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Alone I walk the peaceful city
Where each seems happy with his own.
Oh friends! I ask not for your pity:
I walk alone.

BY THE GATE OF THE SEA.

BY DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY.
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ATONEMENT," ETC.

CHAPTER VIII.—CONTINUED.
"She is like Arthur," said the child,
examining the baby with the look of a
connoisseur. "Her eyes are like Ar-
thur's. Clara, what makes children
like their fathers and mothers? Am I
like papa?"

quitting the grandfatherly attitude and
manner, and bowing jauntily at Mrs.
Tregarthen. "I am quite a resolved old
bachelor, and not even Miss Churchill's
inestimable charms could persuade me to
the sacrifice of liberty." He saw
vaguely that this style of waggery was
scarcely suited to the lady's taste and
became disconcerted. "Though I am
sure," he added, by way of atonement for
a possible blunder, "that if any
charms could pierce a thrice-armed
heart Miss Churchill owns them."

old stager began to work with some-
thing of his youthful spirit. Lorrimer
saw this and exulted. He worked as
only a theatrical manager has to work,
entertaining, arguing, persuading, com-
manding—employing sweetest suasive
art on Celia; with more than Chester-
field politeness begging leave to differ
with old Adam or Touchstone on some
point of detail; or pouring forth wild
streams of passionate oburgation upon
the carpenters. He was ubiquitous
and seemed like Ariel in the storm, to
divide and burn in many places.

There were foils, singlesticks and box-
ing gloves upon the walls, and a gun
and a fishing rod or two in the corners
of the room. The man of the corner
lounged callously in slippers and
dressing gown, and the poet sat at the
table, pen in hand, with a pile of man-
uscript before him.
"I think it will do, Smith," said the
poet, doubtfully.
"My bard," said the slippers
lounger, "it will do. It is not Shakes-
pearian, but it will do. We are
humbler than we were a year ago,
Marsh, and the reviewers did us good.
They humbled us, and chastened our
style a bit, and we know now how
many poetic beans make five. We
used to think it took fifty, didn't we?"

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