Give me white paper; This which you use is black and rough with

onears
Of sweat and grime and fraud and blood and to a seed and grime and trade and cloth and to the to teams—
Crossed with the story of men's sins and fears, Of battle and of famine, all these years, When all God's children have forget their birth,
And drudged and fought, and died like beasts

Give me white paper; One storm trained seaman listened to the word. What no man saw he saw; he heard what no man heard. In answer he compelled the sea To cager man to tell
The secret she had kept so well.
Left blood and guilt and tyramny behind.
Sailing still west the hilden shore to find.
For all mankind that unstained scroll unfurled
Where God might write anew the story of the
World.

-Edward Everett Hale.

## TOO LATE.

"If I could only have a few flowers in the window, and a new carpet for the

best room floor, "sighed Laura Dymond. A soft voiced, fragile looking little creature, with big, troubled eyes, like a fawn's, and long lashes that almost touched her cheek when she looked downward, there was something about the delicate woman that reminded one of a hothouse blossom. She should have been tenderly nurtured and sheltered, as it were, from the rude winds of heaven; but we do not all settle into our proper niches in this world. In the next, heaven grant that it may be different with some

"Flowers!" echoed Hugh Dymond contemptously. "And a new carpet! Fiddle-de-dee! Lolly, what can you possibly be thinking of, when we need a wing to the barn and a new yoke of steers so much? But women are always going off on a tangent after the ornamental!'

Mrs. Dymond looked round the bare walled room, with worn rag carpet, its stiff backed chairs, and its pine table, and sighed. Mr. Dymond went on with his occupation-that of whittling out a wooden pin for the dooryard gate. "Well," he said nonchalantly, "what

are you groaning about?" "I wasn't groaning; only, Hugh-"

"I should so like to have some few

pretty things about me!" "Fu-u-udge!" grumbled the husband.

"As if this was a world of outside show!" "Oh, I don't mean that; but after all, you know, we none of us have but a few years to live, and-

"Now, come, come!" interrupted the husband, "don't let's have any of this "I don't think you quite understand me, Hugh, dear. What I mean is—"

"Yes, I do too; what you mean is, that you'd like to sit with your hands folded, a bouquet opposite, and a fine velvet carpet under your feet. Pity you

hadn't married a rich man." Little Laura Dymond winced slightly; but she was used to these sharp words and stinging retorts on her husband's part. It was the diamond mated with the rough flint-the slender stemmed anemone springing up beneath the shadow of the rude Canada thistle. She old herself, many times a day, that she lid not mind Hugh's way-she was used o it; but the falsehood was fresh every ime; she did mind his rough way, and she never could get used to some of those sharp, sudden words and looks.

She had been a district school teacher when Hugh Dymond married her, and all the idea she had of the existence of a farmer's wife was roses clustered round a picturesque porch, strawberries and cool dairy with green light coming through the vine leaves at the casement, and whippoorwills singing on the edge of the woods at night! Poor Laura! it might have been a silly delusion, but it was a brief one. To use Mr. Dymoud's own emphatic expression, "there wasn't any uonsense about him. Good pork and potatoes, and plenty of 'em; a shingled roof overhead, and furniture that was good enough for his mother before him; if a woman wanted more than these she must go somewhere else than to the Dymond farmflouse!"

Yes, it was all very solid and substantial, but Laura could no more thrive on it than a humming bird on a diet of

"I could draw my own \$50 out of the savings bank," said she doubtfully, "and get a fresh, pretty carpet. And oh, Hugh, I'm so tired of the worn spots in the striped rag carpet, and we really do need it in the sitting room."

"Bother!" responded the unceremonious husband. "Keep your \$50 for something that's going to be really useful. A clean board floor, and plenty of soap and cand; that was all the carpet my mother over asked for."

It is such hard work to scrub it twice a week, Hugh!" pleaded the poor little

"Oh, if you're afraid of work, that's all I have to say," said Mr. Dymond, shrugging his shoulders.

"Unnecessary work, Hugh." He made no answer, but Laura knew from the set look about his lips that her

innocent appeal had been made in vain. "The flowers would cost nothing," she went on. "Mrs. Jenkins would give me the slips, and Lizzie Clouncy has some

old pots which-" "Pshaw!" broke out Hugh. "If you want to garden, go out and weed the onious and cabbages; I'm sure they need it badly enough; but as for having the window sills cluttered up with a lot of green trash, it's what I won't stand! So now you've got my opinion, and I hope

you feel better." And he rose to his feet and quitted the room, taking care to shut the door with a bang that set Laura's nerves all in

She sat down and cried, the poor little solitary creature, when he was gone. She had thought so much of the carpet and the flowers; she had got it all planned out in her mind, and now Hugh forbade it. Well, there was no help for it; she must go back to the beaten track. Perhaps Hugh was right; only— And then

Laura cried again. "I don't know what's the matter with | say, do you love me?-Boston News.

her," said the puzzled husband. "She CHILI don't complain; only she won't eat or laugh, and goes around with her head hanging down like a sick chicken. It's rather hard on a workingman, who has The President Sends His Mes-

married a wife to be a helpmest to him

"I haven't any nerves."

Dymond's countenance fell.

The old physician's benign counte-

nance darkened; his brows contracted of

tongue! You've no idea what you are

nite mercy, sees fit to take her from you altogether?"

Hugh Dymond sat staring as if a levin

"You don't mean-... She-she's not

"How can we tell? She has been

worked down to a mere shadow of her-

self; you have treated her as you would

a dumb beast; and it isn't the kind of

life she had been used to, poor little blos-

ping his face in his hands, "I never dreamed of this!"

"My God!" groaned the husband, drop-

Doctor Meynell's heart softened as he

watched the strong shudder thrill through

the repentant man's iron frame. He did

love her, then, after all; he was not so

utterly heartless as he seemed; it was

"Tell me what to do, doctor," groaned

"Let her go back to her mother at the

seashore for a few weeks, advised the

physiciau. "Change, rest, pleasant so-

ciety-these will do much for her. And

when she comes back to you in the fall

let us hope it will be with renewed hope

And so Laura Dymond was sent away

for change of air and scene. The tears

gushed into her eyes when she had part-

A week afterward Hugh hitched up his

brown nag and drove to the nearest town;

and before night the "best room" floor

was covered with a cheerful red carpet,

strewn all over with little green leaflets

"Lolly will like the pattern," thought

Hugh, "because it's like something real.

How pleased she will be! And the

hearth rug is to match the carpet, and

the Nottingham curtains will freshen the

windows, and I'll have both the case-

ments filled with tea roses and gerani-

ams, for winter is coming on, and she

can't get any more of those posy pots in

the woods. I'm sorry now that I used to

When the first November snowflakes

room, where the roses and violets made

a June like scent, and the fire crackled

and the new carpet glistened in its cheer-

"Have tea all ready in your best style,

girl," "for I shall bring your new mistress

And Maranda, a plump, thriving daughter of the soil," promised that "all

"He must think a deal of her, to be

sure," said Maranda to herself. "I won-der if she really is so very pretty."

"The train isn't in yet, I suppose,"

aid Hugh, glancing around, as he tied

old Dobbin to the post, back of the depot

"No; but here's a telegram for you, Mr.

With trembling fingers Hugh Dymond

broke open the seal. Perhaps Laura was

not coming until to-morrow-perhaps

"Come to Senglen at once," it read.

Your wife died this morning at 4

The strip of senseless, cruel paper fell

from the bereaved husband's hand; he

taggered back against the wainscoted

wall, with a low cry, like that of one in

mortal pain. Lolly dead!-Lolly gone

from him forever!-the little loving,

wistful, dewy eyed creature, whom he

had spoken to so cruelly, many and many a time! And he had resolved to be so

different for the future-to cherish her so

tenderly. Lolly dead! Surely, surely

there must be some mistake; he could

And then, like the rush of some damp,

sepulchral wind across his heart came the

awful conviction that it was but too true,

The bright new carpet, with the leaves

and the moss sprays, had come too late-

the flowers would bloom in the casements

It was too late now-too late! And so

began and ended the sweetest idyl in all

Hugh Dymond's life. The carpet is

rolled up on the garret floor, the flowers

are dead and gone, and the red leaves of

a score of autumns have woven their

jeweled crown over Laura's grave; but

the sharp, envenomed sting of remorse

has not gone out of Hugh's heart yet-

He-Oh, fair angel, sent from heaven to

cheer my lonely life! O, peri of some undiscovered paradise! O, light of my

life, heart of my heart, I kneel before

you in humble supplication, adoring you as never woman was adored by mortal

man! I- She-That's all right, but,

The station master shook his head.

Dymond-came half an hour ago.

and wood brown sprays of moss.

and courage.

ed from her husband.

laugh at them so. '

ome in just an hour.'

should be right."

ful colors.

'clock."

not believe it.

all in vain!

no, nor ever will.

only thoughtlessness, not deliberate tyr-

Hugh Dymond. "If it costs me all I have in the world, Lolly shall be saved!"

going to die, doctor? My little Lolly; it

bolt had stricken him to earth.

isn't so bad as that!"

At this rate I shall have to hire a girl! "I shouldn't wonder," said the oid doctor, dryly. "It's the nervous system, EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON.

"Oh, pshawt" ejaculated Hugh. "Nerves? I don't believe in such a No More Temporizing-Egan Will Net be Recalled-Chili Must Apologize or Diplomatic Relations Will Cease -"You'll have occasion to before long," said Doctor Meynell. What is to be Demanded.

Washington, Jan. 25. — President Harrison's message on the Chilian "But other people may have, neverthesituation, accompanied by the docu-"Lolly never told me she had such a ments, correspondence, &c., in the thing the matter with her," said Hugh, case, was sent to Congress to-day.

MUST

sage to Congress.

speaking with an injured air. "But if The message reviews all of the evithere's any particular kind of medicine dence in the case, and says he feels would do her good, and it isn't too excompelled to stand upon the demands of the note of the 21st to Minister

"She must have entire change of air; total change of scene," said the doctor. These demands are that the Chilian Government must apologize and make reparation for the assault upon "And what am I to do, all by myself the Baltimore's sailors on October 16. That the Matta circular note of at home? Very selfish and inconsiderate

December 13 must be withdrawn. The language must be disavowed with as much public sy as it was circulated or diplomatic relations with

"Man, man," he said, hold your rash Chili will cease. Mr. Egan's recall will not be con-sidered until these matters are distalking about! Suppose God, in His inflposed of.

The president in stating his reasons for making these demands, advised that they be confirmed and enforced by Congress.

Excitement in Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. There was intense excitement in Washington

this morning in anticipation of the developments of the Chilian crisis. The president confidently expected to have a message from Chili within a few hours, making some sort of reply to the ultimatum in the shape of three demands which the United

States Government has made. It was said that if a cable telegram came it would not necessarily cause the president's message to be with-

The general excitement was heightened this morning by the rumor which was persistently circulated since last night that Blaine had died suddenly. This report was started early last evening, and created the greatest ex-

HARRISON'S FRIENDS ANGRY.

citement all over the city. It was

soon found to be only a rumor.

They Say Chili Would Apologize But for Elaine,

Washington, Jan. 21.-All is seeming peace and quiet at the State, War and Navy Departments this morning. War talk has subsided wonderfully, and all the wiseacres are now predict-

Secretary Tracy still continues his preparations for possible hostilities. He says that there is no news at his department to-day and can be none because the Yorktown, with Com-mander Evans, has sailed away from Valparaiso with the refugees, leaving the navy unrepresented at the port. Any cable despatches therefore must, during the absence of the Yorktown, come to Santiago to the State Depart-

Much of the feeling that war with Chili has been averted is due to the belief that President Harrison and Secretary Blaine have had a serious misunderstanding over the question eddied softly through the air. Hugh took of how soon an apology should be peremptorily demanded.

That there is the bitterest feeling between Harrison and Blaine no one here doubts, and perfunctory state dinners, at which outward politeness is manifested, do not serve to shake the general belief that a break be-Maranda," he said to the new "hired tween the president and secretary of State is imminent.

> yesterday's conference in the White House said that the president's close friends aver that Chili would have been brought to terms long ago, but for Mr. Blaine's appeals for time and conciliatory measures.

When will Harrison and Blaine separate? is now the question of the hour, and is discussed with more eagerness and spirit than the question STEAM PIPE FITTINGS, of whether war will occur or where the Democratic National Convention will be located.

Husband and Wife Dead at 92.

NYACE, N. Y., Jan. 21.-David Doramus, aged ninty-two years, died at Closter, N. J., of grip, and arrange-ments were made for his funeral this afternoon. This morning his wife, also aged ninety-two, died of the same disease, and it was settled that she should be buried with her husband

The directors of the Muncy Bank of Williamsport, Pa., have decided to go into voluntary liquidation next

NEW YORK MARKETS.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Flour # bbi.—Fine, \$2:75a:38.15: superfine, \$38.50a:35: co. 2 extra, \$2.55a:38.15: No. 2 extra, \$3.50a:34.25: clears, \$4.30 a:84.00: straights, \$4.50a:84.25: clears, \$4.30 a:84.00: straights, \$4.50a:84.25: extra, \$9.45ba:25: winter, \$4.75a:85: city mills, shipping extras, \$4.90a:85. Rye flour, # bbi.—\$2.95a:83.10 for Western and \$3.25 for Brandywine. Buckwheat flour, \$1.65a:\$1.75 # 100 ibs.

Sugar.—Cut loaf and crushed, 5a:5c: cubes, 4;a4;c.: powdered, 4;a4;c.: granulated, 3;a4c: mould "A." 4;a4;c.: candy "A." 4;a4;c.: white extra "C." 3;a3 13-16c: yellows, 3;a3 11-16.

Copper.—Rio. 12a:7;c.: Maracaibo, 15a:22c.: Savanilla, 19;a23;c.: Central America, 18;a23;c.: Mexican, 18;a23;c.: Laguayra, 17a:32c.: Java, 22a:28c.: Mocha, 25a:25;c.

BUTER.—Eastern extras, 31;a3:2c.: Elgin extras, 32c.: Western extras, 31;a3:2c.: Elgin extras, 32c.: Western extras, 32a:36:: tubs and pails, firsts, 22a:24c.

Cherse.—State factory, full cream, fall make, fancy, 11;a12c.: fine, 11;a11b:: good to

half firkin tubs, fall chas, extras, 5325c.: tubs and pails, firsts, 2224c.

CHESSE.—State factory, full cream, fall make, fancy, Hjal2c.: fine, Hjallj.: good to prime, 10jalle.

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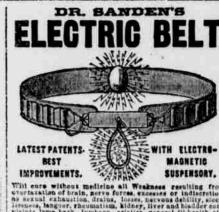
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