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The haggard, ragged, careworn man Accest d me in plaintive one, "I must have food"—he straight began; "Vile miscreant!" I cried, "begone!

"Tis contrary to every rule That I my fellows should assist still I'm of the -cientific school,

Political- economist. Dost thou not know, deluded one,

That Adam Smith has clearly proved That 'tis self interest alone By which the wheels of life are moved ? That competition is the law

By which we sither live or dia I've no demand thy labor for. Way, then, should I thy wants supply ? 'And Herbert Spencer's active brain Shows how the social struggle ends

The weak die out, the strong remain; 'Tis this that Nature's plan intends "Now, really, 'tis absurd of you To think I'd interfere at all :

Just grasp the scientific view. The weakest must go to the wall. My words impressed his dormant thought, "How wise," he said, "is Nature's plan!

Henceforth I'll practice what you've taug! We are alone no others near Or even within hailing distance;

I've a good club, and now right here We'll have a struggle for existence "The weak must die - the strong survive Let's see who'll prove the hardest hittist

So if you wish to keep alive Prepare to prove yourself the fitte-t 'If you decline the text to make And doubt your chances of survival, Your watch and pocket book I'll take.

As competition strips a rival." What could I do but yield the point, Though conscious of no logic plunder? And as I quaked in every joint.

The tramp departed with his plunder

Select Story.

JULIA'S SACRIFICE.

The afternoon light came in, subdued and cllow, through the stained glass windows of the stately church and fell upon th brilliant concourse gathered there, in honor of the nuptials of Horace Napier and Julia

Meliville. A beautiful bride, and a handsome groo but not one gleam of happiness was there or either face; as cold and hard as marble she appeared, and he as proud and stately as

anon, looked at each other, the one with

He with the triumph in his glance, wa

first; he took the cold hand of the bride, 'In seeing you my son's wife, I behol he consummation of my highest hopes."

She bowed haughtily, and turned from im abruptly, and yielded to the embrace of the other one, who whispered to her :

"My daughter-my daughter! that you should have made this sacrifice even to save Her face, bowed to his shoulder, told of

keenest anguish; but when she raised it, it old only of resolution. 'I can bear it gladly,' she said, 'when I know that by it I have released you from

his power,' with a disdainful nod toward her A few hours after, she and her husbane in their new home, were alone together for

All the resolution was gone from her tack it, and her deep blue eyes, told only of anguish and hate.

Pride still sat upon his brow, but mor apparent than that was the look of pain that spoke from his hazel eyes.

With a yearning gesture, he reached forth his hand to take hers; but she turned from him, saying, in low, intense tones : 'Let there be no mockery between us. cannot assume what I do not feel; do not

make me dispise you more than I already

'What !' he exclaimed. 'Do you hate me She did not see the agony on

he asked that question. 'She replied, passionately: 'Is it not mockery to ask me that? You know that I hate you—that I have sold my-

'Stay,' he interrupted, proudly; 'did yo ay you sold yourself, to me?" 'I did.'

For what ? 'Your ignorance would be amusing wer not so despicable. You know well, sir why I have sold myself to you."

'I do not,' he replied, earnestly. 'I simply know that when I asked you to be my wife, you assented." 'What I' she cried, hotly, her eyes flashin

her bosom heaving, her frame trembling with ire. 'Do you mean to tell me that you I paid the price your father demandedwhich was to marry you and give you some social position? Do you not know all

'No,' he said firmly, his lips livid, his hands clenched tight. 'I know that I have desired to win you, but your indifference to me kept me silent till my father told me hat you would become mine. Will you no believe me, Julia, when I say that I was no aware that you had been forced into this?"

'No,' she cried angrily, 'I will not believe you! You have done a despicable act, and now seek to screen yourself by a falsebood I have no faith in you at all.' That proud look settled back on his face

'Very well; we are strangers then. Yo have sold yourself for my wealth ; you shat find that you have not sacrificed yourself in

Oh, what a dreary, weary existence followed! they seldom met, except at table, and then only the stateliest formalities were ex-

changed between them. The first interruption that came was the arrival of an invitation from that circle herself for love. into which Horace Napier, the son of the vulgar shoddyite, had never been able to effect an entrance.

Julia found it upon the table in her room and she sent it to her husband, saying, bit- out to her husband's home. terly, to berself : 'I have gained my object; he will demand

hat he shall gain his ' She was surprised by the almost immedi-

ate return of the invitation accompanied by the following words: I beg to be excused from entering any sphere where I am admitted on sufferance Your father can act as your escort, so I know I am not depriving you of any please

ure by my refusal To say that Julia was astounded, is but half expressing her feetings. 'Could I have wronged him in refusing to

believe him ?' she thought,

Then she added, disdainfully : 'This is more of his hypocrisy,' Still though she would not acknowledge it, this refusal of his placed him much higher in her estimation; she-felt piqued that he would not wait upon her, yet she knew that if he had accepted the invitation she

would have despised him more: She went with her father, and that the extended her hands pleadingly, saying: world might have as little to say as was posal de, she was as gay as the gayest there. ive me?" And so it was during all that season; she

a tended every fele, went through the same routine of assumed gavety, and then return ed to her bome, more miserable than be Each time an invitation came she sent i

to her husband, with the hope ever growing stronger that he would accept it, though she sai to herself, as her reason: Perhaps he is ready to throw off his mask

He always declined, and she always felt more and more piqued. She found heeself thinking of him often, and wondering if she had not wronged him;

and the more she thought of that the more dreary and desolate her life seemed to She was riding home one day, after weary round of visiting, and her thoughts were again of him. She had just said :

'He is firm, at least,' when she saw a snor half strike one of the horses, which started, reared, then plunged madly on. She tried to open the door with the wild idea to leap from the the carriage, but in

bear fear and trembling she could do nothand then she saw her husband, harless, pale with emotion, running down the road toward

yard of the poker.' the first time the sentiment which had been Henry got a thirty-six love pat alongsid slowly but steadily growing in her heart the ear, and the baby was upended again and arose above all else, and she cried out : the kinks taken out of its temper with 'Horace-Horace, for God's anke, go

back ! He did not hear, or he did not heed. He neared the infuriated horses, Julia triumph in his glance, the other with illi- leaned out of the window, expecting to see alone and looked at the old woman picking again, 'Horace,' but faintly, for her fear overcame her, and she knew no more.

When she regained consciousness, ound herself lying upon her bed, and felt & She looked up quickly, and met her hus

band's gaze. He started slightly ; then re-

I am glad you have recovered. I will end your maid to you.' Prompted by the feeling of her heart that ad been awakened vividly by that touch

upon her brow, she stretched forth her hands flectively, and Mrs. A. turned round on his deadingly; but his back was to her, he She mound softly as she realized what to her was a startling fact-she loved her husthe head first, it was done so quick. . Then

'He bates me now !' she wailed. 'I judged him by his father, and I have made a terrible miatake. He hates me now, and I love

Another week went by as the past week ad done, and Julia was beginning to cry: 'How long-how long will this enbosom's lord, 'see what you've done! For Then her father came to her in great eas

half nothing at all I'd take'n ram then down your fool throat, Here, see if you can ruess, to tell her that the unexpected deatl hold this child a minute without killing if till I get a towel,' and she plumped the f bis uncle had made him a rich man again that now he could pay his debt to Horace Napier's father, and she could be released, in part, at least, from her misery. Henry's finger, which it inspected with great

There can be a separation between you, he said. 'Horace does not object-I have spoken to him about it-and you, I know

will be only too glad to be free.' What could she say? Could she acknowl sdge that these tidings brought her more pain than joy? No. Pride kept her silent and her father proceeded with his plans. 'I will come for you to-morrow,' he said, as

he left her. 'Make all your arrangements

But instead of that, she threw herself up in her bed, and wept. 'Oh, that she could throw berself at his eet, and b g for forgiveness! That she

ot wish to leave him! When the dinner-hour came, she felt little ke going to table, but she went, with the ope that he would say something to keep

kicked the cat over the stove into the buck wheat cake batter. He had just opened his mouth for a wholesale swear, when h But the meal passed off in the usually silent way. They arose and left the room, got a glimpse of Mrs. A. descending upo 'for the last time,' Julia thought, as she felt him like a day of wrath, so he shot out of the front door, forgetting that the landlore s strange, choking sensation in her throat. Now that it was about, to be ended, even had taken away the steps away to pain this loveless union seemed precious to her. If he would only say one word she would his bald head against the board tence on th gladly remain.

As they separated in the hall her pride almost gave way to her love, and a cry of Horace' was struggling to her lips, when his calm, cold voice stayed it.

'I am glad that your thralldom is at an end, Julia. We part to-morrow. Strangers as we are, we should at least say goods She bowed her gad, 'as love and pride

came at her silence, as he turned abruptly and left her. 'He hates me,' she wailed, 'and I must

She did not see the agony on his face, that

The next day she went with her father, and for three months she endured such longing, that her life with her husband THE COLUMBIAN, VOL. XIII, NO.

When her father came to her with the na-How It Is Done. ing-child enters.

'Sign this and you are free,' she absolute

ly set pride aside and determined to humble

'I will sign it to night,' she said, which

Towards evening she left the house, and

He was in the library, the servan

She went to the door, and there paused

'He may taunt you, or he may tur

But love was stronger than pride, and she

She opened the door and stood trembling

on the threshold. He was before her, bowe

She took a step forward; it rouse

He looked up quickly, and saw her.

But she had seen the gladness, and

'Horace, my husband, will you for

Oh, how intense was the joy that game t

came to bless the sacrifice she had made.

How a Baby and B Man had a Circus.

Mrs. Oxtoby went shopping yesterday,

nd left her baby with Mrs. Archibald to be

aken care of, and it was sitting on the floor

very happy, with playthings galore when

'Hello ole gal I made a raise, have you

Phweet! Phweet! Say, young fellow, how's

your colic?' The baby made no response or

intelligent character, and Henry sat down

'Babies is queer things, now, ain't they

ust see that young imbecile tryin' to chew

the patato-masher. Now he's takin a tast

of the store lifter. That's a fine old mus-

tache you've made across your mug, nov sin,t jt?' Gosh! hello here, old woman

quick. The young un's swallowed half

Henry rescued the poker, and in doing s

pact the baby and its temper. The back of

poultice of bread and molasses, so quick that

the old man thought he had got into a hum

ming top factory. Then Henry let the baby

feathers, and he reached it a handful, half

of which it immediately spread on the bread

tremens, but it looked dreadful happy. Theo

it put some feathers in its mouth, and rub

bed the bread and molasses over its bal-

head, cooed like a two week's old wife, and

next it turned purple all over and equirme

till its face looked like an old gum boo

'I don't believe this young one likes feathers along with its grub,' said Henry re

like a volcano that was sick at the stomach

whether she hit him on the ear or on top

she grabbed up the inciplent Oxtoby and rat

her finger down its throat as though it were

stocking and she wanted to turn it inside

thers and waved them menacingly before he

oung one one on his knee and went up

Baby cooed and kicked, and got hold of

scared the baby stiff as a telegraph pole.

Qut hollerin' at that child that way

shoated Mrs. A. from up stairs. 'Do you

'Spose I want my fingers taken off for liv-

Then he added to the child: 'Here old

ellow, I'll give you something to chew on

Pussy, pussy, pussy, and he lifted the cat

on his lap, the young one grabbed its tail inserted in its mouth and shut down on it

Tue cat swore and spit and sank about twen

Ouch! Bloody murder! Take his

off!' and as the agonized man leaped to his

them, and got through falling when he jam

other side of the street, in a way that made

his skull flop up and down like a loose hal

. When a neighbor came along and set his

up against a-feace, his right hand fumbled

around his head in a dazed kind of way

and smiled vacantly up into his friend's

In the Metropolitan Poor District of Lor

ion there were on the 7th day of Decembe

42 351 paupers in the workhouses and 39

\$25 in receipt of out-door relief, making 82,

176 in all Taking those in the workhous

mly, it appears that London has abou

twice as many paupers in her poorhouse as there are in Philadelphia in proportion to

population. Metropolitan London has about five times the population of our city and

about ten times the pauper population in ber

sole in the mud.

face - Easton Free Press.

ty claws at once into Henry's leg.

r puddin' and esten by a cannibal baby?

want to scare it to death?'

that had been eating green persimmons.

head was bumped and it howled, and

upon a table in an attitude of grief,

coldiy from you; do not humble your

she would do if her one hope falled her.

trembling, she entered.

Prids whispered :

ip, crying : 'Julia !'

sked her to be seated.

arned to love you dearly."

Harry came in.

and stared at it.

obeyed it.

Father, give me a penny." 'Haven't got any ; don't bother me.' But, father, I want it ; something partic 'I tell you I haven't got one about me.

'I must have one; you promised me one called a cab, and gave orders to be driven I did no such a thing-I wont give you ny more pennies, you spend too many. It' She reached it at length, and timidly, all wrong-I went give it to you, so go away.' Child begins to wimper. 'I think you

night give one; it's really mean.' 'No-go away-I won't do it; so there'

in end of it.' Child cries, teases, coaxes-father gets ou patience, puts his hand in his pocket skes out a penny and throws it at the child.

There, take it, and don't come back again day.' Child smiles, looks shy, goes out conquer -determined to renew the struggle in the

sult. Scene in the street-two boys playingglad light leaped to his face, as he started other comes to the door, calls one of them

Ice, come into the house instantly." Then the cold proud look returned and be Joe pays no attention.

'Joe, do you hear me ? If you don't com 'Il give you a good beating.' tnew the coldness was assumed, and she Joe suffes and continues his play nd his companion is alarged for him and advises him to obey. 'You'll eatch i f you don't go, Joe.'

his face then, as he eagerly caught her hands in his, and drew her to himself, cry-'Oh, no, I won't; she always says so, t ever does. I sig't afraid." Mother goes back Into the house great

put out, and thinking herself a martyr to bad children.
That's the way, parents; show your chil 'No,' she whispered, gladly. 'I hav ren by your example that you are weak Right there we will leave them, and simp ndecided, untruthful and they learn aptiadd that in the days that followed Julia nough to despise your authority and regard

our words as nothing.

Reading Aloud It is strange that in a country whose lan ange is stored full of the choicest works of he human mind, and whose population is as a whole, so well educated, reading aloud is a source of amusement and means of enwment is so little resorted to. There a are nany families even in book-loving New England there are scores of families, we dare say-where a book, or a chapter of a book, s never read to the family circle from one nd of the year to another. The individual nembers of the family read; but all readng done in the family is silent reading. father, has his paper; mother her tract Mary her novel ; Johnny his story of wild dventure. Reading there is, enough of it ; out each one reads for himself. There is to reading for the whole, and no grouping of the family into an audience for an eve

ing's enjoyment, such as comes to people ho hear a good thing well read. where the gift of reading was cultivated as source of family enjoyment, and the cusom of reading aloud to the family practiced family such a life habit is. Music is well enough in its way, but its range of expresmatter of adaptation to the family wants ecompantment, and a piano costs money and requires too much practice on the part | This was the last hair that broke the cham-of the performer to be available for the | bermaid's heart, and with a yell of disgust many. The art of reading well is easily acquired and cheaply taught and the expresions of literature are abunuant and varied. If sorrow has fallen on the family, the needed antidote can be found in prose and poet y. If fun is called for, then fun can be had of humor, so quaint and subtle that the lam certain of it I was about to say that in bare recital of the author's works brings the that drawer you would find a small pastepoint out and sets the table in a roar.' His- board box containing a pair of earrings and tory, tragedy, comedy, wit, pathos, sublimi two five dollar gold pieces, but after your sy, every spring at which the mind loves to impertinent conduct I shall certainly not berink can be opened and the sweet waters

freely given to every one.

How easy, these home readings may be nade. Warmth, light, companionionship, ulture, happiness are all included in them. low much you are missing if reading is not livated as one the means of happiness magination, appeal to judgment, elevation of intellectual companionship. Cultivate care, and then put it in its mouth. Then Henry ripped out a signal of distress that his, and see how satisfactory will be the re-

orlt .- Golden Rule,

The Inauguration.

ROGRAMME OF THE INAUGURATION CERE-MONIES AT HARRISBURG, JANUARY 21. Gen. Hoyt, which will take place on the lst of this month at Harrisburg, will exeed any similar event in the point of briliancy and the numbers in attendance.

The programme for the inaugural ceremonies has been announced as follows: On Monday night, January 20, a full frees reception and hop, tendered to Gen Hoyt by the Young Men's Republican club of Harrisburg, will take place in the Opera House. Gov, Hartranft and staff will be

resent with Governor-elect-Hoyt. On Tuesday morning at nine q'clock the nilitary and civic organizations will form n Market street ready for a parade, under diection of the Chief Marshal, whose headuarters will be at the Lochiel Hotel. At passing over a short route to West State street where the line will be reviewed by the out-going and incoming Governors on their way to the grand stand at the main of the oath of office to the Governor-elect by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Senate United States Senator in their respective

halls.

In the evening a grand display of fire works will take place in the Capitol park, after which Governor Hoyt will cold a pubic reception at the Executive mausion,

Mr. (Madstone has a daughter who is fam ar with the place of every work in his library and the run of its contents. When she desires a reference she instantly fetches the book needed, and points to the passage A Chambermo'd's Christmas

Scene in a library-gratieman busy wri- WHAT DELILA'S IMAGINATION TOLD HER SHE WOULD GET AND WHAT THE BOARDERS REALLY GAVE HER.

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A servant girl in a Chicago boarding ouse, who discharges the arduous duties of a chambermaid's position, when she was dressing herself on Christmas morning, enters into a brief mental calculation of the presents she would be likely to receive from the various boarders of the establishment, 'Mrs. A., in the big front room on the second floor,' said this female Alamsbar, 'will probably give me that black silk dress she used to have for a second-best dress, now that she has got a new one; and Mrs. B. in the back room, asked me if I had a new shawl the other day, and when I said I had n't said that perhaps Santa Claus would bring me one, so I guess that's all right; and up on the third floor Mrs. C. wanted to know what my name was, and so I suppose she's going to give me a box of handkerafternoon, with the certainty of a like re- chiefs with my monogram on them; Mrs. D. told me not to waste money buying a parasol, for one of the boarders would be sure to give me one at Christmas time; and that widow Mrs. E, with the spinal-complainted child, ought to give me something if its only a pair of cuffs and a dotlar, which is about the meanest that a person in a boarding-house can afford to be. Having settled these matters to her satisfaction, went down to breakfast and told the other girls what the other boarders had promised to give her ; hen when that meal was concluded, took her duster and went out to levy her contribu tions. Arrived at Mrs. A 's room she wished that lady the compliments of the season with much warmth and respect, and Mrs. A. said, 'Delila, here is a little Christmas present for you,' and gave ber a small pasteboard box The chambermaid's face was clonga-ted till it reached down to her brooch, and she closed the door with some warmth, muttering to berself, 'The old painted hag I wish I could make her eat her collar and cuffs with those false piano key teeth of hers that she hasn't paid for yet. Taking a reef in her face, however, she tripped smilingly Delila, merry Christmas to you; here's a collar and a pair of cuffs.' 'The mean, skimping thing,' said the chambermaid, a soon as she was in the hall once more : 'next time her husband tries to how me on the stairs see if I cry out or scratch his face, that's all. See if I don't get square with her for this.' Proceeding up to the next flight, Delila called at Mrs. C.'s room, and when Mrs. C. said archly, 'Ab, Delila, can you guess what I'm going to give you for a Christmas box ?" the poor girl's heart sank clean down into her slippers, and she answered, 'A collar and a pair of cuffs,' and when she had received her gift didn't say, 'Thank you,' but slammed the door so ve hemently that Mrs. C.'s pet china wase was knocked off the mantleniece and smashed which was some consolation, anyhow. Mrs. D. gave the girl a beaming smile and a pair of cuffs and a collar, and the grateful recipican imagine what a help and blessing to the that wall-eyed camel wants to get the sheets changed on Thursday again, perhaps I'll do it! Oh, yes; of course!' and with a bitter and if you open the drawer of the bureau over there you'll find a little pasteboard box. she exclaimed, 'Keep your old messly collars and cuffs. If I couldn't give a chamberlady anything better than a collar and tears. 'Delila, said Mrs. E., with loy severor the asking; for the language is so full ity. 'I o ten feared that you drank, but now

stow anything on you, you undeserving

Best Pretection Against Rusting metal surfaces exposed, for knives and forks and other household apperatus, indeed for an! pleasure in your family circle; for in all metals likely to be injured by oxidation such an exercise there is quickening for the or 'rusting,' we know of no simpler, more effective application than that furnished to of feeline, opportunity for criticism, which the American Agriculturist by the late Prof. shall teach the children more of literature in Olmstead, author of Olmstead's Natural three hours than they can learn at school in Philosophy, etc. He used it on air-pumps, telescopes, and various other appartus. Take means of drawing families is the influence any quantity of good lard, and to every half pound or so, add of common resin ('rosin') an amount about equal to half the size of an egg or less-a little more or less is of no consequence. Melt them slowly together, stirring as they cool. Apply this with a cloth or otherwise, just enough to give a thin costing to the metal surface to be protected. It will be undesirable, as in the case of knives and forks, etc. The rosin prevents rancility, and the mixture excludes the ready access of air and moisture. A coating is washed off by the friction of beating storms or otherwise. This single recipe will be worth many dollars to one in the long run. There was talk of patenting it at one time, but Prof. Olmstead gave it to us to be published for the general public good.

-American Agriculturist for December. Save the Turkey Feathers.

Seasonable advice with regard to taking are of turkey feathers is given by Robert Skene, of Louisville, Ky., which, as there is a demand for making brushes and dusters, is called to the attention of those who have heretofore allowed them to go to waste. In saving the feathers of turkeys it is recom mended that they be taken in bags like geese feathers, those from the body, wing entrance to the Capitol building. Here the and tail being kept separate, and each kind naugural services will be concluded with packed in a box by itself. For tail and the inaugural address and the administration of the oath of office to the Governor-elect by straight, care being observed that the sides and House of Representatives will vote for this spoils them for making dusters and thereby impairs the sale of them. In selecting the wing-feathern leave out the third joint, or that part commonly used as a fan, as the wing are useless in the manufacture of dusters. Body feathers should be kept as straight as possible, and also packed in boxes. Keep all feathers perfectly dry, as wet teathers are unsalable; for this reason turk-

The latest cure for hydrophobia, discovered by the Carlisle (Ky.) Messenger, is a