### DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA.

Ring out, ye bells, your sweetest chimes;
Sing, all ye poots, dulect rhymes;
Shout loud, ye crowds, in strongest praise;
Shine out, fair sun, in softest rays,
And dance ye rippling waters.
For Freedom's sons will sing a song,
That in a chorus, high and strong.
Shall sounding ring, from sea to sea,
Whose theme of harmony shall be,
America's true daughters.

Oh! they are loyal, brave and true, And fair the red, and white, and blue,

And tair the red, and waite, and blue,
That in a nation's colors rise,
Shine in their cheeks, and brows, and eyes,
And glow upon their banners.
From cecan shore to mountain crest;
From north, and south, and east, and west;
From all the bright and beauteous land, And singing sweet hosannahs.

With cheering words from such a mouth,
As thine, oh! daughter of the south!
And love from such a loyal breast,
As thine, oh! daughter of the west!
The sons can never faiter.
And while in north and east shall stand
The carnest, helping, sister band,
Sweet Freedom's day shall know no night,
But ever shall the flame glow bright
Upon the country's altar.

Upon the country's altar. L. Vissscher, in Chicago Times-Her-

# STARS.

By RANN KENNEDY.

LL the morning people were bust-A ling about the house, this way and that, "up to the eyes" in work. The maid and a temporarily engaged assistant superintended operations over a steaming tub; Mrs. Jameson and her sister Caroline lent them an occasional hand, devoting the remainder of their time to cooking, scouring, cleaning and the hundred and one matters of domestic necessity; tradesmen, with that unerring instinct of their kind which always prompts their visits on the most inconvenient day, made frequent de-mands upon the door; the children, home for awhile, were busy too, for this was washday in the house of Jameson.

tiny chair, securely tied thereto by a potato cake for tea. Even wash day some behind, crooning verses of the disused pair of his father's braces. Scattered on the floor around him were toys and picture-books, on his lap lay a slice of bread and jam, a broad red trail of the latter indicating a direct path over bib and chin toward his mouth. He turned a large and listless eye upon the surrounding bustle.

"Baby is quiet to-day," said Mrs. Jameson once, glancing casually to-

"Yes; he's thinking of somethingnot even eating his bread and jam."
"Did um sit and finka-fink?" This to the child, with a seductive waggle of

But baby sat motionless, gazing cowlike with his eyes. He did not even say "Goo-goo!"

At that moment the maid came in from the scullery, bearing with her a steamy atmosphere and an unwholesome odor of soap. In her arms was a ponderous basket of damp linen fresh from the wringing; this she deposited with a thud upon the floor.
"I've done this lot, ma'am," she

said, "an' I'm almost ready to start on the coloreds. I'll put this here a minute while I go and get my line out. Hope it'll be a fine day for the

Mrs. Jameson stood at rest for a moment and surveyed the bulky basket before her. She sighed. It was the dream of her life that at some happy far-off day her good man should earn just that little more-than-enough which would warrant her in putting out her washing. But now she was middle-aged, and the dream had not yet come; when it came—years later—it had lost its value, for her good man was gone.

"No, don't put the basket there," she said, "it's in the way. Put it where baby is, and move him into the

"Did ums have to be put in a corner like a bad boy?" said the maid, as she followed out her mistress' instruc-

The baby remained as impassive as

ever. Suddenly a miracle occurred. The lamp-oil man having arrived and de-livered himself of his odoriferous burden, it became again necessary for Mrs. Jameson to pause from her la-bors to pay him. For this purpose she went to the cupboard, wherein she kept the sundry little boxes that served her for bookkeeping, and, drawing one forth, she presently poured into her hand a tiny shower of change. This comprised several coins of the smallest sort, but one of them stood out royally from the rest-a bright coppery beauty flashing with the sunshine. It was a new halfpenny.

The child's eyes glistened desirously.

"Gi-gi!" he said, which, being interpreted, is "Give."

But this remark remained unheard amid the bustle; and it was not until the lamp-oil man had received his due, and the coins-bright halfpenny as well-had been restored to their little box and cupboard that Mrs. Jameson became aware of the child's restless-

"Halloo, little mannie! What 'oo want now?'

"Gi-gi!" This with an imperious wave of hand.

"Gi-gi? Oh, he wants his picture book. Give him it, Caroline." And Mrs. Jameson, turning away,

began to scour a saucepan. But baby had no joy of his picture book. On top of his bread and jam it lay unheeded, its crude, gaudy illustrations seeming as naught beside that golden glorious something he had momentarily seen flash across his

"Gi-gi!" he cried plaintively. "Perhaps it's his gee-gee he wants," said Mrs. Johnson, picking up a dilapidated horse from the debris of toys on the floor. "Na-na," dissented the child, waving

it aside. "Look at the pretty tail wagging." But no, the horse was but w It could not glitter like a little disk of

The bucolic-looking doll, the tin engine, even the railway truck-more dearly loved for its lack of wheelscould not compensate for the vanished half-penny. They were but the com-panions of earth, the well-known ommon joys of every day; the halfpenky was vision, miracle, no earth-

"I'm afraid he's not very well," said Mrs. Jameson, anxiously; "I don't like him to look so heavy about the eyes.' "Yes, and don't you remember he looked like that just before he had the

measles?" added Caroline "He's been so quiet all the morning," said the maid, "it's not like him." "Gi-gi!" cried the child.

At this point Mr. Jameson entered. and attention was diverted toward dinner. This was of the usual wash day order-a discomfortable spread of remnants, eaten haphazard to a scent of soap suds. The hungry man glanced impatiently around, a slight shade of pleasant scenes of home, and guide you annoyance passing across his features. as your dear old mother would have The male mind cannot readily grasp the inwardness of wash day, and Mr. not these things be altered somehow?" my hat tha he thought. "Never mind; one of these remarked:

The dream brightened his face once again. He bent affectionately and kissed his wife.

Sister Caroline, poor, ugly, helpful old sister, looked on and sighed quietly. She, too, had had her dream.

After dinner the busy wash still continued, but by now its back was well broken, and signs of its eventual subsidence were in the air. The white linen was all out on the line, drying as fast as a steady breeze and fair sun could manage: the "coloreds"-that The baby sat solemn and silent in his surest sign of all, there were hints of ers lounge along, some in front and can find compensation in potato cake.

"And the little mannie shall have a one for days afterward, wee brown cake all to himself!" "This wailing is, howe crooned Mrs. Jameson, imparting to that which goes on in the house of the

they had caught.

"I'm sure he is sickening for somethis flush on his poor little cheeks."

ached and there was a hot sense of dis- chorus until I was half-tempted to put comfort about his eyes. All day he had felt ill, but not being able to correctly ort out his little sensations he had relapsed into that pathetic abstraction was being carry which seems to be the refuge of baby... parto basket." hood under such circumstances. Then had come the glittering coin-an incar-nate thing of desire, giving point and form to his distress; and now, amid the feverish restlessness that was growing upon him, it still shone out indeterminately upon his imagination as the thing hoped for, the dream goal, the resolution of lated some of the blunders he his suffering. Child epitome of heard made in the marriage service desired and struggled and seemed to lose; nay, he did not know that at the say to the woman: portals of his tiny heart were beating

Presently the woeful wash subsided; the drying, ready for the mangle; the the men. kitchen, freshly cleaned and sanded. long looked for tea time arrived-po-

tato cakes and all. But baby by now was ill indeed, and not a very serious ailment, only one of the tinier tragedies of babyhood. which mean a few days' hectic cheeks. things press sorely upon the heart.

"Gi-gi!" Still the plaintive cry. It was a short time after this that Mrs. Jameson, having occasion to go once more to the small box of change in the cupboard, brought out the very half penny of the child's desire. In the lamplight it shone like a star. Baby had refused every other offering in-ended to divert him; with motherly craft Mrs. Jameson made one other

gleaming treasure, "see, a pretty half seat mate, with a quizzical smile. "See, baby." she said, holding up the

The child turned a slow, large eye upon the brightness; lifting up hi hand he took it feebly; for a moment he seemed to waver between desire and weariness, then, with a petulant gesture, he put it away from him.

"Na-na!" he said. The evening drew on. The hurryscurry of wash day was over, and the household had sunk to rest, but through the long hush of night an anxious mother sat watching over a rest-less child. The firelight flicker half Illumined the room, showing around the cot wherein tossed the tiny sufferer, a few scattered toys and picture books, whilst in their midst, untouched, unvalued, no longer desired, lay a pathetic little coin.-London

Weekly Sun. The Weight of Authority.

An excellent story was told at a charity dinner. One day a man was brought into the accident hospital who was thought to be dead. His wife was with him. One of the doctors said: "He is dead," but the man raised his head and said: "No, I'm not dead yet," where-upon his wife admonished him, saying: "Be quiet; the doctor ought to know best."-Pearson's Weekly.

## A LOYAL AMERICAN GIRL.

Gladly Gave the Flowers from Her Hat to Remind the Boys of Home and Mother.

When the soldier boys left for the south there was one bright-looking girl standing on the depot platform, says the Denver Times. She wore one of the fashionable hats which appear like a garden of flowers. As she stood there, with the tears coursing down hercheeks, she saw the other girls burying the brave boys in literal forests of flowers. One of the soldiers stepping up to her

"Please, may I have one of those flow ers on your hat?"

She took his hand, and in a voice most

womanly said: "Yes, sir, and may God

bless you." Then she told them all to come and se lect a flower from her hat. The boys, with hands grim and bronzed from camp life, carefully culled them from the straw frame until they were all gone. Then she put on what was left of it, and, stepping back toward the car, said with

"Boys, I wish there were more. I hope you will come back again, and that those flowers will remind you of the taught you to go."

Jameson was no exception. "Why can-not these things be altered somehow?" by who whispered: "I wouldn't ruin my hat that way," but the wiser heads remarked: "There is a loyal American woman — God bless her." — Denver

## FUNERALS IN ARABIA.

Their Extreme Dolefulness a Marked Characteristic-Wailing Extends to the Dogs.

"One of the strangest and most affecting sights in an Arab town," says Tunis corrrespondent of London Sketch, "is that of the funerals, which tradesmen were less frequent, and, bier or on men's shoulders. The mourn-

baby's dumpy body an affectionate wriggle only known of mothers!
"Gi-gi!" The glistering eyes still during a whole night in a neighboring held the dazzle of that sometime glory village, and I can conceive nothing more desperately depressing than these strains of lamentation wafted through thing," said Mrs. Jameson; "I don't like the darkness by the breeze. My dog this flush on his poor little cheeks." The child moved restlessly. His head felt constrained to join in the doleful a bullet through his head. Perhaps the strangest of all the funerals I saw was at Bizerta. It was that of a baby, which was being carried to its grave in an es-

## JUMBLING THE SERVICE.

Blunders in the Marriage Vows Made by Both Bride and Groom.

A Hampshire clergyman recently reof heard made in the marriage service . grown mankind, he little guessed his persons of the class who have to pick kinship with every woman that bore up the words as best they can from babe, every poet that ever sang from hearing them repeated by others, says breaking heart, every weary worker, the Weekly Telegraph. He said that in man and woman, that ever lived, and his own parish it was quite the fashion

"With my body I thee wash up, and

He said the women were generally all the clothes were gathered in from better up in this part of the service than

One day, however, a bride startled became cheerful once again, and the long looked for tea time arrived—posed to be the language of the prayer book, to take her husband "to 'ave and to 'old from this day fortni't for betthe doctor had been sent for. It was terer horse, for richerer power, in siggerness health, to love cherries, and to

## VERY NEAR TO DEATH.

death!" said the man that got on at Oak . Park, reports the Chicago Times-

Been reading something?" asked his

"No. Actual experience. Do I look like a man who nearly died last night?" "Certainly not. You're the picture of

"Well, I did. After dinner I laid on the lounge for a few minutes' rest, when one of the children slipped a piece of candy in my mouth. I cracked it with my teeth and at the same moment coughed slightly. It was a little cough, but somehow I drew my breath, and down went a fragment of candy into my

windpipe. "The next instant I was strangling. My wife and children flew around distraction, but could give me no relief. My throat puffed out in my efforts to draw a breath, my face grew purple, and knots of sweat stood out on my forehead. I suppose that's the way drowning man feels. Anyhow, it was

held my head down and coughed, and the piece of candy was dislodged. I breathed again. Blessed breath! revulsion was something wonderful, and in two minutes I was myself again. No, I can't laugh over it yet. I will never be so near death again until my end comes, and then I pray to Heaven it | New Building, next door to Post Office will come some other way."

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There were several girls standing close

may be met at any street corner. The distressful after-dribble of wash day's corpse is merely wrapped in a mat of tide—were well on to completion; the esparto grass and carried either on a Koran in melancholy tones, which haunt

"This wailing is, however, nothing to

the strong wings of the Son of God with all my hurdle goods, I, thee, and

What meaning this extraordinary a cough, a tired mother's sleepless vow conveyed to the woman's own nights-little things, yet these little mind, the incumbent said, it baffled him to conjecture.

The Narrow Escape That a Chicago Family Man Had From a Premature End.

"What a narrow line divides life from

something awful and indescribable."

"And then the doctor came?" "There was no time for the doctor. I

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