

shall be a Saturday, I will live on raw meat, which hitherto has been my nourishment; and the last day of every month I will spend in the same solitude in which I have hitherto been compelled to pass the days of my residence upon this island. Friday shall, therefore, spend each such day and night away from me in my summer residence."

He experienced, after having made these virtuous resolutions, such pure heavenly pleasure as accompanies every striving of our soul after higher perfection. His forehead glowed; his heart enjoyed, by anticipation, the blessed consequences of these free-will offerings, and beat more calmly; he felt unspeakable satisfaction; but still he knew the weakness of the human heart, of his own heart especially, and foresaw how possible it was for him again to forget these good resolutions; he believed, therefore, that it would be very serviceable to have something always in sight, to put him in mind of this. With this view he seized his hatchet, and carved upon the rocky wall of the entrance to his dwelling the two words, *Industry* and *Frugality*.

Now, children, I give you until morning to reflect upon this instructive circumstance in our friend's life: examine whether there be not something therein which you may imitate to your great advantage. When we again re-assemble, you shall give me your reflections hereupon, as I have given you his

NINETEENTH EVENING.

On the following day there was such a flutter and whispering and bustle amongst the young folks, as made it pretty evident something of consequence was going forward; however, it did not actually appear what it was until the time for Robinson's history arrived; and then came such a rush and such a pressing, as obliged papa to take refuge on the grass bank, to avoid being overwhelmed.

Papa.—Now, what's to do? what's to do?

All.—A petition, dear papa! a petition!