"SANS MERCI."

A light girl's form and a baby's face, Blue eyes with a cool soft stare; Yet they tell me, Dicz. she can go the pace In a way that would curl your hair,

They say that she's not yet twenty-one, And she hardly looks eighteen; But she does not care for what girls call fun She can hardly know what they mean.

She played the deuce with good old Fred, Till he went to the East, you know; She had said to his face that she wished him dead.

For she'd somebody else in tow,

They said Harry blew out his brains for debts On the night of the last Two Thou; But I saw his book, and, for all his bets, He might have been plunging now.

And two men fought on the beach at Cowes; One fell and the other fled; And a Romish priest would have broken h vows.

But he broke his heart instead.

No, Dickey, you seed not look so glum; She'll wait for a better match: She's not the girl for you, old chum; And you're not what they call a catch. -London Society.

A Life Scene-

"Poor Nancy has gone," said Susan Pitty in a sad tone to her friend, Mary Stoutheart, on whom she was making a morning call.

"Ah; I've been expecting it for a long time," was the calm reply.

"So have I; but it seems as though I can't give her up." This remark was followed by emotions of grief, broken by such expression as follows: "She was such a good neighbor, always diligent, always patient and kind, and then she was the most self-sacrificing person I ever saw."

Amid her emotions of grief she forgot how many times she had neglected to aid and comfort her poor, suffering neighbor, Nancy, whose memory and worthiness was then very precious to her,

but such is life the wide world around.
"Yes, she was too mild, too patient, too self-sacrificing," replied Mr Stoutheart, having a thorough knowledge of the

"That's just what I think. It seems as though her husband and children will die. He says he can't have her carried out of the house-there it would make your heart ache to see them take on."
"It truly is a sad thing to bury our

friends, but if they leave an assurance that the future looks bright to them, we ought not to wish them back, it is decidedly selfish. And if we believe that the time of one's death is set by a higher Power we are rebelling against Power, but if we have reason to believe that the death of a friend was hastened by our cold neglect, we have reason to regret that neglect, and try to amend in the future.

"You know, Mrs. Pitty, that Nancy Dolittle, was neglected by her husband, her children and many of her neighbors," said Mrs. Stoutheart, with earnestness.

"I know it, Nable Dolittle never half provided for his family; and besides he was cold and stern and sometimes very unkind to poor Nancy. She was not a "dolittle" in the true sense of the word, but she had poor health, and her hus-band was a Dolittle, consequently she had little to do with, but she made the best of what she did have," replied Mrs. Pitty, unmindful of the many times she had communicated to her neighbors Nancy's habits of economy, which seemed

to many to be acts of meanness.

"Poor creature," continued Susan, "she bore all her trials uncomplainingly, and pined away and died"—(followed by emotions and grief.)

"Not a whit," he replied; "the article will be just as strong without so many personal strictures."

The necessary changes and erasures having been made, the paper was returned to the foreman, with the request

"Tears can do her no good, but a little occasional help and a few encouraging words might in days that are passed, when life's burden's bore heavily upon her and stern want faced her. Probably she would have lived many years longer, if she had been furnished with the neces-saries of life."

"You are right; I've seen her out bringing wood early in the morning to cook her breakfast with, if she had any-thing to cook and Dolittle in bed I sup-

pose—poor thing, how I did pity her."
"Did you pity her enough to let your boys run over and help her?" was the

pointed reply.
"I told them they might, but they didn't

care to. "My children have taken food to her many times, and frequently assisted her in the garden, in cutting wood, etc. They did not care to because that was her hus-band's business, but—"

"That made no difference, she needed help, it was our duty to help her for her own sake, yet no one could feel it a duty to indulge him in his indolent neglect of

"Well, he feels bad enough now, and arough for him. He has sent

"That is all right, but we think it would have been well for him to have provided for a decent suit that she might have gone to the church occasionally in days past—but Nable is his name, and folly is his nature—and we are sorry to say there are many just such Nables in this world and many of them wear flowing garments.

I have seen so much solemn mockery over the clay of departed friends by those

who neglected them while living, my soul is filled with digust at the slighest manifestation of the kind. Yet I do respect and appreciate true mourning, that which arises from years of faithfulness by all parties concerned. Such mockery is not confined to the family circle alone, but it is found in several constants. but it is found in various organizations, the church not excepted. Many humble persons have had a pauper's care in their last sickness and a pauper's burial, while their professed brethren were rolling in

wealth and revelling in pleasure.

Who can wonder that their prayers are not answered? "Whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these ye do unto Me," are words still echoed from the courts of heaven.

SIGN YOUR NAME.

An Experience Familiar to all Editors.

The recent death of a somewhat prominent gentleman in New Jersey, recalls to the mind of Charles K. Bishop, a ludicrous circumstance which occurred in his office when he was the publisher of a daily paper in that State. The individual referred to had often been heard to say that the press of New Jersey was destitute of independence, and that any communication reflecting upon the management of corporations in general, was sure to be consigned to the waste basket.

"We combatted his views to the best of our ability, contending that the press he denounced was as independent as its duty to the public interests required, and intimated that if he were the publisher of a newspaper, he would be less likely than ourselves to give utterance to the views he entertained in the bold and fearless style he so much admired. Of course he thought differently, and so expressed himself.

One day he handed to us for publication a long communication which, said he, was "perfectly truthful" from beginning to end. We read it very carefully, and though it contained some personalities which we thought out of place, we resolved to publish it on one condition. Turning to him we said :

"Sign your full name to this article and it shall appear to-morrow.'

'Why sign my name at all?" he asked. "Because," we answered, "we wish to put your boasted courage to the test. You say the statements in that article are incontrovertible, and admitting them to be so, we are curious to see if you have the manliness to do yourself what you declare New Jersey publishers dare not do."

These few words brought a bright color to the gentleman's cheeks, but they brought also, an answer to his tongue, for, after a little hesitation he said:

"I will do as you demand. I will let the railroad corporation against which my charges are made see that there is one man in New Jersey who has the courage of his convictions.

So saying he appended his signature to the communication, which, it was agreed should appear on the following

The same evening much to our sur changes in his article.

a law suit.'

We smiled as we whistled up to the composing room for the manuscript, and handed it to the writer

"We trust your valor is not going to ooze out at your finger ends, like that of Bob Acres, in Sheridan's play of 'The Rivals?

Not a whit," he replied; "the article

having been made, the paper was re-turned to the foreman, with the request to have in type by 10 o'clock, as the au-thor wished to see the proof of it by that

time. Punctually at the hour named the proof-sheets were placed in the hands of our independent contributor, and we watched his countenance as he read

them. He was evidently troubled. At length he said: "I notice here some passages which I forgot to modify when I was last here.

May I do so now?"
"Certainly," said we, silently enjoying

his uneasine In about half an hour he returned us the proofs, and glancing at them we dis-covered that about fifty lines had been

'Is it all right now?" we asked.

"Yes, I think so," he responded, and he bowed and bade us good night. But we were destined to see more of our brave scribe for at 12 o'clock the

our brave scribe for at 12 o'clock the time which the foreman usually began to make up the editorial page, on which the communication was to be inserted, he again appeared. His remark was:

"Could that piece of mine be held over for another day?"

"Yes," we answered, "but why do you ask?"

and receiving his proofs, took his depar

The next day, quite early, with a very subdued air he walked into the office. Humility had taken the place of arrogance, and we saw at once that he had come to ask a favor but did not know in

what manner to solicit it.
"What now?" we exclaimed, pretending not to notice his embarrassment. "You may perhaps smile," he began "when I tell you that my errand is—

"To withdraw your 'piece' altogether," we said, anticipating him.

"Just so. I'm afraid my severe comments on the acts of these parties named might affect my private interest in the future very seriously, and if not asking too much I would like you to cancel the entire article, and any expense you have been put to on account of it, I will gladly defray.

"It seems to us, Mr. calling him by name, "that this is the quintessence of trifling. You first almost dare us to publish the article, and when we accept to do so on a condition that you accept, you put us to the trouble of setting it up, you change and modify it at will, and now you beseech us not to publish it all.

"I am willing to indemnify you, as I have said, for any loss you may sustain,"

said our crestfallen acquaintance.
"We have no doubt you are," we returned; "but if the communication had appeared as you originally wrote it, you might not have got off so easily. Be wiser hereafter, and before you again arraign the press of New Jersey for its scverity or its lack of moral independence, remember this little affair, in which you have played a very ridiculous part.'

It was finally agreed that our friend (as he afterwards became) would pay the cost of setting up his "piece" and treat the typos to a fine oyster supper, both of which contracts he faithfully fulfilled; and so the diatribe which was going to electrify the community and teach the press its duty, never met the public eye. -Exchange.

The tide of immigration setting toward our shorses is subject to fluctuations, but there exists no reason to anticipate that during the life of the present generation it will fail to reach the average height of the past ten years; immigration, there-fore, continues to be one of the great economic questions of this country, and it involves a political problem of the highest importance, that of naturalization. That our naturalization laws are defective in many respects is notorious, and the demand for their revision will no doubt acquire added force from the publication of an article by Justice William Strong upon that subject in the North American Review for May. In the same number of the Review, Edwin P. Whipple offers a candid judgment of Matthew Arnold, as a thinker and as a man of letters Richard A. Proctor, under the title of "A Zone of Worlds," writes of the vast multitude of the pigmy kindred of the earth, known as the asteroids. In "The Railway and the State," Gerrit L. Lansing essays to prove that the multiplication and extension of railroad lines, and the establishment of low rates of transportation, are hindered rather than helped by governmental interference. Prof. Henry F. Osborn, of Princeton College, has a nighly interesting article on "Illusions of Memory." Helen Kendrick Johnson prise the author called at the office and stated that he wished to make some changes in his article.

contributes an essay on "The Meaning of Strong." Finally, there is a joint discussion of "Workingmen's Grievances," "On reflection," he said, "I have determined to omit some of the personalities Laurence Laughlin, of Harvard Unite contained. They might involve me in versity.

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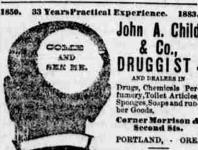
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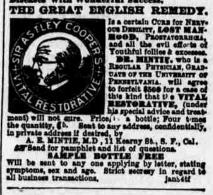
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