SIGHT'S ADVESTURE ON THE OHIO RIVER -- AN INCIDENT OF THE FLOOD OF 1832.

BY MISS MARTHA M. THOMAS.

"The river rises wonderfully fact, wife," said Jack Martin, as he wiped DPEN his hands on the roller-towel behind the door, before sitting down to supper "It's almost up to the top of the bank; never was known to be so high; and Wilson really seems scared about it."
"Do you think there is any danger?" asked Mrs. Martin, as she poured out

"No; we are not going to be carried away because it is a few feet above high-water mark. It will go down as it came up when it is ready. Come in."
This was said in answer to a knock at the door, and was followed by the ap-

of age.

"Mother is sick, Mrs. Martin," he said, approaching the table, "and she sent me to ask you to come over. Granny Hays is down with the rhumatiz, and she hain't got no one

with her." "I expected it," said Mrs. Martin. "What shall I do?" 'Go, of course," said her husband,

"and I am to go around and fetch the "Well, draw up and get some supper

But the children, father?" Now don't begin to worry, Molly, Sally can take care of the baby, and I will not be gone more than an hour or NOW IS YOUR CHANCE Sally?"
"I guess so," was the smiling reply

of a bright-eyed girl of some thirteen years, who sat beside him. "The creek is running like a millrace, and the water is spreading all

over," said Joe. "The trees looked standing in it when I came over the hill. I don't believe we could get along that road." "The water is backing up, then," said Jack; "but it is too cold to rise much

further." Mrs Martin made a hurried meal, and having stowed various articles in a basket, was ready by the time her husband had the wagon at the door. With charges to Sally concerning the baby, she stepped in, while Jack locked the house door, and put the key in his pocket, telling the children to go to bed as soon as they had set things to rights, but to be sure and have a good fire, and keep a light burning, as he

would not be long gone.

Jack Martin and his young wife had left New England when they were first married, and settled upon the Ohio River some distance above Cincinnati Here Jack had built a small frame house, and begun to cultivate his land, Charter Oak, and here his five children were born, two of whom had died-Sally and Will and of whom had died—Sally and Will and the baby being all that were left. Jack was a happy, light-hearted, industrious man, who worked his farm, and "took things easy." His land was productive, his crops had sold well, he had built a fine barn, and had good out-houses, but his own house was the shabblest part of the premises. It was a frame of bat and room, with a loft above, which had one room, with a loft above, which had been put up for present wants when he first settied there, but it was plantered anug and tight. Every year Jack had thought he whould add to it, and when his wife represented that it was getting very old, and was really too small for her growing family, he would put her off with a promise of building next These as well as other Twarieties will be so spring, and a compliment for her house-

After her parents left, Sally proceeded to wash up the tea things. The baby, a child some ten months old, was asleep. Turning up the end of a brown table cloth, Will got out his slate and arithmetic, and began to cipher, while finity went back and forth from the cupboard to the table, singing and putting the

things away.

Will was slow at figures; he put down and rubbed out; and bothered and scratched his head; and finally appealed to Sally with, "Just show me this

and the two getting sleepy they prepar

Usually they slept in the loft, unless the weather was very coid, but this night they had been teld to get in below with the baby. Before undressing they roiled a large log on the fire, and put a candle in the lantern, as they had

put a candle in the lantern, as they had been taught to do for safety.

Tired of their walk of two miles from school in the wind, they were soon askep. Suddenly Sally was awakened by she knew not what, and was turning to go to sleep again, when there was a greaning, creaking noise, and she thought she heard the house move. Thoroughly aroused, she sat up in bed. The lantern was dark, and from the hearth, where she had left a great fire, came a hissing sound, and there was only the glare of a dull burning was only the glare of a dull burning log. She thought some one was putt-ing out the fire, and called, "Father!"

There was no answer, but the sound continued. Without waking William, she sprang out upon the floor and ran towards the firepiace. As she reached it her feet spiashed in the water which was running along the floor. Quick as light the thought came, "The river is up!" She groped for a candisatick, and found one with a small piece of candle remaining in it. Taking one of the long sulphur matches used in those days she touched it to a coal and had a light.

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A quick glance around told her at once what was the matter. The hearth, laid with heavy stone, had sunk several inches ociow the floer of the room, and up through the crevices of this came the water, which had almost put out the fire, leaving only the logs burning. The door was locked, but raising the window-curtain she gased out. The house was surrounded by water; the waves were washing up against it and over the dourstep. As far as her eye could reach, all round about, was water, only water, with trees standing in it.

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