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AT LAST.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasan

Be near me when all else is from me drifting,

I have but Thee, O Father ! Let thy spirit Be with me then to comfort and uphold; No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit

Suffice it if-my good and HI unreckened,

cease, And flows forever through heaven's green

And both forgiven through the abounding grace I find myself by hands familiar beckened

some humble door among thy many mansions,

There, from the music round about me stealing,

I fain would learn the new and holy song,

And find, at last, beneath the trees of healing. The life for which I long.

SELECT STORY.

A FIRST DAY DREAM.

THE MEMORY OF A FEW HOURS.

Some sheltering shade where sin and striving

Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade an

When on my day of life the night is falling,

I hear fair voices out of darkness calling

O Love divine, O Helper ever present,

shine, And kindly faces to my own uplifting

The love which answers mine.

Nor street of shining gold.

Unto my fitting place ;

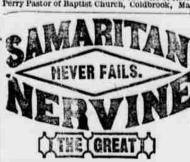
expansions The river of thy peace.

aviable Architheture in a New England Par-"Yes," she said, "our children are married and gone, and my husband and I sit by our winter fire much as we did before the little ones came to widen the circle. Life is something like a spiral staircase; we are all the time coming around over the spot we started from, only one degree bushes up has staired.

further up the stairs."
"That is a pretty illustration," remarked her friend, musingly, gazing into the glowing coals which radiated a pleasant heat from the many-windowed stove. "You know we cannot stop toiling up the hill, though."
"Surely we cannot, and for myself I don't find

"Surely we cannot, and for myself I don't find fault with that necessity provided the advance in life is not attended with calamity of suffering, for I have had my share of that. Not long since my health utterly broke down. My system was full of malaria. My digestion became thoroughly disordered and my nerves were in a wretched state. I was languid, ate little and that without employing it, and had no strength or ambition to perform even my light household duties. Medical treatment falled to reach the seat of the trouble. The disease—which seemed to be weakness of all the vital organs—progressed until I had several attacks which my physicians pronounced to be acute congestion of the atomach. The last of these was a desperate struggle and I was given up to die. As the crisis had partially passed, my husband heard of the merirs of PARKER'S TONIO as an invigorant in last such cases as mine. I took it and felt its good effects at once. If appeared to pervade my body, as though the blessing of new life had come to me. Taking no other medicine I continued to imaprove, and am now in better health than I have been for a long time."

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Along the steep tree-clad bank of a winding West country stream a young man climbed one bright, blazing June ecific for Eplicatio Fita. C. 3

Entirely bewildered as to his whereabouts now he stopped to peer up the unexplored hights, now to look back on the silvery thread below, always starting afresh, puzzled as ever as to his quicker alone."

route. Soon, by good fortune, he stumbled on a guide. Halting by a tangled underwood, where shadows and sunshine played bide and seek in the summer breeze, he saw beyond the moving branches what the decaying wall of some old monastic cell, and, leaning lightly against it, a young girlish form, a book neglected if M at her feet, hands lazily clasped, and

The South wind, stealing round an vied corner, ruffled the dark feathers of her hat, and stirred the short, curling, chestnut hair below; but whatwatcher intruding on that happy solitude. The "I beg your pardon, but may I ask if I'm on the right way to Mr. Hurst's of Perristone?" that presently broke the stillness, was as startling as a thunderclap from an unclouded sky, and a vivid blush rose on the young face that turned toward the inquirer with the answer:

"You are right if you wish to walk round by the bridge?" "But I think I was told to take a nearer way," said the new-comer,

pushing forward through a miniature forest of bracken and oak saplings, and disclosing, under the broad-brimmed hat he raised, sunburnt features, young and good-looking. "I was to find Mr. Hurst's boat, ferry myself over if it was on this side, or shout for it if it was opposite. Ive kept watch for the boat all along, but failed to find it. Can you kindly direct me to

A glance, half shy, half amused, came with the response to this: "I am afraid the boat is nowhere near. Some of them from the house are fishing from it, I believe." "Unlucky! And the bridge-?"

"Will take you four miles round the river winds so." Now the day was delicious for doing nothing, and doing that at one's leis ure, but the very idea of a four-mile trudge under a three o'clock sun was exhausting. The young man hesitated, easting longing eyes at a mossy seat near by in a cool, shady angle. His young guide had much ado to keep from laughing, and a pair of fascinat-ing dimples began to hover about her vice, and had run the gauntlet of cheeks.

"Is there no other way to get over? said he, distinctly disinclined to go. "None at all," said she, with a shake of the head.

"Then I have no choice. Thank you very much for directing me;" and, adding something to his farewell of being forced to get on to Perristone, the stranger turned to begin his long walk.

Hereat compunction overtook the young lady, and her detaining voice brought him to a standstill. "Is it Mr. Hurst you are wanting to

"Well, partly -yes." im drive toward Ross half an hour back. "Indeed! Thank you, but I must still go on. I shall find Mrs. Hurst

within. "Oh, no. M-Mrs. Hurst was to have come back from Glocester yesterday, but, instead, she only returns this evening.

This seemed a stop final; but the entieman appeared to be still undecided, or, perhaps, he enjoyed prolonging the conversation. "I believe there are two Mr. Hursts,

of Perristone. I am speaking of-ofthe Squire. "And so"-with a pretty smile-"am "And I bring a note to him from

my hostess, Mrs. Furnival, of Coombide, who is his sister." "Aunt Helen! Oh, then, give it to ne, please, for 1 am his daughter." hat again; the note was handed forth. young face enjoyed while its owner,

taking the underlined "Immediate"

for leave, opened and read the missive

to her father: "DEAR HUGH-Please entertain the bearer of this for a few hours, and keep him to dinner. He is Captain Ryland, son of my old schoolfellow, you fell so desperately in love with thirty years ago! I am planning a little surprise for him, and want him

course, last night. "Your affectionate sister,

MAUD FURNIVAL. "Give Iva five-and-twenty kisses for me! The child hasn't been to see me

The said "Iva"-diminutive for Olivia since her babyhood-finished the letter, and ther with a most charming mixture of girlish dignity and childish naivette, turned to Captain Ryland, doing the hospitable honors of the mo ment for her absent parents. "They will be glad to see you this even-

ing," said she; "and if you don't mind coming with me we will soon find the boys-my brothers I mean-and the boat, and I'll ferry you over. Papa will be so sorry he was out, but of course he went to meet mamma." And then a droll smile began to

urk again about her lips at the notion (oh! treason, treason!) of her quie old papa having ever had a fancy for any other than the said "mamma; and Captain Ryland came to the conclusion that the squire's daughter was a most delightful substitute for her elders, and blessed the chance that sent his steps a straying up this path. Perhaps, thrown off his guard by his unceremonious introduction, he expressed his satisfaction a little too varmly, or Iva's ingenuousness took fright at compliments—a conversation-al event for which she had no taste; but her shyness came back with a rush, and instead of loitering down the uneven way, she sprang on alone, never so much as looking to see if he were following, and gained the greensward by the river before her companion's less accustomed feet had half

made the descent. The moment he reached her, "Now,

But "Forbid it, all ye shades of an innocent afternoon romance. For

dark eyes dreamily gazing into the man; and Iva agreeing, with the rec-numerous and large. Among the beneollection that her brothers coming up ficiaries are the Chapin Home, Chilstream must pass this point, they stayed their ramble by a little bill-rivulet men's and the Society to Assist Males at and waited contentedly

charms of his young listener.

To be sure, their words were commonplace enough-he telling of a said cities. chance encounter that brought about this visit to his mother's old friend; she talking of her home, her father, her brothers, their many pets, of which t was easy to perceive she was the chief; but there was something not commonplace to him, and very new to ner, in the lowered tone with which the young soldier declared that chance encounter a stroke of rare good forane to him, and, when she turned a pair of loving eyes toward the gables of her home, just visible on the oppo-site bank, asked: "Would she never care to leave that home ?-never ?" Then into a very wonderland fol-lowed Iva, while her companion told,

and told well, of fur-off countries, risks that had sent scores of men about him to their graves. Desdemona-like, she hung sighing upon stories such as she had never heard before, and saw in this fair-haired guest of her aunt's the nearest embodiments of a real hero she had ever known.

"But you were safe?" she cried, with a rising color and a long quivering breath at the climax of some danger whereout he had come scatheless, thanks to his steed's swiftness. oh! I am so glad that-"

"That-!" echoed the young man, leaning a little nearer. "That our Harold is not to be a soldier!" finished Iva, so scattering warm-"Then he is not at home. I saw er words that a different answer would assuredly have betrayed Captain Ry-

land into uttering.

Thus quickly the minutes went past;
the shadows lengthened; the golden
light gathered about the tree-tops; and not one thought did these young people give to time, till a church bell, sounding over the hillside, startled

"Six o'clock!" she exclaimed, open-

ing wipe her eyes, as if just waking.
"And the boys not back! Perhaps they went the other way, after all, and left the boat for me. Oh! if I've kept you here for nothing, I am so sorry !' "But I'm not—I never shall was the reply in a low tone, that stirred a curious answering thrill. "And must we hurry now ! Here stay," as a long branch of roses caught her dress; "let me just gather you some of these

before we go."
A bunch of roses, a half-hour's At this off went the young man's homeward stroll side by side in an atmost silence more eloquent than speech, and a prolonged study of the bright three minutes' row across the narrow stream (would they have made it hours if they could?), and the brief drama drew to its last act. The boat was moored under the wil-

low. As the occupants stepped out one forgot to let loose the hand that lay in his. For a few seconds they peaceful meadows to the dim Welsh in some new beauty, he looking down out of the way. Will explain when I come this evening with another friend.

Love to Charlotte, who came back, of

and explainings anent fishing and wading that lasted the whole way up to the manor. There the home party, earlier returned, awaited them, Aunt Helen in their midst, and some one strange, whom she brought forward with many smiles : and-

"Now you'll forgive me for going off to Swanley Junction alone, Cap-tain Ryland; I wanted to make sure of her coming before I told you a word

The next minute a fair young woman, with the calm air of proprietorship begotten by long engagement, was holding the gentleman's arm; and how happy he might be looking. Iva never saw, for with a little cry of welcome -she had run to her mother, gladah, strange to say, glad almost to tearsto shelter once again by her safe side

But that was years ago. Iva—"Olivia" in these days—is now a gra cious young matron, loving and dear ly loved, the garden of her life filled with such blossoms as womanhood prizes above all others. But now and again across her thoughts, like first notes of a melody never completed, blits a memory of warm June hours, of the first throb of an unknown pleasure, of a nameless pain—of a glimpse into possibility never fulfilled—of the farewell she bade her childhood in a mid summer day's dream.

Barnum Makes His Will.

HE GREAT SHOWMAN APPORTIONS \$10,-000,000 OF PROPERTY IN A LIB-

P. T. Barnum seems to consider his life work accomplished in the obtaining of the sacred white elephant from the said she, with a young imperiousness that was vastly amusing, "stay here, if you please, and rest. I can run for John and Harold, I shall go much which to ground contests after his son located in Stillwater Minnesota, in 1867, he then being about 25 years of age. He began dealing in lumber on a limited scale and capital, but so successful was the venture that his business death, he had eminent physicians examine him, and secured their attestachivalry," thought Captain Ryland, and begged for leave to join the search, and so humbly that it was gra700 pages of legal cap, closely written, ciously accorded, and therewith set in and dispose of real estate and personal property of the value of \$10,000,000 to from a distance, he had mistaken for a bit of gray crag, but what in truth was in the languid heat along the valley twenty-seven heirs. The property is that search proved a most desultory after the York, Brooklyn, Bridgeport, Colorado and several other places. Mr. "There's no particular need to hurry, Barnum values his interestin the Barnif Mr. Hurst won't be at home for a um and London shows at \$3,500,000.

couple of hours," suggested the young His bequests for charitable purposes are that rippled down to its stronger sister, and Females over Eighteen Years of margined with whispering reeds and Age, of this city; Bridgeport Orphan mittee for Minnesota, and was a deleever whispers it bore upon its wings, it carried no tales of the stranger close at hand, no suspicion of an admiring hand, no suspicion of an admiring hand, no suspicion of an admiring sat and waited contentedly.

Asylum, Bridgeport Orphan mittee for Minnesota, and was a delegate to the Republican National Content to the Republic certain worthy charities, by bequeath-

More than contentedly! For Wallis ing to them a stated percentage of the Ryland, at pains to undo his first blun- large annual profits accruing from his ler, put out the strength of his ten share in the Barnum and London shows. years' seniority to please; and Iva, He authorizes his executors to renew with all the frankness of 17, was so the partnership at present in effect ready to be propitiated, that they were quickly on the best of terms—she James A. Bailey and quickly on the best of terms—she James L. Hutchinson upon his expiration. gliding, willing as a child, into the tion, in 1899. To the city of Bridgepresent hour's enjoyment, he entangled port he secures the only water-front very moment more in the fresh not already seized by private corporations, with a dock upon it costing \$30, With the swallows circling over 000, for twenty-one years after his head under the clear sky, no sound death, during which time his executors near save the rustling of many leaves are forbidden to sell or lease it, his oband the rush of gleaming waters, the most sensible of mortals would have found it hard to be prosaic. Our couple had no extraordinary claims to steamers between New York and Bridgesense, and soon they wandered far out port, and to preserve to Bridgeport and others the advantage of reasonable rates for freight and passage between

Mileage of Members

REPRESENTATIVE MILLER TO INTRODUCE

A BILL FOR ITS ABOUTION. Representative Miller, of Pennsylania, is a member of the house committee on mileage, and he is preparing a bill which will agitate members who resides at points remote from the capital. Under the existing law members receive twenty cents a mile each way to the capital from their homes and return every session of congress. They are expected to journey by the most usually traveled route. In stead of making two bills, the member receives, upon his arrival here at the beginning of the session, an amount equivalent to forty cents per mile for the record trip from his home to Washngton and return.

The Pacific coast members receive about \$1,300 apiece in mileage alone, and, as they are presumed to travel with passes, the money goes far towards paying winter board bills. The largest sum ever received by a member of congress was paid the delegation from Washington territory, who, beore the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad, was obliged to travel over land to Portland, Ore., thence by steamer to San Francisco and over the Union and Central Pacific railroads east. He received over \$1,700 mileage each session.

in Washington during the entire sum-mer recess, and at the beginning of a new session drawn mileage for the entire distance from their homes to the capital. Mr. Miller proposes to introduce a bill abolishing mileage and allowing members to charge their actual traveling expenses simply.

Personal Cleanliness

Bathing is conservative of health, out all persons do not find it so. A cold plunge bath is by no means a panseea for all human ills, as some seem to think. An occasional wash from head to foot in winter, and bathing frequently in summer, may be considered among the valuable agencies for promoting health. But I have known delicate people to be injured instead of being benefitted by cold bathing. For most persons a wet sponge passed rapidly over the surface and followed scon by friction with a rough towel is bath enough for health purposes. When a cold bath is not followed by a good surface glow, it is doing more harm than good.

If a man is just rich enough to own horse and wagon, the law will prelingered so-she gazing over the vent him from hauling freight on Sunday; but if he is rich enough to own a hills, that all to night seemed dressed railroad he may haul all he pleases.

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Cards in the 'Business Directory' column, one

The County Newspaper.

The Philadelpha Times never said anything more significant than the fol-lowing in regard to the local newspaper: "The New Year is a good time to consider the generally overlooked claims of the local newspaper. It is the most useful and least compensated and appreciated of all the agencies which stamp the impress of progress upon villages and inland cities. With-out the local newspaper local towns are, as a rule, thriftless and tend to de-

It is common for small great men to speak with contempt of the local newspaper. In that they imitate greater men in speaking of greater journals which offended them by manly criti-cism; but the village newspaper makes more great men out of less materialmore bricks without straw-than any otherfactor in politics, and it is the one ladder on which men climb to local distinction as the beginning of wider

The local journals of Pennsylvania have progressed in typographical elegance, in editorial power and freshness and completeness of local and general news even more than the city world April 25, 1843, at Manlius, Laournals during the last score of years.

Local weeklies have extended from the county towns into most of the thrifty villages, and the local newspa-per has always dated the increased thrift of the community. The local newspaper is the life of its locality. and the measure of its support, as rule measures the advancement of the people. Begin the new year by not only subscribing but paying for your local papers. They are the friends and

helpmates of all seasons. Unable to Support Herself.

"Why under the sun should I practice my music so much?" drawled an over-dressed child one day. "It's well enough for Cousin Mary; she's to teach music by-and-by, but mamma says I never shall work for my living, so it doesn't make any difference, and I don't want to."

This girl grew up to be a vapid fashionable idler. She married a young man who was the son of wealthy parents, and who had been brought up to be as aimless and inefficient as his helpless bride. There was a crash, both families lost their money, the young husband fell into dissipa-tion, died in a short period from his excess, and left his wife upon the world with two little children to provide for.

Now she was sober, earnest, distracted, with a desire to know something that will pay handsomely Her children, after suffering from hardship and privation, were placed among sympathizing friends, the unhappy mother found an asylum with the "Cousin Mary" whom she had and there she learned to utilize a "pretty talent," which she had somewhat developed, for painting and embroidery. But she never made enough mon-ey by this means to gather her family together and keep them as she wanted to do, nor even to entirely support her-

self. For a few years she kept up an unequal strugle. Then she succumbed and died—a pensioner upon the bounty of others. Social Etiquet.

While it is right and proper to exoress difference of opinion, it is exceedingly impoltte to contradict. Say what you think quietly and pleasantly, argue the question if you wish, but never sort declension, or furthest point south of the equator, occurs December 22, nine days before the new year begins.

I have heard young girls assert themselves in this way, contradicting others, often those older and wiser than themselves, imagining the while that they were showing superior intelligence, when they were really rude and unlady like. Very young men are often guilty in this way, because they have not yet learned that they do not know more than the rest of the world. Older peo ple, too, of the positive, excitable sort need to be reminded sometimes that flat contradiction is boorish. Never forget that other people are quite as likely to be right as yourself, at least their opinions are worthy of respectful treatment. Remember also that a positive contradiction often savors off an accusation of falsehood, than which no grea-

ter insult can be offered. Do not pride yourself on being "flatfooted," an expression I have heard used to describe a brutal frankness. unpleasant things are concerned, but if it be necessary to speak be careful how it is done. There is a way and a way of uttering supposed truths. Be careful that you choose THE way. I have heard people say to others in company what was simply outrageous. Never drag private affairs or personal matters into the conversation, and never say unpleasant things to any one that can do no manner of good, but only stir up unpleasant feelings.

The Editor's Story.

Rural editor-"Yes, sir. Burglaries are becoming altogether too frequent around here and something has got to be done."

Detective-"You have not been bothered by them of course ?" Rural editor-"Haven't I though ?" My house was entered last week and everything of value taken.' Detective-"You don't say so ; have

on no clue ?"

Rural editor-"Oh, yes, I have something better than a clue. I have the man himself, but he is dead." Detective-"Dead! Then you shot at

him ?" Rural editor-"No ; he was found dead about four days after he robbed my house." Detective-"What did he he die

Rural editor-"Well the coroner's jury decided that he died of starva-

The story comes from Paris that a pond with the civil year is evidence lady, who visited four churches in one enough of the difficulty of arranging day, missed her umbrella on returning lady, who visited four churches in one home. She immediately revisited all by the "inconstant moon." Our week four churches, and found her umbrella and month are not natural divisions of in the last one. When the umbrella time, though some ingenious efforts was handed to her she thankfully said Dom Pedro wears a long cape made have been made to trace some connector to the sexton: "The people at this entirely of the breast feathers of a rare tion between natural phenomena and church are much more honest than those at the others."



OFFICIAL HEAD OF THE REPUB LICAN NATIONAL COMMIT

ND A TALKED OF CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. Dwight May Sabin came into thi

salle county, Illinois, and not in Connecticut as many papers have stated. His father was a farmer on a large scale in Illinois when Dwight was born. and the son grew up on the farm, a hard worker during the trop seasons and a close student at the country school during the winter months. He was not satisfied with the range of studies aught, and devoted his evenings at ome to the mystery of the higher branches of mathematics, and civil engineering. After his fathers death, the son located in Stillwater Minnesota, in ful was the venture that his business gradually increased and grew to large prporious, so that at the present time, after fifteen years, he is doing a business of over \$10,000,000 annually. Besides being the owner of a large number of mills in the pineries, he is the heaviest stockholder in the Northwestern Car Company of his State, and enjoys an annual income from the profits of his various enterprises of nearly \$2,500,000.

Mr. Sabin in early life became identified with politics in Minnesota, and was elected a representative three terms in the State legislature. and two terms to the State Senate. He has been for several years a mem-

publican National Committee, Dec. 12th 1883, by a unanimous vote, and since that honor has been conferred, Mr. Sabin's availability as a candidate for the nomination for the Presidency

Mr. Sabin was elected to the United States Senate to succeed William Windom. and took his seat March 3rd 1883 his term expiring March 4th, 1889. He is a little over 40 years of age, and reputed to be worth \$10,000,000.

Why January 1 is Ualled New Year.

Every one knows that January 1 is the beginning of the year, but not every one knows why it is so. It marks no natural division of time nor any event in the world's history which would give it such distinction. The winter solstice-that is, the period when the sun appears to reach its greatest southern declension, or furthest point south nine days before the new year begins. The summr solstice, another natural division of time, occurs on June 22, a point nearly as far removed from the new year as the calendar permits. The natural divisions of time which suggest themselves at once to the practical bserver are the winter and summer solstices and the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, periods at which the days and nights have equal length or their greatest difference. These having been neglected, the moon's phases would seem to have been most likely to be ixed upon. But imperia Cæsar, who in 46 B. C. gave us the new year, govrned by caprice or reasons of the most emporary duration, departed from the former Roman system of reckoning the year from the winter solstice and made he commencement on January 1 for no better reason than the desire to inangurate his reform with a new moon. Many times "silence is golden," where

The Caesarean system, devised by the aid of Losigenes, constituted the ordinary year of 365 days and the fourth or extraordinary year of 366. The subdivision of the year into months was similar to the present system. This division of time, though imperfect, is still practiced in Russia. The error was in giving the year 365 1-4 days, some of the members of congress from far distant states have remained which is too much by about eleven minutes. Pope Gregory XIII ordered October 5, 1582, to be called the 15th, and that all centurial years which are not multiples of 400 should not be leap years, which omission of three leap years in every 400 years gives the civil year an average length of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 12 seconds, which still exceeds the true solar year by a fraction of a second, which would amount to a day only in 3,866 years. The present, or Gregorian, system is used by all Christendom, except Russia. It was adopted by England in 1752 and by France in 1564.

Prior to the reformation of the calendar by Julius Casar, and many centu ries afterward, the methods of dividing time were various, complicated and imperfect. The moon was the planet which influenced and governed most nations, and gave rise to universal variance between the natural and civil year. The religious feasts of the Christian church are still regulated by the moon. The Council of Nice provided that Easter, the central point by which all other days in the church calendar are fixed, should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after March 21. The complex method of these lunar periods corresany system for the computation of time the period of seven days.