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Than now in its rich content. The face is wrinkled and careworn now, consideration," said he. And the golden hair is gray; But the light that shone in the young girt's

Never has gone away. And her needles eatch the fire's light As in and out they go, With the clicking music that grandma loves her breast. Shaping the stocking toe. And the walting children love it too.

For they know the stocking song frosty influence of the breeze. licings many a tale of grandma's mind. Which they should hear ere long. "I may as well go in and warm myself," But it brings no story of olden time he thought.

Only a refrain, quaint and short, Is sung by the needle bright. "Life is a stocking," grandma says, apartment he usually entered. "The Rail- grindstone. "And yours is scarce begun : But I am knitting the toe of mine, way Committee is a-settin' there. This way, With many hearts we begin to knit.

And the ribbing is almost play; ome are gray-colored and some are white, And some are ashen gray, steps about that old idea of a railway be-But most are made of many a hue, tween here and Glassville ?" With many a stitch set wrong,

Ere the whole is fair and strong. There are long, plain spaces, without a breas That in youth is hard to bear, nd many a weary tear is dropped As we fashion the heel with care. But the saddest, happiest time is that We court, and yet would shun, When our deavenly Father breaks the thread

And says that our work is done,' be children come to say good-night. With tears in their bright young eyes, While in grandma's lap, with broken thread The finished stocking ites. money for her share in it!"

The Cranberry Swamp.

"Of course," said young Doctor Dedling, a man has his own fortune to look to."

nent is quite at an end?" said the doctor.

"I thank you," said Judith.

"Good-by !" said Doctor Dedling.

"Good by!" responded Judith.

loctor affably.

and many a row to be sadly ribbed

irs," went on the young man, "instead of taking this very extraordinary step, entire y without advice or counsel-" "Yes, I know," hurriedly interposed Judth; "but it's over and past now, so perhaps the post-office to bring a message from his we had better not talk about it."

ullen fire above the ecdar copse in the like stone, and a nature as shallow as Deacon west; the leafless woods held up their black | Doler's brook!" arms, in a sort of wrestling agony, toward | Judith looked up at the clumsy, good the sky, as the bleak wind tossed them to hearted, hard-handed farmer, and wonderthe sky, so the bleak wind tossed them to hearted, hard-handed farmer, and wonder- lowing toss was proposed and draint: "In and free and a solitary raven uttered his of that she had never before noticed what a ominous eroak, in the woods at the back of true fees and what clear fresh area ha had never meet a friend."

looking customer; but this is a hard country, days seem like months, and menths like aminous croak, in the woods at the back of true face, and what clear, frank eyes he had. never meet a friend." " Forget him, Judith," pleaded Redfield;

Is the Universal Verdict of all whe Examine the New, Fresh Spring Stock of the New, Fresh Spring Stock of the New, Fresh Spring Stock of the New of the Ne "Such a place," said he, "for a woman to present, at least. Spring will be time enough elect to live in !" "It isn't very cheerful," said Judith; awamp. but I've lived here all my life, you know."

"The more reason for wanting to get out room, and thought of Mrs. Redfield's big, papa." of it now," said the doctor, impatiently. Judith was silent. She looked at the carpet, its windows lined with blossoming blazing logs on the old-fashioned hearth, geraniums, and its shrill-voiced canary bird ballors, but its awful hard on the send half the value? My family will need and tried to keep back the fast-rising tears. hanging over the work-table. Doctor Dedling rose and took up his hat. " Do you think," she hesitated, "that your "Then I am to consider that our engage-

"Yes." said Judith, in a low tone. "I shall always wish you well," said the The next moment, she was alone with own dreary desolation and the driving snows said the mother, not in the least discon- buy his cattle here and let him go." the blazing logs, and the cricket chirping on of January.

Sarcely three weeks had elapsed, when young Dector Desiling came to the Redfield Tarm in his new gig, with the old roan horser if was just a month to night since they buried old Miles Grey out of sight. Little uried old Miles Grey out of sight. Little when you didn't hurry him, and the road have loved." Julith, who had worn herself out in taking was tolerably good, and he was free from a

Mrs. Pytchley, her elder sister, who was tor rather suspiciously. narried to a New York grocer, had boldly "No, I know it," mid Doctor Dedling: declared that it was high time the old man "but I have called to see Miss Grey." took himself off the stage of this world, and "Miss Grey ain't noways ailin', as I know had no secret of her disappointment when of," persisted Julius, feeling the edge of his it was discovered that a thousand dollars in axe, and still staring hard at the medical Canada and Europe, at reduced rates. With our principal office located in Washington, directly opposite the United States Patent Office, we are able to attend to all patent business with greater prompties and despected and the directly opposite the United States Patent Office, we are able to attend to all patent business with greater prompties and despected and the dignity, as a friend."

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Pytchley, hastily. "What could I do with and preparing himself for a stupendous ef-

"Or what could Judith do with it, either?" said Hobart Pytchley, who was whittling a

bart's business is in the city, and we could do directly across the boggy depth of old Miles nothing at all with a lot of awanny land, Grey's cranterry awann, and the \$5,000 much drout for the arfter feed; but then, was placed to Mrs. Marmaduke Redfield's mobbe it suites you village folks." bart's business is in the city, and we could do directly across the boggy depth of old Miles down here in the backwoods." account in the nearest national bank; and So Mrs. Pytchley had taken the lion's share of the old man's bequest, and gone Mrs. Pytchley thinks she made a mistake in fishion and with a post turn of mind was

her fortune away. ing of my sister and her husband,"

"But they had no business to impose

"I agreed to the plan, without remot

Doctor Dedling shrugged his shoulders. "In that," said he, sharply, "you showed rour lack of common sense! If you had no rapped to order. good regard for yourself, you might have

"Was it for money you wanted me?" anded Judith, stung to the quick. Doctor Dedling colored and hesitated. "A man must take monetary matters into

And so it came about that the engagement hev lit down upon him like a catamount was canceled, and Judith Grey was sitting on a hoss-fly, no matter whedder I did lie there, alone in the wintry twilight, with or tell de truf. Up on the Fair Grounds de closped bands and head drooped low upon odder day I wass called a liar by a white

lage, and as he passed the brilliant windows vilyun slunk away like a dawg. of the little hostelry, he paused, remembering the bitter cold of the winter air, the him down all you want to, but his opinion

Mine host met him with a cheery air. "Not that room," as Dedling mechanically laid his hand upon the door knob of the his belief and knockin him down wid a

"The Railway Committee!" echoed Dedling. "What Railway Committee? You don't mean that they are actually taking any

"Yes, I do," said the landlord. "It's a ommittee of rich capitalists, as are building keepin your head shut am de brightest clinfactories close to the Falls; and they mean to put up tenement-houses all along, and lay down a line of rails, and-don't say as I mentioned it, doctor, because I only caught a snatch here and there, when I was earrying in the plates and setting on the fruits, and nuts, and wine-but it's to go right through old Miles Grey's cranberry-swamp, the new railway is! And the chairman of the committee is going to offer Miss Judith five thousand dollars in good, clean, hard

Doctor Dedling stared. "Five-thousand-dollars!" repeated he, place is lode-ed.

slowly. Could it really be a fact? If so-and there seemed very little reason for doubting "Of course," said Judith Grey; and as she it-what a fatal mistake he had made in repoke the words a cold chill seemed to creep jecting a bride who could bring him the rich like slowly congenting ice, around her whole portion of a cranberry swamp as her wedding-dower. If he had known this half an "If you had consulted me as to your afhour-one little half an hour-ago!

"Don't fret about him, Judith, dear; he isn't worth it!" urged honest Marmaduke Redfield, who had stopped in on his way to mother. "He was always a pretentious sort The red winter sunset was blazing with of fellow, all for outward show, with a heart

around him, and glanced out toward the would at least make the trial. "Come to fishlowing toast at a celebration: "Our fire a package of well-worn envelopes from his bleak and Ionesome for you here-for the ever ready, but never wanted." for you to come back to the cranberry old whose father, on bidding him bood-bye ther gave me; here is my little gul's pie-

cosy kitchen, with its bright-colored rag

such a guest as me?" Duke Redfield's face grew radiant. "Only try her," said he. "Dear Judith," you'd be as welcome as flowers in May." And the next day Mrs. Redfield came over in the old farm carryall to claim her nothing," says the director. "Then, you ranger in Texan garb and carrying the cus-

the hearth, and the strange, weird shadows Scarcely three weeks had classed, when __"One Touch of Nature." - (George has paid over, and the man about to start, he that came and went on the wainscoted young Doctor Dedling came to the Redfield

Paints & Painters' Supplies, on the cheap coffin that meased his remains but no one cise had seemed particularly to lius, the hired man, who was splitting wood

"I have called," said Doctor Dedling, with "Tain't no use," said Julius, rolling a

" Nobody at home?" echoed the doctor. "They've all gone to church," explained

up an affice in the village adjoining—five—
On one occasion when the late Lord bundred dellars as the down of his bride—Bishop of Litchfield had spoken of the unBishop of Litchfield had spoken of the unimmediately replied, "Bedad, ye might have for me as your observe."

17-31 dollars, to buy suggicul instruments and fit elect-broke his engagement in a fit of pique portance of diligent painstaking preparation it there, and it wouldn't sink." said: "Why, say lord, loften go to the vestry very sarry to bear, Mrs. Brown, that you permanently excel of a serious protracted without knowing what text I shall preach were present last night, at Plymouth Breth-tregularity of the bowels by the use of ren's tea meeting. I have often told you. Hop Bitters by the unsider, which at the

THE BEST WAY. At the last regular meeting of the Lime kiln Club, there was a grave-like silence among the members as soon as the gavel

"Gem'len," said President Gardner, as an old oyster can fell off the shelf with a loud bang, "I find dat de older I grows de me' I find out dat I didn't know nuffin in my younger days. "Dar was a time when, if any nigger is

ole Virginey had called me a liar, I should Dat ain't why I cry. man. I simply riz up one eyebrow at him Doctor Dedling plodded home to the vil- had axed him to prove it for money, an' de "If a man calls you a liar you can knock

remains de same. If you ax him to prove it, and argy de matter wid him, he will see his mistake and apologize. I tell ye, if I war' a Baptist and Samue "Walk in, doct :- walk in!" said he. Shin war' a Methodist, do you 'spect I

could win him ober to my side by abusing "De world am too ready to strike out from de shoulder kase hard words come, and too quick to sot down on de man who can't be lifted up by de collar and his opinions sha-

ken out his pockets. "Argyments, my friens, am a heap better grazing in the valley, and some of them dan cuss-words; opinions am way ahead of failed to be separated. blows, an mindin your own business and

ker in de coal stove." THIS AND THAT.

-Woman's writes-Postscripts. -A dangerous net-A brunette. -Even the bootbrack says his business is

brightening. -The soft-shell crab considers his case hard one.

-Blue fishing-when you don't catch

anything but a moss-back terrapin. -There is said to be a good deal of shoot- thieves. ing at Leadville; propably because the The poor fellow was completely overcome.

-The man who saw Grant's vessel first himself. and was first to propose three cheers has already filed his claim for a postofflee.

the office fire. Now is the time to send in your poems on autumn. -Says Josh Billings : I never had a man ask tor.

-It is getting chilly; it is time to light

beiress. -Young lady, who can't hear herself "Hold on, now; stop right that!" said a nother would be willing to be troubled with play because of the racket made by the lawn-rough ranger. "Now, I say, boys, I say let mower-"John, how long shall you be, I him go. Give us your hand, old boy; that want to practice?" Gallant young gardener picture and them letters did the business.

mind your noise."

certed.

-"Your son, madam, persists in doing

care of him, had dropped a few sincere tears on the cheap coffin that incased his remains on the inventor of electricity. This savant, and incarest stagecouch route, and, as they shock after having made several voyages around hands and bade him boodbye, they looked the world, died on the Sandwich Islands, the happnest band of men I ever saw. a single fragment was ever recovered. -Of a certain painter it was said be was drunk all the time. He drinks everywhere and everything. Poor boy, he was dimprointed in love. It was a great blow to A dost their suffer from discuse, the

pointed in love. It was a great blow to him, and he drinks to drown his grief.

"It seems, then," says some one, "that his grief knows how to swim."

—The fireside gossip is now living in glorious auticipation, in view of the approaching long evenings. Already he sees the poor victims whom he proposes to anni-lithest actions the poor victims whom he proposes to anni-lithest control of these Pills.

Terson the pathway of these Pills.

Terson the pathway of these Pills. hilate trembling with fear. What a pity, that so valuable an acquisition to the world Lat others suffer—levers, chills,

as the social goesip cannot live always; yet, Sure thou art free with Liver Pills. such is fate, and we submit, -A gentleman who was interceding with

was placed to Mrs. Marmaduke Redfield's mebbe it suites you village folks." -A young man dressed in the height of share of the old man's bequest, and gone back to her city home over Hobart's grossry store; and young Dething store; and young Dething, who had confidently calculated on at least five hundred dollars, to buy surgical instruments and fit heart of the house of the city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home. The confidence of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home. The confidence of the cranback to her city home over Hobart's grossry taking the gold eagles instead of the cranback to her city home. The confidence of the cranback to her city home over the city has a confidence of the cranback to her city home. The confidenc

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Muzzer's bought a baby, Ittle bits of zing : Zink I mes could put him Froo my rubber ring.

Ain't be awful ugly ? Ain't he awful pink? Just come down from heaven?

Dat's a fib, I sink, Doctor told anugger Oreat big awful lie; Noze ain't out of joyent,

Zink I ought to love him ! No, I won't—se zere! Nassy, crying baby, Am't got any bate. Send me off wir Biddy Every single day; "Re a good boy, Charle,

Run away and play."

Bot all my nice kines,

Dot my place in bed ; Mean to take my drumstick And bent him on se head, SAVED BY HIS WIFE'S LETTER.

The following story was told recently in On a hot day in July, 1860, a herdsman was moving his cattle to a new ranch further north, near Helenn, Texas, and passing down the banks of a stream his berd besame mixed with other cattle that were

The next day about noon a band of about a dozed Texan rangers overtook the herdsman and demanded their cattle which they

said were stolen. It was before the day of law and courthouses in Texas, and one had better kill five men than steal a mule worth \$5, and the herdsman knew it. He tried to explain, but they told him to cut it short. He offered to turn over all the cattle not his own, but they laughed at the proposition, and hinted that they usually confiscated the whole herd, and left the thief hanging on a tree, as a solemn warning to other cattle

They consulted apart for a few moments, -A white man who had married a ne- and then told him if he had any explanagress offers color-blindness as his only ex- tions to make or business to do, they would allow him ten minutes to do so and defend

He returned to the rough coes and com

"How many of you have wives?" Two

menced:

-The quickest way to get rich is to mar- from the cattle when I am dead. Can't you

or three nodded. "How many of you have children?" They nodded ogain. "Then I know who I am talking to, and to cum to me for advice, but before he got thru he had more advice to offer than to never stole any cattle; I have lived in these parts over three years: I came here from -Showers of tive snakes are reported in New Hampshire; I failed in the fall of Arkansas, and we call John B. Grough's and 1857, during the panie; I have been saving; Francis Murphy's attention to Old Prob. I have no home here; my family remain -At a social gathering recently, the fol- east, for I go from place to place; these lowing toast was proposed and drank: "In clothes I wear are rough, and I am a hardyears to me. Married men, you know that be house.

"Forget him, Judith," pleaded Redfield;
Doctor Dedling shuddered as he looked and she began seriously to think that she gusty, custy, eurmudgen of a man gave he but nackage of well worn envelopes from him. -A fair retort, that of the little four-year- November. Here is the testament my moin the morning, said to him, "Be a good ture. Now, men, if you have decided to Judith Grey looked around at the solitary boy," and who replied, "Be a good man, kill me for what I am museent of, send these home, and send as much as you can

> -'On, go yeouw on, Miss Amy. I shan't You can go free: but you're a lucky man, mind ye." "We'll do more than that," said a rough

guest, and the Swamp House was left to its should give him a prize for perseverence," tomary brace of pistols in his belt, "let us They did, and when the money was -A waxwork figure of Franklin, on ex-hibition in France, is labeled, "Francklin, later, however, he left on horseback for the

Julius.

"I dare say she could manage very nicely," said Maria. "I've heard uncle Miles say that he sold sixty dollars' worth of cranberries, one year out of the swamp."

"Hamph!" grunted Mr. Pytchley.

"And that's legal interest on a thousand dollars, you know," added his wife. "What do was a man of medicine start back.

"It makes no difference to me," said Judith,"

"It makes no difference to me," said Judith, "and the sold sixty worth of cranberry swamp, and the \$\frac{1}{2}\$ somethed for a clergyman who was interceding with sometantly in debt, and had more than once than once the present of the swamp."

"Who said it wa'n't?" reterted Julius.

"They ain't gone to bear sarvice—they is gone to bear sarvice—they is gone to be married."

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"Our Marmaduke and Miss Judith."

And down came the axe upon the end of the pine-knot, with a crash that made the man of medicine start back.

"It does to me, then!" said Mrs. Pytchles.

"It does to me, then!" said Mrs. Pytchles are said years the boggy depth of old Miles bart's business is in the city, and we could do notlling at all with a lat of swamps lead.

Julius.

"To church, man? Why, it's Tuesday."

"They ain't gone to bear sarvice—they is gone to be married."

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A LADY'S WISH.

ring up. "You forget that you are speak sermon, and think nothing of it." The high- that these doctrines are highly erroneous ?" same time restored her to perfect health op replied, "Ab, well, that agrees with what Mrs. Brown — "Erroneous, sir, their doe- and strength. — The Parents, University on I hear from your people, for they hear the trines may be; but their cake, with Sultany ave., Suchester, N. Y. See another column, sermen, and they also think nothing of it." raisins, is excellent.