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Days that may be dreary; Other hours shall greet us yet, Hours that may be weary; Still that heart shall be thy home. Suil that breast thy pillow; Still those lips meet thine as oft As billow meeteth billow.

Sleep, then, on my happy beart, Since the love bath won it; Dream, then, on my loval breast-None but thee both done it; And when age our bloom shall change With its wintry weather, May we in the self-same grave Sleep and dream together.

# MARYROCK

THE Rock Family had emigrated to the very verge of wild Indian life, when the recent war between the United States and Mexico burst out, an event which while awakening prospects of fierce struggles between the rival republics, aroused also the hopes and passions of the swarthy Indian tribes that people the frontiers of the contending powers. Certain predatory habits characteristic of this family, had driven Cantain Rock from the easy neighborhood of Dickenson's Bayou, and from all others, one after another, until at last he found himself far nearer than was generally considered safe the Spanish peak and its troublesome tribes of Redskins.

This time the old man, his wife, son and days a ter—the other having remained with her husbandhad to build a house, instead of taking posession of one abandoned by former proprietors. They chose the mouth of a deep gully, and the verge of a dense all his recollections. The neighborhood of Indians finding themselves discovered leaped into their sadforest. Their but was, as usual, blocks of wood rudely put together; and their energies had this time gone so far as to induce the cultivation of small field of maize. This excepted, their whole existence depended on hunting and fishing. Mary, who, it seems, had become more slim than when I knew her, was all the more indefatigable in her pur suit of the game afforded by the fertile and happy scarcely breathed. The spot be occupied was rough, mounted again, the Indiana being close upon them, house of the Rocks. A buge blaze soon informed plains of Upper Texas. She and her brother were and filled by thorny bushes. It was about twenty and made for the rampart of smoke and flame that them that the place was burning. Mary felt sick ceaseless in their endeavors to track deer, wild turkey, and patridges, and supported their family entirely. The old couple did absolutely nothing but
eat, driak, sloop and smoke, utterly forgetful of their
hideous war-paint. Some were sleeping, some smocent, driak, sloop and smoke, utterly forgetful of their
hideous war-paint. Some were sleeping, some smocent rates, did not burn with that lightning-like taof the gully, and the scene, illuminated by the blaformer position in society.

the Rocks became aware of the presence of a neigh- against a tree. His side was towards the Kentuckborl. A tall young Kentuckian, passionately fond of ian, and his eyes were fixed on vacancy. Once he a wild life, suddenly located himself within a mile turned quickly in the direction of Snow; but the brightly, but to the left of this a thick black smoke not. A quick volley revealed their presence, and of their abode with a sturdy assistant from his own darkness, and the scout's motionless position, made cattle, and a wagon. He erected a solid frame his survey in peace. The long lances of the Indians house, and called his place Snowville-his name be- leaning against trees, showed him that the warriors ing given out as Captain Snew. With peace and tranquility, his farm would probably soon have been the centre of a neighborhood, and ultimately the site of a town. But a great pestilence, more destructive Indians, which he now saw did not exist. With than cholera or plague, was coming; Texas was the

As soon as Captain Snow had settled himself. built his house, and set his fields going, he thought it but right to pay a visit to the Rocks, despite the piratical character which he had heard of them around about Galveston. The chief things, however, which struck him on the occasion of his visit. were the wretchedness of their abode, the willful dotage of the parents, the industry of the children, and the matured beauty of Mary: Of a frank and sociable disposition, he made friends with young Rock, and very soon became the invariable companion of the brother and sister in their huntings and wanderenchained by her simplicity, truth und sincerity. - I ted his reply, and they sat down. in love, and was also the accepted lover of Miss nature of the Indian tribe. They were Camanches, at their fullest speed. tlements, be married.

cerned exere not engaged in necessary avocations. his friends to retire. He found them camped in its and collected in such force, become formidable. war, but his murderous propensities were wholly with shackled feet, and a small fire. quelled by the sight of Mary, whom he loved with Heap on more wood," said Capt, Snow, all the arder of a single-minded, honest and frank he came up; "the varmints have seen us, and the backwood man. Still he could not divert himself aight of our camp may keep then, in good humor .of regret at not partaking of the dangers of the ex- I conclude their scouts are spying us out this very nedition, and to divert his mind, proposed to the minute." And he explained all he had heard. brother and sister a week's hunting in the buffalo A hasty med but an ample one, was taken at orce regions, higher up the country. Both frankly ac- and then some portion of rest was snatched. Inquiessed, and one morning at dawn of day they deed the Rocks, with all the careless security of

best which Snow could pick from his lot. Each had horses were saddled in silence, a mouthful of corn a rifle, a powder horn, a bundle of corn-cakes, a flask cake eaten. Snow then doled out to each a zmall of native whiskey, and a hunting-knife. Mary, on panekin full of brandy, half of which they drank, bed a tree, took up the areas, provisions, and other this occasion, was dressed in almost as masculine a while with the other half, mixed with water, costume as her companions, and never was happier, they washed the joints of their horses, their mouths more sprightly, or filled with more of the enthusi- and ears. Then they piled a great quantity of wood pray to the savage white wolves. sam of prairie life. Their journey was up deep gul- on the fire, and then mounting their horses, rode off.

existence in the virgin woods and fields of America was being formed, to their left hand. has an inexpressible charm. They all felt it. To camp at night beneath trees hundreds of miles from "the varmint are on us!" some education, and Mary Rock had learned to read were seen waving in the distance. The fugitives rapidly emptied a good handful of powder. With ed redoubled charms.

cranky like, and trails his legs like an old mustang." "Hush!" said young Rock, in a low tone. "What's up?" whispered the other in an equally

cautions manner

which was thick with bushes, and overhung by his side, ready to cath us! I know that trick a mile trees, and at some considerable distance the blaze of off." t fire seemed reflected faintly on the silvery branches of a larch. The fire itself was completely hidfor an accidental opening in the trees.

"Ingines-redskins!" observed Capt. Snow. "Do tiles, and look at their paint."

himself of his rifle, pouch, every thing, in fact, but the fire. Snow moved with all the stealth and caution of fire."

lous; and the safety of his affianced wife quickened unnoticed. The three fugitives were busily engaged. in expedients as that of a backwood lawyer is in torn-up cloaks; and then, having carefully and tight to his blacks, and they acted accordingly. The billock, behind which lay the camp. Snow now the eyes and nostrils of the horses. They then maze field, and thus gained a trail that led to the vards from the dangerous vicinity of the fire. Slow- by between them and life. were cavalry, and this circumstance made his heart beat. He had hoped that the horses of his party would have given him a certain superiority over the this conviction he was about to retire, when a young Indian moved aside the tree near the fire, and advanced into the centre of the opening, until he stood before the chief, who was smoking his red clay pipe with becoming gravity.

"Pale faces!" said the young man, after the usual

"Ugh!" replied the chief. . "Three," continued the young man; "one square -two warriors. Bousw dressed like a warrior: her voice soft and sweet like a pale face girl,"

"Ugh!" said the chief. Another pause ensued, after which the young man having explained that the white party was tired and ings. The consequence was natural. Had she not weary, and could not go far, the chief of the warbeen the only female within a hundred miles, Mary party ordered him to take a dozen warriors about

Rock. It was agreed on all sides, that immediately the Arabs of the great prairie wilderness, outlying after the maize harvest they should freight a boat in the woods in the hope of cutting off volunteer with their various goods, and going down to the set- parties going to Mexico. Using all his caution he crept from his dangerous post, nor departed from his tains were upon them in vast droves. The animals crept from his dangerous post, nor departed from his follow prairie fire in search of the carcasses of deer,

The interval was chiefly spent in hunting, fishing, notseless walk until half a mile distant. He then boating and riding, when the various parties con- made boldly for the clump where he had advised turkeys, rabbits, hares, &c., that perish in the flames, Captain Snow heard with a bounding heart of the very centre, well concealed, their horses grazing The wretched horses instinctively darked away, and

their frish blood, slept soundly until two hours be-This time, all the hunters rode horses, the very liore daylight, when Snow roused them up. The

lies, along heaving plains, by cool streams, and he Nat a word was spoken, while Snow, who headed the fugitives to talk over their position. They neath the shadow of thick woods. They arode along the party, forbore to press the horses, reserving their then ate and drank and smaked in silence for anothin the morning until they found a place fit for sport, atrength for sudden emergencies. They soon eatre- er half hour, when all were sufficiently recovered and then balting, lit a fire, shackled their horses, and ed a beaten trail in the forest, which they followed to hold a souncil. The walves were howling started on foot in search of game, sometimes togeth- until dawn. The night had been dard, without around the tree, which was lofty and thick, and er, sometimes separate. When success crowned moon or stars; and when the gray morning broke, seemed determined not to abandon their prey. But their efforts, or when night approached, they return they found that their imperfect knowledge of the the backwood trio laughed at them. Their chief ed to their camp and supped. After this operation, country had deceived them, and that they were get- concern was the loss of their paor horses, and the which in the prairies is a very dangerous one, they ting away from home. They retracted their steps, prospect of a tramp home. They were now pretmade a sober attack on their whiskey-gourds and to guided by the lofty smeke of their own fire, not with ty secure from the Indians, who believed them bacco pouches, and after a little gossip, were glad the intention of getting so far back, but of gaining to have perished in the flames, and who would DUTTER WANTED.—see drains good Dairy Buser wanted to find rest. Mary had a little but, formed of bought another trail which led across a vast open pragric in and their three clocks, the brother and affianced has the direction of home. Presently the skirt of the gration.

Thus they wandered for more than a week, and It was of the rolling character, covered with lofty howling of the wolves because intolerable, and Capnone thought of turning back. When the wild pas- high grass, and entended far out of sight. A heavy tain Snow and young Rock resolved to rid themsions of rapine and slaughter and murder, almost in- cloud in the distance, hanging over the edge of the selves of the nuisance. They descended to the separable from savage life-which has generally all horizon, showed that in that direction the prairie was lower branches of the tree and looked down. A the faults of civilized life, with scarcely any of its on fire. Towards this the trio rode slowly, in a line fearful yell from a hundred throats greeted them; virtues-are kept in the back ground, a wandering which promised to leave the vast conflagration, which and the aspect of the long hanging tongues, fierce

hopses and men, is a thing which excites remantic. At the same moment the war-cry of the Indians five-barrelled pistols drive the jackals back an infeelings in the rudest, and none of the trip belonged was heard in all its horror from a hundred screech- stant. Snow was perched over a large pile of quite to the rough cast. Capt. Snow had received ing throats, and the long lancers of the Camanches leaves driven together by the wind. On this he before I left the country. They had thus some com- now gave whip and spur, and the horses bounding the lighted tobacco from his pipe, a flame was promon topic of conversation, and their excursion gain- at a rapid pace, and for a short time they succeeded duced, and the purning moss dropped as the wolves One evening, a little after dusk, having falled du- were never out of sight. For hours they rode hard terrific yells, as the leaves took fire and the gunring the day to find a suitable encampment in an arid over the plain, until they were not more than two plain, they had turned back towards that which they miles distant from the crackling, smeking, blazing Young Rock now leaped down, flung some word on left in the morning. They had ridden pretty bard, high grass, which bore down towards them like a the fire, and, joined by his party, soon had a fiery and when they came to the dry bed of a torrent flery avalanche. To their left lay a stream of water which they had to cross, their horses were very to their right a level sward, which had burnt some months back and was now covered with short turfy "I reckon," said Capt. Snow, "we'll not circum- grass. Near its edge grazed a number of wild horses, vent Dick's Ferry this night. My hore is getting which presently raised their heads as they approach. ed; for this mode of escape they had preferred to trying for a ford.

The Mexican Indians, by means of a throng round usually adopted when flying before superior forces, you and Polly slope away to youder clump of trees, to gueranty their bodies from arrows and bullets. and hide away spry, while I creep down to the rep- Capt. Show looked anxiously around him. The pursurers were about a mile behind them, the am-With these words, the Kentuckian descended from bushed Indians about a half mile to their right, his horse, took of his cloak or poncho; and divesting, while at about an equal distance before them was

his tough pantaloons, flannel shirt, mocassins, and "We have little choice," said he calmly. "My hunting knife, began to descend the stony bed of the friends, we must do a dreadful bold thing! The horriver. Mary and her brother rode away with every | see will be a little skerry like, but a quick eye and precaution, leading the third horse between them. a cool head will do it. We must shoot the prairie vent the junction of the whites. Snow found that

the Cherokees, and seen their arts and contrivances steed amazed at the very thought. But Snow left in the profession of man-slaying. He now roused them no time for reflection. The concealed Indians might be harmless, but it likewise might be danger- dies, and bore down upon them. But they remained the young man's blood, but took nothing from the They hed placed their powder flasks out of the reach and darkness once set in, Snowville was abandoned admirable coolness of his head, which was as fertile of fire; they had wrapped their rifles in strips of their to two negro slaves. Snow had always been kind abuse. It took him nearly an hour to reach a little thy bound their own cloths, they tied bandages over party of aix crept on hands and knees through a

king, while two or three were on the watch. One pidity which leaves no chance of escape. It burned zing hut, was revealed in all its gravity. Old Rocks before them a lofty clump of bushes but high and land, four negro slaves, a dozen horses, a herd of him see nothing, and the white man could continue fire had less purchase. They were maving rapidly, half the detance the old couple were among them, the line of flame, and the Camanches were yelling beat af once; and before the astonished savages ralwith delight. They gainned ground every minute lied, the pale-faces commanded the entrance of the on the fugitives, and saw no chance of escape for gulley, and retreated in good order. The magic

"Close your eyes and follow," suddenly cried Captain Snow, seizing the bridle of Mary's horse, and plunging headlong into the thick smoke of the smoul- then the Indians gave up the siege. On the fifth day dering swamp. The atmosphere which for a long the whole party was mounted; the wagon, drawn by time had been oppressive, now became absolutely sufficating. The noise was infernal. Crackling old Rock and his wife. The rest served as an escort. reeds, hissing damp bushes, flaiming grass, a black vapor that choked and blackened, was all that they distant, where Captain Snow was to be united to could distinguished, with a sense of intense heat, and Mary., They were married; and then joined by then a black plain, covered with chaired wood, with four enterprising families, the bold backwoodsmen smouldering heaps of charcoal, lay before them .- again entered the wilderness, and returned to their They had passed with the least possible amount of old residence. A village was formed, and Cantain injury. A few burns, a scorching sense of thirst, Snow was at once chosen as shoriff. The commufaces as black as negroes, was all that had ensued mity was small, but full of perseverance; and though from this desperate and daring act. Snow pressed they have suffered a little from Indian attacks. the hand of Mary in silence, and then examined the courage and industry soon repaired the damage: horses. They were irreparably lost. Their legs and Mrs. Snow seems in a fair way of presiding would have won the heart of any youth, not already dawn and attack them. The Howling-Windgrun- had suffered burns, which would render much far over a considerable town at no very distant period. ther journeying impossible; but they were compelled, Captain Show, in a month, was over head and ears Captain Show was now amply satisfied as to the despite their frightful state, to arge them on again

A howl, that Snow knew too well, warned him of a new danger. The bayage wolves of the mounthe fugitive band made form wood about five miles off, which had been spared from the fire, grass near the trees being too damp and too short to burn. As they rode, they loosened rifles and pistols, and took their huge powder horns from the many swaths which had protected them. Several times they halted and fired at the furious beasts which to the number of about four hundred came on behind them. Their shots told, and a general halt showed that the calete were engaged in devouring their unlucky companions. At length the wood was reached, and while by a general discharge, they for an insant checked the advance of the hungry brutes Mary, climtrape, and was then followed by the weary men .-The horses galloped away, and became-instantly a

It required an hour of absolute repose to enable

wood was reached and they were on the huge plain. They spoke some time in a low tone, until the

eyes and savage teeth of so many animals, would "Whip handsomely!" suddenly exclaimed Snow; have terrified any but men inured to dangers and hardsbigs. A quick volley from their revolving in leading the Camanches; but their long lances returned to the charge. The animals retreated with powder flashed, and then kept at a respectful distance. rampart round the tree. Within this they rested and dressed their wounds, or rather burns.

The next day, after sixteen hours of repose, the whole party started on foot. The wolves, which only collect in dangerous numbers on rare occasions had dispersed over the black and smoking plain .-Weary and thresome was the journey through the "The reptiles!" suddenly exclaimed Snow, reining forest, through swamps, along dreary interminable in his horse. "Do you see them horses? Well, plains, with heavy rifles on their shoulders. They Young Rock pointed down the bed of the torrest, every one of them has an Indian devil hanging by rarely fired a shot, cating sparingly, and at long intervals, for the crack of fire arms had now become dangerous. Ten days they tramped along, and on the morning of the eleventh they were within a the saddle, and a peculiar stirrup will hang for hours mile of the dwelling of Capt. Snow. Two or three den, and would have been admirably concealed but beside a burse, which will thus appear to be gollop- smart reports of guns made them prick up their ing of its own accord over the plains. The trick is ears, quickly followed as they were by the duller report of Indian the fusile. The trio plunged into the thicket, loosened their rifles, and advanced. Ten minutes brought them to the skirt of the wood.

The buildings of Snowville were a little more than a hundred yards distant. The Indians lay about fifty yards to their left, behind the wagon and corn-stack frame. Quick as thunght Snow and his companions fired, and then, with a load vell. rushed across. /Taken in flank, the savages sought the cover of the wood, and made no effort to prehis house had been blockeded two days by the inan Indian warrior. He had lived these years with The Rocks had heard of such a thing, but they dians, but that his assistant, and four negro slaves had; made a very spirited defense. Mary was alarmed about her parents; but during the day any movement was impossible.

> They accordingly rested until night, meanwhile making every preparation for further resistance; at heart, and darted forward. She was only requickly, but steadily, and Snow remarked that in and his wife cowered down by two posts; the Indisome places smoke predominated over flame. Just any were preparing for the torture; they were at least twenty in number. But the whites hesitated seemed to indidate a swampy expanse where the then on they rushed. But before they had gone the Indians not two hundred yards behind them, along with Indian guns in their hends. A retreat was reputation of the Western rifle kept the Camanches,

at a respectable distance.

Two days more were they, within their post, but oxen, contained all their valuables, and on the top Their destination was a country two hundred miles Peace is now restored, and a wife and mother, the heroine of this narrative has given up the nomadic habits of MARY ROCK.

# True Blue.

A Quebec correspondent of the Boston Ranger, tells the following story of a Yankee, who had been "all round." at that place:

The Yankee approached a group of English gentlemen in front of a Hotel, and fluorishing a red bandans, observed:

"Wall, I've been all round and I've concluded we don't want ye." An Englishmen addressed him with: "What do

ron think of the Citadel?" "Oh, Scott wouldn't make anything of taking that; he'd land fifteen miles down the river and

starve them out." "But it is stocked with three years provisions," replied the other. "Well, he'd stay five, then."

Go it. Anglo-Saxon, thought we.

#### Laku, King of Siam, being awakened from sleep, and saved from assassination by the braying of an ass, commanded, in the ardour of his gratitude, that

How a Jacknes became Respected.

all mankind should be called asses. The story tells ne that whenever an ambassador from China came to the Siamese Court the master of ceremonies proclaimed: "Most potent Lake, absolute lord of the universe, king of the white elephants and keeper of the sacred tooth! a great Jackass from China has come to speak with your majesty."

# Marvellone

It has lately been discovered by some or the Boston quidaunce, that Jenny Lind cate, drinks, welks and sleeps precisely like other people. Who'd a

marry it. "With thou?" said the Freet, and the Flower wilted.

Not Quite Up to Snuff. Old Quiz met his patient and slopt her, A pinch from her spuff-box to draw: "You're famous, I hear." cries the Doctor "For having the best Maccabaw." How charming the anuff-box you wear!" " Tis much at your service," she cried. "Nay, nay, that is too bad, I d'clare, To plack me and los me beside!" The Way to Do It.

Boy, if you want to become dissolute and deprared; if you desire to be young in years and old in crime; if you want to become odious in the eyes of all respectable men, keep the company of tippiers . and hang around the rum shops.

Your if you should be shunned by the virtuous and good; if you would be slighted by the fair, abhorred by the pure; if you would be marked by the finger of scorn, and written down as one doomed to infamy, patronize the gay gin palace and keep the company of the fiends who dwell therein.

Man, would you proveke the enmity of your kind, destroy your influence, annihilate your credit, ruin our buisness, disgrace your kindred, beggar your family? then tarry at the cup, and frequent the rum

Woman would you sink to a depth of degradation, whence scarcely the illimitable reach of the Ouripolent arm can pluck you; would you obliterate all that makes you lovely, all that assimulates you to the angles; would you stand in God's fair sunlight "a thing for scorn to point the finger at;" would you become an object to make the fissh creap and the hair bristle with borror? drink alcohol?

Mortal! would you pervert your noble nature, foil your sublime destiny; abase your curious and wonderful body, ruin your divine mind, degrade your race, abuse and defy your God? drink alcohol?

These directions are infallibly; they are copied from the Thermacoposia of Hell. Brandyopathy is the dominant school of practice, and doses of shoulthe only prescription that serves to glut the great re-

#### Wie Hen.

The fullowing are a few of the characters coming

inder this bead: The jealous man-who poisons his own banquet and then leats it.

The mirer-who starves himself to death that his heirs may feast.

The mean man-who bites off his own some to despite his neighbor. The angry man-who sets his own house on fire

that he may burn up another's. The slanderer-who tells tales and gives his 'esemy a chance to prove him a lier.

The self conceated man-who attaches more cuasequence to dignity than to common sense.

The proud man-who falls in the estimation of sensible observers in proportion as he rises in his

The envious man-who cannot enjoy life and prosperity, because others do. The dishonest man-who cheats his own more vitally than he does his fellow man.

# A Singular Case.

It is stated in an English paper, that a lad in Leghorn was lately amusing himself by pursuing "buszing millers," as they are called, when another flying in an opposite direction came with such velocity into his month; that it remained fixed in the throat more than a quarter of an hour, after which it suceeded in crawling into the stomach. So dreadful was the tensetion produced, that the boy continued retching for nearly twinty hours, and he only escaped with his life, owing to the great care of a uedical gentleman.

It should be generally known that a small quadtity of vinegar will generally destroy immediately. my insect that may find its way into the stomach and a little sallad oil will kill any losect that may eater the ear.

# A Strange Beast

While Van Amburgh's collections was entering New Haven, not long since, the elephant completely enveloped in a huge blanket, reaching nearly to the ground, was very leisurely engaged in picking up with his proboscis, the end of which was only exposed to view, the fugitive straws of hay which were scattered about the streets; observing which a on of Brin exclaimed, "Be jabes! an' what sort o' baste is that, ating hay with his tail?"

Away up in Vermont, a long time ago, an Irish "help" had spoiled a lot of candles, by fetting them fall into a hogshead of rain water. The patience of her mistree's gave way entirely under the disaster, and she retired to her room in a passion. While trying, onsuccessfully, to calm her excited feelings, by taking violent exercise in the rocking chair, an odor more penetrating than agreeable assailed her nose, and cansed her to exclaim-"Mercy sakes, Bridget, what is the matternow?"

"Nothin' ma'am," replied Bridget, "I buly but the candles in the hot oven for to dary?"

SUGULAR CASE .- Lucas F., son of the Rev Amos Babcock, died in Holland; Mass., on the 8th fast., aged twenty-two years. For nearly five years the deceased lay without being moved an inch, or a change of clothes being made. This could not be done without putting him in the greatest agony; and in the opinion of about twenty physicians who were consulted, without causing death. The original cause of this painful condition was probably a shock occasioned by his making a mis-step or slide, on the brink of a precipice, where nothing but a small twig or bush, saved him from instant destruction.

IF A very modest old maid visiting a newly married friend recently, saw one of her husband shirts lying on the bed, and exclaimed:

"Oh, mercy, a man's shirt on your bed! such a thing on my bed would give me the night mare!" "Very likely," responded the wife, "smices the man was inside of it."

An Irishman writing from California, says; Li's an elegant country. The bed-bugs are as big as dinner pots, while the fleas are used for crossing creeks withmore hop and they are over, with two on

Somebody says: the devil never troubles a busy man-this we known to be false. Show us a busier man than the editor, and yet he is fortunate if he has no more than one "devil" to treuble hims especially when "copy" is short: