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Selections.

My Louisa.

Viewed by the light of my present esperi-

ness in connection with my early engage-

me to have been exceedingly imprudent. Of

## "NO ENTERTAINMENT SO CHEAP AS READING, NOR ANY PLEASURE SO LASTING."

to take her from me-don't dream of part.

on my part.

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## COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1862.

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING. | years probably - my Louisa was unquestion- | they quite understood my addresses were | ing up my heart. Somehow, it seem

ing us-don't, you wicked, cruel, hard Louey was threatened by them with my mained.

' My Louisn went out of town, she was to hearted man. I should hate you; I should displeasure if she ventured to solace Lerself indeed--oh!"-and then happily, tears would with the society of others. So we were tospend a month with some relations at Portscome to hergiclief. Perhaps it was only gether all the evening, dumb and sulky and mouth. We made some show of keeping uatural that after this I should look out for wretched; pointed at by everyoody as an up a correspondence. · Poor creatures! We an opportunity of stating to my Louisa how | "engaged couple," and giggled at by young fond of her I supposed myself to by. It did people accordingly, and jested at freely by my Louisa Lipplesley-the Louisa to whom annoyance that she, a younger sister should | not occur to me then, though I am fully elderly folks who had too thoroughly endwindled and dawdled. A month passedawake to the matter now, that perhaps, up- joyed their suppers; and in an entirely fulse two months, three months, and for a long sirable blessings. on the whole, Mrs. Lippesley was not pre- position, and ashamed. The love we have time I had heard nothing of Louisa, and I The custom of dreaming on wedding cake cisely the sort of woman one would have imagined lasting as an edifice of stone seem- had not even been to call upon Mrs. Lipp - dates back to a very remote period. A slice desired for a mother-in-law, supposing one ed to be melting away like a snow image, to have had any power of selection. I and my Louisa and myself grew to be very ley, with Amelia; they had been at a morn-

deemed her to be simply a good, kind fond sick indeed of each other. mother, of rather a poetic temperament, Of course this is looking at the thing in and extremely affectionate towards me per- lits worst light possible. There were times sonally. "Whatever you do," she would when were rather less bent upon being so cry, as I left the house-"whatever you do, mutually disagreeable. There must now always wrap up. Mind and wrap up- and then be a sort of pleasure in being in there's nothing like it. My poor II-" and the company of a young and pretty creathen again emotion interposed. The im- ture such as my Louisa, even though she Bimbay Artillery-a dreadful man! promcression left upon my my mind was of had mental deficiencies and an inclination is) me you will not seek to injure him." course that the late Mr. Lippesley had met to be prevish. I did, I confess, often enjoy with death from her neglecting to wrap up the fact of walking about Highbury with nothing of the kind. in a secure manner, and the conclusion 1 my Louisa on my arm-the white chip bonound subsequently to be literally correct. net, with its lining of amber ringlets, close l learnt one day, from Flukewood, that his to my shoulder, and button-hole mouth coomy heart-Indeed I do. I can imagine your ing pleasant nothings, merely "Noes" and uncle died of delirium tremens; and I was feelings: but time will alleviate them. Ah, aware that it was often a part of that mal- "Yeses" as a rule, trying to believe that I the tears will come my blessed boy!" ady for the sufferer to abandon and destroy adored passionately, and was so fortunate his clothes, and wander about without them as to be about to marry eventually, the we-

in a truly alarming way. man of my choice. Still this was quite in It was not difficult to obtain an opportu- what I may call the honeymoon of my ennity for making a disclosure of my senti- gagement. There were after moons very ments to Louiss Lippesley. I had great much less luscious in quality.

doubt, however, about finding her in a state In time, too, I began to understand better Flukewood's observation, to the effect that a monster, care to be contrary?) a good wife always regarded as quite helpless, and una- a considerable number of years. She had member making a first attempt at a decla- I should save him nome trouble. He did to some boly else, and a good mother to ble to do anything for herself. " You can't long ago given over weeds, it seemed, though; ration, and uttering about a quarter, say, not pay near so many visits to his aunt's house after as he had paid before my engagement to Louisa. "The fact is," he said, plateis relived of on eagigement and the know," Chirlatte would exclaim. "O you had decidedly taken to flowers instead. She ing a green apple in the garden; too much laughing, my aunt wants rather too much old threaders taking is entited now to no , if y darlag, how could you think of daing affected a very decorated style of head dress, engaged for she appeared to take no notice attention." I knew in the end too well whatever of my remark. Perhaps it was what this meant. "You're quite one of the

well be using up as a section, according Lansa made any evention for her own b - in a sort of floral shower bath; and while rather feebly put and not very intelligible; family now, you know, my blessed boy,' worn-out and doutem; () lo matters to irred. (hot. S), weighed down by these expostne some of them in their descent had longed and so I was compolled to abandon the ef- Mrs. Lippe lev said to me once; "we shall on and custom other puppe from following that us, Lorisa, who perhaps had a natural upon her head, others were dangling down fort until a more favorable occasion. When not treat you as a stranger, we shall not inin our footsteps I hope and believe die I takent for coldence, was quite willing to her back or streaming about all parts of I commenced again, my Louisa looked so deed." At first I felt rather flattered by bave a faculty for generation quits as great abandon all effort to help herself, and to a'- her dress. Frequently she would mix straw much as though I were teasing her, and so such a cordial abandonment of all formalstrong an inclination to cry way expressed ity; but I soon found it was not quite s if in that old broken off affair there lingered her dresses, or trim her bonnets, or finish like a very mature Ophelia, rather over in her face, that I again have down, leav- agreeable to be regarded wholly as a male yet the smallest trille of real feeling, it should her drawings, or complete her daily hour's made for her mad scene; while now and ing my feelings only fragmentarily express member of Mrs. Lippesley's family as I tereste recognition from me. I would re- practice on the piano, or accomplish her then she would abandon flowers in favor of ed. On the next opportunity I declared had been anticipating. I don't know how gard it as sanctifying the whele, and not singing lesson, or do anything else for her feathers. I have known her also to have myself as suddenly and thoroughly as I the late Mr. Luopesley might have been rake with my pen in sentimental ashes while their fancy or desire to aid her could suggest. made diversion at times in the direction of could. Louisa said simply, "I'll tell mal" viewed, but I found myself considered in they were still warm, but pass on quickly to One result of this was, that my Louisa ap- velvet, spangles, steel beads and gold tas- and hurried away. I could hardly decide the light of a superior servant to the family. other and more indifferent matters. But the peared to be wholly unoccupied from day's sels. She was partial to color, and did not whether the observation was to be interpreted out of livery, and unrecompensed by wag's truth must be told-reticence on the sub- end to day's end-doing nothing but lounge care for insinuations or hints-or I should as an acceptance or a rebuke; whether she I was perpetual'y required to be in attensay, perhaps, tints-so much as solid down- was about to invoke a mother's blessing or dance on Mrs. Lippesley. Wherever she right assertions of it in the most positive a mother's vengeance. I was soon relieved, desired to go, my presence was invariably way. She thought vermillion far above however, if it could be called relief, by Mrs. insisted upon, by way of escort; I was alshe-bless her!-never cared a button about occurred to me, even in the mildest moments pink; and would not hear of pale primrose Lippesley's fulling heavily upon me. and ways loaded with shawls, wrappers, multof my imaginary affection for her, that my while there existed a possibility of procur- fainting in my arms, with the words wur- parcels and umbrellas. I was shivering muring on her lips, "Take her. Bless you out-ide theatre doors at midnight, strug-

Concerning the late Mr. Lippesley, I was -you cruel creature. Oh, how could you? gling to get cubs for Mrs. and Misses Lip-Why did I gaze into the calm, light blue, occupied apartments at Pimlizo. How did able to arrive at no certain information. Be happy. O my own sweet darling petmorning to see the Lippesleys home t From the young ladies I could only obtain | my treasure-my dear, dear Louey,

church. If I accompanied the Lippesleys so pretty and thorough bred in their ex- stantly silenced the most gleesome laughter. able pretty. The next time you pass through paid to her, and not to any of them. Per- be all thoroughly taken for granted by to an evening party, I was chained to my treme infancy, and eventually grow up into If by an unlucky accident any one over-St. Paul's church-yard, look into the basket haps my feelings, while they did not admit everybody concerned, with very little effort Louisn's side all the evening. "Of course very decidedly ugly mongrel curs, the loves turns the salt-cellar, the eye of an evil doom you must not think of dencing with any- of my Louisa and myself, deemed to be so is thought to be fixed upon him. And the "She's a treasury!" Mrs. Lippesley woud body else!"-so Jane Ann, Charlotte, and genuine in the beginning, were found in the person toward whom the salt falls is also sometimes excluim, with a burst of emotion. Amelia Lippesley in turn exclaimed to me. end to be simply most unreal and mistaken. supposed to be about to suffer some mis-"She's my only darling child. Don't think "You must not think of such a thing, or The charm of our passion was in its youth- chance, but this may be averted by having Louey will be so engry!" and I believe poor fulness [that gone, the only absurdity re- wine poured on the lap or by flinging some of the spilt salt over the left shoulder into

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"What is the matter?" I asked.

"You've not heard, then! Ah, I must

Fervently I gave my word I would attempt

"She's a coquette-I say it though I am

I besought her not to distress herself.

-Have you any silver?" &c.

leage the Major?

"You forgive her then? generous heart

see you do! Bless you! (then after a pause)

Will you see me into a cab? Thank you!

I parted with Louisa's mother: my engage

ment was broken off. I don't think Louisa

Is it necessary to say that I did not chal

very fortunate that we discovered in good

Superstition.

Trolls of the old Norseman, if light fall up-

on them they die instantly. They used to

be very numerous and powerful, but many

of them lie in undistinguished graves; oth-

ers exist only in memory; others are objects

of mirth and fun; while some still retain

last mentioned are more potent than we are

willing to admit. They exert influence over

the very persons who ridicule them. They

have taken refuge in some innermost cham-

ber of the soul which the light cannot pene-

trate, and they will not be dislodged; their

victims cry "Avaunt!" but they cannot be

Superstitions love darkness, and, like the

over regretted it; I am sure I did not.

the fire. The occult science of omens pronounced the putting of a shoe or stock on the wrong foot a most unlucky occurrence. Throwing deemed that we were bound to interchange an old shoe after the bridgroom and bride. hollow, flaccid, feeble letters; but these on leaving their respective houses, was supposed to secure for the couple the most de-

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ley; certainly my passion had very much of this charmed cake placed beneath the evaporated. Suddenly I met Mrs. Lippes- pillow was supposed to bring before the inner eyes of the fair sleeper the person ing concert at the Hanover Square . ms. who was destined to be her loved lord.

It used to be customary in some countries "It's not been my doing-indeed it has not," M.s. Lippesley declaimed violently. of Europe, for the bride after she entered her chamber, to turn and fling her shoe among the crowd gathered about the door. break it to you. My poor Louisa-she's The person who succeeded in getting it was engaged to be married-Major-, of the sure to be married before many moons. These occasions were productive of much noisy jollity, and this simple sorcery was never omitted.

Superstition has always set apart certain days as good and others as evil. Friday is her Mother. My poor boy, I pity you from the most ill-omened day in the calendar, and there are many who still believe that the fifth day in the week exerts a baneful influence upon fresh resolves and new enterprises. The Finns never begin anything of importance on Monday or Friday. Lord Burghly, in a letter to his son, admonishes him against three Mondays. His lordship specifics these evil Mondays, and assigns a sufficient reason for regarding them as unlucky: "The first Monday in April which day Caine was born and his brother Abel slaine; the second Monday in August which day Sodome and Gommorak was destroyed; It was all an impudent business, and it was and the last Monday in December, which day Judas was born, that betrayed Saviour time how much we had changed our minds. Christ."

Succeing has been discovered a good omen from time immemorial. Prometheus is said to have been the first to bless the sneezer. The person who utter 1 this joyous sound, and received the benediction of the fire-thief, was the men he had fashioned of clay. The Rabbis tells us that not very long after the creation, the Lord ordained every human being should sneeze but once, their power to make people afraid. These and that the soul should leave the body at the moment of sternutation, but that the decree was revoked through the supplications of the patriarch Jacob. When the King Mesopotamia success, the auspicious event is celebrated throughout his realm with banquet, dance and song, and every demonstraion of Joy.

made to hear. As the sun is shining, we We have the following account of the cusmay safely take a look at some of these tom of saying "God bless you" when any one sneezes. "There was a plague whereby children of ignorance. Some of the old chroniclers of curious things shall tell us many as they sneezed dyed sodenly, wereof t grew into a costome that they that were The howling of dogs is , a hideous sound, present when any man sneezed should say and we cannot wonder it was suggestive of God help you.'

course now I am entitled to ask myself and Jane Ann, or Charlotte, or Amelia Lippes- won't." Then, if any of these remonstrance marvel over the inquiry, as every ane else ley. Perhaps, as it seemed to me that I had came to the car of Mrs. Lippesley, she would did then, as to what I could possibly have given all my affection to Louisa, I did not cry out in rather a loud, glowing, I may seen in her, or what she could ever have appear to have any ready balance for distri- even say a gurgling contralto voice, accomseen in me, to induce either of us to enterbution among her sisters. Very likely they panied by much exuberance of gesticulation, tain the opinion that our marriage was in intended to be kind to both of us, and I am "What are they doing to you, my pet, my any way desirable. I may say this now, be- sure they were very fond of Louisa, even to treasure. my own sweet lamb? Come to me, cause, as all the world knows, the whole af- spoiling her, if that had been possible. They then, Louey darling. Did they tease itfair has been broken off years back; because always called her "pet," "darling," and bless it-a sweet child; come to its poor, there is not now the slightest suspicion of a "Baby," and were always making much of fond mother,"-and so on. In this way it tendresse between Louisa and myself,-the her, and kissing her dotingly, smoothing her soon became evident to me that my Louisa mention of such a thing even sounds ludi- splendid amber hair, rolling her glorious was her mamma's favorite child, and that crously; because she long ngo married some- ringlets tound their fingers, fondling her, the mamma was not a lady of any extraordibody else (I need not drag his name into the putting their arms round her waist and lift- nary strength of intellect. matter.) and has been, for all I know to the ing her off the ground-for she was very Mrs. Lippesley was a widow, and had contrary (may I say, without being deemed little and light was Louisu. And she was been in that forlorn condition, I believe for of mind appropriate to the purpose. I resomebody elso's greet army of children; be do it, Baby dear, let me," sail sturdy Jane indeed, at the time I had the pleasure of of a proposal, one Sunday evening in the cause all gloss of sentiment has been com Ann. "it's no use you trying, Pet, you her acquaintance, it might be said that she summer time. Louisa was engaged in eat-

weak nerves and her seasibilities, and of her

liability to agitation upon slight provoca-

tion. She abandoned herself to her feel-

ings, and seemed happiest when gasping

und choking, waving her white laced hand-

kerchief, tears in her eyes, and thoroughly

surrendered to nervous excitement. "Bless

you, my darling boy," she cried to me once.

very shortly after my first introduction. "I

feel towards you as if you were my own-

cushions. In my most friendly moments I

say, that she was fond of reading three vol-

call her then; just as the popple say my as I thought, with pretty Louisa Lippesley. most an accepted suitor before I had ven-bourse ablowed have a three the popple say my as I thought, with pretty Louisa Lippesley. most an accepted suitor before I had ven-

bouse, nithough they are only temporarily I must do Louisa's sisters the justice of tured to reveal to my Louisa how deeply I very often on the verge of sleep. I had al- was time to detect and pail it to the country Louisa's sisters the justice of tured to reveal to my Louisa how deeply I very often on the verge of sleep. I had al- tor. Like one of these puppies which look

ume novels, of reclining on the sofa, and of

of the man who stands by the offices of the of much concealment, were not, on the other

Religious Tract Society, and sells the most hand, liable to much misapprehension. The

beauty by English flesh-and-blood women, - of obtruding opportunities for my conversing

look carefully for rather a small-sized doll; with her. Probably, as the recognized

no, not that darling with the jet black eyes beauty of the family, she must, they felt, in

and the profusion of jet black, ringlets; not the first instance, attract far more attention

the brunette doll, but the blonde, with the and admiration than they could ever hope

flowing ambery tresses, the open blue eyes, for. I think her superiority was so thor-

and the little red button hole of a mouth- oughly acknowledged, that they put away

that's she; you see there the very image of from themselves all notion of jeniousy or

I was engaged to be married, and whom, at be preferred to them. They couldn't resist

an early period of my history, I thought I tensing her, however, a little now and then

loved devotedly-only that she had much on the subject. I remember noticing occa-

prettier shaped feet, did not turn them in so sionally a good deal of audging and whis-

persistently, was not stuffed with sawdust, pering and giggling would go on among the

and never, that I am aware of, adopted sil- young ladies; and sometimes my Louisa,

She was the youngest and prettiest of look rather as though she were going to cry.

four sisters, Jane Ann, Charlotte and Ame- and would exclaim in a pained voice, per

young ladies who were likely to become by wish you wouldn't;" or, "Be quiet, Char

say that I did not like very much either lia, do, or I'll tell ma. I won't be teased, I

A se Convperanzum if paidin advance. 81 50 if not paid within three mosths from commencement of the year, 200 lish wax dolls that ever were seen, ---Eng- si ters at once made way for me to walk by lish wax dolls, that are only surpassed in the side of my Louisa, and were fond even

ver paper as an article of attire.

ence, I am bound to say that the whole busi- lia. With every desire to regard favorably haps a peevish voice. "Don't, June Ann-1

ment to marry Louisa Lipppesley seems to any marriage closely allied to me, I must lotte-how can you?" or, "Have done Ame

sort of reverence or regard, and may just as it by your-elf?" Amelia cried out, when my and lock sometimes as though she had been as any body cise can make. I am sure that low her sisters to mend her clother, or make with her flowers, and bok for all the world'

ing a brilliant orange.

pesley; although, rash creature of nineteen distressing manner. She looked ornamenthat I was, I did ask her to marry me, as tal enough, it must be owned; yet it never me, notwithstanding all she said to the con-

How, then, came to pass our engagement? The Lippesley's reside at Highbury. I

trary.

ject avails not. I never loved Louisa Lip. about listlessly, and yawn occasionally in a Louisa was particularly useful.

hurt by too much of this conduct, would

perhaps rather cold-looking eyes of Louisa, we become acquanted? Who introduced me and express, haltingly a devotion I did not to the far ily? I remember now, that I was feel? Why did Louisa glance at my smooth taken there by little Finkewood, who was been "something in the City;" which did 0 feel? Why did Louisa glance at my smooth face (may I add, expressionless face? I Mr. Lippesley's nephew, I believe, and at his occumation. To Mrs. Lippesley I did think I may, contrasting it with its present the time was in the same office with me at his occupation. To Mrs. Lippesley I did looks of powerful intelligence and vivid sa- Blotkins and Blogbury's, Bedford Row. At not dare to put any question or offer any gacity; if the reader has any curiosity on an evening party at the Lippesley's I first suggestion on the subject. She always pro-our attention, to thoroughly impress and of obtaining change for a sovereign in order this subject he has only, to know precisely met my Louisa-in a white lace dress, with duced her handkerchief, and betaryed sympthe sort of man I am now, to call to mind a sky blue sash - (sashes were fastened then toms of extreme emotion whenever allusion the picture No. 1943 in the Catalogue, "Por- at the back, and streamed from a bow of to her late husband had been made; and as trait of Gentlemen," by P. Green, in the large size-I remember thinking even on I was quite sure that she was capable of havlast exhibition of the Royal Academy, hung my first introduction, that the sash was ing a fainting fit, or even of surrendering near the ceiling, in the north north east well matched in color with my Louisa's herself to an attack of hysterics, I shrunk room;)-why, I say, did Louisa thus glance eyes.) Of course, seeing my Louisa, I fell from all attempt at dwelling upon a matter at me, whispering reciprocity she did net straightway in love with her, or thought I likely to produce such terrible consequences. possess, for a passion that had only a rap- did, and went home to Pimlico and dreamt She was a woman rather proud of her posititious existence? It seems very unac- of her; and the very next Sunday found me countable all this, coolly considered so long at Highbury church, shamefully uninterafterwards. But it is best to say at once, ested in the sermon, and outraging seriousthat it was all a mistake. We did not quite ly the feelings of the beadle who had shewn understand what was the matter with us, me into a pow, by my ceaseless movements We were young practitioners, and had got and wild endeavors to look around a corner, hold of an incorrect diagnosis of our disease. and catch a glimpse of Louisa's fair face in People before now have funcied themselves a white chip bonnet trimmed with forgetthroatened with gout they have been simply me-nots, her amber ringlets bursting out suffering from chilblains. We took for a sc- in front in a wonderful decorative manner. rious affection of the heart what was really (For every woman then, I may say, wore own son." And she kissed me on the forebut a slightfund evanescent irritation; and profuse curls in front, and no one would head, almost violently, and shook hands but assightfund evanescent irritation; and profuse curis in iront, and no one would have, masse the saggerated cordiality. Her eries of her blue eyes, her amber tresses, a whit the new first the new first the back of her bonnet—like hands were veryfut, and felt rather like pin- her delicate complexion and her red buttona whit the worse for our misconception. It tumble out at the back of her bonnet-like was an error without consequence; I wish a sort of cushion covered with chenille, in every error was the same. We were mere the present fashion, which I admit is pretty, children, and we played at being in love .- and would be more so if one could honestly We played so respectably, that for a time believe that so much horse hair, in the form everybody, including ourselves, thought the of "frizzes," did not help to swell the cheplay was carnest. They and we were the nilled cushion.) "How I've been deceived more deceived.

founded upon so frail a foundation as a mere ten minutes in the pulpit. But of course, I pretty face and figure. Still, treating it as was relieved at last; and waited at the last part of his remark.

s man's question, which it really is, after church door, and removing a very shiny hat, all, I repeat that a man might have been and in a series of my best bows to Mrs. very fairly in love with pretty Louisa Lip. Lippesley, and to the four Miss Lippesleys.

that, perliaps, at the time, I was hardly to soon I found myself walking towards them

be called a man; I was rather a hoy Yes, house, and carrying all their church services

Louisa -- my Louisa, I had a sort of right to for them, and still more desperately in live,

wearing carpet slippers. Of course, I soon in that young feller!" I'm sure the beadle which I stood with reference to the Lippes-Yet she was decidedly pretty, was Louisa must have meditated. "I gave him a good ley family. He exhibited some surprise. Lippesley; a man might have been very seat, right under the pulpit, where he con followed, as it seemed to me by a certain fairly and creditably in love with her, sup- 'ear no end-and only see how he's behavfeeling of gratification. Its simply said, posing, of course, that personal attractive- ing-bobbing about like anythink!" In ness in any way justifies love. Certain la- truth, I thought the sermon would never however. dies, I know, who justly, perhaps, pride finish; and I was contemplating the proprithemselves rather on their prepossessing. liety of an Act of Parliament to limit the news of their minds than of their bodies, de- duration of sermons, making it a penal of of it. You'll save me some trouble, that's prosecute the unbappy young creatures who is the trouble bodies to nounce steadily the possibility of love being fence for any glargyman to be longer than one thing."

ters of the town before I could be permitted Of course, after that event, my Louisa to journey home to sleep at my lodgings at

and myself were formally considered as cigaged, and people seemed to me to do all Publico. I was once, I remember, running they could to force this fact continualy upon all night about Islington in the vain hope imbue us-not to say bully us-with it, and to pay the cabman who had driven Mrs. Lippesley home from an entertainment at make our lives a burden to us in consequence. I know I always felt somehow as the house of a dear friend of hers residing though I were brunded like a felon, and the in Peekham. For one serious drawback on word "engaged" stamped upon my forehend; the pleasure of accompanying the Lippesand I did not feel near so comfortable as I leys in their pursuit of pleasure was, that had expected. Certainly I had a good deal I had invariably to pay the cab-fares, and it was this I found that my friend Flukeof my Louisa's society-perhaps, indeed, rather too much of it. The family made wood so much less solicitious for the society of his aunt than had formerly been the quite a business of bringing us together case. "She's let me in awful, she has, tak-The back drawing room was especially deing her to evening parties; it's your turn voted to the tenancy of the "engaged couple," as everybody seemed determined to now, old boy!" so he addressed me. "Take call us. There we were expected to sit and her to Turnham Green next week; all right, talk and make ourselves agreeable to each go in and win!" But the fact was going in and losing; and that was what I complained other for hours together. With every deof. For my allowance, in the way of pocksire to be charmed with my Louisa, I began et-money, was not very liberal, and, of to discover eventually that her strong point course, I was bound to make my Louisa a was decidedly not conversation. In fact trifling offering now and then-a silver after one had got through, and knew by thimble, a work-box, Moore's Melodies heart, and exhausted thoroughly the witchbound in whole calf. a scotch pebble brooch bog wood and Irish diamond bracelets. &c ... and really I could not afford to maintain hole mouth, there was not much else of my this ruinous expenditure in respect of cab always had the idea in connection with Louisa that was worth dwelling upon. Mrs. Lippesley's hands. Au reste, I may These advantages were quite unexceptional; hire without leaving myself positively penniless. It was all very well for my friends but I felt after a time that perhaps there was something more required. I had all in the country to say that they did not understand my expenses being so enormous and the sensations of having dined off a soufflet, informed Flukewood of the fuoting upon very pretty, and delicate and nice, but to decline sending any further romittances dreadfully deficient in substantiality. It until next quarter day, Michaelmas-day. would have bren as well undoubtedly, if I was Mrs. Lippesley's cab hire to be paid? had discovered all this before I thought of and here she was proposing that we should avowing my love for Louisa: and of course all go to Ramsgate for a month, and would I could not breath a syllable of my ideas on doubtless leave me to pay the steamboat "You've got into a good thing, old fellow. the subject to any one, and meanwhile the

I congratulate you, and wish you well out family seemed to be doing all they could to had made such a dreadful mistake about on the sands, hackney-coaches, bathing ma- good, if on the left, svil. I afterwards asce. tained the value of the their feelings. "There's nothing like people chines, &c.

How was all this to end? I am afraid I knowing each other thoroughly before they must confess that my visits at Mrs. Lippes-Certainly the course of the untrue love | marry," Mrs. Lippesley used to say; "it ley's house became at last less frequent: subsisting between me and my Louisa ap- saves ever so much trouble afterwards. peared to run very smooth. No obstacles Bless you, my dear son!" and so she drove perhaps I was haunted by the fear of lispesley. The only difficulty in my case was "How very singular!" they all said! and were interposed. From the first, the object us together to sit for hours in the back bilities for cab bire I should be unable to of my incroducing myself to the family d.awing room, wondering what we ought to meet; perhaps also it must be said by a where the appreciated. I was a well say to each other, and what we ought to do strengthening conviction that my love af reserved guges and a family friend, and al- to pass the time. How my Louisa yawned fair had been a mistake. A sham senti-

great griefs. It is only less disagreeable liighbury from evening parties in all quar-

about them.

The leaves of the Bay tree put under the than a woman's scream. It is placed by Shakespeare among the portants, and has head were supposed to occasion pleasant dreams, which never failed to be realized. always been regarded as the presage of Maidens in the north of England, whose feet death and dire ovils. It is related that there were impatient to tread the elvsian fields of was a fearful howling of dogs the night bcmatrimony, used to open the Bible at the fore Maximius dicd. The dogs of Rome, book of Ruth, lay a sixpence between the by this melancholy cry, predicted the sedition about the dictatorship of Pompey; and leaves, and place the book under their pillows, that they might dream of the men who before the massacre of the Misseunians, the dogs howled as they had never been heard were to be their husbands. When a girl's to do before; and before the battle of Hastsweetheart incurred her displeasure, and she wished to punish the scurvy fellow with ings the dogs ran about through the forests bad dreams, the angry damsel resorted to a and fields uttering the most prolonged and singular piece of witchcraft. She would

plaintive crics. If a dog howled in a neighborhood where procure a bird's heart and the moment the any one lay sick, it was considered the clock struck twelve at night, she would prognostic of death. This superstition was pierce it with a number of pins. Her lover grounded on the belief that these animals would be sure to pass a restless night, espescent death before it smites a person, and cially if he had taken a heavy supper.

that wraiths are visible to them. The our ears glow and tingle when any-The owl occupied a place of honor and body is talking about us is a conceit that importance in the religions of Greece and has come down from the ancients. Those Rome. Every movement and note of this learned ocult lore tell us that when the left hideous and dismal creature were invested ear tingles, the breath of slander is soiling with significance. The screech of the owl our fair fame; if the right, some one is was regarded as a fatal presage. speaking good of us.

When sciench owls croak upon the chimney tops, is certain then you of a coise shall bear." If the right eye itches without a cause, Chaucer mentions this hoarse and horrible tears will shortly flow from it; if this sensasound among the omens of calamities: tion is experienced in the other eye, we may "The jelos swon agen-t hys deth that singeth expect soon to laugh. If the cheek burns, The onle cke, that of deth the interpreter of omens caution us to be-And Edward Spenser has the following ware of the person who sits on the glowing listich on the venerable superstition: side. The itching of the nose betokens the "The rue 21 strich still waiting on the beere, The whistler shrill, that who-o hears doth die." approach of a stranger, and if the lips itch we may hope for a kiss.

shadow of coming calamity. The croak of In the days of ignorance, the meeting of this bird portended death. It is stated that weasel was believed to presage some fearone of those gloomy birds premonished ful calamity. When a sow with a litter of Cicero of his approaching death. pigs crossed the highway in sight of a trayeler, it was accounted a lucky omen.

birds. When flying in flocks they were

crowes."

WHERE IS YOUR BOY!-We saw him last late in the evening in the company

of very bad boys, and they each had a cigar. And now and then some of, them The flight of a grow over a house three times in succession, with a croak each time, used very profane language. As we looked was sure to be followed by death in the at your son we wondered if you knew family. An old writer was so profoundly where he was and with whom he associated.

convinced of the prophetical powers of this Dear friend, do not be so closely confined to lover of corn, that ha expresses the belief to your shop, office or ledger, as to neglect "that God sheweth his prevy counsayle to that boy. He will bring sorrow into your household, if you do not bring proper paren-

Several of the superstitions of the olden tal restraint to bear upon him, and that time have been preserved by salt. The very soon. Sabbath and public school spilling of this indispensable substance has teaching can belp you, but you must do turned many a ruddy cheek pule, and in-lmost.

in possession, ander an agreement for three saying, that from, the very first moment imagined that my passion for her was plow- ways to sit next to her at dinner, at tes, at ter. Like one of these puppies which look 

The raven was also supposed to feel the

Crows were also accounted prophetical