes fill!

He looks not on the child, sees

Another standing in her place— A maiden coy and hard to please— And there, before her, on his knees, A form with his—the master's face His face! Alas! not this which now Looks vision-rapt upon the past.
There were no lines across that brow;
No frost upon the hair; and how
Youth's glow on that smooth cheek was cast

Th axe-wounds, then, were hardly dried The axe-woulder, Upon you gray and mossy log That holds the doorway firm and wide; And she was then the village pride,

He flung ambition far away And let the fire of youth burn low, Till now, the memory of its glow Is vailed in asher cold and gray. "Oh, master! sure you do not hear!" He starts; and on her golden crawn There shines the crystal of a tear. Farewell, sweet vision, calm and clear, The masser's eyes again look down.

Ah, well! it could not be! and so

THE MISSING FINGER-JOINT.

It was my first visit to London since I had taken up my abode and entered on the practice of my profession as a solic-

itor at Southampton. In London I had a very dear friend, my old college chum, George Dickson; and as he was the only person I knew in place in the appearance and manner of my friend.

Our first greetings and friendly inquiries over, I longed, yet forbore, to ask the cause of my friend's mekucholy. I felt sure, in due time, of being made the confidant of the secret, provided no motive of delicacy prompted its conceal-

That evening, in my room at the hotel, George told me his story. He had formed an attachment for a young lady, whose graces of mind and person he portrayed with all the fervor of a lover's eloquence. She had returned his affection; but her father had opposed his suit, having set his heart on the marriage of his daughter to a nephew of his. This your proposal of marriage. nephew was a young surgeon, of profli-gate character, my friend assured mebut that may have been prejudice-who had long, but unsuccessfully, wooed his cousin, to whom his proffers were as re-pugnant as to her father they were ac-

Some months since, Mr. Parsons, the young lady's father, had gone into Hampshire on business, accompanied by his out. seized by a sudden illness, which terminated fatally in three days.

proved by the depositions of the attest happy evening we three spent together, adoption. ing witnesses), containing a solemn request that his daughter, to whom he left he whole of his estate, should accept the hand of his nephew in marriage, coupled with a provision that in case the latter offered, and she refused, within a specified period, to enter into the proposed union, the entire estate devised to the daughter should be forfeited to the

choice would not have cost Julia Parsons might be easily dropped, but they are a moment's hesitation; and nothing persisted in until they become second nature. Stop and think before you allow son than so fair an opportunity of show-ing how superior his devotion was to all greeable habits of body, like scowling, considerations of personal advantage.

But her father's dying request, in Julia's eyes, was sacred. It had surprised and stunned her, it is true; for, in their many conferences on the subject, he had never gone beyond the most kindly remonstrance, and had never even hinted at anything like coercion.

the magnanimity to forego his ungenerous advantage. He might have been content with his cousin's fortune alone, but his right to that depended on his offer and her rejection of an alliance only annoying when they are persisted in. There are habits of speech also, and her rejection of an alliance only annoying when they are persisted in.

rative, in which, for reasons that may hereafter be developed, I felt a peculiar interest, I prevailed upon him to accompany me to a place of amusement, to which I had previously procured tickets. mail that you cannot get rid of without a When we reached the theater, the performance had already begun; but we succeeded in finding seats which com-

"Observe the gentleman nearly op-posite, in the front row, seated next the column, leaning his arm on his cane," he whispered.

I looked in the direction indicated,

Parsons, but I believe we have met be-

"I beg your pardon, sir, for not recollecting the occasion. "You were in Southampton last winter, were you not?"
"I was," he answered, with some embarrassment.

"I am the solicitor on whom you called to take a draft of a will." He turned pale, but made no reply.
"I saw a record of that will at Doctors Commons this morning," I resumed,

"You speak of my uncle's will," he

hastily interrupted.
"And yet," I continued, "you said it was yours when you applied to have it written. You represented yourself as desirous of executing such a document preparatory to embarking on a perilons voy-age. The paper was drawn in accordance with your instructions, leaving the date to be filled in at the time of signing. Your locks were gray then, and you certainly looked old enough to have a marriageable daughter; but your disguise was not perfect." And I pointed to the mutilated finger.

"What do you mean!" he shouted in "Simply that your uncle's signature to that will is a forgery!" I answered, rising and confronting him. He died on the 23d of December. Your own telegram to that effect is in existence. It was on the 24th, the day before Christmas, that you called on me to prepare the docu-ment now on record as his will. The inference is plain; you undertook to manufacture this spurious testament after your uncle's death, and wishing to clothe your villainy in legal form, you procured from me the required draft. You, or some one at your instigation, simulated the signa ture of the deceased. The witnesses, who have since perjured themselves in

their depositions, were procured in some manner best known to yourself——" Enough, sir," he ejaculated, placing his back against the door; "you have shown yourself in possession of a secret the custody of which may prove danger-

"I am not unprepared for your threat," I replied. "In the first place, I did not the great metropolis, of course I lost no come here unarmed; in the next, I have time in looking him up. Three years prepared a full written statement of the had passed since our last meeting; but facts to which I have alluded, with inforfacts to which I have alluded, with inforten could scarcely have produced a mation, besides, of my present visit to change more marked than had taken place in the appearance and manner of to the friend to whom it is directed, uness within an hour I reclaim it from the messenger, who has been instructed

for that length of time to retain it." His face grew livid. His frame quivhis eye gleamed like that of a wild beast

"What is your purpose?" he exclaimed in a voice hoarse with suppressed "To keep your secret while you live,"

I answered, "on one condition." "That you write instantly to Julia Parsons, renouncing all pretensions to her hand, and absolutely withdrawing

After a moment's pause, hehastily penned a brief note, which he submitted to my inspection; it was quite satisfactory.

"Be so good as to seal and address it," He did so.

"I will see that it is delivered," I remarked, taking it up and bowing myself When I met George Dickson that evning, his old college look had come back. He had great news to tell me. On the slay preceding his death he had executed a will (which had since been lia; and it is needless to tell what a disagreeable odor prevents its universal

long after.
Eldridge Parsons, I have just learned, emigrated for Australia, on board the London, and went down in that ill-fated

Disagreeable Habits.

which people take up come at first from To sacrifice her fortune to her heart's mere accident or want of thought. They things. Learn to sit quietly, like a-Young Parsons, the nephew, had not afraid even girls fall into such tricks offer and her rejection of an alliance which she felt in conscience bound to accept. The brief season of grace, which she had been compelled to beg even with tears, had already almost passed, and a few more days would witness the condemnation of two lives to hopeless misery.

At the conclusion of my friend's narrative, in which, for reasons that may have few here the developed. I felt a peculiar ways of sitting and standing and walk-

Asked God to Help Her. manded a fair view both of the stage and the audience.

In a few moments George touched my albow.

"Observe the gentleman nearly opposite, in the front row, seated next the column, leaning his arm on his cane," he whispered.

I looked in the direction indicated, I looked in the direction indicated, and saw a face whose striking resemblance to one I had seen before caused me to start with surprise.

"Who is it?" I asked.

"Eldridge Parsons," was the reply.

"The nephew of whom you spoke?"

"The same," my friend answered.

"Does he resemble his uncle?" I was on the point of inquiring; but just then the stranger drew the glove from his right hand, and I saw that the first joint of the middle finger was wanting, a circumstance which, for sufficient reason, absorbed my attention.

"Do you know the exact date of Mr. Parsons death?" I asked, when we had gained the street at the close of the performance.

"Gath writes concerning Senator Jones,

LIFE IN GERMANY.

A residence of three years in Stuttgart enables me to speak definitely of the ex-pense of living abroad. Most American families residing here for the purpose of sisting of parents, four daughters, two of whom are mere infants, and two servant florins; city charities, 550 florins; furni-ture, kitchen utensils and sundries, 1,150 florins; total, 9,750 florins, or about

Each flat contains, of course, all the necessary rooms for housekeeping. In addition, every family has the use of two cellars, one for wine and vegetables. the other for fuel. The floor of the main entrance is of colored stone, in andsome patterns. The principal objection to this sort of residence is the use of a common hall by the various inmates, since it gives entrance and exit to every-thing animate and inanimate that per-tains to living. Visitors, children, butcher, baker, milkman, coal, wood, slops and garbage pass through this passageway, which, as a consequence, cannot be kept in the nice order that characterizes this part of the household in America. The pavement is swept everp morning, and requires sprinkling in nine cases out of ten this remedy will twice a day. This work is divided be-tween the different flats. A general laundry-room is in the cellar, and is common property. There are water-works in the kitchen, but not in the the Union. rooms. The noise of uncarpeted floors is at first unbearable to Americans. Of course, some of the very wealthy use carpets, but several reasons prevent their prevalent adoption. The doors fit so closely that they would require to be planed off at the bottom to admit a carpet beneath; but perhaps the most im-portant consideration is the utter absence furniture-rollers. In such simple matters as these, Americans miss many little contrivances for household comfort that are accessible to the humblest at

The floors are of different colors of oak wood, accurately fitted together in can Organs are of high and uniform exsmall blocks to imitate mosaic. The cellence, and are the best for actual use, waxing is renewed every few weeks, and the sweeping of such floors is followed by frequent wiping with buckskin. Large rugs in handsome patterns are laid in the most exposed places. White floors are ered with mingled fear and rage, and easily disfigured by every drop of water, and require fortnightly scrubbings. This involves a whole day's discomfort, to say nothing of the herculean task of moving the rollerless furniture and the annoyance of having detachable pieces wrenched off by clumsy cleaners. Then we miss the warm, dry climate that so speedily effaces all traces of the scrubbing brush. effaces all traces of the scrubbing brush. A day's cleaning is followed by a cold night, through which the dampness is perceptibly felt. The windows here, even in the humblest houses, are draped with white. The wealthy add handsome lambrequins of damask and other similar materials. Inside shutters are found only in the new houses erected by for-eigners, or at their suggestion. All win-dows have the Venetian slat-blind, hung on the outside. Nottingham lace curtains are much used, and require laundrying once in six months. The double winter windows are used in cold weather, and add to the warmth of the rooms at the expense of imperfect ventilation. Our fuel is beech wood and coke; peat

present Christmas and at the time of the two annual fairs. This salary seems small; yet when one takes into consideration their demand for beer and wine, their destructiveness, and their habit of levying 10 per cent on the market money, their wages do not fall short of the girls Nearly all the disagreeable habits at home. Ladies seldom attend market, gentlemen never; as a consequence, there is ample opportunity for this habit of levying which seems to be in general use among the Stuttgart servants. These girls read and write well; in the matter of work they accomplish far less than the

quent dinner dish. Chestnuts boiled in water and sugar, to which a little butter has been added, make a delightfully sweet dish, and are a pleasant accompaniment to various stewed fruits. They are also used for

here, and meat is beyond the reach of the laboring classes. Ham, like our sugar-cured, is not known in Stuttgart. That which we have bought here is already boiled, and sold at the characteristics. charcutiers or sausage-houses in any quantity desired, and of inferior quality. Yet North German hams and sausages are widely known, and command high prices, as also the varous dried and pickled fish of the seas.

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They devote too much time to unnecessory their strength for emergencies, as is the custom with the Germans. The greater freshness of the latter is attributable neither to better health nor superior mental capacity, but to the fact that they are not given to paying usurious rates of interest on borrowed trouble. How many mothers here permit their children want to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descriptive circulars, as are sent to all parts of the country by many for descrip A careful observation convinces me on the point of inquiring; but just then the stranger drew the glove from his right hand, and I saw that the first joint of the middle fuger was wanting, a circumstance which, for sufficient reason, absorbed my attention.

"Do you know the exact date of Mr. Parsons' death?" I asked, when we had gained the street at the close of the performance.

"Yes," said George; "it was the 23d of December. His daughter received a telegram from her cousin, announcing the fact the same day. But why do you ask?"

"I have a reason which may or may not prove a good one," I returned; and stating that I had business engagements for the whole of the next day, I parted with my friend, promising to meet his month of the following evening.

Next afternoon found me at the abode of the present Congress. Two of them, "Mr. Parsons, I presume!" were the words with which I accosted the gentleman I had seen at the theater.

"You may not remember me, Mr.

while here slowness is the indispensable

Good seamstresses are rare here, and demand high prices. The German women do not dress tastefully. It is true there is a change of fashion with every season, but there is an utter absence of the style that characterizes educating their children occupy flats.

The account-book of such a family, concerts the Queen's sister, accompanied by the Russian embassadress, each wearing suits of dark cashmere. The dressgirls, shows the expenses for one year's es, however, were handsomely made provisions to be 2,000 florins; clothing, the only hair ornaments were roses. 1,750 florins; tuition, 650 florins; gas Their manners are as quiet as their toil and fuel, 325 florins; washing, 175 ets.—Correspondence Louisville Cou ets.—Correspondence Louisville rier-Journal.

AMERICAN WOMEN. - It is a melanchol

fact that American women have dege

erated in point of health and physiqu until they have become literally a rac of invalids. How sad it is to look aroun us and compare the frail and effeminat hearty, and buxom ladies of days gon by. To all such the late discovery of Dr. Walker, of California, which is known as VINEGAR BITTERS, is a price less boon indeed. For this class of di eases it is certain and safe, and any lady, old or young, can take it with entire confidence in the result, and thus avoid what to thousands is a stumbling block never overcome, viz.—a consultation with a family physician. 'Tis true there may and are scattered through every State in

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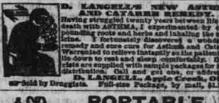
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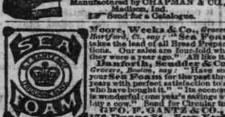
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