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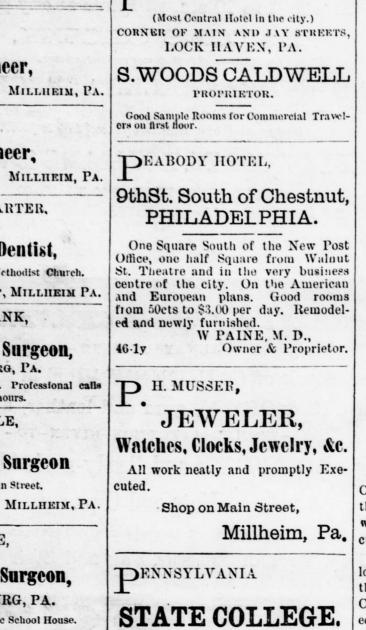
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dance On life's broad-rushing river. To mare s broad-rushing river. Live as a man and count it treason To man to live divorce 1 from reason; Prove your ground and know your game, And ply your task with stout endeavor, Nor courting praise, nor fearing blame. Know your own worth and know nct less Your neighbor's weight and worthiness; And where he works well let him do The wark that might be spadled by you The work that might be spoiled by you. Make a good friend where er you can; Not wise is he who hath no eyes To know how fools may help the wise; With loving deeds bind man to man But never shrink with blinking eyes From what they only learn who try And though you stand alone, in sight Of God be bold to hold the right. March bravely on and if you stumble Never groan and never grumble; Rise again with wise forgetting Wounds were never salved by fretting: Wounds were never salved by fretting. Watch your chance and know your hour And let the moment feel your power; Shape your path and keep your rules With deaf ear turned to meddling fools, 'Tis dull to wait and hard to stand, But God's time comes with high command, That claims the service of your band

That claims the service of your hand. Let the wise farmer teach you knowledge, Oft sought in vain at school and college; Split the rock and turn the sod, With busy hands cast honest seed. Stoutly uproot each harmful weed And let the seasons wait on God!



"Half a loaf is better than no bread. Charlie." Little Mabel Castleton said this wistfully, her eyes, as she spoke, wandering to the cradle, where two

curly heads were lying. "But when one has had the whole loaf, May, one does not exactly relish the half rations you mention," said Charlie, moodily. But his eyes followed his wife's to the cosy nest of the twin babies,

"It is a bad time of the year to be out of a situation," said Mabel, after a long silence, "and many whom we know are idle. It would not by very said,easy to find employment now."

"You really think I had better remain with Mr. Mifflin ?" "I do. Tell me what Mr. Mifflin

said to you." "The substance of what he said was simply this : Business is so very dull that he is obliged to curtail his. expen-

cousin, strongly advising him to throw a way out of a difficulty that had not oc that Maria had a worse year than ours up his situation and "see how old Mif- cured to him, and even when I was with flin would get along without him." out actual use to him it was a relief to And Charlie before seeing Mabel, was pour out his troubles to some one who ready to follow his advice.

A PAPER FOR THE HOME CIRCLE.

Millheim Soucual.

He knew that Will would think him mean to remain upon half salary, and yet Mabel was right. Half a loaf was you often have been this year, and better than no bread.

And while Charlie Castleton was ever been before." thus weighing the pros and cons of his decision, Mr. Mifflin was listening to the counsel of his old friend and chum, the senior partner of the firm that had been Gardner & Mifflin, and who though he had retired years before, was still the friend and frequent advisor of coming year." his former partner.

"It is a mistake, Mifflin," he said. Charlie ?" "You had better send young Castleton about his business and engage an entirely new book-keeper, You will find that half pay means half service, mark my word."

"But I might search C --- from end to end and not find a clerk competent to take his place."

"Then pay him full salary." "I cannot do it unless I reduce the number of salsemen, and then I am short-handed now. There is but one

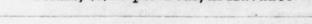
way to keep my head above water. You see Clark's failure involves me very heavily, and _" And the worried man of business

entered into explanations of his difficulties not necessary to repeat here. It touched Charley Castleton very deeply when entering the countinghouse to announce his determination

to remain in his old position to see the face of his employer brighten. And as Charlie spoke the large eyes grew brighter, and he smiled pleasantly as he

"Thank you, Charlie. It would have caused me serious embarrassment to lose you, and I am heartily glad that you will stay. I trust you will not long be obliged to take a small salary but circumstances compel me to economize."

"You have been a kind employer to me for ten years," replied Charlie, ses, and he must discharge some of his "and if I am really of any more value clerks. I have been with him ten all. to you than another would be in my years, and he was pleased to say that



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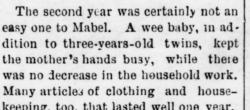
> has been, Charlie." "Nor is that all, May." "More good news still ?"

> > Millin says, did me some injustice some time by supposing that I would proportion my work to the decrease in my salary. To atone for this he has left

that business prospects are growing brighter. By closest economy Mr. Miflin has managed to meet the obligations he was afraid would ruin him. and there is a good lookout for the

"Will he give you a whole loaf yet, "Not yet, I think. Never mind.

We will not despond yet." "Despond ! I guess not. I am going to have some of these crumbs you were speaking of next year. I have learned some valuable lessons in saving bread ?" which I mean to make use of ."



keeping, too, that lasted well one year, were past service in the second, and it was not easy to replace them.

Often Mabel feared the saving for a "rainy day" must be broken in upon, but she kept all such fears shut up in her own heart and always had a bright word of cheer for tired Charlie when he

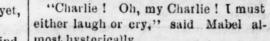
came home at night. She never told him that the late breakfast that she had planned to let the babies sleep while he ate his early one, comprised none of the tempting dishes of his own meal, but was litterly bread and milk six mornings out of the seven. She never let him know that the reason she suggested his lunch

down town, to save the long walk home, was really to save the price of that meal toward the dinner, the dain- murder was not intentional. Ten

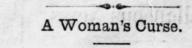
"More still. Mr. Gardner, Mr.

me five thousand dollars."

"Hold on, little woman; he also advised Mr. Mifflin in their last interview, to reward me for my faithful, disinterested devotion to him in his late difficulties by taking me as a partner in the business."



"Laugh, then, by all means ! The new firm of Mifflin & Castleton must not be christened in tears, even happy ones. Hurrah ! who says after this that half a loaf is no better than no



"If you want to hear a strange story," said a gentleman to a reporter of the Alta, yesterday, in Golden Gate Park, "engage that gray baired man in conversation and get him to tell you

his story. It will repay you for your time," and he indicated a permature aged man with a sad face setting in the sun on one of the benches of the park. The reporter needed no second invitation, and was soon seated by the man

with the strange history. "I am told," said the seeker after facts, "that you have a life story strange in the extreme, and that you are notadverse to relating it."

The eyes of the man were turned on the speaker a moment, and then folding his white hands in his lap, he said : "Yes it is a story, I am a murderer and a reformed gambler; but you need not shrink so form me, for the

I believe it is on me forever, and I feel that I was that man's murderer. I am rich, and my first attempt was to get the dead man's wife to accept an annuity from me, but she refused all aid and tried to support herself by her own labor. I relieved my mind to some extent, however, by setting a certain sum on her and her children, which passed through her father's hands and ostensibly comes directly from him. Her children are receiving a fine education by this means, and my will, safely locked in her father's office, bequeaths to her and her children my entire wealth, some \$100,000. My life,"concluded he, "is devoted largely to visiting gambling dens, where I meet young men who are on the highway to hell, and warn them of their danger. Thanks be to God, I have succeeded in many cases in saying them ; and now, young man, remember this story, and let it always stand up as a while spectre between you and the gambling table. See to it that the polson does not enter your veins ;" and he pulled his hat over his moistened eyes and strode silently away. TE SALE ON A MARCH

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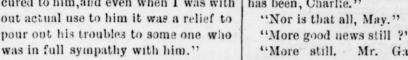
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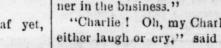
From Forrest and Stream. One day I followed a doe's tracks from 11 a. m. till sunset without having obtained anything like the merest glimpse of my game. I was fast loosing hope, as but a few moments of daylight were left to me, when, on coming to the edge of a flat, covered by heavy yellow birch timber, and terminated on the further side by an abrupt bank, like. that of a river, I saw the old doe standing half way up the bank, broadside too, the fawn below her, its slender neck upstretched exactly in line with its mother's shoulder. At that distance (93 very long paces) the neck looked about the size of a hoe handle, but I took a quick look through the double sights and fired. The fawn went down like a stone: the doe gave one convulsive bound, nearly twenty feet, to the top of the bank, dropped dead in her tracks my own faro game, in which business, and rolled back across her fawn. My next shot, purely one of chance, of course, I made a great of deal money. Many unpleasant incidents grew out of I think can be classed as wonderful. I was following the tracks of a doe and my busines, but I always excused it on fawn. Within twenty rods of where I the ground that men did not have to struck the tracks I suddenly saw half the neck and the head of the fawn, which was lying down, partly turned from me, placidly chewing its cud. A shot through its neck suretched it lifeless, and, with my rifle held ready for a second shot, I advanced cautiously, expecting to see the doe; but, nothing stirring, I concluded that she had got way unobserved in the thick spruce growth. So setting away my rifle, I was the case, as it afterward proved, began to dress the fawn, which proved I got acquainted with him, addressed to be a very large and fat one. In dohim as Brown, but knowing that that ing this I had changed my position, so was not his true name. I think he folthat on rising I caught full sight of the lowed the game for months, winning a doe lying dead, twenty feet away to the little sometimes, but generally losing left, and right angles with the line of heavily. At last he came one night, fire. Half stupified with amazement I and I saw by his flushed face that he walked up to her, and found the warm had been drinking, although he looked blood still trickling from a bullet-hole in the centre of her belly, and saw that apparently cool. He sat down to the table, drew out a small roll of money, she had died in her bed without a kick. On going back to the fawn to investiand, laying it down before him, said, gate, I found that the bullet [a pointed "There is in that little pile my fortune, one] about four feet beyond the neck of my honor and my life. I either win all the fawn, had passed through a hackor lose all, this night. Begin your matack sapling two inches through, a game ; I am ready." Others joined in little to the left of the centre, tearing the left side out and cutting the tree nearly half down; then turning at a right angle, it had struck the doe as mentioned, passed directly upward between the kidneys, cutting off the big artery and burying itself in the spine. of playing, evidently in the most fear-The deer was as safe from a direct shot ful suspense, he lost his last dollar. as though the Rocky Mountains had Leaning back in his chair, with cominterposed between us. pressed lips and face blanched to a At another time, when following a deathly whiteness, he looked me in the . big, fat doe in a feathery snow, which eye a moment, and rising said : "My adhered to everything, on coming to an money, honor and happiness have gone alder run, about eighty yards across, over that table, never to return. I said filled with these bushes from the size of a knitting needle to over an inch my life would go with them, and it through, I caught sight of her black shall. Tell my wife I had gone too far tail hanging down motionless. There to return." Before we could prevent was about one chance in a thousand of it he put a derringer to his breast and getting a bullet through, but I always shot himself through the heart falling took all such chances, and fired without upon the table that had been his ruin a moment's hesitation. The tail disappeared instantaneously and, fixing my eyes on an object in range, so as to advance in a direct line, I followed the path of the bullet. Half way across I found an alder about as big as a pipe stem cut off clean; half way from there, to where the deer stood, and fully ten feet to the right of the line, I saw another alder fully an inch in diameter cut off not more than a foot above the ground and thrown three feet from its stump. "That settles it,"I said to myself and started rapidly forward to take up the track again. On reaching the spot I found some black hairs lying on the snow exactly as if cut out by a bullet and the first bound of the deer was nearly twenty feet. This looked like a wounded deer, but smiling at the absurdity of the idea, I pressed forward and within ten rods came upon my game stone dead, with a bullet exactly that curse seeming always to be the through the centre of its tail. To have

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"But you have worked very hard, Charlie. I never saw you so tired as your face is more careworn than it has

"Oh Charlie !" "Well, it is some comfort to know



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can give me but half my present salary though he promises to raise it when business prospects brighten. I don't know what to do. We are none too rich at my present salary." "Yet you have saved something each S month. Beside, dear, we have not tried to be economical. There are many ways in which I could save." "And make a perfect slave of yourself." "Not a bit of it. I have plenty of leisure time, now that May and Bella can amuse each other. Come. Charlie accept Mr. Mifflin's offer. You may hear of some thing better, even if you remain there ; but don't throw yourself out of a situation in the dead of winter, for my sake and the chil-N- dren's." The last argument conquered. Gharlie knew too well that it would be useless to look for a new situation, for the whole town was echoing Mr. Mifflin's cry of hard times. The small nest egg in the bank would soon melt away when it became the sole support of four and so, kissing Mabel, he promised to -3m follow her advice. But it cost her pride a very sore wrench. He had entered the employment of his present employer at seventeen, and slowly, steadily gaining favor by dint apparent. of faithfully performing every duty, he or. him to see his wife well-dressed, to give her an efficient servant, to have his twin girls ever presentable, his table welll appointed. All this had been easy enough upon his salary, and there had been something added for three years to the little bank fund. But to do this upon half the present income was simply impossible. House rent must be paid, and the sum remaining each month would have to be ket. carefully calculated to meet all the expenses, leaving but little for pleasure or extravagance in dress. for "Then what would Will say ?" Will Castleton was Chailie's cousin, who had been his life long companion. Together they had left the schoelroom for a business position. Will entering the grain store of Harvey & Russell at the same time Charlie had taken the place in Mr. Mifflin's dry goods store. Shoulder to shoulder the young men had worked their way till this financial crisis had brought all businessmen into temporary difficulties of greater or less

magnitude.

place I will not desert you." I am very useful to him, and he is very And looking into the careworn face unwilling to part with me. But he that trouble was marking more deeply than age, Charlie resolved to serve Mr. Mifflin more faithfully in his perplexities than in his more prosperous days.

> It was not long before the old gentleman felt the sympathy of his young clerk and looked to him as he never did before, for advice as well as for service. He admitted him to confidential relations, explained to him the difficul-

ties caused by the failure of other firms, some heavily indebted to the firm of Joel Mifflin, others upon whom he had depended for goods obtained upon credit.

Day by day as the harv, trying win. ter wore away the two friends grew faster, and so far from lessening his work Charlie found himself willingly

lifting some of his employer's burdens upon his own shoulders.

He gave more time to business, and he was gaining an insight into it, of which an opportunity had never been given him.

And Mabel, at home, was bravely taking her share of the diminished loaf with a smiling face and a cheerful heart. As far as might be she kept

from Charlie a knowledge of the domes tic economies, but some of them were

The woman whose competent aid demanded high wages was dismissed, and had won his way to the desk of head a half-grown girl was engaged to mind clerk. Not until he had acquired this the babies while Mabel cooked and position and the handsome salary acwashed and ironed and sewed, meeting companing it would he ask Mabel to become his wife, furnishing a pretty difficulties with a courageous heart. She had never been a drone in the cottage home from his sayings, and world's hive having been a busy little giving her a thoroughly comfortable dressmaker before Charlie Castleton income for household expenses. He won her heart and took her to preside was not extravagant, but it pleased over his pretty home.

But for three years of her married life she had been much petted, and there were many pleasures to be put aside, many dollars well weighed before they were spent.

> It was with a heart full of pardonable triumph that the young couple at the end of the year of reduced pay found they were still out of debt and had not touched the nest egg in the bank.

"You see. Charlie, we made the half loaf go round," said Mabel, as they went carefully over the year's expense book.

"There are no crumbs," he said, with a rather weary face.

"Never mind that; it was a great deal better than idleness." "You are right; and there was more than that, Mabel. I have been able to help Mr. Mifflin more than I could have done in our old relations to en me permission to offer a position to

ty little parcel he carried never cost years ago I owned the largest and most popular gambling parlors in the city of the price of a regular meal for them Chicago, and on Saturday nights I dealt

She did not tell him that she was cutting up her old dresses to clothe the twin girls, and sewing busily every leisure moment to keep all the little ones tidy.

play my games any more than they And yet there came a day in June, were obliged to drink poison. I finally when six months of the second year got to noticing and expecting one were almost gone, when she spent the young man in particular, who always last dollar of the weeks money while the week was but half gone. Charlie came when it was my night to deal. At first he played boldly; and as a conhad given her, long before, some signsequence, lost heavily, but as he grew ed checks to meet such an emergency, more familiar with the game he played but it was her pride to think that not carefully, and acted as though fife deone of them had been presented at the pended on his winning, which in fact

She took one from the desk where they had lain so long and spread it before her, calculating with puckers on her pretty face how small a sum she could stretch over the necessary expen-

"I hate to begin," she said, half aloud ; "if once we break in upon that money it will melt away like snow before the sun." There was no alternative but debt.

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and Mabel knew that Charlie would never be willing to owe any man a cent while he had a cent with which to pay him. So, with a great sigh, she dipped the pen in the ink to fill out the blank

at first and played for a while, but ficheck. Before it touched the paper, nally withdrew from the game and however, she paused, listening. There watched the strange young man at my was a step in the hall that was not that of the nurse or her charges, a voice right. He played to win, but fate was ringing out full and clear, calling,against him for he lost, won and lost again, and finally after about two hours "Mabel! Where are you, May ?"

"Here in my room," she answered. "Oh, Charlie, what is it ?" For the face at the door was so 1a-

diant that all traces of care seemed to have slipped from it forever. "Good news, May ! And yet-per-

haps I should feel sorrow, too, only I did not know him."

"What are you talking about ?" "Did you read this morning's paper ?" "Yes."

"Did you notice the death of Amos Gardner ?"

"No : is that the Mr. Gardner who and death. used to be Mr. Mifflin's partner before "His wife came, awful in the majesyou went into the store ?" ty of her grief, and after satisfying "Yes; he was a batchelor, and berself that her husband was dead, she he asked : "Where is the keeper of this has left his whole estate to Mr. Mifflin, except a few legacies. The store will dreadful place ?" I was pointed out, be closed till after the funeral ; so we and, striding up to me so that her finger almost touched my pallid face, have a three days' holiday May." "I am glad you will be able to rest." she exclaimed in tones that are ring-"But that is not all. Do you guess ing in my ears yet : "Oh, you soulthe rest ?" less wretch, with heart of stone ! You "You are to have your old salary ahave lured my husband from me, sent him to perdition, widowed me and orgain."

"More than that. Mr. Mifflin took phaned my children. You are his me to his house this morning and told murderer, and may God's curse rest me all his plans. He will enlarge his upon you eternally !' 'Oh, my husband ! business, and take on his old salesmen my children !' she fell fainting on the who are willing to come. He has givcorpse.

"I lingered for weeks in a brain fever, each other. His perplexities made him | Will Castleton, who has been nearly a long for some one to whom he could year out of employment because he burden of my mind. On my recovery I struck the deer at all after being deflect speak confidentially, and when the ice would not accept your theory of 'half a burned the fixtures of my den and closed ed ten feet out of its course would have

ness or pleasure.	Give me a trial and be convinced of the truth	Will bed emmanded the second states	spend confidence of and when the roo			been sufficiently remarkable, but to go
Your patronage respectfully solicited.	of these statements.	will had expressed the warmest in	- was once broken he took me fully into	loaf' being 'better than no bread."	the place, and have devoted most of my	exactly to the spot aimed at was a sin-
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