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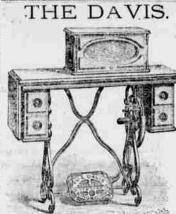
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ASTRAY.

I traveled a forbidden road, Which first appeared so flowery fate That onward eagerly 1 strode Ull-to my horror and despair!-All buds and blossoms blooming there, All tender boughs and twigs of green stord changed to burrs and nettles keen Whose augry points my garments tore.

And pricked my hands till they were sore

Bewildered at the wondrous change, That should have warned me from the place I kept my course with swifter pace, And saw a marvel still more strange; For cruel lints sprang through the ground To meet my feet at every bound, With gash on gash they made them bleed, Then time it was that I should heed!

Just at the moment of my need. Whose lustre fell on all around, And spread a glory far and wide ! "And who art thou?" I trembling cried. "Give ear," said he, "to what I say: I am the guide of all who stray, To point them back to virtue's path,

The guardian of thy erring way: And step by step—in love not wrath— These angry flints and briars I strew, To warn thy feet from wandering so. I knett and kissed his garment's hem." And cried: "Oh, Ange!, sent from Heaven! Make sharper yet each thorny stem! Increase the fliats to seven times seven! Fuinii thy purpose in my pxis— I will endure and not complain!"

He fled, and I with deep remorse Turned back from my forbidden course. But, O, how many weary hours I traveled o'er those bugated bowers, med with all their former flowers!

Theodore Tilton,

# Select Story.

BRTHA'S WEDDING DAY. A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Philip Irving put his fingers beneath the limpled chin of the lovely girl at his side. Bertha, darling, look up! Next Christnas day, remember !"

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'Remember what? Why that I am coming back then, to claim you as my own; never to part from you again. It is hard to leave you, darling, I never thought it would be half so hard as it is. But it is for your sake that I go; that I may make the happy home that you and I are going to share, worthy of you. You will be true to me

Bertha! 'I will be true to you, Philip.' And there under the whispering lindens beneath the cloudless moon of that beautiful June evening, the lovers part; the passionate fervor of the farewell kiss, the lingering pressure of the last embrace, bringing al-

nost as much rapture as pain. Now that he was really gone, and there was nothing else to think of and to do Bertha began to count the slow weeks that must intervene before her lover would return to claim the fulfillment of the pledge she had given to him.

'Christmas is in December Philip's place of destination was San whither he had gone on

business that promised to be very remunerative, but which has nothing to do with our He had promised to write to Bertha im-

mediately on his arrival, but she called several times at the post office before the welcome missive arrived. Her cousin, Benjamin Ripley, was post master, as well as proprietor of the village store. She had never had a letter from Philip before, but she knew it was from him by the postmark, and her face flushed beneath the keen glance he

gave her as he handed it to her, Her cousin Jane, a sister of Benjamin's, was standing beside her, as slipping the letter into her pocket, Bertha turned towards

agestions. The Sun will be on hand to chronicle the facts as they are developed, and to exhibit them clearly and fearlessly in their relations to expediency and right.

Thus with a habit of philosophical good humor in looking at the minor affairs of life, and in great Hastening after her, Jane linked her arn into her cousins, saying, with a laugh that sounded rather forced and unnatural : 'Are you engaged to Phil Irving? Don'

answer, now, if you don't want to.' Bertha had a half suspicion that Jane had a more than friendly feeling for Philip and her tone was a little sharp, as she

'I am engaged to Philip Irving. And I don't know why I should be reluctant to tell of it, either !" 'Well, I hadn't the least idea he was serious. I knew he was pretty attentive before

he went away, but I thought it was all a flirtation.' 'Philip never flirts.'

'Don't he ?' Bertha was not a little irritated by that

toss of head and tone of incredulity, but they had now reached the gate of her father's house. Eager to learn the contents of her letter she snatched her arm from her companion's

and ran in, going directly to her own room. Blushing, and half-ashamed of her im nationce, Bertha tore open the letter. It did not take her long to read it, being ery brief, containing little more than the snouncement of his sate arrival. There were none of the protestations, the tender

to hear, and she read it with a feeling of disappointment that was akin to pain. 'It don't sound one bit like Philip,' sh aid to herself after the third perusal. Then her heart began to reproach her fo his momentary doubt, and to make excuses for him. He was tired from his lone jour ney, too busy to tell her more than of his

assurance that she expected and so thirsted

safe arrival; his next letter would make up for all that this lacked. In her reply, Bertha poured out all the enderness of her young and loving heart, playfully alluding to the brevity and unsatisfactory character of his letter, and for which she expected him to make due

Two, three, four weeks passed, and no answer came : and at last, unable to bear any longer the torturing suspense and cruel doubts that assailed her, Bertha wrote again stating how long it was since she had heard from him, and that she was troubled, fearing that some misfortune had befallen him. There was no response to this; and indigsation and wounded pride began to mingle with the grief and disappointment, which robbed her cheek of its bloom and her eye of its brightness as the weary weeks passed. One day Bertha was sitting alone in her room when her Cousin Jane came in, as she was very apt to do of late, more often than was agreeable, in fact, as she liked best to be

After a little talk, the former said : I had a letter yesterday from Sue Carleton, who went out to hau Francisco and married there, and she mentioned a certain

Bertha's face flushed and then paled.

'Let me see the letter, Jane ?' Without a word, Jane gave it to her. It was mainly a glowing description of large party the writer had attended, and where, as was alleged, she had seen 'Philip trying, accompanied by a dark-eyed beauty, with whom he seemed greatly smitten." Bertha returned it as silently as it ha

'If I was in your place I wouldn't wen the willow any longer for a man like that. Bertha started as if she had been stung. 'Who sava I wear the willow?'

Everyhody. You haven't been to a pleas ure party all summer. I don't suppose you'll go to the hop next Thursday, which I would not miss for a good deal. There's plenty that would be glad of your company that are as good as Phil Irving any day."

'Your brother, Benjamin, for instance,'
Jane colored and tossed her head. Well, yes. Ben thinks a good deal moof you than somebody I could name, and has been a better friend to you.' Bertha went to the hop on Thursday though if she had consulted her own feel

ings she would have remained at home. She went in company with Jane and her own brother, which was not exactly the programme that had been laid out, but she went home with Benjamin, which he considered the next best thing.
It is three weeks before Christmas, the

Christmas-day that Bertha had looked forward to with so many glad anticipations and again two lovers-if lovers they can be called-are standing beneath the lindens, whose sere and yellow leaves are lying at

their feet. It is Bertha and Benjamin Ripley, 'I do not love you, Benjamin,' said the ormer, looking past her companion into the coonlight, as if she saw another face than is; 'not in the way you love me. I don't think I shall ever love any one in that way again. But if you think you can be content Not Christmas-day, though, I cannot marry you on that day."

When will you then?' pleaded the eager nan at her side. 'Think how long I have 'Any day after; it does not matter when. Bertha yielded passively to the warm em-

prace to which she was folded, shivering a little as she felt the ardent pressure of the lip that touched her own. Ah! how unlike another betrothal which semed so far away from her now. It is the day before that time-honored

many separated families, and the cars are full of happy people, "going home for Christmas.'

is if he had come a long way. It is Philip Irving, who must have been a deavored to wean his people from them, de-great favorite with his townspeople, to judge claring, like David, that, above all idols, and one hundred and fifty feet, and when I had and the money would be returned to the It is Philip Irving, who must have been a deavored to wean his people from them, deon his way to his father's house.

News in a village flies quickly, and Bertha was not long in learning of her recreant lover's return. 'He has come, as he said he would,' wa

her inward reflection, as she sought the solitude of her own room. The only pleasant thing among the bitter ecollections that surged over her was the thought that he would learn of her engage ent to her cousin, and not think she wa

pining on account of his cruel and unmanly deception. Enclosing the one leter she had received from him in an envelope, together with a brief line, requesting the return of the two she had written him, Bertha gave it to her

youngest brother, bidding him give it to Philip with his own hand. That evening as Bertha was sitting beside Benjamin, in her father's parlor, trying to school her aching heart to the task that grew more irksome every hour that was spent in

his society, the door was thrown open and Philip Irving stroled in. 'One moment, Bertha,' he cried, as, rising to her feet, the indignant and astonished girl turned her flashing eyes upon him. 'I have only one question to ask, and then, if you desire it, I will never speak to you again. Is this letter'—here he held it up before her -'the only genuine part of which is the en-

relope, the only one you have received durng my absence ?" 'I have written you half a dozen! Receiv ing in reply only this, which I now believe

is a forgery.

Bertha glanced at the letter that was handed her. 'It is a forgery ! I don't understand-

'I think I do!' interrupted Philip, turning towards the conscience-stricken man-or rather where he had been, for he had now slunk from the room. Hearing the clang of the closing gate

Philip only waited to hold the blushing and happy girl to his heart, in a brief, rapturou smbrace, and then sprang after him. As Benjamin mounted the steps of his

store, a heavy hand was laid on his shoulder. and a stern voice whispered in his ear: 'Benjamin Riptey, if you hope to receive any mercy from me, return those letters

you intercepted! Without uttering a word, but with hand shaking like one in an ague fit, the guilty man unlocked a private desk, and handed Philip a package of letters, who, turning towards the door, said:

wife to-morrow evening, in spite of all your and your sister's plottings-and for her sake I spare you. But only on condition that you resign the office-whose trust you have abused-within twenty-four hours." It was a great wonder to the good people of Glenville why their postmaster so sud-

'You are Bertha's cousin-who will be my

to add any further punishment to the dis comfited man, who, soon after sold out and moved away. The sun never shone more brightly than on the happy Christmas morn that ushered in Bertha's wedding-day; for Philip though that to be the most fitting season to claim her, whose love and companionship was to make his whole after-life one long day of

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AN AMERICAN KING DAVID.

BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

When the Spaniards, under the famou Cortes, came to Mexico in 1519, they found the country inhabited by people already

About a hundred years before, the Tezcu ars, the most enlightened of the native ness suddenly plunges a train into destruction tribes, had a prince whose history has a striking resemblance to that of the Hebrew King David. His name is a hard one, but ant afternoon in early autumn, the twentyby dividing into double syllables we may like David, he was obliged to flee for his life from the wrath of a morose monarch who day, which was Friday. occupied the throne, and he met with many omantic adventures and hair-breadth es-

capes. Once, when some soldiers came to take of incense, such as attendants burned before princes, and concealed himself in a sewer and pero was but one office between mine until his enemies were gone. He fled to the mountains, where he slept in caves and thickets, and lived on wild fruits, occasionally showing himself in the cottages of the he peril of their own lives. Once, when ng in a field, he begged her to cover him cutting ; she did sc, and when his enemies ame up, directed the pursuit into a false to get on. path. At another time, he took refuge with some soldiers who were friendly to him, and

which they were dancing. No bribe could induce his faithful people to betray him. 'Would you not deliver up your prince if young country-fellow, to whom his person

'Never I' replied the peasant, 'Not for a fair lady's hand and a great for

tune?" said the prince.
"Not for all the world!" was the answer. The prince, who was rightful heir to the throne, grew every day in the favor of the people, and at last he found himself at the head of an army, while the bad four. with the calm, friendly regard which is all king was more and more detested. A battle that I have to give, I will be your wife. was fought, the usurper's forces were routed, king was more and more detested. A battle and he was afterward slain. The prince, who so lately fled for his life, was now pro-

claimed king. He at once set about reforming abuses, and making wise laws for his kingdom. He established a society devoted to the encouragement of science and art. He gave prizes for the best literary compositions (for these people had a sort of picture-writing), and was like this: he was himself a poet, like King David. His poems, some of which have been preserved and translated, were generally of a religious character. His favorite themes were the estival, which annually brings together so vanity of human greatness, praise of the Unknown God, and the blessings of the future life for such as do good in this. The Tezcucans, like the Aztecs, were idolators, Among those who stopped at Glenville who indulged in the horrid rites of human vas a bronzed and bearded man, who looked sacrifice to their awful deities; but this wise and good king detested such things, and en-

was the one God. The king used to disguise himself, and go about among his people, in order to learn who were happy, how his laws were administered, and what was thought of his govern

ment. On one such occasion, he fell in with a boy gathering sticks in a field. 'Why don't you go into yonder forest, where you will find plenty of wood?" asked

the disguised monarch. 'Ah!' cried the boy, 'that forest belongs to

the king, and he would have me killed if I should take his wood; for that is the law.' 'Is he so hard a man as that ?' 'Aye, that he is,- a very hard man, in

deed, who denies his people what God has

given them !' 'It is a bad law,' said the king ; 'and I ad vise you not to mind it. Come, there is no one here to see you ; go into the forest, and help yourself to sticks."

'Not I !' exclaimed the boy, 'You are afraid some one will come and find you? But I will keep watch for you,' urged the king.

Will you take the punishment in my place, if I chance to get caught ? No, no ! cried the boy, shrewdly shaking his head, 'I should risk my life if I took the king's wood.

'But I tell you it will be no risk,' said the king. 'I will protect you; go and get some Upon that the boy turned and looked him

boldly in the face. -'I believe you are a traitor,' he cried,-'an enemy of the king ! or else you want to get me into trouble. But you can't. I know how to take care of myself; and I shall show respect to the laws, though they are bad.' The boy went on gathering sticks, and in

the evening went home with his load of The next day, bis parents were astonished o receive a summons to appear with their son before the king. As they went trembingly into his presence, the boy recognized the man with whom he had talked the day

before, and he turned deadly pale. 'If that be the king,' he said, 'then we ar to better than dead folks, all !" But the king,' descended from his throne

and smilingly said : 'Come here, my son! Come here, good people both! Fear nothing. I met this lad n the fields yesterday, and tried to persuade him to disobey the law. But I found him proof against all temptation. So I sent for honest son you have, and that the law is to be changed, so that poor people can go anywhere into the king's forests, and gather the wood they find on the ground.'

He then dismissed the lad and his parents with handsome presents, which made them rich for the remainder of their lives.

While our boys and girls are taught to lenly resigned his office, but Philip and Bertha kept their own counsel, not caring Indian king Neza-huat coyotl, ourAmerican King David,-St. Nicholas.

## Truth and Honor.

Query :- What is the best family mediine in the world to regulate the bowels, purify the blood, remove costiveness and biliousness, aid digestion and tone up the whole system? Truth and honor compels us to answer, Hop Bitters, being pure, per-

### Wrecking an Engine.

A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR'S STORY. After all, we way-station telegraph operators are not without our little bit of romance occasionally, and I think I can show that we are not entirely without a certain amount of responsibility; but it is seldom if ever recog wized, unless one of our number by careless

by failing to deliver or understand orders. The time of which I write was one pleas -econd day of September, 1876, and as the Neza-hual-coyotl. In his youth, occurrence has made a deep and vivid impression on my mind, I cannot forget the

At that time I had been an agent and operator on the - R. R. a little while over two months. The line was directly through parts of Indiana and Illinois, and some of the him in his own house, he vanished in a cloud stations had no telegraph office, consequently the order distance was somewhat lengthy and Cowans, twelve miles west. On this day I was quietly puffing my

meerschaum in the large bay window of my office, and wishing for something to relieve poor people, who befriended their prince at the monotony, when the operator at Cowans called the train dispatcher, and said an engine closely pursued, passing a girl who was reap had sprung her throttle with one hundred and forty pounds of steam, and gone east, om sight with the stalks of grain she was while the fireman had gone to lunch, and the engineer, who was oiling around, had no time All was still as death for a minute, when

the dispatcher began to call G., the only office who covered him with a war-drum, about between mine and Cowans; for fully five minutes he called him, using the signal '23, which means death, but still no answer, and still the monotenous click of the armature; he came in your way?' he once asked a presently he answered in a dazed, hurried manner, and when asked about the engine said it had passed there at a fearful rate of speed at fourteen minutes past four, with no person visible.

It was only six miles more to me; and excursion was on its way west with a heavy' load of tired pienicers, and had actually left a station only eight miles cast of me, the first telegraph office, at two minutes past

The dispatcher called me furiously, and being at hand and expectant, I answered him immediately. When he said, Turn your switch and wreck engine No. 11, going east wild, I replied, quickly, 'I cannot without an indemnity order; and after a hasty con sultation with the superintendent, as I after-ward learned, he went ahead with an order, whose unusual form and wording roused many a lazy 'brass sounder' from a dose. I

'To Operator: - Wreck wild engine No. 11 at your eastern switch gate to save collision. Company will defend and uphold you.

I immediately returned my '13,'or 'under tanding,' received my 'correct at 4.18 p. m., and turned to look for the engine, when although the conversation between myself and the dispatcher had consumed but four notwithstanding a demand for pay. The minutes, I saw her coming at the grandest manager went before the curtain, and said rate of speed I ever witnessed, and, snatch- that it the five deadheads insisted on remonster was only about one hundred feet away. I had my watch in my hand, and stepped quickly back out of harm's way when at exactly twenty minutes past four she went over, and such an unearthly crash

hope I may never see or hear again! The dirt and stones flew fifty feet in the air: the engine turned clear over, and stopped on her side, pushing a splinter of the cab on the whistle valve, and there she lay a seeth-

ing, hissing, screeching mass of rubbish. But above the din and rattle I heard on wild, despairing strick for help, and when I could get close enough to see any thing, found what, had it not been for the face, would never have been recognized as a man in the crushed and bleeding mass of flesh that lay under one huge driver; but the face was without a sear, and by that was recognized as an escaped madman, who, it seems, had climbed on the engine at Cowans unobserved and, pulling the throttle open, had started on

a wild, awful ride to the gate of death. When the excursion train came up, ten inntes later, they said they found me standing by the engine gazing alternately at the bloody driver and at my written order, still

tightly clasped in my hand. I was unconscious of every thing save the feet that I had obeyed orders, and had thereby taken a life. They say I fainted, but I knew nothing from the instant I discovered that white, bloodless face, until four days after, when I awakened apparently out of a dream. My first question was, 'Did the ex-

cursion get in safely?" The coroner held an inquest as soon as ould be examined, and the verdict was: 'We the jury find that Albert Long came to his death by being crushed beneath a locomotive which was wrecked by J. L. B., an operator on the - R. R., according to the order of D. R. B., his superintendent and superior officer. And we find further, that no blame can be attached to said J. L. D., D. R. B., or the said railroad company, as the engine | was wrecked to save a beavily-loaded excursion. and said Albert Long, being a madman, was on the entire in direct opposition to the

company's orders' I have that order and a copy of the verdie side by side in my diary, where they shall always remain.

Often in my dreams I see an unrecogniza ble mass of quivering flesh and broken bones bene hallage driver, and a white, unscarred from presents itself to my gaze, A sudden shrick will almost craze me, and I you, good people, to tell you what a true and am often tempted to go where railroads are unknown, where the hissing and screeching Charcoal for Fowls.

An old taskey raiser gives the following experiment : four turkeys were fed on meal, boiled potators and oats. Four others of the same brood were also, at the time, conread the histories of many an Old-World fined in another pen and fed daily on the prince and monarch far more barbarous than same article, but with one pint of very finehe, they need not neglect the story of the ly pulver and charcoal mixed with their food -mixed meal and boiled potatoes. They had also a plentitul supply of charcoal in their pen. The eight were killed on the same day, and there was a difference of one and one-half pounds each in favor of the fowls which had been supplied with the charcoal, they being much the fattest, and the meat being greatly superior in point of tenderness and flavor.

> "Sellers' Liver Pills" are working more real good in one year than all other proprietary medicines. 25c. per box.

If w man whistles in the street as if he were calling a dog, from three to seven men will stop suddenly and look about them Is

Items.

Darwin right? The young gentlemen and ladies of the New York 7th Regiment have made about

\$200,000 by their three week's fair : lotteries included. An Ohio doctor has inaugurated an innovation. He has bought a lot of about

400 acres of land to be used as a private Cemetry. It is only the wealthy physicians who can thus provide for their patients, Intelligent servant, Bridget, to caller : "Will ye kape still a minute while I look at ye? No, Missis haint at home. She told me if a woman came with a wart on the end of a red nose to say that she want at home and there's no mistaking about that

#### wart." How Irish Ruins Preserved Are

The Irish remains known as Con O'Neil's Castle, Castlereagh, was ordered by their proprietor to be closed with a wall built around the ruins. If ever there was a real Hibernian bull, the agent of the estate perpetrated one on this occasion for he actually pulled down the ruins themselves to obtain

stone for a wall to inclose them. "I was once very shy," said Sydney Smith, "but it was not long before I made two very useful discoveries: First, that all mankind was not solely employed in watching me(a belief that all young people have); the next, that shaming was of no use; that the world was clear-sighted, and soon estimated a man at his just value. This cured me, and I determined to be natural, and let

the world find me out." During his triumphant progress to Edinburg in his speeches there, Mr. Gladstone has proved that though his age be 70 by the almanac, it is not more than 50 in vigor and endurance, and be has abundant of mental and physical ability to enter on a fresh campaign as Premier of a Liberal party. At the end of two speeches of three hours duration, one delivered in the open air, during which he discussed an infinity of subjects, his voice betrayed no tone o faintness, and his nervous frame was full of life and fire, as strong and bright as when

### he first stood up ,

Shant I Take a Blue Pill. No, don't take it and run the risk of mercurial poison, but when billious and constipated get a box of the celebrated Kidney-Wort, and it will speedlly cure you. It is nature's great remedy for constipation, and for all kidney diseases. It acts promptly on these great organs and so restores strength

and vigor. McKee Rankin's dramatic company was compelled to pay a heavy license fee at Savannah, and Mr. Rankin retaliated by issuing no free tickets to officals. Five policemen marched past the doorkeeper, however

# the policemen finally drove them out.

When You Feel Mean. Take Kidney-Wort, advertised in another column. It acts energetically on the bowels and Kidneys at the same time, and cures a host of diseases caused by the inacton of

these organs. If you are out of fix, buy it at your druggists and save a doctor bill. Van Duffy is the name of a California man who has invented a new method for amusing babies which has a startling originality about it. Van Duffy is a bacheler who has never given any attention to the human nature of a baby, and when a lady friend left her 2-year-old child with him while she went to ride, he made such amusments to amuse it as occurred to him as proper. Van Duffy tied the small one to a long pole and held it up where it could suck the plums growing on the trees grow ing in the orchard. It took at least two hours for the baby to get all the plums it wanted. The fact the baby died the very next day didn't seem to Van Duffy to have anything to do with the test of plums; but the baby's mother had an entirely different view of it, and Van Duffy has been arrested for malicious mischief. Whether his invention

shall become popular will probably depend upon the action of jury. REWARD.-We will pay a reward of one thousand dollars for any certificate published by us regarding Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup not found genuine .- Vogeler, Meyer, &

#### Co., Baltimore, December 1, 1875. Selecting Brides for an Indian Chief.

The recently-elected Govonor of the In-

dians at Pete Dana's Point, near Calis Me .. is, or was, unmarried. The Indians allow no such misconduct, so steps were taken to marry him. The process is unique. Two of the tribe were constituted as a committee. They went to Plesant Point, and assembled the squaws in their hall in a circle. One of the committee imarched around the circle, shaking a horn full of shot, while the other carried the braided straw and sang a solemn song or chant. After several times marching around, the braid was presented to the maiden selected for the Govonor's wife. The first choice refused to marry by throwing the braid on the floor. So the ceremony was repeated, and the second choice was made, and this time the tair one was willing, and retained the braid. Ther the committee sent for the Govoror to meet the destined bride at Calais. He came or the train. "Is there a man with soul so dead," who hath suffered the miseries of cough or cold

yet neglected to try "Sellers Cough Syrup?" Day Cows .- It is a common practice amoug some dairymen to give their cows. while dry, but scanty living. When a cow ceases to give milk, or is dried up, any food is considered good enough for her. I think this is a great mistake, and the result is a diminished product of milk, both in quanity and quality, when she does come in. There is a large draft on the system to sustain the calf while the cow is carrying it, and to

keep the cow in good condition good feed le as important as when she is giving milk. It is my opinion that \$1 worth of food when the cow is dry is worth \$1,50 worth after she is in. An animal in a poor condition cannot digest as much food as an animal in good condition. If the cow is poor when she comes in, she will not digest enough food to support the system and, at the same time, to make a large quanity of milk.