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The hand of my darling now cold and dead And I put it aside with a passionate fling,

And something was broken-a heart or a string And again I essayed, when the tears had

dried And the tumult of sobs in my bosom was

still To touch it once more with the olden pride, That the hearts that yet love me might hear it and thrill :

But a soft low note with its melting power, A tone of deep pathos, had trembled and gone :

And my hopes died out in that silent hour, And left me in darkness and sorrow alone. What wonder, beloved, that I cannot sing A song of the heart with a broken string?

What worth is the lute when its music hath fled ? What worth is the strain when its alto is

lost? What worth is the heart with its tenderness shed.

And all its warm feelings laid waste by the frost? But love cannot die. There is comfort in this,

That Love is eternal, though passion controls Aud what, then, is heaven, with its glory and bliss.

of souls-

taken by Oxford students.

be able to enter.'

occupy are indisputable."

pursue my journey."

"My good sir," said a pert young law-

student, "possession is nine-tenths of the

with hopeless composure in his place.

erto sat in a revery, possibly thinking over

his chances of a rich benefice in the future.

"Will you accommodate me?" he asked,

"this is the last stage that starts for Lon-

don to-day, and business of urgent import-

"Some temporal affair, no doubt," said

the graceful youth, with mock gravity ;

"some speculation with filthy lucre for its

object. Good father, at your age your

thoughts should turn heavenward, instead

nacle of clay that chains us to earth."

And his companions roared with laughter

A glow of indignation just colored the

ings in a moment, and said with much

ance calls me to town."

at the "d-d clever joke."

But the union of hearts and communion When saints shall be minstrels, and angels

shall sing, And lutes shall have never a broken string?

-Catholic World for November.

The Lute with the Broken String. in a coach, and this warm weather, too ! violated for once the rules of hygiene by Old gentleman, if you will put yourself taking a middle seat, and all journeyed on under my care, I'll engage in the course | together without further quarrel or grumof six weeks, by a judicious course of de- | ble, except from coachee, who declared pletives, to save you hereafter the expense that "to be kept over time a minute and of a double seat. But, really, to take a a quarter at one stage, and only three secmiddle seat in the month of July is contra- onds less than three minutes at the next ry to all the rules of hygiene, and a prac- | was enough to try the patience of a saint, tice to which I have a professional objec- that it was !"-[Nov. Atlantic Mag.

> And the haugh was renewed at the old gentleman's expense.

By this time the patience of coachee, who had been listening to the latter part of the dialogue, was exhausted. "Harkee, gemmen," said he, "settle the business as you like ; but it wants just three-quarters of a

minute of twelve, and with the first stroke of the university clock my horses must be off. I would not wait three seconds longer for the king, God bless him. 'Twould be as much as my place is worth." And with that he mounted his box, took up the reins, bid the hostler shut the door, and sat with upraised whip, listening for the expected stroke.

As it sounded from the venerable belfry, the horses, as if they recognized the signal, many votes as possible for his friend. shot off at a full gallop with the four young rogues, to whom their own rudeness and our fat friend's dilemma afforded a prolific theme for merriment during the whole stage.

Meanwhile the subject of their mirth hired a postchaise, followed, and overtook them at the second change of horses, where the passengers got out ten minutes for lunch. As the postchaise drove up to the inn door, two young chimney-sweeps passed with their bags and brooms and their well-known cry.

"Come hither, my lads," said the corpulent gentleman. "what say you to a ride?" The whites of their eyes enlarged into still more striking contrast with the dark shades of the sooty cheeks. "Will you have a ride, my boys, in the stage-coach?" "Ees, zur," said the elder, scarcely daring to trust the evidence of his ears.

"Well, then, hostler, open the st ADIPOSE TRIUMPHANT. door. In with you ! And, d'ye hear ? be sure to take the middle seats ; so, one on A TALE OF ENGLISH MAIL COACH DAYS. each side." An English gentleman of true John The guard's horn sounded, and coachee's Bull propertions-weighing some eighteen voice was heard : "Only one minute and or twenty stone-had occasion to travel in a half more, gen'lemen ; come on !" summer by stage-ceach from Oxford to They came, bowed laughingly to our London. The stage carried six inside : friend of the corporation, and passed on and our hero engaged two places (as, in to the coach. The young lord was the consideration of his size he usually did,) first to put his foot on the steps. "Why, for himself. The other four seats were how now, coachee? What confounded joke is this? Get out, you rascals, or I'll These youths, being lighter than our teach you how to play gentlemen such a modern Lambert, reached the stage before trick again."

Rise Up, William Allen. Ho! all ve "rural roosters," Now is your time to crow ; For Allen's elected Gov-Erner of O-h-i-o! The Democratic party's dead, As all of you do know ; But a very nimble corpse it proved

Pommelling Washington.

George Washington preserved such uniform dignity that his most intimate friends dared not take any liberties with him. But a lady tells the following story from her own knowledge :

In the heated canvass which followed lefferson's nomination for the Presidency, General Washington's personal intimate friend, Light-horse Harry Lee, was opposed for Congress by Colonel ---- Peyton. So great was the interest felt by Washington for Lee, that on election day

Mount Vernon to Alexandria for the purpose of influencing by his presence as

Among the many acquaintances he encountered was a plasterer who had been employed at Mount Vernon. This plasterer was a small man, dofective, no doubt, in reverence, and it may well be believed. somewhat the worse for liquor, early in

little man proceeded to upbraid him for his known friendship for Gen. Lee-a man who, in his opinion (the plasterer's), was not only a Federalist, but an aristocrat to boot ; whereas Col. Peyton was a Democrat, a friend of the people, and especially of the peor laboring classes.

personal friend, Washington replied that the plasterer's preference was the result more of general ignorance on all sub-

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dentally meeting the lady, was struck her resemblance to his dead wife, four out her abode, and finally claimed her his own. When the case came for trathe second husband did not dispute fact of identity, but pleaded that his riv had renounced all claim to the lady by dering her to be buried, without first m ing sure that she was dead, and that would have been dead and rotting in h grave if he had not rescued her. 7 court was saved the trouble of deciding 1 knotty point, for, seeing that it was lik to pronounce against them, the fond 1 quietly slipped out of France, and fotrefuge in "a foreign clime, where their be continued sacred and entire till death c veyed them to those happy regions what love knows no end, and is confined with no limits."

Of dead-alive ladies brought to consciness by sacrilegious robbers, covetous the rings upon their cold fingers, no than seven stories, differing but slight from each other, have been preserved. one the scene is laid in Halifax ; in and er, in Gloucestershire; in a third, in S. ersetshire; in the fourth, in Droghe the remaining three being appropriated

Rondinelli. Soon afterward the plague as many towns in Germany. broke out in Florence ; Ginevra fell ill, ap- | Ring stories have a a knack of runni in one groove. Herodotus tells us he being pronounced dead, was the same day Amasis advised Polycrates, as a char consigned to the family tomb. Some one, against misfortune, to throw away sor however, had blundered in the matter, for gem he especially valued; how, taking t in the middle of the night the entombed advice, Polycrates went#seaward in a be bride woke out of her trance, and badly as and cast his favorite ring into the oce her living relatives had behaved, found her and how, a few days afterward, a fisher dead ones still less to her liking, and lost caught a large fish, so extraordinary no time in quitting the silent company that he thought it fit only for the royal upon whose quietude she had unwittingly ble, and accordingly presented it to intruded. Speeding through the sleep- fortunate monarch, who ordered it to wrapped streets as swiftly as her clinging dressed for supper; and lo! when the cerements allowed. Ginevra sought the was opened, the surprised cook's astonish home from which she had so lately been eve beheld his master's castaway riborne. Roused from his slumbers by a much to that master's delight, but his knocking at the door, the disconsolate wid- viser's dismay; for when Amasis heard dates or of the issues involved in the can- waiting below, in whose upturned face he friendship with Polycrates, feeling control of the issues involved in the can-

So all ye "rural roosters," Now is your time to crow ; There's nobody left but Dem-Ocrats in O-h-i-o ! St. Louis Democrat. PARALLEL STORIES. he mounted his horse and rode up from In the year 1400, Ginevra de Amiera, a Florentine beauty, married, under parental pressure, a man who had failed to win her heart, that she had given to Antonia parently succumbed to the malady, and, the day as it was. Having saluted the Pater Patrize, the

Nettled by the disparagement of his of the character of the respective candi- window, and, seeing a shrouded figure patched a herald to break his contract

jects than of any correct knowledge, either ower of a day cautiously opened an upper the wonderful event, he immediately d

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he did, and each snugly possessed himself . "Sit still, my lads; you are entitled to of a corner seat, leaving a center seat on your places. My lord, the two middle each side vacant. The round, good-tem-, seats, through your action and that of pered face of John Bull soon after appear- your young friends, are mine, they were He is not to blame for his ignorance, and ed at the carriage door, and, peering in at, regularly taken and duly paid for. I the vehicle and observing the local arrange- choose that two proteges of mine shall ocments, its owner said, with a smile, "You cupy them. An English stage coach is see I am of a pretty comfortable size, gen- free to every one who behaves quietly, and tlemen ; so I have taken two seats. It will I am answerable for their good conduct : greatly oblige me if one of you will kindly and so mind and behave, boys ! Your lordmove into the opposite seat, so that I may ship has a horror of a middle seat, pray take the corner one."

"Overreached us, by Jove !" said the law student. "We give up the cause, and law. You engaged two seats. There they 'cry you mercy, Mr. Bull?" "Blythe is my name."

are, one on each side. We engaged one each, came first, entered regularly into "We cry quits, worthy Mr. Blythe." possession, and our titles to the seats we "You forget that possession is ninetenths of the law, my good sir, and that "I do not dispute your titles," said the the title of these lads to their seats is inother, "but I trust to your politeness, see- disputable ; I have installed them as my ing how the case stands, to enable me to locum tenentes, if that be good law Latin. It would be highly unjust to dislodge the "Oh hang politeness," said a hopeful poor youths, and I cannot permit it. You young scion of some noble house. "I have have your corner."

"Heaven preserve us !" exclaimed the a horror of a middle seat, and would not medical student. take one to oblige my grandmother; it's

ungraceful as well as uncomfortable ; and, "You are surely not afraid of a black besides, one has no chance of looking at coat," retorted the other. "Besides we ought not to suffer our thoughts to the pretty girls along the road. Good old gentleman, arrange your concerns as you dwell on petty earthly concerns, but to please ; I stick to my corner." And he turn them heavenward."

leaned back, yawned, and settled himself "I'd rather go through my examination a second time than to sit by these dirty Our corpulent friend, though a man not devils," groaned the medical student.

easily discomposed, was somewhat put out "Soot is perfectly wholesome, my young friend; and you will not be compelled to by this unmannerly obstinacy, He turned violate a single hygienic rule. The corner to a smart looking youth with a simper on you selected is vacant. Pray get in."

At these words coachee, who had stood grinning behind, actually cheated into forgetfulness of time by the excellence of the joke, came forward. "Gentlemen, you have lost me a minute and a quarter, already. I must drive on without ye, if so be ye don't like your company."

The students cast rueful glances at each other, and then crept warily into their respective corners. As the hostler shut the door he found it impossible to control his mutter of astonishment. But Greens pock- joiced at. of being confined to the dull, heavy taber- features. "I'll give you something to change your cheer, you grinning rascal !" said the disciple of Æsculapius, stretching out of the window ; but the hostler nimbly evaded the blow.

"My white pantaloons !" cried the lord. stranger's cheek ; but he mastered his feel-"My beautiful drab surtout !" exclaimed the the lawyer expectant, "the filtby ras-

determined that I shall lose my place ; or . cals !" will you oblige me by taking a center seat?" "Ay, do, Tom," said his lordship to the

vass. The allusion to his want of educaman could stand. To the astonishment of the witnesses, he ripped out an oath and said

"Well, I don't care if I am ignorant ; I know my rights, anyhow. You fought for our liberties, and won 'em, and hang me if I don't intend to exercise 'em." Whereupon he delivered a number of dry blows upon the chest of the august chieftain. The bystanders made a rush to tear him in pieces, but Washington, placing his hand on the small man's shoulder, drew him close to him and said :

"He shall not be harmed. I have wounded him in the tenderest part of his nature. it is but natural that he should resent an allusion to it." So the plasterer went scot free.

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and lengthen your life. Why, you'd soon be able to blow five hundred pounds and win the five dollar prize." "Why, does a feller get five dollars when he blows that many pounds ?"

"Yes, sir; wouldn't you like to make a "I don't care if I do," said Greens, walking around and planking down a dime of the greasy shiuplaster sort.

disastrous. The fellow's chest began to grow and distend until he resembled a pouter pigeon more than a man, at which point he put the mouth-piece to his lips and blew with such force that his eyes came out and stood around on his cheek bones to see what was the matter-but crowd cheered, and the keeper of the can

eted them coolly, and turning to the spectators, said : "Look here, gents, that ain't nothing to

do at all for a man who has been a bugler years, like me."

from a fourth story upon the shoulder of a being wedded against her inclinations ; in-The noise of the carriage wheels and the man passing beneath. The man paused stead of coming to life of her own accord, unrestrained laughter of the spectators for a moment, and then with a voice tremb- and seeking her lover as a last resource,

recognized the lineaments of the dear de- ' dent the latter would come to an ill tion was more than the intoxicated little parted, he cried, "Go in peace, blessed "as he prospered in everything, ever spirit," and shut the window precipitately. finding what he had thrown away." With sinking heart and slackened step, the The city of Glasgow owes the ring h repulsed wife made her way to her father's ing salmon figuring in its armorial bear door, to receive the like benison from her to a legend concerning its patron, S dismayed parent. Then she crawled on Kentigern, thus told into the "Actor 5. to an upcle's, where the door was indeed torum'': "A queen, having formed opened, but only to be slammed in her face improper attachment to a handsome by the frightened man, who, in his hurry, dier, put on his finger a precious forgot even to bless his ghostly caller. The which her own lord had conferred on h cool night air penetrating the undress of . The king, made aware of the fact, but a the hapless wanderer, made her tremble sembling his anger, took an opportuni and shiver, and she thought she had waked in hunting, while the soldier lay asleep to life only to die again in the cruel streets. side the Clyde, to snatch off the ring "Ah !" she sighed, "Antonia would not throw it into the river. Then returni have proved so unkind." This thought home along with the soldier, he demand naturally suggested that it was her duty of the queen the ring he had given h to test his love and courage ; it would be She sent secretly to the soldier for the rit time enough to die if he proved like the which could not be restored. In great to rest. The way was long, but hope re- ror she theu dispatched a messenger to: perved her limbs, and soon Ginevra was the assistance of the holy Kentigern. 1 knocking timidly at Rodinelli's door. He who knew of the affair before being opened it himself, and, although startled formed of it, went to the river Clyde, leans Herald says : A few evenings ago, by the ghastly vision, calmly inquired what having caught a salmon, took from while the chief engineer of a lungtester was the spirit wanted with him. Throwing stomach the missing ring, which he expatiating upon the benefits to be derived her shroud away from her face, Ginevra to the queen. She joyfully went with it exclaimed : "I am no spirit, Antonio ; I the king, who, thinking he had wrong daverous individual stepped out of the am that Gineyra you once loved, who was her, swore he would be revenged upon buried vesterday-buried alive "' and fell accusers; but she, affecting a forgivi senseless into the welcoming arms of her spirit, besought him to pardon them. astonished, delighted lover, whose cries for she had done. At the same time she co "Yes, sir; certainly; it would expand help soon brought down his sympathizing fessed her error to Kentigern, and solen your chest, give elasticity to your lungs, family to hear the wondrous story, and ly vowed to be more careful of her condu bear its heroine to bed, to be tenderly tend- in the future. ed until she had recovered from the shock and was as beautiful as ever again. Then Newcastle, named Anderson, handling 1 came the difficulty. Was Ginevra to re- ring as he leaned over the bridge, dropps

shut his door against her, or give herself vant bought a salmon in the market, trial ?" with a knowing wink to the crowd. to the man who had saved her from a sec- whose stomach the lost ring was foun ond death? With such powerful special pleaders as love and gratitude on his side, of course Rodinelli won the day, and a pri-Then taking the mouth-piece in his vate marriage made the lovers amends for hand he made ready. He opened his previous disappointment. They, however, mouth until the hole in his face looked had no intention of keeping in hiding, but like a dry dock for ocean steamers, and the very first Sunday after they became began to take in wind. The inflation was man and wife, appeared in public together Journal. like that of the great balloon, but not so at the cathedral, to the confusion and wonder of Ginevra's friends. An explanation ensued, which satisfied everybody except LANDS .- Mr. Twain writes as follows t the lady's first husband, who insisted that the editor of the London Standard : nothing but her dying in genuine earnest could dissolve the original matrimonial bond. The case was referred to the bishop. who, having no precedent to curb his decithat can-top went up like a flash, and the sion, rose superior to technicalities, and needle of the indicator spun around like declared that the first husband had forfeitthe button on a country school-house door, ed all right to Ginevra, and must pay over until it stood still at 500 pounds ! The to Rondinelli the dowry he had received with her-a decree which we may be sure much moment, I desire to explain that paid over the \$5 dollars in stamps, with a all true lovers in fair Florence heartily re-

This Italian romance of real life has its counterpart in a French cause celebre, but the Gallic version unfortunately lacks names and dates; it differs, too, in matters in a deaf and dumb asylum for several of detail. Instead of the lady being a supposed victim of a plague, which in the older story secured her a hasty interment, she A HARTFORD bricklayer let fall a brick was supposed to have died of grief at

In 1559, a merchant and alderman turn to the man who had buried her, and it in the Tyne. Some time after, his Its value enhanced by the strange real ery, the ring became an heirloom, and w in the possession of one of the alderman descendants some forty years ago.

A similar incident, ending in a similar way, is recorded to have happened to or of the Dukes of Lorraine .- [Chamber

MARK TWAIN ON THE SANDWICH I

SIR: In view of the prevailing frenz concerning the Sandwich Islands, and th inflamed desire of the public to acquire in formation concerning them, I have though it well to tarry yet another week in Ea land, and deliver a lecture upon this al sorbing subject. And lest it be though unbecoming in me, a stranger, to come the public rescue at such a time, insten of leaving to abler hands a matter of do it with the best of motives and the must honorable intentions. I do it because am convinced that no one can allay th wholesome excitement as effectually as can; and to allay it, and allay it as quick ly as possible, is surely the one thing that absolutely necessary at this juncture. feel and know that I am equal to the task for I can allay any kind of an excitement by lecturing upon it. I have saved man mmunities in this way. I have alway beeu able to paralyze the public interes. any topic that I chose to take hold of an elucidate with all my strength.

Hoping that this explanation will also that if I am seeming to intrude I and a least doing it from a high impulse. I am sir, your obedient servant,



RADE MARK

from the free use of his instrument, a cacrowd and remarked to him : "Mister, do you think it would help me