

TILLAGE.

'Tis folly in the extreme to till
Extensive fields, and till them ill;
The farmer, pleased, may boast aloud,
His bushels down, his acres ploughed;

NEAT BE YOUR FARMS; 'tis long confessed
The neatest farmer is the best:
Each bog and marsh, industrious drain,
Nor let vile barks deform the plain;

CALED AND OBEIDAH; OR THE SCHOOLMASTER OF MEDINA.

In the third year of the Calif Ali, the son of Abu
Taleb, Amrou, of Medina, dismissed his pupils to their
play, beneath a shady palm-tree, near the sacred mosque

While the children were at play, a spider, which had
accidentally crawled upon their path, attracted the atten-

'Look,' said the lad, 'what a vile insect. He shall
not live another moment!'

'Stay thy foot, Hassan!' cried the eager Obeidah, 'do
not destroy it. Stay thy foot!'

'Nay---take thy hand from my shoulder, good Obeidah,
replied Hassan. 'See the grim wretch is gliding
away into the grass. I will kill him! I swear it! Take
off thy hand! Obeidah---'

'I have heard a story of the spider,' continued the
other, 'which makes me love him.'

'By the beard of the great apostle himself!' exclaimed
the now angry Hassan, 'I tell thee I will crush this
poisonous wretch! Let go my arm! What care I for
thy tales? Thou art a girl to pity a spider, and be mel-

And he attempted to reach the poor insect with a fu-

'Hassan, before thou proceedest to provoke me by
again striving to do what I swear, by Allah, thou shalt
not do! hear my reason.'

And while Hassan looked up fiercely, so much asto-

'The reason why thou shalt not kill the creature,'
said Obeidah, 'is this; I had heard my grandfather say,
that he was one of the emissaries of the koreish, who,
when the great apostle of God was driven from Mecca,
hunted him like a beast, and thought to take his life.
The prophet had hidden in a cavern in the neighbour-

'Fool!' vociferated Hassan, 'I mind thee and thy
grandire alike, and neither more than the wind. I will
kill the thing if it be but to spite thee.'

He tore himself from the grasp of his opponent, and
sought his victim, but it had very judiciously seized
the opportunity to withdraw, leaving the end of Obeidah's
story to others more interested.

'Coward and slave!' cried Obeidah in a fury, 'I will
tear out thine eyes---I will dash out thy teeth.'

And the two combatants flew at each other with all the
ferocity of hate and passion. While they were fighting,
Amrou, their master, came among them, and, after separ-

Long before the day had declined, and while the boys
were once more dismissed to their afternoon sports
beneath the palm, Obeidah entangled himself in a new
difficulty. Caled, a youth of great personal beauty, and
of a thoughtful demeanour, had stolen away from his
companions to a quiet spot, where, quite alone, he seem-

'Why dost thou delight in breaking my repose?' de-

'I follow thee, because I despise thee,' cried Obeidah,

'What have I done to merit thy contempt?'

'Everything that a man would not do. Thou art a
coward and a woman.'

'Then I will depart from thee.'

'If thou dost, I will follow. I saw thee smile to-day,
when the tyrant Amrou disgraced me with a scourge
Why didst thou dare to smile to see me under the lash
---me, the superior of thee and thine?'

'Obeidah---'

'Thy father is a traitor.'

'My dear Obeidah.'

'Thy mother is untrue.'

'I have never deserved this,' cried Caled, shrinking

'Thou comest of a race of cowards and recreants.

Thy uncle Hamza fought against the prophet, till fear

But that our master, Amrou, forbids it, I would make

At this instant the signal of Amrou once more assem-

Obeidah, who since the morning had seemed gradu-

'Oh, Amrou, I brand thee with caprice and injustice,

'How, insolent boy?'

'I repeat my words. Thou art no longer my master;

With these words he started up, and was joined by all

At this instant, surrounded by many chiefs of the

'How!' cried the venerable sovereign; 'What riot is

No one could look on the majestic Ali without fear,

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Thus saying, the son of Abu Taleb departed; and it

'Ten years had rolled away over the conquests of the

Their bright career, however, was not without sha-

'He has oppressed us,' said the revengeful Obeidah.

'I did but seek to save a spider, because that insect,

'Ay?' continued the calif, stroking his beard, and

'I would have saved it at the hazard of my life, and

'Companion of the prophet!' he said, in a firm voice,

'Go,' said Ali, and a moment more would have

'What! the same penalty for exactly contrary actions?

'If thou wilt permit me,' cried the Arabian teacher

'Proceed,' said the calif.

'Know, then, O immortal son of Abu Taleb! that

'We will torture him,' said one of the calif's sons,

'No, no!' cried the expiring monarch, still benevolent

The good calif was honoured with a tomb, a temple,

INGENIOUS DEFENCE.--A soldier on trial for habitual

Our frail bodies are tottering habitations; every beat

qualities are so feeble, and moreover, so well balanced,
as to require no attention from me. His avidity after
knowledge is also more than sufficient. He has no fault
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'It is false,' cried Obeidah, fiercely and aloud.

Amrou looked at the calif, who smiled; and Obeidah,

'Behold him!' resumed Amrou, as the slender and

'There is Caled; and in that pale girlish face,

those trembling knees, you read his character. He is a

A feminine refinement causes him to recoil

both might win thy confidence, and neither would de-

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