WHAT CHANGED UNCLE JOHN!

A certain flag-station near Boston is reached by a long flight of steps. These were climbed one winter afternoon by a slight figure between two crutches. At the top he paused for breath, and to look up and down the track before crossing. The old man who guarded the place did not send him away, as he had several other boys, but asked, kindly,

"Going off, Harry?"

"No, sir." Harry's voice, although weak, was joyous. "I've come to meet my uncle. You know Uncle John, Mr. Moses?"

The old man nodded, meaning that he had heard of such a person, and helped the boy to a seat beside himself.

"So that wonderfull uncle is due to-day?"

"Yes, sir," replied Harry. "It seems as if I could'nt wait for the train to come!"

"You'll have to," said his friend, "unless those crutches turn to wings, and you fly to meet it. It wouldn't surprise me a mite, for you look more like a spirit than a boy." As the latter's serious eyes meet his, Mr. Moses stopped jesting, and added: "You're all tuckered out, lad, it's too long a walk for you."

Harry had lifted his cap to wipe his forehead, upon which the blue veins stood out painfully; his face was drawn with suffering, yet he answered cheerily.

"So mother thought, but I told her that Uncle John would carry me home."

"If he comes," corrected Mr. Moses.

"Yes, I'm depending upon that, you see!" again Harry's joyous laugh rang out. "He is sure to find out that I am tired, and hoist me on his strong back. I think," he added, with a quaint air of wisdom, "that I've got the best uncle in the world."

It was half an hour to train time, there were no passengers, and Mr. Moses was delightfully interested, so Harry talked of what was in his heart. His relatives had been away two years, and the days had passed so slowly, the nights slower still, for they were often full of pain. When Harry had the fall that twisted his limbs it was Uncle John who told stories and drew such funny pictures; Uncle John who bore him about, and even took him on sketching trips in the woods or by the sea. Often they stayed all day and lunched in the open air.

Harry told how he generally had a bottle of milk, but Uncle John a flask of something very nice, over which he smacked his lips.

"It would have given you an appette to see him drink it." said Harry, in his old-fashioned way. "I wanted some, too, but he said it wasn't good for little boys. He never gave me the name, but said it was the color of amber or ruby. I asked him if it helped him paint. He laughed, and called me a catechism on two legs—just for a little joke, you know."

Mr. Moses had shaken his head and compressed his lips. Now he remarked: "It was wine he had, lad, and not a bit of help in the picture-making, I'll warrant! 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.'"

The deep tone and the words fell upon Harry's sensitive ear like a reproof for his dear uncle. I made a slight coldness between the two, until his old friend said, heartily: "I'm real glad that he is going to make his home with you again. He'll be a sight of comfort to your mother. There's his train now."

Leaning upon his crutches, Harry awaited its approach. The throbbing of his heart could almost be heard, the blood rushed into his pale cheeks.

"Look quick, Mr. Moses! he said, trembling with excitement. "Look for a tall, handsome man, with bright eyes!"

The train slowed up—stopped. Harry watched in vain for the familiar form, with the fresh complexion and keen eyes. Only two persons descended—an old woman and a stout, red-faced man.

"He probably missed the train," began Mr. Moses; but the stout man interrupted to ask if the widow Morse lived at the old place. Then Harry knew that his uncle had come, but what a change! The swollen features, crimson skin, and eyes shot through with blood lines, made up such a picture of terror to the loving child. He cannot speak of that moment without tears. It is as if the dear, old-time relative had died, and this was another whom he could never lose. Uncle John was very cross and tried to quarrel with Mr. Moses about his baggage. This lasted only a few moments, but it seemed hours to the boy before the matter was settled and they started for home. This new uncle did not offer to carry him, for which Harry was glad, noting his unsteady steps, but seemed irritated by the tap of the tiny crutches, asking impatiently:

"Lame as ever, bub?"

"Yes, sir." Harry's lips quivered. If Uncle John had not been strangly stupid he would have felt the way that the boy said, "I have not changed much!"

Twice this stout uncle complained of the cold, stopped and drank the ruby color of the olden time, only the flask was larger.

"Do you paint much these days, uncle?" asked Harry.

"No, my hand isn't as steady as it used to be, and my eyes are giving out. The fact is," Uncle John sighed "I'am going to peices as fast as a man can."

Harry wondered what the matter was, but feared to ask this new uncle, who was so ugly at the depot. But Mr. Moses, from his, elevated position on the platform of the flagstation, watched the slow progress of the two up the long street, with a heart full of sympathy for the disappointed boy and waiting sister, repeating his favorite text, which began "Wine is a mocker."

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HOME, SWEET HOME.

When the boundary line between Tennessee and Georgia was established it passed half a mile south of the spring Tuck-a-lee-chee-chee, and as it crossed one of the principal Indian trails, it became a place of much importance. There had already grown up a strong rivalry between the Tennessee tribes, headed by Chief Ross, and the Georgia tribes, headed by Major Ridge, both half-breeds, and men of extraordinary ability as leaders. The establishment of the new boundary line fixed the limits of their respective territories, and to try and harmonize as far as possible the contending factions the government established a trading post there John Howard Payne appeared upon the scene and was accused of inciting the Indians to insubordination. He was placed under arrest as an incendiary and carried to the council house. The name of the place was changed from the euphonious appellation of Tuck-a-lee-chee chee to the one more easily pronounced of Red Clay, because of the color of the soil in that vicinity.

While Payne was held there, one of the first bands arrived, and among the Indians was the chief Oochee, or Rattling Gouard, a broken-hearted man. He was moody and abstracted, and refused all invitations to the council house and would partake of no festive enjoyments whatsoever, but spent the most of his time at the graves of his wife and child further up the valley. At last one morning he was missed from his accustomed place by the campfire and an alarm was immediately raised that Rattling Gourd had escaped. The patrol scattered in every direction in search of him, and some of them bethought them of his fondness for the spot where his loved ones slept and went in search of him there. And there they found him. Weltering in his own blood, his body lay between the little mounds that covered his squaw and papoose. In some way he had secreted a bayonet when the Indians were being disarmed, and, brooding over his removal, he became desperate, and seeking that lone spot he chanted his death song, fell upon the point of the bayonet, which pierced his heart, and died on the spot where he had often expressed a desire to be laid for his last long sleep.

The affair caused great excitement and indignation. The malcontent took advantage of the distressing occurrence to stir up strife and fears were entertained of mutiny. A grave was dug on the spot where he lay and the chief was buried by the soldiers, one of the Moravian missionaries officiating. After the services were over, John Howard Payne, who had been a silent witness of the pathetic scene, began singing softly to himself the song which has since echoed through every land on earth. General Bishop who had kept a close scrutiny on his actions, heard the song and called Payne to him.

"Young man," said the stern old Indian fighter, "where did you learn that song?"

"I wrote it myself," replied Mr. Payne.

"And where did you get the tune?"

"I composed that also."

"Would you let me have a copy of it?"

"Certainly I will."

"Well, a man who can sing and write like that is no incendiary. Appearances may be against you, but I am going to set you free. I shall write you out your discharge immediately and a pass to you anywhere you choose through the nation."

Payne had been housed at the home of a family living near by, and on his return there he exhibited his pass and related the circumstances That was the first time that "Home Sweet Home," had ever been sung in public.—Atlanta Ga. Constitution.

Catarrh cured, health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal injector free. For sale by the Delta Drug Store.

The allusion to May and December in describing marriages between youth and age has been used so much that it has become trite. But if there ever was a case to which the expression could be properly applied it was one that occurred in Richmond, Va., a short time ago. The singular feature of the case is that the groom impersonated May and the bride assumed the roll of December. The former was Hiram D. Ely, 15 years old, and the latter Mrs. Jane D. Ely, his sister-in-law, a widow on the shady side of 50 and the mother of four children. Both were from the country, and as the boy produced a permit from his mother to marry, a license was granted and the strangely mismated couple were married. They were accompanied on their wedding tour by the four children.

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OLD SCOTTISH EDITORS.

The death this week, at the ripe old age of 82 of Mr. James Chalmers of Westburn, Aberdeen, who for forty years canducted the Aberdeen "Journal," the oldest newspaper in Scotland, recalls some interesting incidents of the early days of that publication, which was founded by his grandfather. The first issue came out with a description of the battle Culloden, which had taken place 100 miles to the northwest only two days before. This as a piece of newspaper enterprise was not surpassed for over 100 years. The old Chalmers—who, by the way, served his apprenticeship in London, along with Benjamin Franklin—was an ardent royalist, and naturally the account which his paper gave of Culloden was by no means pleasing to the discomfitted Jacobites. Accordingly, on their way south after their rout, they laid siege to the "Journal" office and forced the inmates to flee for their lives.

Chamlers escaped by a back window, spraining his leg in so doing and made off southward. Reaching the bridge of Dee, two miles away, he went to take shelter in an outhouse. What was his dismay to find it full of Jacobite soldiery! Unaware of his identity, the men treated him kindly, and asked him how matters went in the town. "What," they asked, "is that rascal Chalmers doing?" Their frightened visitant retained enough presence of mind to reply that he was still printing the Duke of Cumberland's manifestoes. On that some of the soldiers went down on their knees and with drawn dirks swore to have Chalmers blood when ever they could catch him. Unwittingly allowed their intended victim to escape, and he joined the King's army, of which he was appointed an assistant commissioner.—Westminster Gazette.

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LOST MOTION.

In commerce, as in mechanics, there is a thing which may be denominated "lost motion." There is lost motion when Australian wool must be taken to Yorkshire to be spun, when Georgia cotton must be sent to Lancashire to be manufactured and the fabrics must be shipped back again. When the cotton mill is placed by the cotton field and the woolen mill near to the sheep farm, the lost motion is taken up. Then the producer of the fiber gets more for his product and the manufacturer pays less. Other things being equal, nearby trade must always be more profited than trade across long distances. The reason why the American manufacturer has never been particularly hungry for foreign markets is that he has the best market in the world at home. Never yet has he had a chance to supply its total wants, for the foreigner is so eager to get here that he has always forced his way, in spite even of highly Protective Tariffs. The American covets the home market for himself, not solely because it is the best, nor because it is the only market from which nobody can be shut out, but largely because both seller and buyer are benefitted by transactions which retain all profits at home.—The Textile Record.

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A GOOD PLATFORM.

The republican state convention adopted a good platform. It reaffirms all the honored principles of the party. It takes high and progressive ground on the new issues.

It declares for a sound currency and bimetalism, so adjusted that the debt paying power of a dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal. No sound money advocates should demand more than this. It is substantially what the national republican convention at St. Louis will reaffirm. It has been the doctrine of the republican party throughout all its proud history.

It has become the style within the past few months for a certain class of men who contend that they only represent the true sound money idea to demand that their peculiar method for keeping the currency sound must be adopted—that a large part of the circulating medium must be destroyed and that the free coinage of silver must be declared against specifically in political platforms. They demand to rule or read all differing from them out of the party.

But they represent only a wing of the republican party. The great majority of the members of that party throughout the country, and in fact, the great majority of the citizens of the United States, simply demand a sound currency. They are willing to trust to the party that has not heretofore violated this or any other confidence to devise means to keep the money of the people worth 100 cents and to provide plenty of it for a prosperous and growing business.

We are very much pleased that the state republican convention refused to accede either to the demands of the rabid gold ites or to the silverites, but that it sensibly declared for sound money.—Salem Statesman.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin, of Huntsville, Ala. For sale by the Delta Drug Store.

The sterilization of milk is a most important factor in preventing the spread of contagious diseases. A simple method whereby any one can quickly and effectually sterilize milk has been recommended by the department of agriculture. The vessel containing the milk, which may be the bottle in which it is supplied or any other vessel, is placed inside a larger receptacle of metal, which contains water. The interior vessel should be raised about half an inch above the bottom of the other, and the water should reach nearly or quite as high as the milk. This apparatus is then heated until the milk reaches a temperature of 155 degrees Fahrenheit, when it is removed and allowed to cool gradually. A temperature of 150 degrees maintained for half an hour is sufficient to destroy any germ likely to be present in the milk, and it is found in practice that raising the temperature to 155 degrees and then allowing the milk to stand in the heated water until cool insures the proper temperature for the required time. The simplest plan is to take a tin pail having a false bottom with perforated holes and legs half an inch high to allow circulation of the water. The milk bottle is set on this false bottom and water is poured into the pail until it reaches the level of the surface of the milk in the bottle. A little hole may be punched in the cover of the bottle in which a cork may be inserted, and a thermometer inserted through it so that the bulb dips into the milk. The temperature can thus be watched without removing the cover.

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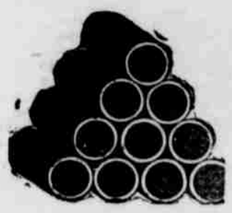

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