

Current Literature.

KEEP AT IT.

One step and then another, And the longest walk is ended; One stitch and then another, And the largest rent is mended; And the largest rent is medically one brick upon another,
And the highest wall is made;
One flake upon another,
And the deepest snow is laid.

So the little coral-workers By their slow and constant motion Have built those pretty islands In the distant dark blue ocean; And the noblest undertakings Man's wisdom bath conceived, By oft-repeated effort Have been patiently achieved.

Then, do not look disheartened On the work you have to do, And say that such a mighty task You never can get through; But just endeavor, day by day.

Another point to gain,

And soon the mountain which you feared

Will prove to be a plain!

Little Ruth.

AN OLD MAN'S STORY.

I know I was a selfish old idiot, now, when I look around me and see the mercies given me in my helpless old age, fee! the warm love around me on all sides, and realize the desolation my own hand reached forth to grasp; but I was blind to the future in those days when I so nearly wrecked all its happiness.

This was how it happened: After Martha died-my wife, I mean, with whom forty happy years of my life were spent-and all my children were dead or married, excepting for a kiss only a few hours before. Ruth, there fell upon me the heavy misfortune that has chained me to this chair or my bed for fifteen weary years. I had been a by one to bury in the old churchyard, till only Mary, James and Ruth, our baby, were left to hear it, for Ruth said there might be a me. Mary married and went with her husband to the far West. James took his small fortune of a few hard carned dollars, and left and only little Ruth was left to us. Then the months later I was stricken helpless with par-

I am reconciled now to my hard fate, and can sit here happily, glad that my eyesight is still good, my right hand free, and that I have learned in my old age to love books, to enjoy well, in such a way that she could not reading and even writing, as I never did in the hard working days of my youth. But in those the lower step, she raised herself half way up first months of helplesaness, when even to toss and turn in my nervous torture was denied not support her. me, my sufferings were simply horrible.

But even in that time of rebellious murmuring, of bitter repining, there was some consoacres of land, my very own, free of debt or mortgage and a small sum in the bank, the interest of which lifted us above actual want. Then I had Ruth.

She was just twenty when her mother died, the fairest one for miles around. She had the side, and the blue veined lids closed over her bluest eyes, like the little patches of Summer eyes. The sight called from me such a cry sky, and hair that was the color of corn silk, of agony as I thought must be heard for and nestled in little baby earls all over her miles, head-rebellious hair that would never lie straight under any coaxing, but kinked up in Hayes, panting and eager-eyed, burst open my tangles that were full of sunlight. Her skin door. was white as milk, with cheeks like the heart of a blush rose, and her smile showed the ing from the road." s of pearly teeth I ever saw.

She coaxed from me my wicked repinings by coming to me for directions making me feel that my head was still needed to direct up for me a large back room that overlooked arms, and come swiftly back, bending his me up every morning and put me in a deep while hot tears rained down his cheeks. He see the barn, the poultry yard, the well, and the fields of waving corn and wheat. She made me feel myself of importance by giving me thus the mastery over my own little domain; and she brought up her own meals to eat with me in the room where my infirmity held me a prisoner.

She taught me to use my right hand withdifficulties, tie your left arm down for one single hour, and try how often it will unconsciously strain at the cords. She brought me books from the village library, and opened to my eyes and brain a field of pleasure never before explored. I had read my bible and the newspapers all my life, but I never even knew

She devised little dainty dishes to tempt me to eat; she put saucers of flowers on my table, that I might cheat myself into fancying I was mind; to understand the doctor's words, out doors, as their perfume crept on the air; while Mrs. Hayes and the doctor lifted Ruth she assured me, petted me, loved me, till even to her own room, that opened into mine. searer together.

And when she was all the world to me, all that saved me from misery, John Hayes ask- of his life from him. ed me to give him Ruth for his wife. I could have struck him dead when he stood before me, a young giant in health, with his handsome sunburnt face glowing with health, and she gets well, she is yours. Give her your wanted to take away my one blessing, my only home child.

"I will be a true son to you, Mr. Martin." he said, earnestly. "I will never take Ruth from here; but let me come and share her life, and lift some of the burdens from her shoul-

love from me. But I was not harsh. I did love she can spare from you." not turn this suitor from my house, and bid longed to do. I worked more cautiously. I have Ruth for my wife now, to-day." let him go from me to Ruth; and when he left her and she came to me, all rosy with blushes to tell me, with drooping lids and moist eyes, to me now." of her new happiness, I worked upon her love of leaving me or taking any divided duty up- a son, while his mother nursed Ruth. on her hands.

er. I pointed out to her the unceasing round of wifely duty that would keep her from my side, and proved to her that the duties of wife and child must clash, if undertaken under such circumstances as were proposed.

The loving, tender heart yielded to me, and John was tearfully dismissed. Through the warm Autumn months, when the corn ripened and was garnered-when our crops were blessed, and the little bank fund was increased by the price of the farm product-Ruth grew very quiet and subslued. She was not sad, having always a cheery word and a pleasant smile for me; but the pretty rose tint left her round cheeks, and I no loager heard her usa county; Thos. Upton, Merced county; L. singing at work.

The Winter came in early that year, and Tulare county; John McPike, Napa county. before Christmas everthing was frozen up information concerning crop prospects of the grain producing districts of the world, the found, stiff and stark, leaning against the fences. Food froze on the tables, Ask anyone in Maine if they remember that Black Friday, and see if some mother's eyes will not fill as they think of the little searlet hooded figures brought to their doors, white and rigid, that had lifted rosy, round checks for a kiss only a few hours before.

Information concerning crop prospects of the grain producing districts of the world, the grain producing districts of the world, the all other troubles soon disappear. A few doses will prove its wonderful adaptability to a diseased system, all the American people are to-day wearing out a miscrable and unsatisfactory life, from concerning storage facilities, railroads and in-land water transportation as shall enable the members of the association to act intelligent-land the first of the celebrated kidner Tea, Rheumanic Cure, Dandellon Tone, and Cough Drops, has just perfected this limited to lower the standard of California wheat

her work in the morning, making my room to enhance the value of our wheat and increase the warmest place in the house, covering my the producing capacity of our land; also, to hard working man all my life-a wheelwright arm chair with soft woolens, and moving it provide a method to enable the grain growers by trade-with a large family to rear, to near the stove. I would have it face the win- of California to promptly and efficiently act clothe, to feed, to educate, and, oh, me! one dow, for my glimpse of outdoor life was to when their interests are threatened. precious to resign; but I was not, as usual, draught.

When all was done indoors I saw from my chair Ruth, with a searlet cloak and hood us for the golden land of promise, California, thrown over her, going to the well with an empty bucket. She stepped along quickly over the hard, frozen ground, and I was admiring her trim little feet and dainty figure: when I saw her slide to the two setps that were above the well walls and fail. She had slipped, and she lay doubled up between the angel of death came for Martha, and only six over the hard, frozen ground, and I was adslipped, and she lay doubled up between the two wooden steps and the rough sides of the rise. Two or three times her hands clutched only to fall back again, as if her limbs would

And I could only look on, powerless to move to help her. Oh, the agony of it. To know she was hurt, unable to rise, and I helplation. First, there were the house and five less as a log, I screamed and called for help. Silas was somewhere, I could not tell where, and I called loudly for him. I could see, after a time, that Ruth, after her frantic struggles, was growing drowzy with the death sleep of cold. The scarlet hood dropped and others besides her father thought her face | more and more, till it rested against the well-

It was heard. A moment later John,

"What is it?" he cried. "I heard you call-"Ruth! Ruth!" I scream

ing to death by the well.

He stopped to hear no more. Out upon the hard, slippery ground, down the steps with the work, though my feet would never more swilt, rapid strides, and then I saw him lift earry me over the door sill. Then she fitted the little scarlet cloaked figure in his strong most of the farm, and Silas, our head man, lift- face down over the senseless one on his arm eushioned chair by the window, where I could put her on a lounge near my chair, and then dashed out for snow.

"Rub her! rub her! he said. "I am going for the doctor and my mother."

Before it seemed possible he could have crossed the lots to his home, his mother was with me, and lifted Ruth away from the fire to the bed. The doctor came, and then the two worked until my heart sank with utter out my left; and if you want to appreciate the hopelessness before the blue eyes opened again or the breath fluttered through the pale

But it did at last, and John joined me in a fervent "Thank God."

But Ruth had broken her leg, and we knew she must lie helpless for many weeks before she could be our own active, bright, girl again. the names of books, now my greatest treas- It was an appalling truth for me to face, but ares, till Ruth thought "reading would be she was not dead, or lying frozen against the den, of Hill's Ferry, and Chairman Paulsell, well curb, and I could not but feel thankfulness far, far above the pain of knowing her should be solicited to become members, and suffering. I was trying to settle it in my whether business men interested in grain my misfortunes seemed blessings, drawing us They were away a long time, and John sat beside me holding my hand in his, comfort in January. ing me, as it I had not taken the very hope

> "Dont grieve so," he said gently. "She will live.

"Thanks to you," I said. "Oh, John, if strong arm for tife, John, instead of my helpessuess. I see to-day where my selfish love has nearly cost her her life.

"Do you mean that? " John asked, with a little trembling in his voice; "do you really the United States hatcheries on the McCloud mean that?"

"I do indeed. Let her stay here, John, I

and perhaps children, to take her time and her Ruth's; but let her give me what time and

"Gladly," he answered; but we will not him never to speak to Ruth again, much as I wait till she is well, Mr. Martin. Let me "With a broken leg, sick and helpless?"

"Does she not need me the more? Give her But he had to wait till the bans were called

and sense of duty till she believed herself to in church three times, though he came to us be a monster of ungrateful wickedness to think that day caring for me with the tenderness of

They were alone together, as we were, and I wept, asking her if she could face her they had shut up their house and come to live dead mother after deserting her helpless fath- with us, never to leave again. For one Importations Direct from Europe morning, propped up with pillows, Ruth was dressed in white by Mrs. Hayes, and we had a wedding in the little room. My chair was moved in, and the neighbors came from far and near to hear the solemn words that made John and Ruth man and wife.

THE WHEAT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Articles of incorporation of the Wheat Growers' Association of California were filed A NEW AND INVALUABLE last week. The Directors are: A. C. Paulsell, San Joaquin county; H. M. La Rue, Sacramento county; W. B. English, Contra Costa Self Preservation is the First Law county; A. D. Logan and J. C Campbell, Col-M. Hickman, Stanislaus county; E. Jacobs,

The corporation has no capital stock. The tight, and the cold was intense. We piled declaration of purposes is in effect as follows: up coal in the stoves, listed doors and win- To bring the grain growers of the State into dows-that is, Ruth did the work and I en- closer communication, with a view of securing joyed the result; but there came a cold day- concerted action when deemed necessary. To one Friday-when it seemed no coals, no list- provide means for collecting and disseminating ing, could conquer the cold. Children froze information concerning crop prospects of the tend to lower the standard of California wheat On this cold Friday, Ruth harried through in the markets of the world, and te endeaver

THE AGREEMENT.

The following is the form of agreement: We, the undersigned grain growers in the State of California, believing that our interests can be promoted and our business made more profitable by a concerted effort to overcome the great and well known disadvantages of the members.

THE MEETING ON MONDAY. The Wheat Growers' Association met in the Grangers' building Monday, Oct. 10th. A.C.

Paulsell, of San Joaquin, presided, in the absence of H. M. Larne, the Chairman. A. W. McCarthy, of Modesto, acted as Secretary. Chairman Paulsell, for the Committee on Organization and By-Laws, reported that articles of incorporation had been prepared, and

the certificate thereof was expected to be received from the Secretary of State in a very few days. A code of by laws, said the Chairman, have been prepared in accordance with the desire of the grain growers, as expressed at their last meeting. The law required notice to be made by publication in a daily newspaper before the by-laws can be adopted. Hence they would only discuss and not adopt them to-day. The objects of the association were not Batchelor, Van Gelder & Co., as yet generally understood. Last year there was not a man in the State who knew the amount of wheat in store by 400,000 tons, and if it had been known, the grain growers would not have carried their wheat at a loss, as they

essity of an association has been apparent. The information now furnished the farmer is not reliable. Crop products, shipments, tonnage, bags, every subject connected with the sale of wheat crops can be furnished.

After the reading of the articles of incorporation, Mr. Paulsell, continuing, said that in order to have a live institution they should have at least 300 members, because the expense would be at least from \$3,000 to \$5,000 h a year. A committee should be appointed to solicit membership, so that at the meeting in January, when the by-laws are adopted, if the membership justified it, they could employ a competent person to compile a publication giving them the necessary and reliable in-

W. L. Overheiser, after an inquiry as to who should be eligible to membership, said he would be in favor of having the meeting of the association secret, so that the information furnished the society should not be furnished to business men, whose interests were against those growing wheat. They had had experience with speculators in wheat and tonnage, and he wanted none of them with him in the organization.

each in turn expressed his opinion as to whom growing should be admitted as well as farmers. It was finally agreed to leave the matter to the good sense of the committee. The meeting then adjourned until the second Monday

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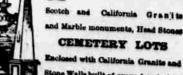
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