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Or vice; who never understood How deepest wounds are given by praise; Nor rules of state, but rules of good; Who bath his life from runors freed, Whose conscience is his strong retreat. Whose state can neither flatterers feed,

Nor min make accusers great;

Who God doth late and early pray

More of his grace than gifts to lend; And entertains the harmless day With a well-chosen book or Irlend,-This man is free from servile bands Of hope to rise, or fear to fall; Lord of himself, though not of lands; And, having nothing, yet hath all.

Lost in the Snow.

Christmas eve it was-a good old-fashoned Christmas eye in New England. The nantle over field and road, and hitlside. the city. Here and there, sole landmarks, the guant trees stood up black against the sky; noth

The scene was utterly solitary until two were Miss Effie Lawrence and Eugene Talbot -a handsome couple enough, for Effie was a pretty girl, and in her scarlet heod and cloak looked a very attractive little parted from Miss Effic, was whirling past lady opening it for him herself. lady, and Mr. Talbot was a city-man, well her house on his way to New York. dressed and well-bred, considered well-

party to-morrow?"

olied Effic quickly. "I can go home quite vell alone. "Oh, but I would rather be with you,

Mr. Talbot said, what indeed he had said "Won't you take my arm, Miss Effic? hink you will get on better if you do,"

ery well alone." They walked on a little way in silence,

should like to prolong the pleasure of this walk indefinitely." the storm on such a night as this."

voted to her from the first introduction.

to begin with, just for the fun of the thing, That showed she was wrong in the direc and because it would tease Tom Allen, her tion she had taken. It ran at right angles

Mr. Talbot's manner that she had not half staggered to her feet, but each motion was pect of a solitary walk of a mile in length her courage fairly gave way. with him. Talbot evidently had no intention of neglecting his opportunities, for he corner, wrappeed her cloak over her, hid aid presently, in a sentimental tone.-

Effle gave him an amused glance. nce in one's happiness."

would be your smile."

without directly replying, she said,will be a dark night."

and I flacter myself that I am not indiffer-

'How dare you insult me?" "Now, Effic, why affect to be cruel? Why struggle against fate?" "It never was intended, Mr. Talbot, by secrects among them. any fate, that I should listen to such fool-

"Then you were utterly mistaken," she

said coldly, "and don't call me Effle." "And you will not listen to my suit?" "No, nor endure you presence," she replied, and abruptly turned away from him. They had been standing during the latter part of the talk, sheltered somewhat by a mistaken. He could not possibly have is taken as a pill. There is a cure for out into the road again. Mr. Talbot called time."

murmured. Then alond, -"Miss Effie, Miss Effie, I will go home with you, if you are afraid."

out after her once, but she did not turn.

"She's a little spitfire, anyway," he

do not bother yourself on my account. I York in a hurry, and I thought I would am much better off without you. Good come on the chance of finding Effie, and evening.

She hurried on again. He looked after turned back toward the village. These last words sounded very resolute ertainly. He must have made a mistake. Effic was wiser than he thought her, and Effic to stay all night, but she refused." his time for the past few days had been

very evidently wasted. Musing thus he walked on, and then a torm. Overhead stretched a canopy of on the chance of improving his flirtation steel gray clouds; underneath the white with Effie, and if that was a failure he had at him in alarm. "O Tom, you don't mean flakes had already spread a deep, thick much better go and spend his Christmas in to think that she has gone with him?"

With this thought he pulled out his watch. He could just make out, in the wretched until I find out what it means ing else remained to indicate the pathway. dim light, that by hurrying he might catch I must go at once." Then in answer to her the fences having almost disappeared under the last express trair. So he made the appealing look, "Yes, I will let you know best of his way to the hotel, gathered to- what I find out," and he hurried away from gether hastily his effects, and rushed off, the house figures appeared on the lonely road. They leaving the landlord astare at the unacountable suddenness of his movements. He was just in time to reach the train, and scarcely half an hour after he had at the door met with a quick response, the

Meantime, the young lady he had left favored, though Effic did not half think was plodding on through the storm, and Effic?" him so, which was ungrateful on her part, her thoughts were not very pleasant comfor he avowedly admired her. Talking was panions. This man had insulted hernot very easy work, but presently the young this seemed very evident. There was nothgenuine in his tone. He had said nothing should go back to New York to-night, so weak as to tolerate such impertinency? Grev's all night, but I did not expect to-" as to be at the great Livingston dinner Ob, where was Tom Alleu-dear old Tom, who loyed her so dearly, and longed to "Pray, do not let me prevent you," re- make her his wife? Tears came into her foolish coquetry.

Absorbed in such reflections she had gone tention to her way, when a sudden turn in not but look out of his eyes. the road brought her to a standstill. She looked about her with dismay; she was on the wrong track. She must have taken the wrong turn at the eyergreens, where about five o'clock with Mr. Talbot." she parted with Talbot. Just there the two roads met, and in the excitement, her road?" wildered by the storm, she had gone down the road leading to the next town, instead has returned to New York." Effic hurrying her steps. Then Mr. Tal- of the one on which stood the house, the home of her widowed mother.

hat looked such a long and dreary wa and in an evil moment Effle decided to go "You have a singular taste," replied across the fields. With some difficulty she forced. "I think the fireside preferable to and went plunging on over the trackless Still she tramped on, until she was sudblack, with snow tufting it here and there, All this was very nice. Effle was just and a great snow cap on its summit. Now a bit of a flirt, and she had encouraged him for the first time. Effic was disheartened. know it.

mischlef. There had been something in ankle, which was bent under her. She liked, and this afternoon, when he had agony; and after a few feeble steps she come into the Greys', she had prolonged sank down with a cry of pain. She had her yisit, hoping he would go, until it was received a severe sprain, that was evident, too late for her to dare to stay any longer, and further progress unassisted was out of and now she did not at all fancy the pros- the question. As Effic now realized this

She drew berself a little back into the her face down in her muff, sobbing bitterly, "Ah, Miss Effie, you are cruelly com- She was well punished for her coquetry. ouplace in wishing yourself at home. She had made Tom miserable; perhaps lost insulted and deserted by that conceited fop. His conduct had been unmanly; first in in "That is great nonsense, Mr. Talbot, sulting her as he had done; next in leaving one's signation must always make a differ- her, under any circumstances, to go home not make you hear. I have been watching alone in the night and storm. Tom would for you ever since." "A difference, to be sure; but the one thing that could really affect my happiness."

"And now there was no telling what might happen to her. The road leading to her cottage home was very lone."

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had come on with pitiless cold. The frosty But he was not thus to be silenced. He snow-light enabled her to see down the de ame nearer to her and put his hand on serted road. It was completely trackless. The icy flakes swept in her face, and the "Effic," he said, "don't let us pretend long wind sounded with mountal cadence o not understand each other. I love you, over the dreary fields and through the leafless branches of the trees. About an hour after Effie had left Mr.

> these young people had known each other from childhood, and there were but few "Why, Tom, how are you? What broug

"Well, but Effic, I was sure you loved den blush, "to walk home with Rffic, if she is bere.' "With Effie? Why, she left here an bou

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ago.11 "What-alone?" "No-with that Mr. Talbot, of course," "But he has gone to New York."

young lady spoke.

clump of evergreens. Now Effic turned walked to Mrs. Lawrence's and back in suffering women-a cure which will make

back to New York. I saw Effic come in She turned at once, her eyes flashing like here early this afternoon, on my way to the cine for women, sold by druggists, under a office. On my return just now, I beard "No, Mr. Talbot, I am not afraid. Pray that Mr. Talbot had rushed off to New positive guarantee from the manufacturers.

take her home." "It is very strange," said Rose, "It was her a moment, and then, with a shrug, almost dark when they went away. Wnat a vial; one a dose. time did Mr. Talbot start?"

"He took the six o'clock express," "And they left just before five. I asked

"There is something strange in this," h sudden thought struck him. Why should said. "Rose, I am going over to Mrs. Lawsnow was falling softly but rapidly, the he not go back to New York, after all? rence's at once. That man could not have short afternoon was early darkened by the He had only decided to stay in the country left her alone in the storm. Could she-" "Could she what?" asked Rose, looking

> "I don't know what to think," he ans wered. "I only know that I shall be very

> Allen's rapid strides brought him, in spite of the storm, to Mrs. Lawrence's cottage, in a wonderfully short time. His summons

"Effic is not with me," replied Tom oming into the house and following her "That is very strange," said Mrs. Law-"Do you know if it were not for you I about marriage. Did he think she was so rence. "Then I suppose she will stay at

> And now, as Mrs. Lawrence looked at eyes, and she was sorry enough for her him, she was struck with the strange expression of his face. His worst fears had been corroborated by not finding Effic at on some distance without paying much at- home, and the anguish of his heart could

> > ence, anxiously. "Where is Effic?"

"I do not know. She left Mr. Grey's "And you did not pass them on

went with him?" she said, very slowly. What should she do? Go back! No: "Mrs. Lawrence, I do not know what to -she is gone. Where is she?" "Not with him, Tom, not with him! Miss Effle, with a laugh that was rather made her way to the fence, climed over it, I'm sure of that," cried the lady eagerly. "She has stopped at some of the neighbors" snow. It was not much worse than in the or returned to Grey's. No, Tom, it cannot There was another pause. Miss Effic road, but the snow was driving right in her be that she would leave me so." Then in a

age knew much about him. He had come creased, and by the time she reached the mystery; but, oh! my darling girl would not desert me so cruelly." Allen was half convinced by her energy. I will do my very best to find out about it at once," he said. "If she is in the neighborhood I will discover her; if she

has really gone with him, some one Then followed a brief and earnest consultation, Mrs. Lawrence suggesting such-

No, it came again muffled but louder. "Tom! Tom! Tom! Help me! help me! He knew the voice now, and cried out his heart bounding with eager delight,-

"Where are you, Effic? Effic, my dar-"Here, Tom, under the snow." He was by her side, presently, and bendng down over the drift that contained the -A buckwheat cake and a home run de-

lear little child." And so presently he set off, bearing his the lantern. It was slow work travelling thus through the snow, but they reached he cottage at last, and then what a repleing there was, and what a merry Christmas was next day, when all met at Grey's and Effic and Tom announced their ngagement as a sequel to the story of how they were lost in the snow.

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Miss Lawrence, than at any dinner party hat can be given." Effic did not reply to this, and presently

"No, I thank you, Mr. Talbot; I shall do ot asked,-"Why are you in such haste, Miss Effie?

rom New York on business, with a letter second field, Effic was fairly bewildered. of introduction to the father of Rose Grey, her intimate friend. She had met him at denly brought up by a high stone wall. It their house, and he had been perfectly de loomed up before her out of the darkness,

NO MORE BIG PRICES! had come to the conclusion that it would knew must be the one to be very tame to marry Tom and never have to her mother's house. had come to the conclusion that it would be very tame to marry Tom and never have another offer; and so when Mr. Talbot began to pay her some attentions, she smiled upon him, though she saw well enough how wretched it made poor Tom.

But within the last two days she had grown to be afraid of the result of her own mischlef. There had been something in and fell. A sharp pain shot through her mischlef. There had been something in and so when the control to her mother's house.

Tired, cold, breathless, she reached it at last and began to climb it. The snow was lard for her to hang an with ber namb hands, and somehow wretched it made poor Tom.

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He had plunged on with a fiery eagerness cases of Cough, Croup, and Bronchitis, whiles to some half a mile when a faint sound caught his ear, like the distant sound of his own name:

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He listened a moment. Was it a fancy"

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There was something in the conceited mile that accompanied these words that Grey's, there came a ring at the door, and Tom Allen came in-the brightest, pleas-Mouldings, Brackets, made Effic intensely indignant. antest fellow in the village, and a general "Let me go, Mr. Talbot," she exclaimed, favorite; Rose greeted him cordially. All

ish talk," said Effic, fairly out of patience, you here on such a night as this? I know as a piece of leather, and her physicians say man's Mills, N. D. Hemlock Lumber, &c., &c. "The best thing you can do is to go back you did not come to see me," said Rose, to the village, and leave me to go home with a gleeful laugh.

Tom was already putting on his coa

"Oh, Tom. I am glad to see you." Then peering out into the storm, "but where is

"She is not at the Greys'" Allen ans-

"No," then with an effort; "Mr. Talbot "You do not mean that you think Effi-

was beginning to wish heartily that she face now. She held on though, manfully, moment she said almost wildly,-"You was alone. She had only known this Mr. nothing daunted, for some distance. But must find her, Tom. She cared for you; Talbot for a week, and no one in the vili- the night grew rapidly darker, the cold in- she did not like him. There is some strange

old and faithful admirer. Of course she with the road she had left; she ought not, places as Effic might possibly have gone to, liked Tom better than any one else, and therefore to have come to it. There was and then once more Tom went on his way, meant to marry him, but Effic had been nothing for her but to follow it along until this time armed with a lantern. Out into poon. reading some foolish novels of late, and she came to the next fence, which she the night again, the red glow of the lantern had come to the conclusion that it would knew must be the one on the road leading casting strange gleams across the snow and

He listened a moment. Was it a fancy?

little form he loved so dearly. She was all covered with snow, so completely that he Now I could be happy anywhere by your him forever-and for what? Only to be would never had seen her, even in the day-"O Tom! Thank God you have come!

ou did not come to see me," said Rose, that the interior of her stomach is as hard and smooth as the surface of polished glass. "I—i came." replied Tom with a sud-

And so presently he set off, bearing his peared near St. Paul, Minn., threatening recovered pet in his arms, Effic carrying the landers. It was along a reward to be landers. It was along a reward to be landers. \$1 a bushel was offered for their arrest and detention. This is an instance where a glut in the market enhances the price.

—Plane people—The carpenters.

—A bonucing baby—A rubber doll.

—A shaky business—Chucking dics.

—A party organ seldom gets out of tune.

-Fly time and the base ball are very