did her father, nor her coasin Charlie, who

the undertaker's, and ordered a handsome

good of her to be "much grieved," and to

ask Mrs. Meikle to do all she could for him.

"Charlie Robinson at Woodburn House!

with the coffin on their shoulders.

both of them by the hand warmly, observ-

therefore sadly and silently shook hands,

gloomy chamber of death. Charlie quietly

and gently pushed the door open, and ush-

eyes to the bed, but it was vacant. Then

she looked wildly about the room, and-

shoulders at the gate below. With a fierce-

apidly found a possible explanation.

But he felt strong and able to outwit

aimed the irate Josiah to the thunder-

stricken Charlie. "Who is this coffin for

warded this message:

was sent for in the emergency.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1882

Columbian.

POETICAL. Washington's Address at Monmouth Halt, men, balt; and would you nee, When yours should be the victory? Turn again and charge them, Lee,

Back upon the foe!
Bear your banner high in air
Back into the battle's glare,
And fierce upon the Briton there Fall with unerring blow. Onward with insulted might, Seek the cannon's flaming bright, Put the daring foe to flight,

Let your thunders ring. Charge the forman o'er again, Drive them o'er the hill and plain Back across the surging main, To their tyrant king. Let them feel the deadly blows Where the heat of battle glows; Let them know the blow that flow

Heated through our veins, Is the blood of freemen still, Is the bood of Banker Hill; Evry drop of which we'll spill Ere tyrants o'er us reig-

SELECT STORY. A Telegraphic Error.

December and May, in the persons of Mr. Josiah Blend and Miss Barbara Paul, were united some half-dozen years ago in hay bonds of matrimony. People who knew them both were much amazed at the all'a see; for the refined and ladylike Miss Paul had she waited might have had "something" younger and handsomer than the venerable, ancient and many wrinkled Mrs. Meikle noticed his pleased expres-

sged Josiah was rich; and naturally their of her coming down, and had no doubt that spaintances concluded that his money a sight of her would do him more good ons the chief attraction. Perhaps it was, It is not for us to impate motives either the morning he felt so well that he got up; good or bad; but there were not lacking but his happy anticipations of his wife's arprophets enough, even in the small circle rival did not last long. Lifting the teleof their personal friends, who ventured to gram, which Mrs. Meikle had left lying or foretell a short, sharp, and decisive mar- the table, he read it, and was horrified to riage campaign, in which the young wife discover-what Mrs. Meikle had failed to "judicial separation," with spoils sufficient the hated Charlie Robinson. The demon amazement, to maintain her in a competency for the of jealousy took possession of his old soul, remainder of her natural life.

They proved false prophets. Whether mental torture, oney was at the bottom of it or not, the pair fived as happily and as lovingly as any two lovers could hope to do. This was so till a certain year, when two different eir. I believe her mother's illness has been stances conspired to bring matters to such a crisis, that the judicial separation she is grieved, "very much grieved." Ay,

emed inevitable. Josiah was on the whole an inoffensive old fellow; but when his usually sluggish have had a fine time of it, calling one temper was once quickened into action, he was prone to let it carry him to such an extreme length that no one could defend him. I'll make both of them suffer, or my name's Barbara was patient to a fault, and tended not Josiah." him with a loving and faithful devotion admirable in one so young. The two unhappy | convalescent mere causes which threatened for the time being to end their married life, were very dissimilar in themselves, though in the end they got somewhat mixed up. They were -Barbara's cousin, Churlie Robinson, and a

"Barbara," said the antique Josiah, one norning, at the breakfast table, "I wish that cousin of yours - 'Dear Charlie,' as you call him-would not come here so often and monopolize so much of your time." "I do not think he does take up much of

my time," responded his wife, in a mildly surprised tone. "But I do not see very well how I could prevent him coming unless I shut the door in his face," "You might do worse," growled Josiah "a great deal worse. I hate him, with his

pretensions, his stuck-up airs, his general humbug. Why, I heard him call you his 'dear Babs' last night, when he wanted you to sing with him." "You are not jealous?" laughed Barbara

reproachfully: "surely not. That is the name he called me by when we were children. But I'll tell him that you dislike it, and no doubt he'll desist."

"You would do better to tell him not to me at all, as his company is not wanted. I overheard him say last night to that empty-headed chum of his that I was an old for sil. Worse still, he said, 'That old fogy, Blend, has a pile of cash; but he is a miserable old skinflint, and won't part with it." That was gratitude for you, after finishing a couple of bottles of my old Burgundy and smoking half a dozen of my finest elgars,

He is an impudent scamp." "There surely must be some mistake," arged his wife. "Charlie would never say

"He did, though," retorted Josiah, augrily-" I'm quite certain. Better tell him iever to come here again."

"I would rather not, if it please you, reasonably replied his wife; "it would be

very unnatural for me to do so," "You consider it more natural that should be abused in my own house!" cried

Josiah, now at a white heat. "Am I to understand you positively refuse to do "Well, I do not refuse," replied Barbara,

with considerable tact, going over and kiss ng him affectionately on the cheek-" I do absolutely refuse, but I most respectfully decline.

Josiah was forced to smile at his wife's quivocation, and resolved to do the thing self. He did it neatly, too. He wrote o Charlie, saying that in future it would be steemed a favor if, at any time he intended alling, he would "send intimation of his ntention beforehand, to prevent disappointsent." Charlie took the hint, and did not

A few months after this, Josiah caught a light cold, and got otherwise out of sorts, o that the doctor ordered him to go down o the Clyde, for change of air. It so fell at that Barbara's mother took seriously ill at the same time; and as Barbara was in only daughter, she had to remain at

"It's all a mistake---," began Charlie an conciliatory tone. "All a mistake, is it?" roared the infuri, her mother's bedside, and permit her and famultaons thoughts were beginning husband to go away alone, of course, on the understanding, that when her mother got better, she would at once hasten to her good man. Josiah went to a certain town on the

kicking." coast which we shall call I .--- , and en Charlie dodged round the table, to escape gaged rooms with his old friend, Mrs. se blow which the fierce Josiah aimed at During the first week, he did not im with his foot. improve, though Mrs. Melkle was very at-"It is a mistake," cried Charlie once Several letters passed between man and wife, so that Barbara was advised is to his condition, and not a little anxious shout him; but her mother was still dangerously ill. Next week, her mother rallied,

se aged one, continuing the classe. "Nothag would please you better than to see me a my grave. Get out of the room, you onfounded whelp." Charlie got cool as Josiah's fury increased.

but Josiah got worse. At last he had a seere bilious attack, and was confined to bed, so that the presence of his wife was inc He was struck with the ridiculousness of eratively necessary. He instructed Mrs. unning and dedging each other round the Meikle to telegraph for her; and this was

able, and then, when he thought of the cofhe telegram which was delivered to his a fit of uncontrollable hughter. " Mus. Meikle, L-, To Mas. Blend

"You would bury me alive, would you very ill," and stating that he had been and laugh in my face, you vile scamp! "vomiting frequently," and that his head roared Josiah, picking up a carpet footstool was "splitting," so that she never ques- and hurling it at Charlie's head, while the tioned the accuracy of the telegram. Neither

> clear of its ornaments. "Out of my sight," screamed Josiah,

She was fearfully shocked at the unex pected intelligence, and rendered well-night now fairly demented. ielpless, while the two men sugely shook The young man still hesitated, hoping to their heads, and attempted to console her with some reflections on the liability of old age to sudden death, which were well-meant Charlie still convulsed, fled quickly down obtain admission have been principally but unfortunately ineffective. Charie un- stairs and out at the front door. When he scientists from abroad, who journeyed here dertook-as, of course, he was expected to do-all the arrangements in connection with the coffin back to the station, and afterward was necessary to take this step, as the cave the funeral. He went to the cemetery that afternoon, and ordered the grave to be the place, to explain and laugh immoder- Indeed, several of the muumies and some opened in three days; he put the usual not ately at this most amusing misunderstand of the smaller Masonic emblers were crrtice in the papers; issued the customary black-bordered announcements; went to

coffin to be taken down to L- by the after, he harriedly donned his apparel, first train in the morning, and indeed did threw on his overcoat, and rushed off down river has been so swollen from the exceseverything necessary with his usual busi-

ness-like promptitude and dispatch. Then "Where are you going?" inquired Mrs. he went to the telegraph office, and for-Meikle, who had sent for a doctor. "Going? I am going to my lawyer in

"Charles Romnson, Woodburn House, Glusgow, To Mas. Muskle, L.—. Telegram received. Mrs. Blend very much grieved. Will be down by first train to-mortow. Do best you can till then." Glasgow to get a divorce. I'll not stand tricks like these!" cried Josiah, as he angrily flung himself out and violently slammed the door behind him. Mrs. Meikle read the message to Josiah. At the station he got a Herald, where he who smiled sweetly at his wife's loving concern and wifely auxiety. It was very

"On the 21st instant, suddenly, at L, in the sixtieth year of his age, Mr. Josiah Blend, much regretted."

"Much regretted! Mhm." muttered sion, and jocularly observed that he seemed Being a successful Glasgow merchant, the to be getting better even with the thought would have seen the two married. Oh, I mystery of the pre-historic race of America, see it all-I see it all." than all the medicines he had taken. In

ing the streets on his way home, he met his old friend Mr. Maxton. are advertised as dead in to-day's papers ?" ence by the ruthless hand of the savage.

plied the reckless one, his temper in no de-gree improved by the journey up to town. them shelter and protection, and were used as a sort of catacomb for the storage of all rould punish the old man, and finally come read on the previous evening—that the So saying, he tore along the street, leaving out of the conflict, under the shelter of a message was not from his wife, but from Mr. Maxton gazing after him in speechless

When he arrived at his house, the servant and dread suspicion set him on the rack of who opened the door nearly jumped out of her skin with fright; but Josiah pushed past her, and marched into the parlor, exclaimed he to himself. "Has he actually where a few male and female friends were been there all the time I have been away? assembled, presumably for the purpose of condoling with the widow upon her ex. merely a blind; and yet the telegram says pected return to Glasgow. They received Josiah at first in silent astonishment; but, ay, that must be because she has to come immediately afterward, with a hearty cheer, away from his delightful society. They which was the first thing to make him think an error had been made, and that another 'Dear Charlie' and 'Dear Babs, there was no intention to kill him with fear. Well, this is the last straw, and no mistake. The shaking of hands and the subsequent explanations tended to cool down his wrath, and as the fever of excitement left him, he These and similar thoughts occupied the began to feel his weakness and physical convalescent merchant fully until the arprostration returning, and ultimately was compelled to accept the situation with the

That same morning, Mrs. Blend and best grace possible under the circum-Charlie took their places in the train. Mrs. stances. Blend had spent a sleepless night, and had been regretting over and over again that she went to the postmaster to demand an exhad not been permitted to see her husband

planation, an apology, and compensation in his last illness. She was dressed in deep for loss and damage. mourning; her heart was very sad, and her "Look here," said he. "I was bad with mind was filled with "thoughts too deep a bilious attack, and got my landlady to for words," Her cousin, the merry and talkative Charile, had tied a crape band send this telegram: 'Your husband is bad; come down at once.' One of your operators upon his arm, and he, too, was sympatheticmade it 'dead,' and thereby caused a frightally silent. The two undertaker's men and ful misunderstanding. I think you will adcoffin were also in the train. Charlie

mit,' said Josiah, with studied severity of lought, and rightly, too, that however well tone, "there is a very great difference bedapted the West Coast might be for suptween being bad and being dead?" plying the necessaries of life, a coffin of "Yes; there is a great difference, cersuitable size and material was not a thing tainly," replied the postmaster, pleasantly that could be obtained there on the shortest "and I'm glad the mistake is not the other sotice. That was his reason for taking one

way; for if you had been dead, instead of lown with him in order to bring the body being bad, I would not have been favored with this visit?" The four persons formed a melancholy

Josiah had not looked at the error in that procession to the house of Mrs. Meikle, light; but not wanting to acknowledge the Barbara leaned heavily on Charlie's arm, postmaster's urbanity too readily, he re-

while genuine tears of sorrow chased one another down her blanched cheeks, and the "That's all very well; but it does not two men followed discreetly at a distance Mrs. Meikle opened the door, and grasped

explain one of the most stupid blunder. I ever heard of. The cterk should be horse whipped." ing that " it was a fine day;" but neither

'I am exceedingly sorry the mistake ha been made; but, if you will bear with me a of them could reciprocate her greeting, and noment, I'll explain. The difference be tween 'bad' and 'dead' is not very great in Without another word, Mrs. Meikle showed the telegraph alphabet—it is altogether in them up stairs, and they summoned all the what is technically called spacing. Accordcourage at their command to enter the ing to the dot and dash system of telegraphy," continued the postmaster, who took paper and pencil to illustrate it, "the

ered in his cousin. She entered, lifted her word 'bad' is thus written and spaced: b -... a .- d -.. the word 'dead'.

there was her worthy husband in the flesh and in life, standing, at the window in his being exactly the same number of beats dressing-gown, grimly looking down on the or dots and dashes; and when telegraphed coffin which the two men had upon their thus;

ly augry giare he turned upon his wife, Her widow's weeds and the coffin showed there was some monstronely strange thing afoot. you will observe there is, after all, only the He was about to speak, when his wife utdifference of a dot. I am glad, however,

tered a piercing scream and sank fainting to that the dot has turned out to be in you "I am very much obliged to you

The two men, heedless of the fallen Barira, staved at each other for a moment; Josiah, "for your lacid explanation. I siah, with mingled hate, contempt and pray you, however, to call the clerk's attencalousy, Charlie, with open-mouthed won-tion to the matter. Hat I known it might er and astonishment. Josiah's busy brain have been an unconscious error, instead of a grossly carcless one I would not have trou-They intend," thought he, "in my bled you. Good afternoon. sak and nervous condition, to kill me by

With this explanation, Josiah was pacithe shock of viewing my own coffin, and fied and pleased. He restored Mrs. Blend, preparations they have made for my on the return from the West Coast, to her former position as queen of his heart; but though he regrets his hasty violence he has not yet quite conquered his aversion to "What is the meaning of all this?" ex-Charlie Robinson.

..... AN EVENTUCE LIFE.

A Philadelphia woman, who died reently, at the age of ninety-two, spent her honeymoon with her husband in Napoleon's sted old man, on whom contending passions expedition to Moscow. She saw the burning of that city, and on several occasions "All a mistake, is it?" repeated talked with the Emperor of the French. he, attempting to get within striking dis. Her husband having been wounded, she nee of Charlie. "I should rather think dragged him over the frozen ground for the depression in the coin. Jamestown it was a mistake that I am alive-and- nine weeks on a hand-sled. A guide betrayed them to the Cossacks, and they were held prisoners for eighteen months and were exchanged just in time to suffer the horrors and privations of Napoleon's retreat. Her sex was never ore, across the table. "The message" discovered during all this time. Her "Confound you and the message," yelled experience seemed to have insured her a long life.

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THE LARGEST CAVE ON EARTH. The great cave lately discovered here has been visited by a multitude of people from various points of the United States. We latter ducked, as the swirling footstool with think that Leitchfield is destined to become projectile force swept the dressing-table the great "Mecca" of the world-for the Masonic fraternity and scientists gener-

For the last two weeks no one has been admitted to the cave except upon presenting explain; but Josiah seized the poker, and a written permit from Mr. Rogers, and would have used it as a projectile had not those who have been fortunate enough to got there, he requested the two men to carry to see the great wonder for themselves. It adjourned with them to the only hotel in was rapidly being despoiled of its contents. ried off before Mr. Rogers-or, in fact any Meanwhile, Josiah helped Mrs. Meikle to of our citizens-realized the importance of put his unconscious wife to bed. There- the discovery, and of preserving the contents of the cave intact. The subterranean sive rains of the past month that no explorations have been made in the avenues be youd it. Excavations have been made. however, in the chambers or catacombs where the mummies and Masonic emblems were found, and in the vicinity of the pyramid, and several tablets with queer hieroglyphies have been dug up, also some bronze and copper vases, and pieces of pottery. A mound was opened and found to

contain six well-preserved nummies, reposing in regular order with feet radiating from the centre. In the discovery of this cave, the key is the old man, succringly. "A month or two undoubtedly found that will unlock the

> whether this theory will apply to the other caves of Kentucky or not. Many beautiful formations have been dis-

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"Yes, sir," he replied, "that's where they came from."

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"Not a bit, sir: everything is very dull up mr way."

"Don't you know anything F"

"Well, I believe I did hear some news esterday."

"What was it?" asked the reporter, emeking a pecan.

"There was a man got eighteen buckshot

n him near where I live." "Who shot him ?"

"I did."

the reporter, aghast,

"For stealing some of my pecans out of ny wagon," said the countryman, reaching under the seat for his shotgun. The reporter hastily replaced the pecans

in the wagon, and after calling the countryman Colonel, disap peared around the cornor. - Texas Siftings.

ounty, became deeply enamored of a young ady, a stranger in the neighborhood, who was temporarily stopping in the village, and, after courting her assiduously for some days, popped the all-important question, received "yes" for an answer, and indisted on the marriage ceremony being performed the following evening. Accordingly, a large number of friends were invited. nd the couple were made one by a Justice of the Peace of the neighborhood. Immeliately upon the conclusion of the cerenony the bride was surrounded by her genlemen friends, all of whom insisted upon kissing her, greatly to the displeasure of the calous groom, whereupon she made her scape to an adjoining room, and the brideroom has not seen her since, or at least as not been able to recognize her. The ruth of the matter is that the bride was a retty boy, and when he left the room he changed his garments and mingled with the crowd and enjoyed the fun. The groom will never get over the rather practical joke which his friends played upon him. - Elmira Advertiser.

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