

...the poor creature, her  
...excitement. 'I shall feel better  
...talk to some one. I have had some  
...education, but I've always been miser-  
...ably poor. The first I can recollect is  
...living in one of these tenement houses  
...in London—in a stumpy, close room,  
...where we cooked and slept. My moth-  
...er sewed half the night; but she laugh-  
...ed me. She had seen better days, but  
...had run away to marry a dissipated and  
...improvident man. She was a widow,  
...and her friends had cast her off. I re-  
...member one dreadful November day,  
...when a kind of sleety rain was falling.  
...We had no fire, and the sharp wind  
...swept through every crack and pinched  
...us with the cold. I think my mother  
...must have been in a despairing mood  
...for days, but it had made no great im-  
...pression on my childish mind. I stood  
...at the window dreadingly looking out at  
...the puddles of slush and water that  
...made dirty dimples in them now and  
...then. Oh, how it all comes back to me  
...to-day! My mother came toward me.  
...Here, Nell, she said, put this shawl  
...about you, for you look high-crowned  
...with cold.'  
...And what will you do, mother? I  
...asked, for she was taking the shawl from  
...about her own shoulders.  
...Oh, I'm warm enough, she answered.  
...I feel as if I had fire in my veins; be-  
...sides, I'm going to drink this, and I'll  
...never feel cold again.  
...She was dropping some dark stuff  
...out of a vial when she said this, and I  
...cried out:  
...Give me some, too, mother, of the  
...wonderful stuff.  
...But she smiled—oh, such a bitter  
...smile! I felt, child as I was, that  
...something was wrong, and I watched  
...her, half-fraid, as she sat silent for a  
...time with her head on her hand. Then  
...I heard her say:  
...Poor little Nell! Poor little Nell!  
...She often said such pitying words,  
...but something in the tone then seemed  
...to stir my heart. I ran over to her  
...and leaned my head on her knee. She  
...looked sick and white.  
...You've got an aching child, she mut-  
...tered.  
...Well, I don't care, I answered; I  
...don't want her.  
...But you will want her, dear, and—  
...I think—she'll forgive you then—when  
...I'm gone—people can't be angry with  
...the dead—I believe—and she's very  
...comfortable—you'll be better off.  
...Then I noticed the change in my  
...mother's face—the strange, convulsed  
...new face that seemed to have taken  
...the place of the old familiar one, and my  
...childish screams of grief and terror  
...brought in a crowd. But I make my  
...story too long. She was dead!—dead  
...by her own hand! The dark drops  
...were lachrymæ. Don't think she was a  
...sinner, cried the poor girl, fiercely,  
...turning on the doctor—don't judge  
...her.  
...I will not, I assure you. God for-  
...bid, said Dr. Charlie. Do not go  
...on.  
...I will make the rest short, she said.  
...I went to my aunt's—a grim, iron-  
...grey old maid. She had once been on  
...the eve of being married, and had even  
...her wedding dress made, when the gen-  
...tleman found his courage fail, and left  
...for parts unknown. Her fierceness  
...against the other sex amounted almost  
...to insanity. No followers, girl, she  
...said, sternly, when I first went to her.  
...I was only twelve, and didn't understand  
...what she meant, but as I grew older she  
...made the matter plain in many a tirade  
...and lecture. I had a miserable life of  
...it, but even so I should not have left it,  
...for—here the voice stopped for a  
...moment—Oh, let me get over it, she  
...went on impatiently; I had to work hard  
...enough, but I had enough to eat, and I  
...ought to have been happy. One day I hap-  
...pened to be caught in the rain. A  
...young man who—well, who had ex-  
...posed himself to the weather for me, over-  
...took me and held his umbrella over me  
...to my door. I had never spec-

lily card for Jim Bates—a beede-  
browed, black-haired fellow, with awful  
gloomy eyes; but he seemed very good  
natured, and I could not refuse the shel-  
ter of his umbrella in a pelting storm  
[To be concluded in our next.]

**All Minds of One Origin.**  
When we speak of high orders of beings, of angels and archangels, we are apt to conceive of distinct kinds, or races of beings, separated from us and from each other by impassable barriers. But it is not so. All minds are of one family. There is no such partition in the spiritual world as you see in the material.  
In material nature, you see wholly distinct classes of beings. A mineral is not a vegetable, and makes no approach to it; these two great kingdoms or nature are divided by immeasurable space. So when we look at different races of animals, though all partake of that mysterious property, life, yet what an immense and impassable distance is there between the insect and the lion. They have no bond of union, no possibility of communication. During the lapse of ages, the animalcula which sport in the summits a summer's day and then perish, have made no approach to the king of the forest. But in the intellectual world there are no such barriers. All minds are essentially of one origin, one nature, and all are tending to one center, one happiness. This great truth, to us the greatest of truths, which lies at the foundation of all religion and of all hope, seems to me not only sustained by proofs which satisfy the reason, but to be one of the deep instincts of our nature.

Good thoughts, well expressed, are contained in these remarks of a divine upon the beauty of "The Imagery of Scripture." "How majestic is the imagery of Scripture, when it presents to us our Maker as feeding all the orders of his animate creation, and ministering continually what they as constantly need for the sustentation of life which he has bestowed upon them! The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. The sea-gull winnowing the salt and wintry air along our coasts; the petrel twittering in the storm over the trines waves of mid-ocean; and as the trines that cleave the air, or traverse the deep paths of the sea, or rove o'er earth, look up to His daily vigilance and bounty, under the pressure of their daily necessities. To Hiss roaring of the winds, and the chirping of the bird, and the buzzing of the insect, are but one vast symphony of supplication from the hosts which he feeds. To His capacious garters their successive generations are not spent; neither has the heavenly Providence failed in His resources, nor have the expectant pensioners been left to famish."

**The Enjoyment of Occupation.**  
The mind requires some object on which its power must be exercised, and without which it preys upon itself and becomes miserable. A person accustomed to a life of activity longs for ease and retirement, and when he has accomplished this purpose finds himself wretched. The pleasure of relaxation is known to those only who have regular and interesting occupation. Continued relaxation soon becomes a weariness and, on this ground, we may safely assert that the greatest degree of real enjoyment belongs not to the luxurious man of wealth, or the listless votary of fashion, but to the middle classes of society, who, along with the comforts of life, have constant and important occupation.

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