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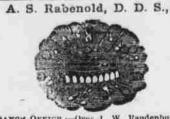
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Since first I looked in your bright eyes. Since first I heard your voice. I felt that life held out a prize

Since then my heart, the whole day long, Sings on in love's delight; And dreams but echo love's dear song And fill with joy the night. I look into your eyes again,

And seek an answer there To what was but a question then, But now a fervent prayer! Give love for love! My eager heart Is waiting your reply, Oh, say that we need never part— Need never say good-bye!

AN INNOCENT ELOPEMENT

BY M. E. HOLOHAN.

A winter gloaming, but soft and gray. A stretch of eastern country, open and wooded, high and loss, level and broken. Beautiful in summer; but just now deeply hidden beneath a mantle of snow, and above it hanging a dome snow-laden. A faint western wind stirring the orch-

ard's great, desolate heart, and filling its aisles with uncanny whispers. From an invisible somewhere gaunt shadows stealing forth, and reaching out their

cold, bare arms to darkly embrace a ramb ling, old-fashioned homestead mansion. Ever unwinding and gaining volume athey approached, those spectral shades silently stalked into a quaint, low-ceiled apartment before whose open chasm of a fireplace stood a young girl.

She was in appearance almost a child, slim as a youthful tamarack, and graceful, with a face sweet, round, fresh, daintily tinted, but hardly up to the classical ideal of beauty. A face tenderly, temptingly, daringly lovable, yet wondrous sad, withal, in its present repose.

Red flames suddenly broke from a smoldering log. Scarlet arrows, with Rembrandt effect, pierced the encroaching gloom, forcing its retreat and softly kissed that girlish

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No wonder a man coming up the walk paused just outside the window an instant with bated breath, then slowly resumed his way with something very like a sigh of

"I wish it was over," she murn.ured, pressing her small fingers closer together it. an agony of self-restraint; then suddenly flinging them apart with a passionate ges-"Or I wish I had never come, or APOLO & IRVING Stoves, that I was dead, or that -ob, God! how I wish- But-bah!"-a smile of contemp drooping her sweet-lipped mouth at the corners. "What use to wish? Oh, this gnawing pain at my heart! This burning lryness of my eyes. To-morrow on some pretext, I must go home, else I shall go

mad; but to-night-" Ay, to-night! What of it? Could she only have foreseen the event n the darkness of that night, would she have counted on the morrow thus? The banging of a distant door, then the ound of some one approaching.

An instant her heart stood still with rague, indefinable hope, a wild, yearning Could it be Paul? Paul Granleigh, he please remit the amount. We need the cousin, her king among men, yet who in a

few hours would be the husband of another woman! Ah, no, she had seen him ride away in the early gloaming.

When he returned to his ancestral home -well, she would not be here. Like a thing caught in guilt, she glanced hurriedly around for an avenue of escape, as a step-Rick's-sounded in the corridor

A firm yet light step, and presently the door was flung ajar, admitting a tall young Her beloved fatherman, and with him a frosty breath from the

outer world. "Behold, our steeds prance at the door Haste to the wedding," he cried grandilo quently Then, as his pheasant eyes take in that

sole, allont occupant: "Trick," coming forward, "you look like a great wax doll constructed after the Greek. Where on earth"-a man's usual scoff at woman's artistic dress-love-"did you find that babyish affair?"

She shot him a giance of overwhelming "That babyish affair was found at Red fern's, and cost dad more money than your self and your prancing steeds are worth, Sir

Ignorance. Come, that's a good boy"-in sweet, laughing tones-"fetch my wraps from yonder sofa, and-" "Ob, no hurry!" flinging himself into a chair near. "The governor, your respected uncle and the lucky sire of your humble servant, is still swearing over an aggravat-

om. As it is nearly six hours to mid-By Jove, old man!" his eyes suddenly lifting to a tall form in the doorway. "Ejected, ch? What's up?" His brother slowly entered. one cannot expect to do Europe on his wedding tour with empty pockets!" with a -lighting a match to see his watch-face,

up, Errichat "Well, seeing it's your night of doom. yee; but"—with a heart-iree laugh—"you are pulling a mighty long face, old man, for

a prospective groom. Cheer up. Life is I do? What will they all say of me?" short and full of chances. Ma belle will "They will not dare say a word of you"be in a deuce of a temper if you don't cul- fiercely. "I-I wish we would both die

ivate a happier look for the altar."

"Let me look at you," he exclaimed, de- store for us." tempting face again."

Thrilling and chilling alternately, she I may never look upon your face again." stood before him voiceless and motionless under his intense, passionate eyes. "You do care," he continued mechani- her.

night. I saw you through the window, and an overturned cutter was spent, Trick I-I read your face. Oh, Trick, Trick! if Evelyn never forgot, but always shuddered only we had met ear ier, when I was free, when she spoke of it.

you human to torture and insult me so?" "Forgive me. I-I am mad, I think. darkness of death. Good-bye!" He turned unsteadily to leave the room

her. His face was calm, but somehow wan, and frail, but with a look of content suggestive of fierce restraint. He was a on her sweet face. strong man with strong passions, and possessing an iron will to control them.

"I have a presentiment that it will be the ghost of his former self. last time I shall ever hear your voice, and I want to remember it. It were a pity to forget the sweetest thing one ever heard, his, burst into a storm of tears. would it not, little one?"

A dry sob rose in her throat. Beatrix Evelyn was childish in appearance only. Choking down her misery she turned to

the piano near. Quiveringly at first her sweet voice rose, then went steadily on to the end.

"Tis ill to break the bands that God decreed to bind. Yet still are we the children of the heather and the wind: Though far away from home, oh, 'tis still for

you and me, That the broom is blowing bonny in that north countree." " "I'm afraid you'll have to do Europe on rust, old man," exclaimed Rick, entering.

"I can't find your 'filthy lucre!" " "I will go find it myself," then turning as he stood on the threshold, "good-bye." he said. "It begins to snow. See that Beatrix is well wrapped, Erric." Then he was gone, and Trick shivered.

"I'll be blamed if he isn't more fit for a unatic asylum than a bridal tour,"

look on his pleasant face. "I have a message—a telegram for you." he whispered. "One of our servants just

brought it over. Come into the conservatory and read it." It was from a prominent doctor in New York:

"Your fat her dangerously ill. Come im-mediately if you would see him alive." With a low cry she lifted her eyes to Erric's face. She swayed, and would have fallen had not some one caught her. It was Paul. She hardly heeded, but Erric briefly explained.

"I will drive her over to the station," he said. "We can catch the midnight train." "Very well. There is no use speaking about it; it would but create a disturbance, and I can easily explain afterward. Hitch Black Bess into my cutter, Errie, quick as possible. She is a safe animal." A few minutes later, wrapped in furs to

the eyes, and nearly distracted. Trick was tifted into the walting cutter. Erric was about to accompany her, when his brother called him aside, and both returned to the house, only one returning a moment later. Even through her anxiety she felt grieved. Why had Paul so coolly parted

with her? Rushing to her eyes the tears froze there She had no desire to speak, and Erric apparently was in the same mood. Silently and tediously they drove agains

the eyer increasing storm. Wilder and more furious it became, deeper and more drifted the snow. "We shall never get there!" cried Trick

wildly. "It must be near midnight, now." And her tortured mind went back to the mansion long left behind. In a few min- all the style. utes Paul would be married, perhaps. Perhaps he was married already. Behind her in life lay the might-have-been of happiness. Before-God, what was before?

Black Bess had stood still as if bewildered. Through a grove near the wind moaned in painful accents. "Are we lost, Erric?" she cried. don't you speak? Why----'

He leaped from the cutter and went

quickly forward. Black Bess stood quivering in her tracks. Presently he returned to her side stood here, the wind howling and driving about them both, the snow falling fast and faster. "It is useless. We can go no further

she has lost the road," he said.

forever. Forgive me."

At the voice Trick uttered a cry and to given some cold potatoes-If you like you the veil from her face. "Paul!" she cried. "Where is Why did you do this mad thing? "Because I was made. I wanted to see you, to say a last word before we parted-

"Where is Erric?" "Locked safely up in the cloakroom unless they have liberated him before this"- you don't want to talk ilterachure to her ing cravat. I heard him as I stole past his

"What will you do?"-dazedly. "Yo cannot be back by midnight to-" "I had not intended to. Indeed, I am not sure I ever intended going back at all. Fit. But a marriage can be postponed, a death cannot. I knew if it were possible for any "I forgot my purse, and-well, you know one to get you to Zudwick in time for the English walking-sticks too near the par-ties, your digestion impaired, your appetite midnight express, I could. I have failed" rot) low.mirthless laugh, "I left it in my room and speaking in a kind of bitter despair. some place. Will you fetch it while I warm "It is half past twelve, and." he continued

> may! "Mush! Oh, what will I do? What can

here to-night. We would at least be to-When the door had closed upon him, gether! No one could part up. But al-Paul turned to his s'im, white-faced cous- though it is wild and stormy, it is not cold, and there is no such luck as freezing in

youring her with his dark eyes. "Here, "You must go back," she cried wildly, where we have been so happy together, let "You must go back. I command it. Take us part; and after to-night, it will be best Black Bess, and leave me bere. You have for us both if God never lets me see your wronged me enough already, I forbid you staying here now, Go, go! and pray God

All his mad entreaties were of no avail She only repulsed and hade him leave cally. "I never dreampt you did until to- How that long night under the shelter of

But after what seemed an eternity, she "Hush!" she cried passionately. "Are thought she heard voices calling a great distance; then down she went, into the

A month later, in her father's New York He paused, and coming back stood before house, she reclined on a conch, very pale, Her father had but just left the room

when a servant ushered in another man-"Will you sing for me that song you sang none other than Paul Granleigh, but from when first you came to visit us?" he asked. the awful events of that awful night, the With a blush, Trick held out her hands;

then, as he gladly took and held them in "And they thought we had elozed-that papa's illness was only a trick," she said, toward breaking the beart of a postmistress later. "If they had found Erric before

different it would have been for us." "Perhaps it would, and spoiled our lives. knows. my pet"-softly. "Sweetheart, I shall alcontinued, softer yet, "bless my mad-

-Robert (who was at the office very late last night)—My dear, have you seen anything of my boots?

She (sweetly)—Yes, love, they are down here on the hat rack.

As a small boy was watering his last night)-My dear, have you seen any-

'horse'' (a chair) out of an empty cup his mother suggested that she should get him some "truly" water. "Oh, no," he said, with a fine sense of

dramatic unity; "oh, no; a puhtendin' flying colors. horse must drink puhtendin' water."

blush, "do you think that young ladies are attest its efficacy. justified in taking advantage of their leap vear privileges?" His heart gave one great saddle rock she can enjoy the satisfaction of making it bound, for she was rich and he was poor, decidedly chilly for the states that are in and he loved her with that mad passion so common to this condition of society. He

He-What did you give it to eat? Goose-Bride—Same as we had; corned peef, cabbage, and English mustard.
—Stranger—Oh, yes.

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never lose your head? Stranger-I should say not. Why I can change cars at Buffalo without getting on the wrong train. -They were in the parlor occupying one

chair with but a single thought. They had discussed the tariff, the Irish question, the sleighing, the opera, the weather, and other important topics until conversation course mercury went up. was about fagged out. Then after a long pause: 'Ducky!'

Whatty?'

in courting?" 'Well, I should say you were holding your own.' Tableau. Wife-I declare I am almost ashamed to never dun.

'Do you think I am making any progress

go to church with this hat on. It is not at Husband-Is this Bridget's Sunday out? Wife-No.

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-Woman to tramp, to whom she ha

kin step into the cowshed while you're eat- kidneys and sore chests-Hop Plaster. in' them taters; it's rainin' so hard. Traiop-Thanks, ma'am, but I am no -Book Agent (to little boy)-Sonny, is

your ma in? Little Boy-Yes, she's in; but I guess Book Agent-Why not?

ready for half an hour, and pa sin't home when it's addled." Hasty departure of agent.

gun, get yer gun, get ver gun! passionately "I am glad I am not married; glad I am with you, darling, come what

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ing its retreat and softly kissed that girlish face, those dreamy, veiled eyes, and two little hands idly falling down and lightly clasped before her in an attitude of unconscious grace.

Her dress extended high to the warm throat, and, loosely confined at the waist by an attistic knot of ribbon, fell straight down to her slim feet in folds of soft white cashmere.

What am I to not make the people are grumbling about the military dog, and receiving the sarcasms of my future sister-in-law, can't you, cousin?"

Trick made no return in words, and was strangely silent during the long drive to by an attistic knot of ribbon, fell straight down to her slim feet in folds of soft white cashmere.

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fervently assured her that he did.

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-{Jack has left one of those extremely This spring with your blood full of impuri-

poor, kidneys and liver torpid, and whole Parrot (hysterically)-Johnnie, get yer eystem liable to be prostrated by diseasebut get yourself into goed condition, and -By George | exclaimed Wagstaff, with ready for the changing and warmer weather, chuckle, as he looked his cards over, 'I by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. It stands don't think I could improve on this band." uncounlied for purifying the blood, giving Perhaps you have never tried scap on an appetite, and for a general spring made

