CHRISTENING THE HOME

BY DORA READ GOODALE.

The final blow was struck to-day, The final nail was driven; The last young workman's got his pay, Picked up his screws and chisels-nay, Just touched his cap and gone away, And left us here, thank Heaven!

It's bare, but we'll dispense to night With hangings and stamped leather I'll start a blaze and strike a light, And bring out basket for a bite, And you shall spread the board aright And-well, we're here together.

That bench is just the seat for two-Be careful while I move it; I'll fold my coat across for you-Don't mind s little paint and glue. There! what could old Cornelius do (Forgive me!) to improve it?

And so it's done- it's really done, Past making or refusing ; Another widening life begun, And all our doubtful fancies run To solid walls in wind and sun, Our own, and of our choosing !

Imagine this in gold and gray, The happy hearth a-glitter, Thick stuffs to keep the cold away, Deep shelves of books-in vellum, say And beaten brasses, pepousse, Instead of chips and litter

Here we shall sit, and leave the town To languish—Heaven forbid her! You in your most bewitching gown, I with my paper—upside down— And toasting both my slippers brown Before me on the fender!

A cottage stood here long ago. Deep-kneed in grass and clover— On this same spot. Æsthetic? No. A cabin, maybe, thatched and low, A little maid in calico, A clever-handed lover.

How life, unerring, comes and goes, To very same—or nearly; Like us, they dreamed of these and those; They ate and drank; and planned and

chose, And loved?—a little, I suppose; But oh, not half so dearly!

No doubt they saw the splendor die, Night coming—they must bear it— Youth, hope and passion slipping by, The laughter spent, the tears run dry ; But did they love as you and I? No, never! I could swear it!

Who ever loved a wife like mine ? Have done with vain denying! To-morrow's sun is sure to shine, And why should happy youth repine? Come, pledge our future in the wine, And make an end of crying!

The Mysterious Widow.

During the summer of 1841 the British had not only laid claim to all that portion of the district of Maine lying portion of the district of Maine lying ter eyed her sharply. Soon she went to east of the Penobscot, but Admiral Grifthe taffrail and looked over at the stern fet and Sir John Shorbrooke (the latter being the Governor-General of Nova Scotia) had been sent with a heavy force to take possession, and occupied the town of Castaine, which place commands the entrance to the Penobscot river. Shortly before the arrival of the English squadron, Commodore Samuel Tucker had peen sent around to Penobscot Bay to protect the American coasters, and hold on; why, bless my soul, there's a lashed to the main rigging, where he big spider right on your hair. No, not was told to remain until the vessel got while the British sailed up to Castaine he lay at Thomaston.

It was a schooner that the commodore commanded, but she was a heavy one well armed and manned, and she carried the true Yankee "grit" upon her decks. of which the enemy had received from them rather too many proofs.

On the morning of the 28th of August a messenger was sent down from Belfast with the intelligence that a British frigate was coming from Castaine to take him. Tucker knew the British feared him, and also that Sir John Sherbrooke had offered a large reward for his When the Commodore received the

intelligence, his vessel was lying at one of the low wharves, where he would have to wait two hours for the tide to set him off ; but he hastened to have everything ared to get her off as soon as possible, for he had no desire to meet the

Irigate.

The schooner's keel had just cleared from the mud, and one of the men had been sent upon the wharf to east off the bowline, when a wagon drawn by one horse came rattling down to the spot. The driver, a rough-looking countryman, got out upon the wharf and then assisted a middle-aged woman from the vehicle. The lady's first inquiry was for Commodore Tucker. He was pointed out to her, and she stepped on the schooner's deck and approached it wasn't as rough and bearded as a

here?" she asked. "We'll sail right off, as soon as possible,

madam. Oh, then, I know you will be kind to at that coffin. me, 'the lady urged, in persuasive tones."My poor husband died yesterday, and I wish to carry his corpse to Wiscasset. where we belong and where his parents will take care of it."

"No noise now, Carter; follow me as held in that State.

"In the wagon," returned the lady,

at the same time raising the corner of and steeped to raise it, when Dan's hand her shawl to wipe away the gathering touched a small ball that seemed to tears. "I have a sum of money with have been pinned up under the afterme, and you shall be paid for your break of the hatch. trouble

"Tut, tut. woman," said Tucker, "if I accommodate you, there won't be any pay about it.

The kind-hearted old Commodore was the woman and her strange accompaniment on board, yet he could not refuse. When he told her he would do as she requested, she thanked him with many tears in her eyes.

Some of the men were sent upon the man who drove the wagon; beneath it which went to show very plainly that lookout for the string. the affair did not exactly suit them. It may have been but prejudice on their the lid was very carefully lifted from part, but seamen should be allowed a prejudice once in a while, when we confirm the lid was very carefully lifted from its place.

"Great God in Heaven!" burst from prejudice once in a while, when we consider the many stern realities they have

to encounter. "Hush, my good men," said the Commodore, as he heard their remonstrance. Suppose you were to die away from home, would you not wish that your last remains should be carried to your poor parents? Come, hurry now."

The men said no more, and ere long the coffin was placed in the hold and the woman shown to the cabin. In less than half an hour the schooner was cleared from the wharf and standing powder and pitchwood; upon a light out from the bay. The wind was light francework in the center 'ere were from the eastward, but Tucker had no arranged four pistols, all cocked, and the fear of the frigate, now that he was out of the bay.

In the evening the lady passenger came on deck, and the Commodore assured her that he should be able to land her early on the next morning. She expressed her gratitude and satisfaction, and remarked that before she retired she would like to look and see that her husband's corpse was safe. This, of course, was granted, and one of the men lifted off the hatch that she might go down

into the hold. "I declare," muttered Daniel Carter, an old sailor who was standing at the wheel, "she takes on dre'fully."

"Yes, poor thing," said Tucker, as he heard her sobs and groans.

"D'ye notice what an eye she's got? continued Carter.

"No; only 'twas swollen with tears,' aid Tucker.

"My eyes! but they slone, though, when she stood here looking at the co.n-

Tucker smiled at the man's quain earnestness, and without further remar.

went into the cabin. When the woman came up from the hold, she looked about the deck of the schooner for a few moments and then went aft. There was something in her countenance that puzzled Carter. He had been one of those who objected to the coffin being brought on bo rd, and hence he was not predispoed to look very favorably upon its owner. The woman's eye ran over the schooner's dock with a strange quickness, and Carboat, and then she came back and stood

by the binnacle again.
"Look out, or you'll jibe the boom!" exclaimed the pessenger.

nacle lamp.

"Thank'ee, ma'am," said Dan. "Ha! here-I'll-ugh

This last ejaculation Dan made as he seemed to pull something from the woman's hair, which he hastily threw upon the deck with the "Ugh" above men-

Shortly after this the passenger went below, and ere long Commodore Tucker came on deck. "Commodore," said Carter, with a re

markable degree of earnestness in his manner, "is the 'oman turned in?" "I rather think so," said Tucker, look ing at the compass. "Look out-look out, Carter! Why, man alive, you're

two points to the south ard of your cour-e!

"Blow me! so I am." said the man bringing the helm smartly aport. "But say, didn't you notice anything peculiar about the old 'oman?"

"Why. Dan, you seem greatly inter-

ested about her. "So I am, Commodore, and so I am about the coffin, too. Wouldn't it be well for you and I to overhauf it?" "Pshaw! you're as scared as a child

in a graveyard. "No, not a bit. Just hark : that 'oman ain't no 'oman.

The commodore pronunced the name of his satanic majesty in the most emphatic manner.

"It's the truth commodore-I can swear to it. I purtended there was a spider on her hair, and I rubbed my hand agin her face. By Sam Hyde! if holystone! You see she told me as how Commodore, when do you sail from I'd let the boom jibe if I didn't look out. I knowed as there wasn't no 'oman there and so I tried her. Call somebody to the wheel, and let's go and look

The commodore was wonderstruck by what he had heard, but with a calm presence of mind that made him what he was, he set coolly to thinking. In a few minutes he called one of the m? But, my good woman, I shan't go to aft to relieve Carter, and then he went sheep, two grade Galloway bulls and ten medicine has acquired the finest reputa

"Sartin." The two approache I the ma'n hatch dy equa! to Ammen's Cough Syrup.

"It's a ball of twine," said he. "Bon't touch it, but run and get a lantern," replied Tucker.

Carter sprang to obey, and when he returned a number of the men had not the man to refuse a favor; and, gathered about the spot. The hatch though he liked not the bother of taking was raised, and the commodore carefully picked up the ball of twine and found that it was made fast to something below. He descended to the hold and there he found that the twine ran in doubt in his mind now that there was wharf to bring the body on board. A mischief boxed up below, and selections buttal or obe was lifted off by the long buttal or obe was lifted off by the ter for something that might answer for a screw-driver. The man soon returned a screw-driver. appeared a neat black coffin. Some with a stout knife, and the commodore words were passed by the seamen as set to work. He worked carefully, how-they were putting the coffin on board, ever, at the same time keeping a bright ever, at the same time keeping a bright At length the screws were out, and

the lips of the commodore. Sam Hyde!" dropped like a clap of thunder from the tongue of Dan Carter.

"God bless you, Dan," said the Commodore.

"I knowed it," responded Dan. The two men stood for a moment and gazed into the coffin. There was no dead man there, but in place thereof there was material for the death of a score. The coffin was filled with gunpowder and pitchwood; upon a light string entering the coffin from without communicated with the trigger of each

The first movement of the Commodore was to call for water, and when it was brought he dashed three or four bucketsful into the infernal contrivance and

then breathed more freely.

The men then started for the cabin muttering imprecations upon the pas-

"No, no," cried the Commodore, as he leaper' from the hold, "No, no, my men. Do nothing rashly. Let me go into the cabin first. You may follow me." Commodore Tucker strode into the

cabin, walked up to the bunk where his passenger laid, and, grasping hold of the female dress, he dragged its wearer out upon the floor. There was a sharp resistance and the passenger drew a pistol, but it was quickly knocked away he gown was torn off, and a man came forth from the remnants of calico and

The fellow was assured that his whole olot had been discovered, and at length, he owned that it had been his plan to turn out in the course of the night and get hold of the ball of twine, which he had left in a convenient place; then he intended to have gone aft, carefu'y unwinding the string as he wen, along; then to have got into the boat, cut the ,alls, and, as the boat fell into the water he would have pulled smartly upon the tring.

"And I think you know," he continued, with a wicked look, "what would have followed. I shouldn't have been oticed in the fuss-I'd have got out of lo way with the boat, and you'd all have been in the next world in short order. And all I can say is that I'm

sorry I didn't do it." It was with much difficulty that the Carter started, and found that the mainsail was shive ing. He gave the helm a couple of spokes aport, and then cast his eyes again upo i the woman, and he was to have a heavy reward if he whose features were lighted by the bin-succeeded in destroying the Commodore

and his crew. The prisoner was carried on deck and

"What a horrid death that villain meant for us," said Carter.
"Yes, he did," said Tucker, with a

shudder. "He delongs to the same gang that's been a robbin' and burnin' the poor folks' houses on the eastern coast," said one of

the Lien. "Yes," said the Commodore, with a nervous twitch of the muscles about the nouth.

A bitter curse from the prisoner now broke on the air, and with a clenched fist the Commodore went below. In the morning, when Tucker came

on deck, Seguin was in sight on the starboard bow, but when he looked for the prisoner he was gone. Carter." asked the Commodore.
"where's the villain I lashed here last

night? I'm sure I don't know where he is,

Commodore. Perhaps he jumped overboard? The Commodore looked sternly in arter's eyes, and he saw a twinkle of

satisfaction gleaming there. He hesitated a moment, then he turned away and muttered to himself: "Well, well, I can't blame them. the murderous villain's gone to death, he's only met a fate which he richly de-

served. Better far be it for him 'than that my noble crew were all now in the ocean's cold grave." Phil. D. Miller & Sons, of Panora, Iowa, have sold three fine two-year-old Cots-

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For a cough or cold there is no reme-

A TERRIBLE PROPHECY. The Red Sunsets. Ciycones and Earthquakes Foretelling Coming Disaster How to meet It.

The recent mysterious appearances following sunset and preceding sunrise have attracted wide attention from students of the skies and thepeoply generally. During the days of recent weeks of his theory. It is certain, as above the sun seems to have been observed by a thin veil of a dull leaden hue, which, as the sun receded toward the horizon, but to learn to fortify themselves against became more luminous, then yellow, then the possibility of being overcome by there he found that the twine ran in became more infinitions, then yet with the second of the coffin. He had no orange, then red; and, as night settled over the second of the coffin the c down upon the earth, a dull purple. At first it was thought these appearances were ordinary sunset reflections of light but it is now pretty certain that they are either the misty substance of the tail of some unseen comet, in which the earth is enveloped, or a surrounding stratum of world dust or very small meteors.
Professor Brooks, of the Red House Observatory, Phelps, N. Y., has turned his telescope upon these objects and discoving the control of the control o ered what he thinks are myriads of telescopic meteors. If it is unorganized wo ld dust, or decomposed vapers, as the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester, N. Y., remarks: "How is this matter to be disposed of? Will it settle and form a deposit upon the earth, or remain a partial opaque shell about the earth to cut off a portion of the sun's light upon

Whatever the mystery is, there is no denying that some very strange forces are at work in the upper airs. The terrible tornadoes and cyclones which have swept our own country, and the fearful volcances and earthquakes which have destroyed so many cities and thousands of people—the tidal waves which mysterise and fall on coasts hitherto unvexed by them-the tremendous activity which is evident in the sun by the constant revelation of enormous spots upon its surface—all indicate unusual nergy in the heavenly bodies.

These circumstances recall Professor Grimmer's prophecies that from 1881 to 1887, the passage of the five great plan-ets—Mars, Neptune, Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn-aaound the sun would produce strange and wonderful phenoma. He "The waters of the earth will become more or less poisonous. The air will be foul with noisome odors. An cient races will disappear from the centh races will disappear the attempts to prove his prophecy by the fact that in 1720, when Ma:s and Saturn made their passage around the sun coincidentally, great destruction and mortality visited all parts of the globe. He also found the same results in previous perehelion passages of the planets, and argues that these circumstances always produce epidemics and destructive diseases which will baffle the skill of the most eminent physicians that the poor will die by thousands, the weak and intemperate falling first, those whose blood has been impoverished by excess of work or dissipation next and only those who are in comparative vigor shall escape to enjoy the era of renewed

activity and prosperity which will follow the period of destruction. Insemuch as the entire world seems subject to the sway of the heavenly bodies no part of the earth, he thinks, can escape scourging. He even pre-dicts that America will lose over ten millions of people; that farmers will be stricken with fear and cease to till the soil; that famine will make human misery more wretched. That hundreds will flee to overcrowded cities for aid in vain. The sudden changes in ocean currents, temperature and surroundings will entirely transform the face of nature and climate of countries; that the air will be so four with malaria and other roxious gases; that those who survive furnaces as to make a constant draft will be troubled with disorders of the di-That many who escape gestive organs. suddenly pass away, while others will pany lifts the sewage into a condiment from which it is distributed to a farm of istence in independent and drag out a miserable exbody will torment them. They will easily tire and become despondent. A other places with vegetables and the easily tire and become despondent. A profits on sixty acres was, last year, faint, hot feeling will be succeeded by \$8,500. The utilization of sewage is chilly sensations while hallucinations and dread of impending ill will paralize all efforts. "The birds in the air, the beasts of the field and even the fish of the sea will become diseased, poisoning the air and poisioning the waters of the globe." We are told on the other hand that those who shall pass through this period of trial will have larger enjoyment of life and health. The earth will yield more abundantly than ever before. The animal kingdom will be more pro lific and life prolonged very materially This prolongation of life will be owing to the healthy electric and magnetic influences that will pervade the atmos phere. It would perhaps seem that the present redness of the sun, and the presence of a belt or veil of cosmic matter, justified in a measure, the predic tion of Professor Grimmer, but disturb ing as his prediction may be we are told for our comfort that the strong and pure blooded need have little to fear in these calamities, that those who are delicute or indisposed should adopt means

to keep the system well supported and the blood pure and that the most chilosophical and effective method of accom plishing this is to keep the kidneys and liver in good condition. From the testimonials of such men as Dr. Dio Lewis and Professor R. A. Gunn, M. D., Dean of the United States Medical college New York, and thousands of influentia non-professional people, it seems almost certain for this purpose there is no prepa ner's Safe Cure, better known as War Wiscasset."

"If you will only land me at the mouth of the Sheepscot, I will ask no mouth of the Sheepscot, I will ask no more. I can easily find a b at there to Carter aside.

"It is passenger. The coops of poultry. They took twenty latter had turned in and scemed to be steeping. Tucker returned and took was one of the best county fair, which was one of the best county fairs ever flamed organs, strengthens the nervous fake me up."

against climatic changes and malarial influences and the destructive agencies which seem to be so abundant in these evil days.'

It is not our purpose to dispute the correctness of Professor Grimmer's prophecies. As we have said, the marked disturbances of the past few years would seem to give a semblance of verification stated, that we are passing through what may be regarded as a crucial period and it is the part of wise men not to ignore, gate as much as possible the suffering of humanity and in no way better can he accomplish this purpose than to see to it that he, himself, is fortified by the best known preparation in the strongest possible manner and that he exert the offuence of his own example upon his ellows to the end that they, too, may share with him immunity from the de-structive influences which seek his ruin.

Tree Planting in Massachusetts

"It is not a little remarkable, as an in

An exchange in speaking of the wastf sewage says :

tance of the great economic importance of the proper use of fertilizers, that while the pine forests of the Northwest are being laboriously cleared away and burned off to make room for grain, the fields of southern Massachu. etts, which grew abundant crops of wheat not many years ago, are everywhere being sown with the seeds of pine trees; the very plant which our greatgrandfathers destroyed, to make room for more valuable crops, being now the most profitable growth to be obtained from the land which has in half a dozen generation become practically sterile. It is hardly too much to say that for such districts as these ewer irrigation affords the best hope of reclamation. No farmer ten or fifteen miles from the nearest town could think of buying and transporting ordinary manure enough to restore an old pasture lot of 100 acres to fertility. He can keep a small vegetable garden in good condition, but with the rest of his land there is nothing to do but let it grow up with timber. His neighbors are in the same condition with himself and the district in which they live is thus left desert with the exception of an acre here and there of ploved land and something more of having ground in the alluvial valleys. The sewage of a city like Boston furnishes exactly the means of restoration of such land on a comprehensive scale. At a moderate estimate the fertilizing value of city sewage properly applied is about \$2 a year for each inhabitant, and if the sew-age could be brought where it is wanted an annual tract of 30,000 or 100,000 acres might be restored to a productiveness which, with greater care n future, might be made permanent.

George M. Puliman, the inventer of the sleeping car of that name, has laid out a town near Chicago, his manufacturies forming the nucleus. This little city of six thousand inhabitants is also named Pullman and has been laid out with great regularity of streets and blocks. There is also a fine hotel, church and theatre, with stores and markets too. But the most striking feature of the town, is a massive tower which rises from the machine shops sustaining the water tank used for the supply of the works and city. There is a cistern under the tower towards which all the sewage of the city flows. There is thirteen miles of mains which tern then the steam power of the comistence in indescribable agony for weeks. This farm is cultivated as a market gar-Neuralgic pains in different parts of the den, furnishing the city of Pullman and \$8,500. The utilization of importance, without it a densely populated city may become malarious. it were not for the care which the Chi nese pay to fertilizing the soil in their country, that dense population could not be sustained at all. The sewage of which we speak, at the city of Pull-man is said to be without offensive oder. When it arrives at the farm it seems to be quite clear and inoffensive to handle

> Why an Englishman travels-For eigners say that an Englishman's chief interest in traveling is to see whether Bradshaw is right.

A little girl at Newport, seeing the willow photons for the first time, exclaimed, "Why, mamma, everybody rides out n their clothes-baskets here!

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A lady named Mary Magui-ah Had trouble in lighting the fi-sh; The wood being green She used kerosene— -tzarz!!!! She has gone where the fuel is dry ah

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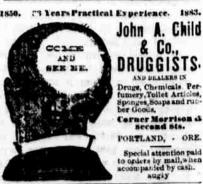
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