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The hue of her hide was a dusky brown. Her body was lean and her neck was slim, One horn turned up and the other down, She was keen of vision and long of limb With a Roman nose and a short stump tall, And ribs like the hoops on a home-made pall,

Many a mark did her old body bear She had been a target for all things known : On many a sear the dusky hair Many a pussionate, parting shot Had left upon her a lasting spot.

Many and many a well-aimed stone, Many a brickbut of goodly size, And many a cudget, swiftly thrown, Had brought the tears to her boyine eyes , Or had bounded off from her bony back, With a nelse like the sound of a rifle crack, Many a day had she passed in the pound, For heiping herself to her neighbor's corn; Many a cowardly our and hound Had been transfixed on her crumpled horn;

Many a tempot and old tin pall Had the farmer boys fied to her time-worn tall. Old Deacon Gray was a plous man, Though sometimes tempted to be profune, When many a weary mile he ran To drive her out of his growing grain, Sharp were the pranks she used to play

To get her fill and to get away

She knew when the deacon went to town: She wisely watched him when he went by ; He never passed her without a frown And an evil gleam in each angry eye; He would crack his whip in a suriy way, And drive along in his "one hose shay,

Then at his homestead she toyed to call. Lifting his bars with her crumpled horn; Nimbly scaling his garden wall, Helping herself to his standing corn : Eating his cabbages one by one, Hurrying home when her work was done.

Often the Deacon homeward came, Humming a byma from the house of prayer, His hopeless heart in a tranquil frame, His sout as calm as the evening air; His forehead as smooth as a well-worn plow, To find in his garden that highway cow. His human pastions were quick to rise,

And striding forth with a savage cry, With fury blazing from both his eyes, As lighterings flash in a summer sky; Redder and redder his face would grow, And after the creature he would go. Over the garden round andfround, Breaking his pear and apple trees; Tramping his melons into the ground, Overturning his hives of bees ; Leaving him angry and badly stung, Wishing the old cow's neck was wrung.

The mosses grew on the garden wall; The years went by with their work and play The boys of the village grew strong and tall.

And the gray-haired farmers passed away. One by one as the red leaves fall, But the highway cow outlived them all.

All earthly creatures must have their day, And some must have their months and years Some in dying wai long delay ; There is a climax to all careers ; And the highway cow at last was slain in renning a race with a railroad train.

All into pieces at once she went. fust like the savings banks when they fall Out of this world she was swiftly sent; Little was left but her old stump tall. The farmers' cernfields and gardens now Are haunted no more by the highway cow.

THE TWO MYSTERIES.

In the middle of the room in its white coffin, lay great chair, sat Walt Whitman, surrounded by little ones, and helding a beautiful little girl on his lap. The child looked curiously at the spectacle of death and then inquiringly into the old man's face. "Yo don't know what it is, do you, my dear?" said he, adding, "We don't know either,"

We know not what it is dear, this sleep so deep and The folded hands, the awful calm, the check so pa

The lids that will not lift again, though we may ca and call ;

We know not what it means, dear, this desolate This dread to take our daily way, and walk in We know not to what other sphere the loved wit

But this we know: Our loved and dead, if the

ould come and ask us, "What is life?" not one us could say. Life is a mystery as deep as ever death can be; Yet oh, how sweet it is to us, this life we live an

blessed is the thought ! So death is sweet to us beloved! though we ma tell you naught; We may not tell it to the quick-this mystery

he child who enters life comes not with know to those who enter death must go as little childre

othing is known. But I believe that God is ove

Miscellaneous.

PRINCE BOLTIKOFF.

than Fort Ne dham on the South Coast, bu he integrity of the Empire might depend upon its tenure. I was once its garrison - I soldiers, held it against all comers. My me were better off than I was, for they took i the fortress. They had employment, I had none. I bathed, breakfasted, and walked upon the shore; to eat, drink, sleep, and smoke made up the sum total of my dver progression, I might have been an oyster.

sions. But that I was gifted with powers of One day as usual I strolled upon the beach The season was springtime, the sky bright the sea like a mirror. Nothing ever broke the stillness that reigned around Fort Needham; it lay off the high-road so no one came to it; even the fishing-boats avoided the bay because of the shoal water. With my glass I swept the horizon, now and again exam ining the sea-guils or a far-off sail.

What is that black thing bobbing up ar down in the water? A hen-coop or a whale? or a new rock shot up suddenly from be

figure on it, a man paddling. He is making for the shore; slowly and surely he ap proaches. Closer and closer. His face i plainly visible now, and his breast through his open shirt. He handles his little oar with skill and vigor-nearer and nearer he comes. At length-grate, squeeze, thud, his raft has run aground, and he jumps on the shingte.

The stranger's first act was to throw him self upon his knees and exclaim fervently in French. "Thank God! Safe at last!"

Then he rose and came to greet me with the bow of a finished courtier. He was in these in as we passed." ently from an old gray blanket; yet, in spite start in an hour. of all, he seemed a gentleman. His manner was perfect, the English in which he ad-

"This is a sorry plight in which I find nyself, Monsieur. I am a waif cast up by the sea. I have been ship-wrecked. I never dreamt I should reach the land alive !" "Shipwrecked?" I asked. "Where?

When? How?"

"Yesterday I was on board my own yacht, he Feodorowna-I am Prince Bottikoffyou know my name, perhaps ?" he said, seeng that I bowed at this introduction of himelf. "No? I am a Russian, I was en oute for Cowes. Last night the yacht lay ecalmed off the Needles, I was in my berth -half reading, half dozing, when-crack-!" omething crashed into the side of the yacht. I jumped from bed and rushed, as I was, on deck. It was a collision. Death stared us one and all in the face. I snatched up the first garments I could find -vou see them." he pointed, smiling, to his rags-"and jumped overboard. I am a good swimmer. At dawn I was still affoat. Then I got together a few floating spars from the wreck, made that little raft-good friend, it has

back into the tide-"Adieu; go, mon ami, "May I ask," continued the stranger as oon as the raft had drifted away, "may I isk where I am? Would you have the extreme complaisance to direct me to the nearst town?

"This is Fort Needham," said I. "Yarchester is the nearest place-some dozen miles distant," "So far! I am hardly in walking trim, fear, but I must make shift to push on."

hand. I am the Commandant of the fort "You are then an English officer! I might

the more incumbent upon me to be your the outer room.

host." With this I led the way into the fort, The admission of such a tatterdemalion rather surprised the decorous sentry, but my servant, who was called in to assist at the Prince's toilet, soon spread the real story

hroughout the barracks. A bath, my razors, and a complete rig-out of my ciothes, made a wonderful change in the Prince's appearance. He was evidently a person of the highest distinction,-not exactly handsome, his smoothly-shaven face as too sallow, and his cheek-bones too high ing eyes. He made the mistake of also vearing his hair too short; it was clipped so close that his head looked like a round

"Your clothes fit me to the marvel, mon ther M. Carruthers. It would not be indiscreet to ask your tailor's name? He is an

I was flattered and replied readily : "Mr. Schneider will be glad to get an orer from you, Prince."

"He shall have it. His cut is superb." Then we sat down to louch. The Prince. although aristocratic to the finger-tips, had the most plebian appetite; within a few

minutes he had cleared the table. "I have not tasted food for twenty-four ours," he said apologetically, After lunch I produced cigars, He looked

at the tobacco ravenously. "It is my passion. I did not think I could

have existed so long without it." He lay back in an arm-chair and smoked

half-a-dozen cigars one after the other, apparently with the most intense gratification. mrades; my life and prospects—everything | which he could lay his hands." short which interested me,

In this way the hours passed, till suddenly he Prince jumped up.

"You have been most good, M. Carruthers, can never repay your kindness. But now, he day is advancing, I must be moving

Pray do not think of it. You will sure will be time enough to travel; by then you "I hardly dare take advantage of your good nature. I know not what to say. But your pleasant society draws me towards you; I will stav. Suffer me only to write a few letters. I must communicate with the Russian Embassy ; I should send to my bankers and to my London hotel for clothes and

a piece of portable barrack furniture limited letters, books, and stray papers; tradesmen's bills, an army li-t, Bradshaw, officials' reports and returns, some in my own hand writing and bearing my signature. But from among these I cleared sufficient space, and left the Prince to write his letters alone.

It was quite an hour before I returned. He started rather as I re-entered the room, but explained that his recent narrow escape had shaken his nerves. He had been busy; several letters were lying on the table, their addresses uppermost, and for the life of me, could not help seeing that one was to a Secretary of the Russian Embassy, another some one at Claridge's Hotel, a third to Messrs. Coutts; of a fourth I read only a part. It looked like "Jemmy Haw-Seven Di---" But the moment my somewhat surprised and curious eyes had read him in your guard-house till the prison-van thus far, the Prince took up all his corresondence, and rose to greet me with a pleas-

tretemps will alter all my plans. But what matter? I am still alive. Shall we take a breath of air ?" Outside, after a few turns upon the shore,

"Is your post-office far. We might drop rags, he wore only a dilapidated shirt of I said I sent an orderly with the letter-bag oarse calico, and a pair of tattered trousers as far as Silverburn, the nearest village and eaching just beyond his knees, made appar- rail-station, three miles or so. He would here to-day-"

"Now confess-you are sending on purpose ? I shall be truly fgrieved to derange have the opportunity, allow me thank Mr. fressed me, though tinged with a foreign ac- you. Your soldier would hate me. What ent, pure, and in intonations decidedly well say you, shall we walk to the post-office ourselves? I should like it, and it would do you good,too; you are lazy, mon Lieutenant, you will grow fat. Say then, shall we walk to Silverburn ?

I excused myself. The fact was I wished to stay at the fort to attend to household affairs. I did not often entertain a Prince, and I was somewhat anxious about the dinner which was being prepared by my inexperienced soldier cook. "You will not? You are wrong, You

I find the benefit, and need it much always, as now. But I see you will not be persuaded. Au revoir then-till-" "Dinner at half-past 5. That will give us nice long evening."

should walk more. It is excellent exercise.

"Yes; a nice long evening," he repeated after me in a strange, mocking tone. If he had not been a Prince I might have considered his conduct rude. an old saile,) to three or foure trees to shad-

We parted. He walked on at a very brisk owe us from the sunne; our walls were rails oace : I returned slowly to the fort. of wood, our seats unhewed trees, till we For the next few hours I was busy super cut planks, our pulpit a bar of wood nailed ntending the operations in the kitchen, assisting to lay the table, drawing wine, and to two neighboring trees; in foule weather done duty,"-and as he spoke he pushed it making ready for the feast. About 6. p. m. dressed in mess uniform to do honor to adventure for new. my foreign guest, and walked down the road

o meet him on his return. He had had three hours to do the journey ly thing like a barne set upon cratchets, covhere and back, but half-past 6 came, and ered with rafts, sedge and earth, so was also with it no Prince. Seven-still he did not

What had happened? He must have lost is way. It was quite dark, and rather cold. At balf past 7 I sent off two non-commissioned officers in search of him; at 8 I went my-"Impossible. I cannot permit it. You self, and growing more and more concerned,

need rest, food. My quarters are close at walked on to Silverburn. Yes; a person answering to the description of the Prince had been been there. He had copy in this country,) entitled Advertisetaken the train to Yarchester. An extraorhave guessed it! You are all generous as dinary proceeding, still it accounted for his England, printed in 1631. The minister reon are brave. I was with Menschikoff in absence; so somewhat relieved I went home, Sebastopol, and I learnt to respect you dined by myself, and went to bed.

I slept late next morning. It was close on the colonists to Virginia. "If you are yourself a soldier, Prince, it is 10 when I was roused by a familiar voice in

"What, Randal! Still in bed!" It was Bob Finch, a brother Lieutenan from headquarters.

"You are to return at once to the regiment," he said. "I have come to relieve you.''
"Hurrah!" "Steady, boy, steady. Read this. Don't

sing out too soon." It was an official letter from the Adjutant, it seems hardly possible you are the man; desiring me to hand over my detachment, and anyway you must get some one who knows report myself forthwith at headquarters- you." under arrest.

"The Colonel's furious. He declares he'll prefer charges, and have you tried by court-"But why, man? why?"

"What on earth induced you to give that sharper letters of introduction to the regiment? Where, in heaven's name, did you pick him up?"

"The Prince-" "Of Darkness. He made nice fools of us

I told Bob Finch the story of the raft at which he laughed a little, adding soon : "But it's no joke, Randal. He was asked to mess on the strength of your letter to tent to bask in the sunshine with an umbrel-

Greveliffs." "I gave him none." "He produced one-on paper with your mogram, and in your writing."

"A forgery." "But how could he have done it?" "I left him alone here for an hour or more to write letters. There was one for Messrs, Coutts, and another for somebody

'offski,' and one"-for Seven Dials, course, but I would not confess to this. "Well, he dined at mess, en bourgeo nost agreeable companion; his experiences | He was traveling, and had left his mails at anners. It was delightful to listen to him, were cleaned out every one of us. The to tell you about them when I came away. d so with courteous, unflagging interest as one else-he broke into the mess-house, stole the milk every morning. I wish you would

> in pair and humiliaton, to proceed to headaid twoWarders had arrived from Talkham Convict Prison; would I see them?

"Might I make so bold as to claim your . . !. assistance? We have been in pursuit of a convict who escaped from our establishment

he day before yesterday." He produced a large placard headed with quired the stranger. he Royal arms. Under them, in flaming apitals, were the words : "Convict just Escaped! Five Pounds Re-

Then followed the description : "Thomas Twoshoes, alias Polish Ned alias he Swaggering Sumph, alias Harry High. and go out on the Saginaw train. I'm hom lyer ; complexion sallow, dark-eyes, high to the minute, but where's the train?" cheek-bones, black hair. Speaks with a

oreign accent. Was dressed in trousers of atched blanketing and an old check shirt." "Well, what can I do?" I asked a little aeryously. Was I suspected of complicity Doubtless I had lain myself open to the charge of aiding and abetting in the convict's escape. "If I can assist you in your

"That isn't necessary sir, for we've caught

"Caught him!" cried both Finch and my "He is outside in the custody of Assistant Warder Tightlock. We captured him seven niles this side of Yarchester. A boy saw him about daylight hiding behind a hedge changing his shirt-that he had on was marked with the Broad Arrow. We were informed gave chase, and, after a sharp tussle, took him. Will you allow me to lodge

arrives " I consented, and went out with Finch to ee the culprit, who was bandcuffed and "There ! So much for business. This constill in my clothes.

"Pardon me," he said gravely, "I am in-

"Well, Prince," I began.

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Slightly Mistaken.

John Dowd is a very indiscreet youth of "How he got away was marvelous; like 40 or 50 years. Last night John pranced nagic," said the senior Warder. "He was into Nolan's saloon, on the corner of Sixteenth and O'Fallon streets, sanguine and frisky, with a knife something less than a plied the incorrigible rogue. "But, while I | yard long in his hand, and related that he was willing to eat his grandmother if he Carruthers for his generous hospitality; and couldn't whip thunder out of any of them perhaps you, sir," he went on to Bob Finch, in the house, and that's the kind of a hair will convey to your brother officers an invi- pin ite was. It is hard to believe that he retation to visit me at Talkham? The place is alized that he was in the heart of Kerry rough, but I am compelled to make it my Pater when he advanced this propositionresidence for the present and if any one cares | for such a degree of recklessness is past credto come over I shall be happy to give them | ibili v. However that may be, the knights of Kerry never let a man languish for want of a fight, and John was accommodated. They wiped the floor with him and used him "Melted down, that is," remarked Tightlock, for a billiard cue, and wore him out. When they got through with him they rolled him out loors and two police officers collared him and his scimetar and locked them up. He sent out for about a bolt of calico and some fresh beef, and this morning when he can into the Police Court he was something a little more gaudy than the famous interesting sketch of the earliest state of the ring-tailed monkey. Concealed weapons was that they called John's scimetar, and he couldn't rebut the thing. The Court fine: him one hundred dollars and sent him member woe did hang an awning, (which is to the rocks. He isn't able to do much in the way of pounding macadam, but he is filled with admiration for the threshing machine that se ran afoul of, and all he wonders at is,

that he came out alive .- St. Louis Repub-

we shifted into an old rotten tent, for we An important discovery hitherto not menhad but few better, and this came by way of tione I in public, of numerous well preserved bones of diluvian animals, is reported from Steeton, on the Lahn, in Germany. The cuve in which they were found was accidentally laid open by the fall of a colossal the walls, that could neither well defend block of dolomite which had closed it water wind nor raine. Yet we had daily Common tight. A dry, soft, dolomite sand which Prayer morning and evening, every Sunday had filled the cave, had preserved the two sermons, and every three months the organic remnants most beautifully, without any incrustation. The bones were those of the cave lion, larger than the present African years ago in the Delaware State Journal, and lion, of the cave bear and of the cave hyena was taken from a very rare old tract, (so the latter of much more powerful build than scarce that they thought there was no other the living species. There were also remnants of the horse, the ox, the stag, the rhinoceros and the elephant, as well as of several smaller animals, which had been the ferred to was the Rev. Robert Hunt, the first English clergyman who accompanied prey of the lion, and the byena. It seems that the elephant calves had by preference been atta ked and devoured by those diluvian carr vora. So-called koproliths, or petrified exer ments, were numerously mixed with bank to have a check cashed-during the the medley of bones. It need scarcely be said that the several beasts of prey did not long run of Rip Van Winkle-and the bank official demanded that he should be identi- inhabit the cave together, but that similar species of them used it during successive periods. A good selection of the remnants found is contained in the Museum at Weisbaden.-London Examiner.

clerk; "but I've seen Rip many a time, and DIVING FOR DRINK .- One of the! hottest regions of the earth is along the Persian Gulf, where little or no rain falls. At Barhin the arid shore has no fresh water, yet a comparatively numerous and said in the words of Rip: "If my dog trives to exist there, thanks the copious springs which burst forth from the bottom of the sea. The diver, sitting in his boat "Pay that check," cried the cashier," No winds a goat skin bag around his arm, the one but Joseph Jefferson has that hearthand grasping its mouth; then he takes in breaking voice, or could utter those words his right hand a heavy stone, to which he attacked a strong line, and thus equipped he plunges in and quickly reaches the bottom. seen dog that never existed, except in Jef-Instantly opening the bag over the strong ferson's imagination, saved him a deal of jet of fresh water, he springs up in the ascending current, at the same time closing the bag and is helped aboard. The stone is This is what my be called a sample of then hauled up, and the diver, after taking practical affection. True love is not conbreath, plunges again. The sources of these copious submarine springs is thought to be in the green hills of Oman, some 500 or 600 la handy in case of rain. The following let-

miles distant.

My Dear Husband-I got here last night A CUSTOM HOUSE FIEND .- Vivier, the all safe, and was met at the station by uneccentric man who has made it the business of cle and aunt. They were so glad I had come his life to worry the Custom House Inspectbut were sorry you were not along, I miss ors of all European countries, has returned you so much. We had hot rolls for breakto France. His wont, formerly, was to pack fast this morning, and they were delicious. a huge trunk full of trowser sterps, such as I want you to be so happy while I am here. are worn with gaiters, using hydraulic pres-Don't keep the meat up stairs. It will surely spoil. Do you miss me now? Oh! if sure, if it were necessary, to cram five bushels into a three bushel space; then to lure you were only here, if but for an hour. Has the Inspector to open it as a suspicious pack-Mrs. O'R --- brought back your shirts? I hope the bosoms will suit you. You will age, when naturally the contents were overfind the milk tickets in the clock. I forgot set, and the whole force of the Custom House was occupied for hours in putting them back. A powerful Jack-in-the-box What did you do last evening? Were you lonesome without me ? Don't forget to scald was another device of his that was very sucsee if I left the potatoes in the pantry. If I le thus recounted: "M. Vivier placed his did they must be sour by this time. How valies and traveling sack on the connect. "What is in this traveling sack?" "Two ratare you getting along? Write me all about But I must close now. Oceans of love theanakes', said M. Vivier meekly. The Inspector jumped back and said it was namedessary to open it. 'And in the value! 'Tures more rattle-takes,' soft M Vivini. The Inspector kult. Somerhing Whone. - A man, sachel, an unbrella and a great deal of puffing, enter in an axful voice, 'l'hat mak snakes, there is no dety on a filosoficialisms and asked it the Saginaw train hed departun'ess there are six or more. Pass the 'Just out of sight,' was the reply of au ofgention n's laggage!"

A Love Stoky .- "Masticd next week, I hear, en?" remarked a friend; elapping a young firstington man is a congratulatory way on the shoulder. "Rich girl up from three port. I hear?" "Well, no," said the young man, so fling a little sigh,"things was What's wrong?" saked the friend in sympacuetic tones. "Old folks down on the 'Gone, as I told you before,' replied the match !" "Well, not exactly; you see she bus no parents, and she's her own boss like, but -" "Girl did'nt throw you, did she? Didn't go back on you?" "Well," said the young man, hesitatingly, "n-no, not exactly. You see two other husbands kind o' hapagement. I think I'll see some lawyer pract to find her and come in on her unexpected like, and I've just sort of thought we'd kind of put it oil, like it might be." And the subject of conversation was deliare tanned yearly, which are consumed by cately changed. - Burlington House Eye.

HOSPITALITY IN TEXAS.-In no city in the United States is the travel-stained weary traveler taken as good care of as he is in a San Autonio hotel. The manners and customs of the guests are carefully studied. and morasses are now the harvest fields, and one of the hotels, told the clerk the other A young man from the frontier, stopping at Jacksonville, in that State, the great depot. evening that he was going to be out late. teen to twenty feet and frequently live to a dating clerk, and he rushed off but soon revery old age. The hides are stripped off, appeared with a large envelope, which he placed in the guest's breast pocket, with for use, are packed in barrels, in strong the remark: "That is a bend for your appearance before the Recorder, properly signed. As soon as you are arrested for besix to eight months, when they are ready to ing drunk and disorderly, just give the boad be cut up. So far the teather has only been to the policeman, mention my name to him, "Pardon me," he said gravely, "I am in-used in the manufacture of boots and shoes, and he will bring you home in a hack. My equerry here, Mr. Tightlock will ex-but handsome slippers are also made out Good night! God bless you"—San Antonio