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a very shabby old bag, sir, begging your pardon. So quoth Eliza, relict of Josiah Nims, the sexton, to her lodger, the Rev. Julius Byron.

"What a bore!" exclaimed this gen-tleman, "when I really haven't the time to attend to anything but these etters ! "I have an errand which takes me past Piper & Tipson's. I could buy you a new satchel, if you would trust ne. Going among all those fine people at the wedding with your lock tied

up with a bit of string wouldn't do at all, sir." "Thank you, Mrs. Nims: I have great trust in your judgment, and should be obliged if you would attend to this matter for me and save my going

into town.' As the door closed after his landlady, he Reverend Julius Byron resumed his writing with a sigh of relief. As ie sat leaving his head on his disengaged hand—a hand beautiful enough to atone for plainness in all other featares had nature willed him to be plain -Julius Byron was an ideal picture of a student-brown eyes, with a far-away dreamy look, hair long enough to show a tendency to wave loosely back from the forehead, and a pale. clear complexion set off by a golden-brown velveteen coat, which he wore spell-bound for a few rapturous weeks. and the witchery of which had lasted over three years of almost total sepa-

Miriam Douglas, dispensing tea and gingerbread to a horde of charity chilfren in the park at Mount Edgecombe, was one of the prettiest and daintiest of women, in a muslin dress in colormatching forget-me nots and her eyes equally well, and with roses at her waist and throat which stole their deli

cate tint from her cheeks.

Miriam was 17 that day, and the blue muslin was her first long dress; to to this the little lassie paid far more attention than to the admiring gaze of two dreamy brown eyes. After the feast there were offerings of flowers, good wishes, and rather too many kisses and embraces from the charity children, and, among other trophies, Mirknown this, it would have affected her less than the consciousness that the

There were a few tennis parties and 5 o'clock teas after this, during which Mr. Byron worshiped his divinity from afar. She seemed a little in awe of him, and rarely spoke with him more than five minutes at a time. What a delightful task it would be to chase away the timidity from the soft fawn-

like eyes, and how pleasant to think that the sea-shell pink stole to her cheeks from joy at his approach! Fate, however, craelly interfered with Mr. Byron's dream of awakening oving confidence in the bosom of this bashful maiden of 17. In three short weeks, before he bad made any perceptible beadway, Miriam was summone to the bedside of a dying relative, and

Julius Byron was called to a parish in commercial town. Three long years this idyl had been in the past, and through all this time the memory of Miriam Douglas excluded any other love from the young clergyman's heart, though many were the godesses willing to be therein en-

He wondered at himself; she had slipped completely out of his material existence; he knew not where she was or if she were dead, or worse—married. Still with all this uncertainty, he could not forget her, and a voice within him seemed to whisper that they would meet again.

he white page was stayed for the second time by a heavy footstep at the door outside, and Mrs. Nims, panting and crimson from the ascent of the steep stairs, exclaimed : "There, sir; you could not have ound a better or cheaper satchel yourself if you had searched the town from and to end. Piper and Tipson say on with deep blushes and a nervous twitch-

one of the kind. This decided me to take it, for, being rather an absentminded gentleman, you might easily pick up the wrong bag. "Thank you, Mrs. Nims, thank you, each time that you do anything for me you give me fresh cause to admire

your clever management and fore-In the wedding to take place on the following day Mr. Byron felt no particular interest. The contracting parties were almost strangers to him, as were also the guests, with the exception of Willis Howard, a school chum of days gone by, and a friend ever

since of the young clergymen. Owing to the illness of the bride's mother, the ceremony was performed at home. It was a pretty wedding, the bride graceful, sweet, and pale as a lily in her sheeny fleecy drapery; and among the guests was the subdued merriment which prevails when the entertainers exhibit unreservedly the signs of joy and sorrow-the smile and tear both coming from the heart.

fold his surplice and replace it in the satchel chosen by Mrs. Nims. so engaged, a letter was handed him with the word "Immediate" written conspicuously on the envelope. contents were as follows: MARLOW HALL, Thursday, 18th.

After the ceremony, Mr. Byron be-took himself to a dressing room to

ruptness of this notice, as the case is urgent. The 2 p. m. train stops at Portland station, where a carriage will be in waiting. STANFIELD MARLOW."

"You will go, I suppose " said Willis Howard, to whom Mr. Byron presently showed his note.

"Of course; one cannot refuse such a summons. It is probably a question of life and Jeath." "I am due at Uxmoore to-nightrather a different errand from yours-

a masquerade party. I am sorry we are not traveling in the same direc-"I am sorry also. Do you know mything of the people at Marlow Hall, Howard T"

"Never heard of them before. Are hey strangers to you?" "Entirely so." "Now good-bye, old fellow; my traps are all stowed away in the train, and I had better follow them. Take

care of yourself among those mysterious strangers." In the bustle and confusion at the station Mr. Byron's satehel was mis-laid; but he presently caught sight of the familiar object on a distant table, and felt inwardly thankful for its ungainly proportions and the huge brass diamond which made it so easily rec-

ognized. At Portland a respectably-dressed man in charge of a wagonette came forward to meet Mr. Byron, and during the drive to the Hall the former dis-

coursed freely upon the existing state of affairs there. A son and heir to her fine estate had arrived, and there had been great rejoicing there; but within the past twenbrown velveteen coat, which he wore when in his study. Twenty-nine years old, undeniably handsome, gifted with winning manners, and shepherd of a flock most willing to be guided, Julius Byron, as if by a miracle, had escaped being spoiled and petted into effeminacy. His safeguard lay perhaps in a pair of soft eyes which had held him pair of soft eyes which had held him spell bound for a few ranturous weeks. The clergyman of the parish was temporarily absent; hence Mr. Byron's nasty summons. The ceremony would be performed in the chapel connected with the Hall, and would be very quiet, being witnessed only by the father and grandfather of the child,

with possibly one or two guests.

After lunching in a sombre, richly-decorated dining hall, Mr. Byron was shown to a bed room, with the intimaion that his services in the chapel would be required in an hour, if con enient to him.

There was something strange and in-

eresting about the fine old mansion, so lately a scene of rejoicing, and now silent as an empty church. No members of the family were visible, and the great house seemed deserted, save for a few silent-footed servants. As the time for the baptism drew Titus, of Pennington, N. J., says: "I have suffered untold misery from childhood from chronic discussions. His discussion of the Reverend Julius Byron. Had she to the vestry room. To make sure that everything was in readiness, he opened his satchel, when to his consternation, instead of drawing forth a

neatly-folded surplice, he held up be-fore his astonished gaze a doublet and hose of scarlet and gray satin, such as might be seen on the stage in "As You Like It." Alas for the veracity of Messrs. Piper and Tipson and the credulity of the worthy Mrs. Nims! The socalled unique bag had many duplicates, and Mr. Willis Howard had bought one that very morning in which to stow away his fancy ball costume.

Here was a predicament, indeed, for the Rev. Julius Byron! In desperation he flew to the wardrobe in the vestry room. Vain hope! Not a shred of the other clergyman's vestments hung there. What was to be done? Even if in extreme cases the church rules permitted the clergy to officiate without robes in sacred edifice-and for the moment Mr. Byron was too bewildered to think whether this would be permissible or not-how could he

explain the annoying mistake to these strangers? They, already so troubled, would think him an untrustworthy, careless trifler. In his perplexity he rung for the man who had already waited on him.
"Is there a lady in the house with whom I could speak for a few mo-

ments " Mr. Byron asked.

he does not leave the invalid's rooms for anything just at present." "Thea I will write my message in a note." He stated the case as clearly The rapid skimming of his pen over could on paper, and despatched the servant with it. In answer the lady sent her maid to inquire if the search

"My mistress' cousin is here : but

had been made everywhere in the ves-try for a surplice. He sent back word that further search was useless. After some moments of, to him, terrible suspense-for him to appear in the chapel-the maid returned and

their oath that it is a first-rate one, and that you needn't fear exchanging with "My young lady told me to tell you, "My young lady told me to tell you, that you needn't fear exchanging with "My young lady told me to tell you, any one by mistake, for they had only sir, that if you would not think it any harm, she would send you her-Oh, no, I don't mean, that, sir. She said I she would cut the bands off the sleeves and the lace from the neck, and it would be long, and nobody would notice that

> The servant girl's concluding words were only too true, and however much he might have hesitated at her suggestion in cooler moments, he was thankful now for any solution to the difficul-

once, for there is no time to lose."

proposes, if she thinks the deception will not be discovered." The servant vanished, and was soon on the spot again with a snowy linen night-gown. The neck at the back had been torn down to admit broader shoulders and a lineg handkerchief had been hastily stitched in to hide the rent. Most of the ornamentations had

Thankful for this semblance of a surplice, and too hurried to feel amusement, Mr. Byron arrayed himself, entered the chancel and the service began at once. He observed with a sigh of thankfulnes that the chapel was very dark; and this enabled him to or floating anchor, is a sheet of cork would have had him indicated for murder. "If the Reverend Julius Byron could find it convenient to officiate at a private baptism this afternoon at Marlow and its nurse, and for a brief time dur-

a lady of very dainty tastes.

aisle. Before the end of the ceremony her feelings seemed to overcome her, for she left the church stifling what

fate led him to the shrine of his idol ! men and times have changed, and The uncertainty was not to be borne.
"Will you ask Miss Douglas if she There was woodcock shooting then,

came, in great trepidation, for the noval surplice.

incommonly bad fit !" for coming to the rescue." A sudden indifference as to the hours of departing trains seemed to take pos-

himself, with a certain amount of equa-

that he spoke not in vain. "How provoked you, in turn, must

Mr. Byron as well.

again met. turned out not so bad, after all, I put broods have been batched early and on the surplice to see how it became glimpse of me through the window set seen a ghost. This brought a lot of visitors out of their rooms among, have forbidden the shooting until Aug. whom, to my surprise, was Edith Fulton—my Edith, you know. We had quarreled and parted, never to meet again; but the ridiculous feature of this scene seemed to break the ice between us, and-Well, Byron, I

have blessed the memory of your surplice ever since!" "That contretemps of the satchels was a lucky thing for us both." "Piper and Tipson and their humougs forever!" exclaimed young How-

A Daring Fisherman. John Traynor, the Maine fisherman who is about to start on a rowing trip to Europe in a dory, thus revealed some of his life to a reporter :

"I was born in Georgetown, Maine, twelve miles from Bath, and have al-ways followed the water. For some years I have been perfecting to my own satisfaction a boat that will be a perfect life-boat and life craft for ships and steamers, and in order to convince the public that my invention is safe what better way is there than by crossing the ocean in it? Two years ago with a companion, Ivar Olsen, a young Norwegian, who is a civil engineer, sailed from Bath in an 18-foot dory on the 6th of July. Forty-six days later we landed in Havre, France. On this ruise we sailed, being in constant mo- ed him and remarked politely : tion night and day. She was a keel boat. Now I propose to row the trip in this 16-foot-dory, which I have just had built. My life boat will be made of two life boats like these two dories. of two life boats like these two dories, night." one placed over the other, but I do not care to talk of this till I have patented the invention. My voyage this tions. I never had any fear of ghosts, time will be made with oars, of which even when I was a small boy." even when I was a small boy."

I shall take plenty, together with an abundance of provisions, tools, rope "May I have the pleasure of knowabundance of provisions, tools, rope and all sorts of stuff. I shall have no ing your name ?" company but my dog Jumbo, and I "Certainly, sir," was the polite recompany but my dog Jumbo, and I "Certainly, sir," was the polite reshall be about 100 days on the trip, I spouse. My name is Rutherford B. think. I shall row nights and sleep days, because it is not safe to leave the was not to say who it belonged to, but be run down. I met over fifty vessels in my last trip across. When asleep I keep my boat's head to the wind with a floating anchor or drag, which holds it was a night-gown, sir; and if you don't her bow to the wind and which permind, sir, I would go and fetch it at mits her to sag away to the leeward mits her to sag away to the leeward easily, at the rate of a mile or two per hour. Supposing I upset? Why, I shall be well supplied with life-preservers and shall be lashed to the dory. The boat is well ballasted with sand bags fixed in her bottom, so that if she is knocked over by the sea it will "Tell your mistress that I shall be be impossible for her to do otherwise very grateful to her for the loan she than to right herself. We were upset once on our other voyage."

shall take three pairs.

A dory is a light, flat-bottomed, high sided open boat, used on the Eastern coast of the United States and the Grand Banks by fishermen. When ballasted properly they are regarded as the safest sea boats in the world. They are dry, and may be landed in any surf by a skilled navigator. They been cut away, but enough remained draw but an inch of water when light. to prove that the garment belonged to Captain Traynor has taken one of these boats and decked her over with a rounding deck that will shed water like a duck's back. In the centre is sheathed up a cockpit, where he will Hall, he would confer a great favor on the undersigned. Mr. Byron is respected to pardon the apparent abliady standing in the dimly-lighted affords a good hold on water when the boat is moored to it in a gale. In ballast she will draw fifteen and a half monkey. It swallows live sparrows entire. affords a good hold on water when the

Now is the Time for Woodcock.

The woodcock is, at presant, the might have been a sob, but which sounded strangely like a laugh.

What Mr. Byron feared would be a marshes of the South the woodcock trying ordeal was soon over, and he comes North to breed, arriving by re-entered the vestry room with a much night in the latter part of March or comes North to breed, arriving by ighter heart than when he left it. early in April, and instinctively repair-While disrobing, a name in indelible ing to the very spot where it first ink on the gown attracted his attention. Perhaps he should have respect-ed his fair benefactress' wish to remain of July was formerly anticipated by nnknown, but the temptation was too strong. He turned to the light and read the name—"Miriam Douglass"— under the tucks and embroidery of the robe which he bad just discarded.

of July was formerly anticipated by sportsmen as the season of rare sport with the long-billed birds, as, with the advent of the auniversary of independence, the laws governing the shooting of woodcock were off in most of the be which he had just discarded.

Was it a coincidence, or had a kind States. But the laws have changed,

can grant me five minutes interview but where one gentleman followed the before I go?" he said to the girl who pastime those days fifty follow it now, consequently the birds have been thinned out to an alarming extent. Then, In a cosy little reception room Julius too, the sportsman of five and twenty Byron was presently received by her who had been the companion of his happiest dreams during more than three years. The blushing bashfulness had vanished, leaving in its stead a graceful womanly dignity. She was a sweeter, fairer Miriam even than of old, "divinely tall and divinely fair."

buttoned up in his game bag, rewarded his mornings's toil. The latter, picturesquely attired from head to foot in "Oh, Mr. Byron, how horrified the latest most approved pattern of you must be! You signed initials only sporting apparel, with his three-hunto your note, and I little suspected to dred and-fifty-dollar - treble-wedge-patwhom I was offering that garment. I ent-fore end-instantaneous annihilator, recognized you at once in church, and, in spite of the solemnity of the occasion I had to laugh. It was such an guide at \$5 a day, kills all at random, so that none is left to replenish the haunts "It was a great boon to me, and I the next season. No wonder that strin-shall be everiastingly grateful to you gent laws have been enacted by several States, some of which forbid the pil-laging of their game preserves by non-residents under heavy penalties.

session of Mr. Byron, and he found Notwithstanding all this, however, those who have a day or two of leisure nimity, accepting an invitation to spend the night at the Hall.

At the conclusion of her visit to her cousin, Mrs. Marlow, Miriam betook herself to the house of a friend, who extended many informal invitations to Mr. Byron as well Mr. Byron as well.

One soft fragrant evening, among the Jnne roses, Julius Byron told his love story, and Miriam listened with a look in her eyes which told her lover that he spoke not in said to the time of the first sharp frosts is about the right season, as the birds are not fully matured by the fourth of July. Others argue that, if this rule be adopted, the birds cannot that he spoke not in said to the time of the first sharp frosts is about the right season, as the birds are not fully matured by the fourth of July. be found in their old haunts at the time specified, that they take to the high timber lands and their where-abouts are very uncertain. Whatever have been at finding my surplice instead of the fancy costume!" said Mr. Byron to his friend Willis. when they place until they are matured. Another "I was in a rage at first, I admit," postponement of the season until a lit-answered Mr. Howard. "But affairs the later is the fact that where the first me, when one of the maids, catching a which is very often the case—the pardestroyed by the heavy April floodsent birds rear a second which are not and for this one reason some states 1. Another great objection to summer

> the thermometer at 90 degrees. A light gun of about seven or sev-en and a half pounds weight, with three drachms of powders and an ounce of No. 8 shot, will do effective work in the hands of a moderately fair shooter. The little cocker spaniels should be employed in woodcock shooting. They are very faithful and obe-dient hunters, capable of performing twice the work of the pointer or setter, and with one half of the exertion. The laws on woodcock shooting for the neighboring States are as follows: Open season in New York State, Aug. I to Jan. 1. except in Oneida and Herkimer counties, where the season is not open till Sept. 1; New Jersey, July 1 to Aug. 1, and from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1 making August a close month. Pennsylvania, July 4 to Jan. 1; Maryland, June 14 to Feb. 1; Virginia, July 1 to Feb. 1; and Connecticut, from to Jan. 1. To shoot in the State of Delaware it is necessary to become a

woodcock shooting is the terrible fa-

igue consequent to man and dog with

member of the Delaware Game Protective Association.

Worse than a Ghost-A strunger was sitting in the cemetery of a town in northern Ohio one evening recently when a man approach-

"Oh," replied the stranger, laughing pleasantly, "I am not at all supersti-

The two gentlemen then chatted for "One pair ought to last me over, but a few moments, and finally the stran-

> "Great St. Muldoon!" yelled the man who wasn't afraid of ghosts, as he sprang to his feet and made a break for the town.

Haves.

If bones are really as valuable as they are claimed to be by some for grapevines, every one has the means at hand for stimulating his vines to a wonderful vigor. It is said that if a bone is placed in the earth near the root of the grape, the vine will send out a leading root directly to the bone. In its passage it will throw out no fibers, but when it reaches the bone, the root will entirely cover it with the most delicate fibers, like laca, each one seeking a pore of the bone. On this bone the vine will continue to feed as long as nutriment remains to be ex-

tracted. When you measure aught give full measure and weight with a just balance. One hour of equity is better than seventy years of devotion.

If female juries ever become established in this country, hemely men and pretty women will do well to keep within the confines of the law.

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