John rides in a carriage with twinkling whee's, Bowing to all with smiles and laughs,
John's father along the highway steals,
Borne up by an old oaken staff)
Sweet music floats over from John's bright

For his daughters like tairies play, The wind whistles shrilly aprild the gloom Of the cottage over the way.

John's deoryard flowers are set with taste, And his hedges are neat and trim, Just across the way is a weedy waste, But the old man's eves are so dim That he dees not see how the jessamine less John's beautiful home make gay.

Nor mark the moss on the rotten ives
Of his own house over the way.

John's parlors are sometimes open wide To well dressed company; And over the springing floor they glide fo rythmic melody; Perenance it may keep the old man awake Far on to the morning gray, Of course his heart is too old to ache in the cottage over the way.

John gives gifts with a lavish hand To the pauper he owns as sire, But says he never can understand What he wants more than food and fire And wonders because the old man will we And talk of a long-gone day When all he needs is to eat and sleep In the cottage over the way.

John's seat in his carriage, though very wi Will not carry the sire and son; Neither may both in one house abide, Each lives in the world of his own, Two lonely lives for the Master wait, Each longs for a coming day---When death shall silently pass the gate

Of the cottage over the way. No, I have no moral, I just : ecall What you and I have often seen -The wind-smitten hut and the stately hall, With only the highway between. And yet that spacelis a gulf so vast That no love can across it stray, And hearts are broken when once 'tis passed

HOW A GIRL DEFENDED A FORT.

To a cottage over the way.

A STORY FOR GIRLS.

Women are told if they would vote they must fight. To all such we commend the following story of the bravery and sagscity of a girl of fourteen, who The Indians af the fort; two boys of ten and twelve, an so much on their guard.

old man of eighty, and a man who had The anxious watchers never fired a gun. For a week she held cheered when day dawned. Everybody delivering her charge in safety to a de-tachment of forty soldiers sent to her aid. her to a p'ace of safety.

"I will never abandon the fort while The history we copy, with the usual injustice of history towards women, does not give her full name—only Madeline, "I will never abandon the fort while Mademoiselle Madeline is here," said her husband.
"I will never abandon it." said the although the lieutenart's name, who

came to her sid, is mentioned.

This feat of Madeline is one of the most courageous on record. It was not contested battle with wily foes without the fort and cowardly friends within.

There was a settlement called Verchires, some twenty miles below Montreal. Settlers must always have a place of refuge. Here was a fort connected by a covered passage with a block house. One October morning in 1672 the inhabitants were in the field at work. There were but two soldiers at the fort. The commander and his wife were absent. Their daughter, Madeline, a girl of four-teen, stood on the landing with a hired man, when she heard firing. "Run, Mademoiselle, run!" cried the

man; "here come the Iroquois." Looking around the girl saw the In-dians near at hand. She ran for the fort and the Indians, seeing they could not catch her, fired at her. Their bul-lets whistled round her and "made the time seem very long," as she afterward said. As soon as Madeline reached the fort she cried out: "To arms! to arms!" hoping that she would get assistance. But the two soldiers were so frightened that they had bidden in the block house. When Madeline reached the gate of the fort she found two women there crying for their hus bands, who were in the field and had just been killed. Madeline forced them in and shut the gate. She instantly took command of the fort and went to examine her defenses. She found that some of the palisades had fallen down, leaving holes through which the enemy could easily enter. She ordered them immediately set up and even helped among them herself. When the little commander repaired to the block-house, where she found her garrison of two, one was hiding in the corner, the other with a lighted match in his hand.

"What are you going to do with that match?" said Madeline. "Light the powder and blow us all up," answered the soldier. "You are a miserable coward," said the

girl. "Get out of this place."

People always like to obey in time of peril the one person of resolution and coolness. The soldier did as Madeline bid. She then flung saide her bonnet, put on a hat and took a gun. Madeline's whole force consisted of the above mentioned soldiers, her two brothers of ten and twelve years of age and an old man of eighty, with some women and chil-

rison was. Besides, they were that I would meet with the cordial aid yet occupied in chasing and killing and sympathy of the people there. I the men whom they had surprised at didn't expect to do a big business, but I material their work. Madeline commanded just wanted to run a little modest paper Because that a cannon should be fired to impress
the Indians the more, and with the hope
to thus summon some of the soldiers
who were out hunting. Meantime the
women and children and kept up a continual screaming. The girl now ordered
them to keep still for fear the Indians
then to keep still for fear the Indians
there is a serious and the serious and th should be encouraged by their fright to make an attack. A compose was soon seen in the river approaching the landing. It contained a settler and his family, who were trying to make their escape to the fort. Madeline tried to get the soldiers to go to their assistance, but their

night set in. The little commander though to herself that this would be just the time when the Indians would try to standing with him. enter the fort, under cover of the dark. Then he went away "I assembled all my troops," said with an old man of eighty and another who never fired a gun, and you, Pierre Tontine (the settler) will go to the block house with the women and children, bepapers, and had three large and hotly

on two of the bastions, while she and the eyes one of them has been closed up on servant took charge of the other two, me, and my nose has at different times This one girl, a man who did not know pointed around all over my face. how to fire a gun, and two little boys kept guard over the fort as sentinels, on some paper incog., as I might say, while "all well" could be heard from time and where I will be by myself. I can to time answered back and forth from the | take most any current event and tinge it fort to the block-house. The night was very stormy. About one o'clock the sentinel whose station was near the gate, called out: "Mademoiselle, I hear some- known all over the world. I will admit thing.'

coul | see, dimly defined upon the snow-know that if I can succeed in imbuing covered ground, the outlines of what few into my work that settled air of gloom cattle the Iroquois had not butchered. that I feel, your paper will win for itself. The other sentinels were in favor of letting them into the fort.

"God forbid!" exclaimed Madeline: "You don't know all the tricks of the morse in the world." savages. They are no doubt following the cattle, covered with skins of beasts, so as to get into the fort if we are simple

would let the animals in. She made her the cold, hard, unsympathetic outer brothers stand ready with their guns world, taking with him his leaden burbrothers stand ready with their guns cocked in case anything went wrong, and den of woe and a silk umbrella that so she and the man admitted the cattle stood in the hall .- Bill Nye. in safety. The night passed without any

The Indians afterward confessed that defended a fort for a week, her garrison they had held a council and decided upon consisting of two cowardly soldiers, one a plan for taking the fort, but had not of whom she prevented from blowing up carried it out because the garrison were The anxions watchers were much

the Iroquois at bay; cheering the fright now felt courageous except Tontine's ened women and children and still more frightened soldiers, going without food or sleep; always on the alert, and at last line. She begged her husband to carry

girl; "I had rather die than give it up to the Iroquois. I think it very important that they should never get possession of any French fort, because if they do they a sudden spurt of enthusiasm, but a long | will think they can get others, and will be more bold and impudent than ever."

Madeline commanded her little garri-

son for a week. During this time they From Brant and Red Jacks, by Edward Eggleson had frequent alarms, for the Iroquois and Little Eggleson seelys. still moved all about them. "I may say with truth," said the little heroine, "that I did not eat or sleep for twice twenty-four hours. I did not go into my father's house, but kept always on the bastion, or went to the blockhouse to see how the people were behaving. I always kept a cheerful and smiling face, and encouraged my small company with the

hope that help would come quickly."

At last a detachment of forty men, under a lieutenant named La Momerie, was sent from Montreal to the relief of the fort. They came up stealthily in the night, not knowing whether the Iroquois had taken the fort or not. But one of the alert sentinels thought he heard a sound and called out: "Qui vive?" The girl commander had just dropped into a doze, with her head upon a table, and her gan lying across her arms, when the sentinel spoke to her telling her that he had heard something from the river. Madeline immediately mounted the bas-

"Who are you?" she cried. "We are Frenchmen; it is La Momerie, who comes to bring you help,' was the answer.

Placing a sentinel at the gate Madeline went down to the river to meet the rein-

"Monsieur, I surrender my arms to you," said the girl, with a military salute to La Momerie.

"Mademoiselle, they are in good hands, gallantly answered the Lieu-"Better than you think," said Made-

La Momerie accompanied her to the fort, inspected it, and found all in satisfactory order, with the sentinels at their

posts.
"It is time to relieve them, monsieur," said Madeline: "we have not been off our bastions for a week."

Wanted a Jub.

tired of this earth and wants to wing his way to a land of forgetfulness and plunge into the depths of oblivion. After he had taken a seat on the tete atete and hung his hat on the escritoire,

member our father has taught you that ful wail, as it were. Life is full of woe, gentlemen are born to shed their blood for the service of God and the king."

Madeline now placed her brothers and the soldiers at the loopholes, where they fired at the Indians, who were cautious about attacking the fort, especially as they did not know how large the gar-

to go to their assistance, but their newfound courage could not be brought up
this point. The girl conceived the
forthat if she went to the landing to
meet the settler and his family the Indiens more labels.

I had anticipated.

"The next week I wrote up a little
social party and gave the name of a
young man who was drunk and frolicsome and shot out all the lights. He also
shot an old man who was 'calling off' the

tioned the man servant at the gate to watch it said walking down to the landing alone escorted the settlers back. The Indians did not touch them. "We put so bold a face on it," she afterward said, "that they thought they had more to fear they are "they are " han we."

the job press with a chair. I didn't know him at all and I thought it was fired upon whenever they came in sight. rather eccentric for a total stranger, so Toward evening a violent wind began to when I got up again I told him so. Then blow, snow and hail fell and a stormy he jammed me into the wood box and the set in. The little commander poured a keg of ink and a can of coal oil ough to herself that this would be just on me before I could have an under-

Then he went away. "That evening he came with some friends and bought the good will of the Madeline, gravely; "that is my six per-sons." God has saved us to-day from the establishment, and the whole office and hands of our enemies," the young girl subscription list of me. He had the adsaid to them, "but we must take care not vantage of me, and bought it low. I to fall into their snares to-night. As for me I want you to see that I am not was afraid I might not have another opafraid. I will take charge of the fort portunity to sell, so I sold. The price, signs.

house with the women and children, because that is the strongest place; and if I am taken don't surrender, even if I am to places, and burned before your tor bills have alway been larger than the eyes. The enemy cannot hurt you in the block-house if you make the least show of fight."

other expenses of the office. The dentist has pulled teeth out of my palate ever since I entered the newspaper business. how of fight."

Since I entered the newspaper business.

As soon as I got so I could see with both

"What I want now is a chance to work that this is an innovation in journalism, Madeline went to the gate, where she perhaps, and I will take, I think, and I most ghastly record of disappointment and grief-stricken, horror-soaked re-

The manager stopped a few moments and then said, while his voice was choked with emotion, that the opaque gloom department was ably filled at enough to open the gate for them." gloom department was ably filled at But Madeline at last concluded she present, and the stranger went out into

A Curlous Souff Box.

Shortly after the breaking out of the Freuch revolution, its advocates denounced our Premier as "an enemy to the human race"-that man, "so easy to live with," who sung the song about him-self, called, "Billy Pitt, the Tory." His secretary one day told him that a forwell, had twice or thrice asked to see him, but not looking like a proper applicant, had been sent away, the great man's time being too precious for him to admit every stranger who, on frivolous pretexts, might seek to gratify an idle curiosity. This person, however, had said he should return in an hour; the secretary, therefore, thought it his duty to inform Mr. Pitt of such intention. and asked his further orders in the

"Have the goodness," said the minis-ter, "to open the top left-hand drawer in that cabinet, and bring me its contents. These were a pair of pistols and a morocco case; opening the latter he produced a snuff box, in which was set a por-

"Is that like our visitor?" asked Pitt. "It is the man, sir," answered the sec-

"Ha, I have expected him for some days; he is sent over to assassinate me; so, when he calls again let him be shown "Sir!" exclaimed the attached retainer, "will you expose to danger your life on which so much depends?

"There will be no danger, I thank you; but you may be within call, if you Accordingly the Frenchman, on his return, was ushered into the room

where William Pitt sat alone-a loaded pistol in one hand, the miniature in the "Monsieur Mehee de la Touche," said

Pitt, calmly, "you see I am in every way Months than every FOUR or FIVE. prepared for you, thanks to an agent employed by this government. Attempt my life and your own instantly pays the forfeit. In any case, I shall have you secured and given over to the law." The intended assassin stood paralyzed and dumb at this cool reception.

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shall be as liberally paid as you must, by all parties, be justly despised."

The clever miscreant joyfully accepted these terms, and for many years earned the bribes of a spy.--| Chamber's Journal.

Yesterday a man came into the Boomerang office with the air of a man who is on which occasion her two little boys were invited to await the chances of the second table, in which arrangement they readily acquiesced. But the visitors, belonging to the order C. L. S. C. lingered over the ruins of shortcake and pot-cheese, to indulge in an entertaining dren.

"Let us fight to the death," said Madeline to her brothers. "We are fighting for our country and our religion. Refor our country and our religion. Resad features of life and furnish the tear

pot-cheese, to induige in an entertaining and somewhat protracted feast of reason, etc., and the evening shadows had begun to thicken when a member of the household discovered the elder of the boys (it was his seventh birthday) crouched upon

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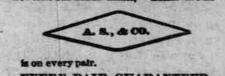
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