nterrupted Harold, curtly,

and a chuckle

"Did you tell him?"

uspect she was otherwise.

cheerfully earning her mother's bread.

Mildred grew better at last, and reap-

seared in some minor part, her health not

eing sufficiently strong to undergo any

nel thinner with each succeeding day.

And now the time had come for Mil-

him, and he died that night.

make her happy.

the benefit of the reader.

her husband's wishes.

quently became his wife.

This was the whole of her young life's

history.told not without tears; but a few

vords in addition are yet required for

When old Karl discovered that Har-

Ad Oakburn was in love with his young

wife, feelings of jealousy were naturally paramount; but when he found how cold-

v she received his addresses, and anx

ous to be revenged for his baughty and

apperious behavior toward him who was

er lawful husband, he persuaded Mil-

dred to reveal to him her secret, which

she did-as much to free herself from his

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The orchard lands of long ago! . O drowsy winds, awake and blow The snowy bloscoms back to me. And a I the buds that used to be ; Blow back along the grassy ways of trush feet, and lift the bace Of happy summer from the trees. That trail their tresses in the seas. Of grain, that float and everflow, The orchard-family of Long Age. Blow back the melody that allps-

That marvel much if any liber Blow back the twitter of the birds-The lisp, the titter and the words of in arriment that found the shine Of suramer-time a glorious wine. That arenched the leaves that layed it so In orchard-lands of Long Agol O memory! alight and sing

Where rosy-bellied pippins cling, And golden russets glint and gream As in the old Arabian dream. The glad aladdin robted for met And, drow-1 white awake and fan My blood as when it over-ran A heart ripe as the apples grow In orchard lands of Long Ago,

TEREE FISHERS.

bree fishers went strolling away to the streem, To the babbling brook where the fishes swim, I speckled beauties they all did dream, And each felt certain they'd bite for him or men will transp from morning till night, and somer the Herce monganto's like, And drink to stop their groaning.

three dishers strolled fato the market lace. I was some two hours after the eur went down nd a look of gipen was on each man's face, For all empty baskets they each did frown, e men may fish, but may get nabite, And tired and ugly go home at night, And vent their wrath in grounding.

have fishers strolled into the here salour And each gally whistled a merry tune, And showed his fish with assumed delight, or men will fish, yen, and men will lie, ad beast of catchir ; the 10th they buy, While Inwirdly they're grouning.

# Select Story.

BEHIND THE SCENES. BY MRS. ADOLPHUS, BELL.

"Is Harold out again to-night?" asked Mr. Oakburn, as he entered his cosy dinng room one winter's evening, where his wife was seated before a cheerful fire, and the table was in readiness for their to see her again, if only from a distance,

ng sigh, and looking straight into the Hewetsons were coming in to have some | doorway. I am heartily sick of his obstinacy, c would be encaptured at the idea of

narrying an heiress." Mr. Oakburn's only reply was a dissatis led grunt : the sharp frosty air and a long day's tramp had given him an ap petite, and all disagreeables with regard | ing Harold from head to foot. Wellthe sight of a tempting little roast loin you to-night. f pork which was now displayed to his iew. If there was anything Mr. Oa., arn enjoyed in this world it was a good dinner, and providing one to his taste was the only sure way of putting him in-NONE BUT PIRST-CLASS WOREMEN EMPLOYED

to an amiable temper on his ruturn from He had been a struggling man all his ife, and his father had been before him: but by keeping up a tolerably "grand" appearance he had managed to move in in sen-his one, bandsome, much loved ing roughly by the old prompter, Haron-to make a good match by marrying old led his companion away to the green daughter of wealthy parents. In fact his one idea and become the dream of is life, and had strengthened,moreover, its growth when he saw how great a not for his looks alone, but for his pleas

ing, courteons and gentle bearing. But Harold of late had been absent og himself from the paternal roof more han was altogether pleasing, especially as Laura Hewetson and her mother had secome frequent visitors there, and occasionally spent one evening in the week rjoying a little music, or a game of irds, in the Oakburns' drawing room. Miss Hewetson was not altogether pret-, but she was an heiress; indeed, her father had settled a fortune upon her, or which she was to become the possesso on her marriage day; and this with Mr and Mrs. Oakburn was everything. She must be none other than their son's wife. But Harold, at present had shown very little inclination to conform to their wishes; and if we follow him, on this all-important evening on which our story pens, we shall be better able to judge or ourselves whether or not there was dar of the season—who was no less re the talent she displayed in her profession. She had not been very long before the public, not yet having comple-

any chance of their ever being realized. He had been introduced some few weeks nack, to a young netross—the leading nowned for her personal charms than for ted her 19th year. Very little was we warrant the natural wear and team known of her by any of the company, of the company of that she lived with her invalid other, whom she entirely supported. Already Harold had declared the pason he had conceived for her, and sh

ad not only refused to become his wife, out kept herself aloof from him as much as possible, until the poor young fellow was driven nigh to destruction. And yet she did not seem totally in-different to him. Her color heightened this approach, and her lips parted in he sweetest smile; but there was a sad,

half-timid air about her, for which he ould never account. The only member of the company he ver found her conversing with, or upon wnom she appeared to bestow any atention, was the ugly old prompter, Karl years at the theatre where Mildred Gars-

fore when he was absent. "Are you here again to night?" she said, giving Harold her hand, "How said you look! Why do you come if the ight of me only distresses you ?"

Because I hope in time to win your ove, sweet Mildred," he replied, still retaining her hand. She was playing the part of Lady Teaale, and Harold had never seen her look I more capaivating before.

The eyes that were raised to his face dred. "But you don't understand-no, said more than her lips, it would seem, cared utter; and she trembled slightly as

she said:
"Mr. Oakburn, Iwish for my sake you would go away and never see me any

> eyes drooping "I should be saying what s untrue if I even hinted that you were of total indifference to me. I regard you with the sincerest and warmest friendship; but for more than that there is a barrier between us which never can be

destroyed."
"Ob, do not tell me that!" burst forth Harold, agitatedly. "If you love me, as I am presumptuous enough to believe you do, why should we not both wait and

away from him. "It is impossible, Mr. Oakburn: utterimpossible!" she exclaimed.

"Well, one word more," said Harold, quickly. "Why is it that you have ranted me even this brief interview tonight, when on former occasions you have scarcely addressed a word to

face, and she turned away from him.
"Oh, I don't know. I cannot tell you
now, Mr. Oakburn," she answered. Good-night. You must let me go

"Very well. Good night. I may ome and see you again, I suppose ?" "As you please, of course, she said. ot very graciously, as she swept past him in her brocade dress, just as the call boy shouted her name.

and walked home in the falling snow. Milred Gastron was decidedly a mystery, and as such even Harold Oakburn now pelled him. began to regard her.

He was not quite pleased with himself for earing for her co much, or with her for her apparent coldness and indifference, and angry feelings rankled within him for more than a week against the

that time, re-established henself in his parents' good graces, and even showed mere than ordinary attention to Laura Hewetson. But only for a week-then he hun-

gered for the sight of Mildred-longed and to hear her voice, even though she "Yes," she answered, with a despair, might not grant him a word. He reached the theatre one evening.

music. For my part," she added, rising, If there was a creature Harold Oake interrupted him while conversing whom she had gathered fragments of his

"Oh, it's you, is it ?" he said, surveyo his son were immediately forgotten at er-I-don't think Miss Garston will see | well to leave it, he took the post of

m to deliver the message? ore than he choose "But still—I—I—' "Stand back, then, and let us pass, e interrupted him, indignantly, "What ight have you to deliver messages from high class society, and had trusted to Miss Garston without leave? and push-

Old Karl stood chuckling and rubavorite Harold was with the fair sex- inaudible words, among which Mildred's could not bear the world to know that ame was the only one intelligible.

She was in her usual reserved and pensive mood—acknowledged the introduction to Harold's friend with perfect grace, but showed no inclination to en

the performance, left them shortly after ward to take his seat in the stalls; and for a few moments, Mildred and her lover were once more alone. The annovance old Karl had caused im by his impertinence was for the time orgoften in the pleasure be felt at being gain with Mildred, who, however, howed no sign of pleasure, and remain d cold and silent beside him. "Are you offended with me for com

ing again, Mildred?" he asked her at "By no means. It is your own affair ntirely, Mr. Oakburn," she answered him without lifting her eyes.

to night?" he asked again. "Nothing more than usual." "Won't you favor me with your con idence!" Harold inquired. "You told

dred, and I will do my utmost to advise and help you." A sickly smile passed over her lovely eatures, and she looked timidly around

as if to assure herself that they were lone. Suddenly as she turned and seized Harold's hand, while she spoke in a oarse whisper. "You love me. You have asked me more than once to be your wife, and I have told you how impossible it is.

what this barrier is that exists between us. Swear, first, that you will never re veal it—swear solemnly, by all you hold most dear-for it is a secret, and one you might be easily cured during the early symptoms by using Parker's Ginwhich I dread to reveal. Quick-quick -least he-least we are interrupted, ger Tonie. It costs only a trifle, can never do any harm, and possesses cura-"Mildred, I swear by the love that I tive properties in the highest degree car for you, nothing that you may dis-We have known the palest, sickliest

"Bend your head, then-lower stillthat I may whisper it in your ear," mur mured Mildred; and when I have told you, go, and never let me see your face

He obeyed her, and bent his head to a level with her lips, then, uttering a few short words, she drew back to witness getting up in the morning." This is a getting up in the morning. This is a contract the floor and walking up to the officer want before and walking up to the officer want. their effect upon her hearer.

"Hush! Oh, Harold, don't, I did it for Because the children of men multiply on my darling mother's sake," said Mil 4 the face of it.

A Drover's Experience.

no, I see you do not—and it would take too long to explain now. He——" My name is Anthony Hunt. I am a "Thank you, I have heard enough, rover, and live miles away, upon the western prairie. There wasn't a house And he left her, standing alone in th n sight when we first moved there, my deserted green room, with pain and sufwife and I; and now we have not many fering depicted upon her agonized face neighbors, but those we have are good How long she stood there with her

hand pressed to her aching heart, she One day, about ten years ago, I went away from home to sell some cattle-fine The prompter thrust his ugly head in creatures as I ever saw. I was to buy some groceries and dry goods before I came back, and above all, a doll for our "Has be gone?" he asked with a grin connect Dolly; she had never had a "Yes, he has gone, Karl," she said, gently, without looking up. shep doll of her own, only the rag babie her mother had made her. Dolly could talk of nothing else, and went down to the gate to call after me to simy a bi He gave a grunt which was peculiar to

Nobody but a parent can under stand how my mind was on the toy, and "Revenge is sweet," be mattered. "I how when the cattle were sold, the thought I'd pay him out for the airs he's thing I burried off to buy was Dolly's doll. I found a large one, with eye She passed him without a word or that would open and shut when you glance, but he never knew how deeply pulled a wire, and had it wrapped up in she had been wounded, or how dearly paper and tacked under my arm, while she loved the man she had dismissed I had the parcels of calicoes and delaines from ber that night-perhaps forever. and ten and sugar put up. It might have She went through the part as Lady been more prodest to stay until morning Teazle, and acted it to perfeccion: then but I felt anxious to get back, and eager went home to her invalid mother, laden to hear Doby's prattle about the doll she

with trophies of her evening's triumph, was so anxiously expecting. and strove her atmost to be cheerful and I was mounted on a steady going old happy, so that Mrs. Garston might never horse of mine, and pretty well loaded. Night set in before I was a mile from Months passed, but she saw no more of Harold Oakburn, either among the own, and settled down as dark as pitch while I was in the wildest bit of road I andience or in the green-room, and she was knew of. I could have felt my way still the same sad, pensive looking girl she had ever been, holding herself aloof was almost that, when the storm that from those around her, and bravely, had been brewing broke, and the rain pelted in torrents-five miles or mayb But, ere the spring had give place to ax from home, too. I rode as fast as ummer, that mother died, and, for a I could; but suddenly I heard a little cry Harold quitted the green room, glanced time, Mildred, well night crushed by the like a child's cry. I stopped short and ther for a moment as she stood placid blow, was too ili to appear at the theatre. listened: I heard it again. I called and ly awaiting her cue, then left the theatre Old Karl Kirkland came and went like a lit answered me. I couldn't see anything. ghost in those days, and never stayed a [All was as dark as pitch. I got down moment longer than his duties com- and felt about in the grass; called again, and again I was answered. Then I be

> great exertion. But she was sadder and to eatch me, and then rob and murder nore silent than ever, they all thought; he sweet and transient smile had wholly I am not superstitions-not very-but vanished, and she seemed to grow paler how could a real child be out on the rairie in such a night, at such an hour! One night, toward the end of the per-It might be more than human. The bit rmance, Karl Kirkland was standing in of coward that hides itself in most men his accustomed place, when, suddenly, Milshowed itself in me then, and I was balf dred saw him fall. Immediately she has inclined to run away; but once more l tened to his side, with several others, and heard that piteous cry, and I said: "If bore him into the green-room. He was any man's child is hereabouts, Authory speechless. A fit of apoplexy had seized Hunt is not the man to let it lie here to

gan to wonder. I'm not timid: but I was

known to be a drover, and to have money

I searched again. At last I bethought norning that in all probability the Karl Kirkland, the prompter, in the pany on the following day she told them soaked dripping thing that mounted and intended to convey to him. How, nearly three years ago, she had promising to take it home to mammy.

prompter, which he had maintained ever She told them that he had not only brought her forward in the theatrihad the audacity to offer her his hand amid them weeping. When she saw me of the others will pester me." she hid her face "Oh, don't tell him," she said, "it will

dreaming that she herself might some kill him." day ascend the ladder of fame, and see-"What is it, neighbors?" I cried ing her poor, suffering mother, wanting And one said, "Nothing now, I hope. at times, even the common necessaries of What's that in your arms?" life, she consented to wed the repulsive

ooking man, on condition that it might e kept a secret from those at the theatre. How that she had married him or his wealth alone, although she had the face of my own child, my little fally, and the brick pavement at its roots tried to be a good and faithful wife.

she had married an old, ugly, shriveled man for the sake of his gold. She did not speak of her love for Harold Oakburn but she never said one word desparagingly of him who had been her husband. He had been kind to her in his own pe- often in the night, and wonder how I fing in this position that the payement culiar way, and she had never given him could bear to live now if I had not was sanken and his heels gonged a deep cause for jealousy; he had loved her and stopped when I heard the baby ery for hole in the bark and outer wood. The

### ery, hardly londer than a squirrel's chirp. Fighting Birds.

agree," but old ones have a lively time of it outside. The Squire, an English script. baper, says: "The majority of singing ords have the tempers of wasps, and are opparently never so happy as when they are quarrelling. A fourth of their lives and Kidney Complaint, as recommended. I had half a bottle left which I used for ighting. In their singing season, which my two little girls, who the doctors and s also their time for mating and contention, severe pitched battles, fought bepainful importunities as to comply with tween candidates for matrimonial life. are of continual occurrence, males and females engaging in the fight on the slight-When the will was read they found est provocation. Those of the stronger sex are, of course, the more pugnacious and often fight till they are killed. The the stage again; but she met Harold temales also fight furiously for the males, and we are sorry to hear that, when the contest is over, the conquerors march off Thus the wish of his parents' heart was with the objects of their choice, sunless fulfilled at last; for their son married a they should be met on the road by other viragoes, and compelled to give up their happy years that followed, when a small ausbands by force.' It is sad to know tribe of grandchildren clustered around that the latter are so ungallant as to their knees, they could only look back seem indifferent as to which shall win and feel thankful that Harold had won them, and remain idle spectators of the the wife of his choice, even though he had courted her "Behind the Scenes." struggle. A male bird will allow two hens to fight for him until one of them s killed, and then with due humilty ac company the victor. At this period of To wait until you are down on your the year, especially, the woods and the bed with disease you may not get over fields are described as the scenes of des-for months, is the height of folly, when perate battles. Shricks of triumph and dricks of defeat mingle with the love notes of the newly mated. Strife visible everywhere throughout the feathered creation

> Thomas Harrigan, a negro convict is the State prison in Concord, Mass., re sently adopted a desperate means to geonlinement. There is a circular saw in motion, took the fingers of his right hand in his left, and slid the wrist along the on the floor, and, walking up to the offi cer in charge, asked that the bleeding stump be dressed. Harrigan was sen tenced for twenty years, three months her, the driver, speaking sharply, said, ago, for an assault on a little girl in Bos- "Fare!" "No," said the weman, "Fowl,"

### A Parliamentary Boy.

He cause home clinck full of parliamenmry factics. At the dinner table he d to reconsider the vote by which soiled ham was placed on the bill of fare, and demanded the ayes and noes on a new pair of rubber boots and a spring velocipede. He hadn't been home two lays before he observed to his mother: "I move the previous question on that

nok of maple sugar in the pantry." "You can't have it." "But I must. My motion cuts off all lebate, and I shall announce the ques-

ion as carried in the affirmative. His father suggested the idea of an our's exercise with the ax, but the boy alled for a general expression of epinion and succeeded in passing a vote to reamount the question to the Committee a Union for annualment. Things went or in this way for a week and thought non finally had enough of it and fort

alled upon to administer a caution. "Don't you know that an amendment akes precedence of the question itself? eplied the boy. I amend as follows:"
"Resolved, That this family recogniis Cushing's Manual as the standard mahority on questions of debute. Are you

ready for the question? "No. sir!" replied the old man. "Do you wish for a call of the House?" "I wish you to understand that your

lk displeases mel Well, while I must respect the rights the minority I still feel that it would a safer plan to table your motion. It an come up again under the head of na-

endy for him in the wood shed, and he "There is a quorum present and we

vill proceed to business. "I move we take a recess," replied the oy as his back began to ache. "Can't do it," said the father, as he hang up his hat, "I am now going into he committee of the whole on the whal-

the boy was able to buy two bars of soap at a greecery that afternoon without al

The old man approached the new schoolma ter with a bulldog glare in his eye: "You got after my boy yesterday, because he left a live hornet glued to your chair?" "I did." "You licked him dred to publish her secret to the world, me of a hollow under the hill, and groped so he thought the world was coming to blaze, "although I hinted to him this in company with a friend, and met old and in the presence of the whole com- that way. Sure enough, I found a little an end?" "That was the impression I sobbed as I took it in my arms. I called father, and I've come to let you know music. For my part," she added, rising, at the entrance of a small waiting maid, burn detested in this world it was the met Karl Kirkland, formerly a friend of mounted and tucked the little soaked they clinched. Hair and blood flew in bearing on a tray some covered dishes, aforesaid individual, who had more than her father's (once an actor), and from thing under my coat as well as I could, the air, likewise heated language and Any other young man of his position with Mil-fred-in what seemed to him a history. That he had likewise been an It seemed tired to death, and pretty it quieted down a little, and the old man soon cried itself to sleep against my bo- implored him to let him up, stop choking and take his teeth from that ear, It had slept there over an hour when when what do you think about my warming twenty years, and when too infirm and I saw my own windows. There were your boy?" asked the teacher. "I think weak, from ill-health rather than age, to lights in them, and I supposed my wife you did just right, and when I go home play any longer, yet loving the stage too had lit them for my saker but when I I'll give him a tanning that'il teach him got to the door yard I saw something to come with his complaints and stories was the matter, and stood still with dead | that the schoolmaster can't light." They fear of heart two minutes before I could parted, and the schoolmaster marinared lift the latch. At last I did it and saw 'I did right to tackle the son of the worst the room full of neighbors, and my wife dighting man in the district first. None

### Henry Clay's Heel Marks,

As old citizens of Lexington know, eupled the brick law office on Short it on the road. Take it, will you? Eve pied by L. P. Tarleton, Esq. In front It was my durling and no other, I had der this tree Mr. Chy was in the habit icked up on the dark, drenched road.

My little child had wandered out to and his heels resting against the tree meet "daddy" and doll while her mother about four feet above the ground. Few was at work and they were lamenting her men could sit in an ordinary chair and as one dead. I thanked God on my reach so high on a tree, but Mr. Clay knees before them all. It is not much had long legs as well as a long head, of a story, neighbors, but I think of it So constantly was be in the habit of sittrusted her, and tried, poor, old man, to help upon the road-the little baby spot has since decayed some in consequence of the abrasion of Mr. Clay's boot heel. It was in this same office, too, that Mr. Clay was sitting when the news was brought to bim of James K. Polk's nomination, and be exclaimed, "I Young "birds in their little nests

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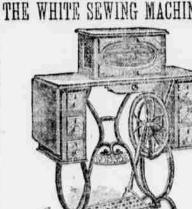
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on had made her debut. But this evening, on which we have followed Harold thither, the old prompter was ill; and Mildred, strange to say, was in a most gracious mood, as she had been ones be-

"And why do you wish so cruel a fering depicte thing, dear Mildred?" he asked her, "Because—because I never can be band pressed your wife," she replied, falteringly, her never knew.

hope f"
She shook her head and tried to break

- Indianapolis Journal,

The blood rushed like a torrent to her

woman he loved. He direct at home every night during

actor of no small reputation, and, having most insolent and interfering manner. He was a wretched-looking, wizen- lived a miserly life, had hourded a considerable fortune for the last five and aced man, with a limping gait and sharp

Harold colored anguly, "What business is it of yours?" le sked, botly. "Did Miss Garston send eal world, but fell in love with her and "Well, not exactly," said old Karl, and heart. How, at first, she coldly and sitating and looking at Harold as haughtily refused him, and then, never though he might have said a great deal

bing his withered palms together, and That they had not always lived together, then went off, grumbling to himself some | for fear of arousing suspicion, and she

er into conversation with either. The latter, who had come to witness

> "What is the matter, then, with you me, last time I saw you, that you regarded me as a friend. Give me proof it, then-tell me what this sorrow is, Mil-

Listen, then, and I will tell you more-

lose to me to night shall ever be reveal d," rejoined Harold, with almost pas

highly important discovery for newspa-For a moment he looked perfectly per proprietors. aghast, then muttered an imprecation

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ng busina saand if I can't tan your jackit in ten minutes, I shall ask leave to sit about me. I thought it might be a trap deaded the youth, but it was no go. The id man had a two thirds vote on him. and the question was so well settled that

> lusion to Cushing, How the New Schoolmaster Began.

"A poor lost child said I, "I found street, next to the alley, and now seen And I lifted the sleepy thing, and saw The one at the corner is decaying rap-

And everybody cackled.