



The Family Treasury.

The Pilgrim.

BY E. FOXTON.

A pilgrim am I, on my way To seek and find the Holy Land. Scarce had I started, when there lay And marched round me a fourfold band.

Prosperity and Happiness.

Talking not long ago with a friend, she remarked: "Well, for my part, I find it a great deal easier to be good when I'm happy than when I am unhappy."

Pleasure-seeking.

Pleasure-seekers are dreary mortals. They are worn, without work. They have lost their strength and get nothing in return.

The same is the result with so very many of those who frequent our fashionable watering-places, simply because they are fashionable.

The reason is that pleasure is merely a result. We get it when we follow other things, and lose it when we seek it for itself.

The Victory of Faith.

This is a very great Scripture, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith."

The Honest Farmer.

Happy I count the farmer's life, Its various round of wholesome toil: An honest man with loving wife, And offspring native to the soil.

Contentedness.

Contentedness in all accidents brings great peace of spirit, and is the great and only instrument of temporary felicity.

This, in Gentile philosophy, is the same with the discourse of St. Paul, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Popular Favor.

Popular favor is not worth the seeking. It is not to be greatly valued even when it comes unsought.

Christian Missions.

Protestant missionary operations in Japan began in 1859, shortly after the opening of the ports of Nagasaki and Kanagawa.

Study of Character.

In this life it is important that we do not shut ourselves up within ourselves; but rather mix, as intimately as circumstances will allow, with those of very different habits of feeling.

Babies.

Different countries have different methods of dealing with their young. The Greenland baby is dressed in furs, and carried in a sort of pocket in the back of his mother's cloak.

Humane Elephant.

The favorite elephant of the grand vizier under Rajah Dowlah was a noble creature. The great nabob was about to hunt in the neighborhood of Lucknow.

with his trunk and laid him gently down again out of his path. He did the same with the second, and third, and so on.

It is all Right! Here is a Bible.

I remember an instance that struck me wonderfully, that was told me by a missionary from Fiji. It shows what an impression the Bible produces on the minds of men even those who have not fully realized in their own experience its mighty power.

Antiquity of Nursery Rhymes.

Many of those productions have a very curious history, if it could only be traced. Some of them probably owe their origin to names distinguished in our literature, as Oliver Goldsmith, for instance, is believed in his earlier days to have written such compositions.

Bravery.

One or two young men came out of the Academy of Music when the opera was over, and lingered in the lobby to watch the pressing of the crowd.

Good Words for the Young.

By Cousin Herbert.

A Little Chair.

Oh! the children, happy children, Smiling every-where I go; Some as brown as autumn berries, Some as fair as winter snow.

A Little Advice.

I want to give you two or three rules. One is—Always look at the person you speak to. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you.

Bravery.

The old men answered him civilly and walked on, leaving him with some lads of his own age.

none but a madman, they thought, would willingly cross. They sauntered out of the opera-house, and a few minutes before eleven reached the depot.







THE TWO RIVERS.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

Slowly the hour-hand of the clock moves round; Slowly that no human eye hath power To see it move! Slowly in hours or show The pale-tinted ship above its homeward bound...

SERMON.

BY REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE. DELIVERED IN THE BROOKLYN TABERNACLE.

LAME ON BOTH FEET.

Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? So Mephibosheth dwells in Jerusalem...

believed that man was about half wrong. By the time you came to midlife you believed that man was three-fourths wrong. But within these past few years, since you have been so lied about and swindled and cheated, you have come to the conclusion that man is altogether wrong...

even than it is now for common men to get into a royal dining-room. The subjects might have a word around the table, but a king and a queen might have heard the lights kindled and might have heard the clash of the knives and the rattle of the golden goblets, but not get in once in all their life to one banquet, yet poor Mephibosheth goes in, lives there, and has a word around the table...

lected as the representative, and although the meeting was illegal, yet he declared his willingness to accept the responsibility, if they would only send him. But his unwillingness there was no barrier in the form of one of these objectionable features, still, the gale blew so unpleasantly...

ness the qualities of evanescence and explosiveness that sometimes they burst up and disappear at the faintest touch of an unfriendly anger like a bubble of soap and vanish...

to secure the sum of five hundred dollars to the widow of a brother. Of course, the permanency of the society will depend on the continuance of its members, and this supposes that as long as the Methodist Church of Canada continues, which we believe and hope will be to the end of time, its successive generations of preachers will continue to connect themselves with so useful a society...



