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GREAT EXCITEMENT ABOUT Benjamin Hinkley's Patent Elastic Spring Bottom

BINDESTINADO. MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY A. FELIX,

At the Lewistown Cheap Cabinet Ware Rooms, WHERE the article can be seen at any VV time among his large stock of other FURNITURE of all descriptions. The following testimonials from those who purchased and have now in use, or had the bottom put into their old bedsteads, will speak for themselves:

This is to certify that I purchased twenty pair of new bedsteads with Hinkley's patent elastic spring bottom in, am well pleased with them, consider them a good article, and would buy no others. I would recommend them to all persons, as they are easily screwed together. and can be kept cleaner than any hitherto made. JAMES ALLISON.

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DAVD BLOOM, JOHN CLARK, D. SUNDERLAND. JERMAN JACOB, Lewistwn, April 26, 1850-1f

BOOKS & STATIONERY TOBACCO AND CIGAR STORE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has REMOVED his store to the room lately occupied by John I. M'Cov, as a Shoe Store, nearly opposite the Bank, where he has just received a first rate assortment of Congress, Plug, Roll, Lady Twist, Small Lump, Sweet and Plain Cavendish, Black Fat, Luscious Luxury, Eldorado, Natural Anti-nervous, Mrs. Miller's and Anderson's Fine Cut and Solace TO-BACCO; Rappee, Scotch, Macabau and Natiotches SNUFF and Snuff Boxes; PIPES, and SMOKING TOBACCO; Havana, Spanish, Half do., and American CIGARS.

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most accommodating terms. Lewistown, June 7, 1850--3m

Thompson's COMPOUND SYRUP OF TAR & WOOD NAPTHA, OR the cure of Pulmonary consumption, bronchitis, asthma, influenza, obstinate oughs, spitting of blood, liver complaint,

hooping cough, croup, &c. EVANS' Sugar Coated Pills --- German Pills [my10] For sale by J. B. MITCHELL.

Resolution relative to an Amendment of the Constitution. RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Constitution of this Co. wealth be amended in the second section of this Common-ticle, so that it shall read as follows: The Judges of the Supreme Court, of the several Courts of Common Pleas, and of such other Courts of Record as are or shall be established by law, shall be elected by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth, in the manner following, to wit: The Judges of the Supreme Court, by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at large; the President Judges of the several Courts of Common Pleas, and of such other Courts of Record as are or shall be established by law, and all other Judges required to be learned in the law, by the qualified electors of the respective districts over which they are to preside or act or large. over which they are to preside or act as Judges; and the Associate Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas by the qualified electors of the counties respectively. The Judges of the Supreme Court shall hold their offices for the term of fifteen ware if they chall held their offices for the term of fifteen years, if they shall so long behave themselves well, (subject to the allotment hereinafter provided for, subsequent to the first election;) the President Judges of the several Courts of Common Pleas, and of such other Courts of Record as are or shall be established by law, and all other Judges required to be learned in the law, shall hold their offices for the term of ten years, if they shall so long behave themselves well; the Associate Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas shall hold their offices for the term of five years, if they shall so long behave themselves well; all of whom shall be commis-sioned by the Governor, but for any reasonable cause, which shall not be sufficient grounds of impeachment, the Governor shall remove any of them on the address of two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature. The first election shall take place at the general election of this Commonwealth next after the adoption of this amendment, and the commissions of all the Judges who may be then in office shall expire on the first Monday of Decem-ber following, when the terms of the new Judges shall The persons who shall then be elected Judges of the Supreme Court shall hold their offices as follows: One of them for three years, one for six years, one for nine years, one for twelve years, and one for fifteen years, the term of each to be decided by lot by the said Judges, as soon after the election as convenient, and the result certified by them to the Governor, that the com-missions may be issued in accordance thereto. The Judge whose commission will first expire shall be Chief Justice during his term, and thereafter each Judge whose com-mission shall first expire shall in turn be the Chief Justice, and if two or more commissions shall expire on the same day, the Judges holding them shall decide by lot which shall be the Chief Justice. Any vacancies, happening by death, resignation, or otherwise, in any of the said Courts. shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, to con-tinue till the first Monday of December succeeding the next general election. The Judges of the Supreme Court and the Presidents of the several Courts of Common Pleas shall, at stated times, receive for their services an adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office; but they shall receive no fees or perquisites of office, nor hold any other office of profit under this Commonwealth, or under the government of the United States, or any other State of this Union. The Judges of the Supreme Court, during their continuance in office, shall reside within this Commonwealth; and the other Judges, during their con-tinuance in office, shall reside within the district or county

> J. S. M'CALMONT, Speaker of the House of Representatives. V. BEST. Speaker of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, HARRISBURG, January 28, 1850. 1, Samuel W. Pearson, Chief Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, (No. 10 on the Senate file of the present session,) entitled "Resolution relative to an amendment of the Constitution,"—it being the same resolution which was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each Rouse of the last Legislature—after having been duly considered and discussed, was this day agreed to by a majority of the members elected to and serving in the Senate of Pennsylvania, at its present session, as will appear by their votes given on the final passage of the resolution, as

for which they were respectively elected.

Those voting in favor of the passage of the resolution were, H. Jones Brooke, J. Porter Brawley, William A. Crabb, Jonathan J. Cunningham, Thomas S. Fernon, Thomas H. Forsyth, Charles Frailey, Robert M. Frick, Henry Fulton, John W. Guernsey, William Haslett, Isaac Hugus, Timothy Ives, Joshua Y. Jones, Joseph Konig-macher, George V. Lawrence, Maxwell M'Baslin, Benja-min Malone, Benjamin Matthias, Henry A. Muhlenberg, William F. Packer, William R. Sadler, David Sankey Peleg B. Savery, Conrad Shimer, Robert C. Sterrett, Daniel Stine, Farris B. Streeter, John H. Walker, and Valentine Best, Speaker-Year 29.

Those voting against the passage of the resolution were, George Darsie, Augustus Drum, and Alexander King—

Extract from the Journal. SAML. W. PEARSON, Clerk.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HARRISBURG, March 14, 1850. \$
I, William Jack, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, (No. 10 on the Senate file, and No. 211 on the House Journal of the present session,) entitled Resolution relative to the amendment of the Constitu tion,"—It being the same resolution which was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House of the last Legislature—after having been duly considered and discussed, was this day agreed to by a majority of the members elected to and serving in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, at its present session, as will appear by their votes, given on the final passage of the appear by their votes, given on the final passage of the resolution, as follows, viz:

Those voting in favor of the passage of the resolution

were, John Acker, John Allison, William Baker, Robert Baldwin, David J. Bent, Craig Biddle, Jeremiah Black, John S. Bowen, William Brindle, Daniel H. B. Brower, Jesse R. Burden, John Cessna, Henry Church, John N. Conyngham, Sylvester Cridland, Benjamin G. David, William J. Dobbins, James P. Downer, Thomas Duncan, William Dunn, William Espey, John C. Evans, William Evans, A. Scott Ewing, Alexander S. Feather, James Flowers, Benjamin P. Fortner, Alexander Gibboney Thomas E. Grier, Joseph E. Griffin, Joseph Guffey, Jacob S. Haldeman, George H. Hart, Leffert Hart, John Hastings, William J. Hemphill, John Hoge, Henry Huplet, Lewis Herford, Washington J. Jackson, Nicholas Jones, John W. Killinger, Charles E. Kinkead, Robert Klotz, Harrison P. Laird, Morris Leech, Jonathan D. Leet, An son Leonard, James J. Lewis, Henry Little, Jonas R. M'Clintock, John F. M'Culloch, Alexander C. M'Curdy, John M'Laughlin, John M'Lean, Samuel Marx, John B. Meek, Michael Meyers, John Miller, Joseph C. Molloy, John D. Morris, William T. Morison, Ezekiel Mowry, Edward Nickleson, Jacob Nissly, Charles O'Neill, John B. Packer, Joseph C. Powell, James C. Reid, John S. Rhey, Lewis Roberts, Samuel Robinson, John B. Rutherford, Glenni W. Scofield, Thoms C. Scouller, William Shaffner, Richard Simpson, Eli Slifer, William Smith, William A. Smith, Daniel M. Smyser, William H. Souder, Thomas C. Steel, David Steward, Charles Stockwell, Edwin C. Trone, Andrew Wade, Robert C. Walker, Thomas Watson, Sidney B. Wells, Hiram A. Williams, Daniel Zerbey, and John S. M'Calmont, Speaker—Yeas 87. Those voting against the passage of the resolution were, Augustus K. Cornyn, David Evans, and James M.

Extract from the Journal.

WILLIAM JACK, Clerk. SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Filed March 15, 1850. A. W. BENEDICT.

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

PENNSYLVANIA, 88. I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution of the General As-sembly, entitled "Resolution relative to an amendment of the Constitution," as the same remains on file in this

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the Secretary's Office, at Harris-burg, this fifteenth day of June, Anno ini one thousand eight hundred and A. L. RUSSELL.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Or when glory leads the way You'll be madly rushing on, mankind. Never thinking if they kill you That my happiness is gone;
If you win the day, perhaps
A General you'll be;
Tho' I'm proud to think of that,
What will become of me? Oh! if I were Queen of France,

Or, still better, Pope of Rome, I would have no fighting men abroad, No weeping maids at home All the world should be at peace, Or, if Kings must show their might, Why, let them who make the quarrels Be the only men who fight.

Poetry.

JEANNETTE AND JEANNOT.

BY CHARLES W. GLOVER

You are going far away, Far away from poor Jeannette, There is no one left to love me now,

And you, too, may forget;

And say the same, Jeannot?

When you wear the jacket red

And the beautiful cockade,

All the promises you made;

With the gun upon your shoulder

And the bayonet by your side, You'll be taking some proud Lady And be making her your bride.

Oh! I fear you will forget

But my heart will be with you

Wherever you may go,

Can you look me in the face

A Select Tale.

THE EARLY CHRISTIANS.

A TALE OF HEATHEN ROME.

In the reign of Marcus Aurelius Antonius, there lived in Rome a good old senator, who had two daughters. Veronica and Berenice were noted, less for their beauty and gentleness, than for the extraordinary resemblance they bore to each other, and their mutual affection. These girls were twins, their mother had died during their infancy, and it was found, after her death, that a mother's eye only had been enabled to distinguish the children. Had their father, Flavius Torquatus, bestowed much of his attention on them, he might have acquired the same power of discrimination; but the noble patrician's hours were divided between the senate-house and the court; and when he came home at night, wearied, he was well enough pleased to play with his two sweet little girls without farther troubling himself concerning them. And yet he was a kind father; he entreated his widowed sister to take up her abode with him, that she might take care of the children; he allotted for their use a magnificent suit of rooms; he purchased for them a numerous train of slaves. Veronica and Berenice had scarcely a wish ungratified.

As they increased in years, the remarkessentially different. Berenice was pencholy, studious, and fond of retirement; Veronica was volatile, giddy, of quick and warm affections, yet did these points of difference not lesson their fond affec-

They had completed their sixteenth year, when among other presents brought by their father on his return from a visit to the East, was a young female slave of extraordinary intelligence and merit. She soon became the favorite of Berenice, and the noble young Roman would frequently recline for hours on her couch, while the slave beside her, occupied at her embroidery, would tell her tales of her own family and native land. She wept when she spoke of her peaceful home and aged parents, and Berenice felt as though she loved the girl more for her fond regret. She asked her for what cause her liberty had been forfeited, for she knew that Alce had not been born a slave, but on this point she could obtain no satisfaction. Berenice would not pursue the painful subject, but her sister's curiosity was not so easily suppressed. She questioned her father, and the reply of Flavius made both his daughters start with horror.

"It was for crime," he said, " for crime of a blacker nature than you can conceive; for crime that merited death, but I pitied her youth; nay," he continued, "be not alarmed, she cannot, will not injure you; she is gentle and skillful in the healing art, for this reason I have her about you, and -you are Romans, and noble, Berenice! -you will not descend to undue familiarity with a slave."

tion she was attacked by a painful illness, and the tedious hours of sleepless nights she could not refrain from desiring Alce to tell her stories, and sing her songs, as she had been wont to do. Often and often, as her voice faltered. she watched the quick short step of her attendant, and compared her wearied assiduity and gentle activity with the indolence and carelessness of her other slaves, she wondered what could be the crime of which so meek and unoffending a creature had been guilty. One night, she felt worse than usual, and having persuaded her sister to retire for a while, she lay perfectly still, meditating on the past, and on the future, the fearful future, of which she knew so little, and which she so much

was totally ignorant; she saw Alce rise at holy hope in her meekly raised eye, which she had never witnessed in the votaries of love. She called the trembling girl to her to me the same Berenice whom, in the side, and bade her quickly explain her sa- hour of prosperity, I had vowed to love cred faith. Alce hesitated; she knew the and to cherish; but what can be the meandanger she would incur, for both, and some remains of the fear of man yet lingered torture yourself and me by such utterly about her heart; but she conquered the unworthy feeling, and drawing from the folds of her robe a roll of parchment, she read aloud to her attentive auditress the most surprising event in the history of

Many months had passed away. One evening the sisters were together in their I am a Christian." own apartment. Veronica stood before a mirror; her vest of satin, her flowerthat she was preparing for a festival. At the farther end of the room Berenice was seated. She was arrayed in a plain white dress, and her long hair fell unbraided in its own rich luxuriance about her throat and shoulders; with one hand she fondled a snow-white dove, and ever and anon her dark hair fell over the gentle bird, and it on a parchment which appeared to engross the maiden's deepest attention.

"Come, now, Berenice," said her sister, casket and the carrier dove. playfully fixing the wreath of roses, prepared for herself, on her sister's brow, " lay aside for once your melancholy book,

up, and answered gently. "Not so, Veronica, not to-night; it is the anniversary of poor Alce's death; and did she not die for love of me, watching and waiting when all others slept? Her image has been with me through the day; I cannot join the banquet with my heart full of sad memorials; leave me, sister," and Berenice took off and returned the wreath.

"Yet listen, one word more; thou knowest who will be there this evening. My father will frown, and Lucius Emilius will sigh when I go in alone. Lucius departs to-morrow for the battle; and shall he go without one benison from his affi-

"No," replied her sister, speaking low and faltering; "vou, Veronica, will tell him that I wait to see him here, before his departure,'

Berenice! my sister, bethink you of our father; remember his patrician prejudices; surely this step-

sive, gentle, it might be somewhat melan- I fear to betray at parting with one whom my father has commanded me to love; tell my father that I am unwell, and it is true, my head and heart ache—go, dear-est." And Veronica, unconvinced vet persuaded by the tears of her sister, which

in truth were flowing fast, left her alone. Berenice resumed her reading, but not for many minutes; she arose and shut the volume, saying, " Not thus, not thus with divided attention and with wandering thought, may I presume to read this holy record." She placed it within a small casket, locked it carefully, and then walked forth into a balcony, on which the windows of the apartment opened. The moon had just risen and shed soft light on the magnificent buildings of the eternal city; the cool, thin air swept over the brow of the maiden, and calmed her agitated thoughts; she had a bitter trial before her, for she was about to inflict a deep wound on the' heart of one whom she loved with all the innocent fervor of a girl's first affection; and she trembled as she pictured to herself his sorrow. Then Berenice looked up at the quiet of the evening sky, and thought of the time, when earth's interests would be over for her; and could she thus look, and thus think, and still hesitate! Ah, no! When she heard the step of Lucius drawing nigh, she plucked a single flower from a creeping plant that overshadowed the balcony, and keeping it in her hand as a token to recall her better resolutions, she advanced to meet him.

"It was not for this, I sent for you hither," she said, in reply to his passion-Berenice heard this injunction; she meant ate expressions of regret and love; "you to obey it; but shortly after this conversa- are a Roman soldier, Lucius, I know it was neither your destiny, nor your wish to be ever at a lady's side. Believe me. I have learned to look on this parting as a thing inevitable;" but even as she spoke,

Lucius leaned forward to console her, to whisper of re-union, of long re-union; "Your father has promised, dearest," said he, "that this campaign once over, the Marcomanni once defeated, I shall be rewarded, at my return, with the hand of my Berenice.

"It may be so," she answered sadly, "if you still wish it." " If I still wish it! Berenice, of what

are you dreaming?"

"I am not dreaming, Lucius Emilius, I am

she prayed in a soft voice to the God of Flavius Torquatus; the co-heiress of his the Christians for her recovery. Berenice wealth and honors; of one whose hand to her surprise, the meditation of a Being from Germany, you should find me desimplored, of whose very existence she poiled of all these advantages, an alien from my father's house, it may be from last with an expression of resignation and his heart, scorned and forgotten by my friends, despised by mankind-"

"You would still," replied Lucius, " be ing of your terrible words? why do you vain imaginings ?"

Berenice withdrew from the encireling arm that supported her; she leaned against the slight column of the verandah; her voice was softer than the softest whisper, vet every word fell with terrible clearness on the ear of her lover; "Lucius Emilius,

Lucius went forth that night from the chamber of his betrothed an altered man: wreathed robe, her zone of briliants, told for the chill of disappointment had fallen on his proudest and fondest hopes. He had tried all his persuasive powers to induce the girl to forsake her new opinions; he had tried in vain; so now nought for him remained to do but to fulfill the engagement in which his honor was concerned, and then to return, to love her still, and to protect her, if necessary, with nestled lovingly with it; the other rested his life. He bore with him two precious and let me alone." But Veronica, if she gifts, to console him in absence, as far as anything could console him-the golden and none knew how this dispute would Berenice was again alone, not, as here-

tofore, in the solitude of her own luxurious apartment; not surrounded, as she and send your dove to his rest, and come down to the banquet," Berenice looked and flowers; she was alone in the solitude of a gloomy prison chamber. A small aperture near the ceiling, guarded by iron bars, admitted just light enough to show the dismal emptiness of the place, no tapestried hangings to hide the cool, damp walls, no warm carpets to cover the stone floor. It contained only a low couch, and on that the maiden was seated, sometimes raising her clasped hands in the deep earnestness of prayer, sometimes covering her red and swollen eyes to hide, it might be from herself, the tears she could not restrain. Presently a low knock was heard at the door, and her father entered. stood alone in the arena, and said, Berenice shuddered and said, "Not this, oh, let me be spared this worst grief!give me only strength to bear it." Then she advanced, and led Flavius Torquatus | swear by the fortune of Cæsar and to sacto her couch, and, meekly kneeling before rifice and be safe?" But she answered, him, prayed him yet once more to lay his more firmly than ever, hand upon her and bless her.

The old man answered, "It is not for to your false gods! You condemn me to this I come, unhappy girl; I come to tell death, but I fear not to die in defence of "Go, dear sister," answered Berenice, you that all my entreaties have been in the truth." She advanced unbidden to able similarity of their persons remained mildly yet firmly; "for the love that you vain, the orders of the Emperor must not the fatal block, and knelt by it; ere she bare me, do me this errand. I would not be disobeyed, and his orders were, that all any other eye should mark the weakness of your fanatical sect should be exterminated. Were Marcus here, the tears and prayers of his faithful servant might avail; but he is beyond the Danube; to-morrow, a general execution. Oh, Berenice! must And Veronica, unconvinced, yet I live to see your blood flow forth by the hand of the common executioner?"

"I come not, as I came vesterday," he continued, after a long pause, " with tears and entreaties to move you; vesterday I knelt to implore you to save your father's heart from breaking; and all in vain .-To-day I come with harsher purpose. You ask me but now to take you in my arms and bless you, as I did when you were a little child. Berenice, if you do not abandon your infatuation, if you persist in bringing eternal dishonor on your line-Berenice, listen! may the curse of your father-

The girl pressed his arm heavily; she tried to speak, but her parted lips were as white as marble, and refused to utter a

The old man looked on her; and the curse on his lips was stayed. He looked on her and kissed her, ere he went, for he had tenderly loved her mother.

"My sister!" she faintly murmured, as

he moved away, but Flavius answered :-"You will never see her again; you would infect her with your superstition; I cannot be left childless in my old age. And the old man went; and as the last sound of his departing step died away, Berenice thought her worst trial was over, and she withdrew her thoughts from the world, and sought to prepare her soul for death. Late on the following day, the people

of Rome assembled in the amphitheatre to witness the martyrdom of the Christians. Horrible deaths they died! Some were torn to pieces by wild beasts; others were burned at a slow fire; some few were crucified, and they counted such death an unmerited honor. Berenice was reserved for the last, and because she was of Roman and patrician blood, she was to suffer the milder punishment of decollation. The sign was given, and proclaimed by the herald, and when it was proclaimed by the herald that the Christian maiden was coming forth, there was so deep a silence amongst that vast multitude that even the advancing steps of the girl and her conductors were heard. But what was the surprise of all present, when they beheld, not one, but two young maidens, both dreaded. Alce was kneeling by her couch, speaking the words of sober reality. You dressed alike in white raiment, both comand believing her mistress to be asleep, think of me, as of the beloved child of ing forth with the same quiet step and

placid demeanor; and one, it might be the most tranquil, advanced a step towards listened in still attention; she had heard to her surprise, the meditation of a Being from Germany, you should find me dessat, and thus addressed him :

"It is I, most noble prefect, who am Berenice, the Christian; this girl, my sister, for love of me, would fain take my name and punishment on herself, but credit her not, it is I who am the condemned."

Then arose a touching dispute between the sisters; sisterly love lending one the eloquence which the other derived from truth, Many of the friends, and even of their relatives in the amphitheatre, were called on to come down and decide between them, but some spoke for the one and some spoke for the other. Veronica, in her agonizing fears, had not the light and joyous expression of her countenance; and Berenice's meek and holy hopes had chased the deep melancholy from her face

.One or two brutal voices arose and said : "They both call themselves Christians, let them both die the death!" But one of the maidens answered, "Think not, most noble prefect, if you thus decree, that you will be guildess of my sister's blood: she is not a Christian at heart; would to God that she were! then would I no longer oppose her sharing my early death. Veronica, acknowledge the truth, it was, persisted in her first declaration. terminate, when a new incident attracted the attention of the multitude, and silenced every doubt,

A speck was seen in the air, it came lower: it was a milk-white dove. The bird fluttered round one, then drew near the other; no caressing hand was held out to receive him, but his instinct was not to be deceived; he settled on the shoulder of her who had answered the harsh voice from the crowd, and sought to nestle as he was wont in her long hair. Many were present who knew the pet to belong to Berenice, so the people were satisfied with this decision, and the weeping Veronica, still protesting against her own identity, was torn from the arms of her sister. Then the prefect who had been moved at this singular scene, turned to Berenice, as she

"It is not yet too late, young maiden, to preserve thy life; have pity on thy yet, no! the sacrifice must be complete; youth and loveliness, and on the gray hairs of thy aged father. What harm is it to " I am a Christian, and cannot sacrifice

> joined her hands in prayer, she bent once more fondly over her little messenger bird, as if to bid farewell to the last object that told of earthly ties. There was a small scroll of parchment under his wing; Berenice felt it, and thinking that it might perhaps tell her the only tidings she cared now to hear, she rose again, and holding it forth, she prayed permission to read it. The prefect did not refuse, and Berenice read, first in silence, and then aloud: " The Emperor Marcus is dead, and Commodius is already proclaimed Cæsar.' A loud shout rent the air. It was well known that Commodius, in his heart, favored the despised sect, and in spite of their prejudices, the beauty and heroism of Berenice had moved the hearts of her countrymen in her favor. A general out-cry for her release was heard, but this the prefect dared not grant. Berenice was remanded to prison until the pleasure of Commodius should be known respecting the Christians. It was not very long ere, wearied with the hardships of the camp, he returned to his capital; and his first order was that all Christians should be released, and restored to their privileges as Roman citizens. In his train came the young Lucius; he had found leisure, amid the excitement of glory, and the hardships of his campaign, to study the precious gift of his betrothed; at first for love of her, afterwards from a wish to know the truth. So, when their nuptials, delayed awhile by the death of Flavius Torquatus, was at last solemnized, Berenice had the deep happiness of knowing that the husband of her choice shared the sure faith and pure hope of her own spirit. They remained not long in Rome; the follies and cruelties of Commodius rendered it distasteful to them; and although Lucius stood high in his favor, and he was very capricious, they knew not how long it might remain in their own power to depart or abide in

They, therefore, bade adieu without a sigh to the pomp and luxuries of the capital, and embarked for a little island in the northwest of Europe, without the range of civilization, where they knew they should enjoy safety and freedom.

Berenice was perfectly happy; she gave not one regret to the magnificence she abandoned, for Lucius was with her, and as she stepped into the boat, a trembling, caressing girl clung to her, and a soft voice whispered her: "My sister, whither thou goest I will go; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God".