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TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY, DELIVERED AT LOUISVILLE, JULY 13th, 1861.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: A few weeks since, which have brought sorrow to every hearth-

and see that this army is marshalled and ment of the United States has been faith-For eighty years it has maintained the by its prowess, its wisdom, and its justice, the boundless blessings of our free instiearth which the citizens of no republic necessarily the destruction of our nationhas enjoyed since Rome was mistress of ality, the division of our territory, the the world. Under its administration the permanent disruption of the republic. It verted by the traitors who have reared the crutch of neutrality, upon which her wellnational domain has stretched away to the Pacific, and that constellation which announced our birth as a people, has exnounced our birth as a people, bas exshall grow more and more impoverished,

the government. They said to themselves: of what a traitorous swindle we have been competent authority for the government

and build upon its ruins an empire that

the past. We had, indeed, supposed that grown strong and mustrious. When a that shelters min, is one of deter demota- we had point of description and should be trodden out as you eracy so low, that the work of Washington dog came sweeping along, followed by a a republic could exist without having its clares his independence of the laws under the roof of your dwelling. Its unchecked Handek and Henry, is to be overthrown men, oblivious of all things but the object tephonic could exist without naving its life sought by its own offspring; but the cares and of the society of which he lives, and of the society of which he is a member. Should he, when arbecause this rebellion has been made by thereby becomes the advocate of the indemen renowned in our civil and military pendence he has thus declared; and, if he country, and it is not my purpose on this occasion to repeat those views, or to enthey had most confided, and whom they violated, nor of security of Southern instigage in any extended discussion of the had most honored, men wicked enough, tutions, which we know perfectly well have words on the relations of Kentucky to the questions then examined. It is not neces- either secretly to betray them unto death, never been interfered with by the general sary that I should do so, since the argu- or openly to seek their overthrow by law- government, but it is purely with us a ment is exhausted, and the popular mind less violence. The republic of England question of national existence. In meeting had its Monk; the republic of France had this terrible issue which rebellion has made ings. I will, however, with your permis- its Bonaparte; the republic of Rome had up with the loyal men of the country, we be permitted to speak to each other upon sion, submit a few brief observations upon its Cæsar and its Cataline, and the Saviour stand upon ground infinitely above all it with entire freedom. I shall not detain the absorbing topics of the day, and if I do of the world had his Judas Iscariot. It party lines and party platforms-ground so with an earnestness and emphasis due cannot be necessary that I should declare as sublime as that on which our fathers alike to the sincerity of my convictions to you, for you know them well, who they stood when they fought the battles of the of your state. In his reply to the requiand to the magnitude of the interests in- are whose parricidal swords are now un- revolution. I am for throwing into the

Could one, an entire stranger to our The most distinguished of them were edu- brief and as little sanguinary as possible. history, now look down upon the South, cated by the charity of the government on It is hoped that we shall soon see in the and see there a hundred or a hundred and which they are now making war. For long field half a million of patriotic volunteers, fifty thousand men marching in hostile years they were fed from its table, and marching in columns which will be perarray, threatening the capture of the capi- clothed from its wardrobe, and had their feetly irresistible, and, borne in their tal and the dismemberment of the territory | brows garlanded by its honors. They are the | hands-for no purpose of conquest or subof the republic; and could he look again ungrateful sons of a fond mother, who jugation, but of protection only—we may dandled them upon her knee, who lavished expect within nine months to see the stars directed by officers recently occupying dis- upon them the gushing love of her noble and stripes floating in every Southern tinguished places in the civil and military and devoted nature, and who nurtured breeze, and hear going up, wild as the service of the country; and further that them from the very bosom of her life; and the states from which this army has been now, in the frenzied excesses of licentious pated people over their deliverance from drawn appear to be one vast, seething and baffled ambition, they are stabbing at cauldron of ferocious passion, he would that bosom with the ferocity with which the which they are now tormented and oppressvery naturally conclude that the government of the United States had committed dent of the United States had committed dent of the United States is heroically and will not cost exceeding four or five hundred some great crime against its people, and patriotically struggling to baffle the machithat this uprising was in resistance to nations of these most wicked men. I have wrong and ourrages which had been borne unbounded gratification in knowing that he The debt thus created will press but slightuntil endurance was no longer possible. has courage to look traitors in the face, And yet no conclusion could be further and that, in discharging the duties of his from the truth than this. The govern- great office, he takes no counsel of his fears. He is entitled to the zealous supful to all its constitutional obligations .- port of the whole country, and, may I not national honor at home and abroad, and the support of all who justly appreciate

panded from thirty-four stars, more and more revolutionary, enfeebled, those who shall survive this national hugrandeur. The rights of no states have motions, and traitors, prepared to strike at tion to the past, no relation to our great is, in effect, but a snake in the grass of been invaded; no man's property has been the country that has rejected their claims ancestors, no relation to those monuments rebellion, and those who handle it will despoiled, no man's liberty abridged, no to power, will spring up on every side. and battle-fields which commemorate alike sooner or later feel its fangs. Said one man's life oppressively jeopardized by the action of this government. Under its benign influences the rills of public and fatal doctrine of secession, not only will private prosperity have swelled into rivu- states secede from states, but counties will told by the disunionists that in the sup- men or between nations, could this be more lets, and from rivulets into rivers ever secede from states also, and towns and porting a Republican administration in its truthfully said than of that in which we brimming in their fullness, and everywhere, cities from counties, until universal marchy and at all periods of its history, its minis- will be consummated in each individual trations have fællen as gently on the peo- who can make good his position by force of they have pronounced this word, they sup- ferent to the issue of this contest? Has ple of the United States as do the dews of arms, claiming the right to defy the power a Summer's night on the flowers and grass of the government. Thus we should have of the gardens and fields.

Whence, then, this revolutionary outbarons with their moated castles and spiritless as it may be deemed by some,

Into we are submissionists, and weak and spiritless as it may be deemed by some,

sustain, no glory to win? Has she no break? Whence the secret spring of this marauding retainers. This doctrine when we glory in the position we occupy. For horror of that crime of crimes now being gigantic conspiracy, which, like some huge analyzed is simply a declaration that no example: the law says, 'Thou shalt not committed against us by that stupendous noa, had completely coiled itself around physical force shall ever be employed in steal; we submit to this law, and would rebellion which has arisen like a tempestthe limbs and body of the republic, before executing the laws for upholding the gova single hand was lifted to resist it? ernment, and a government in whose of his forts, his arsenals, his arms, his that she is still a member of this Union, Strange, and indeed startling, as the an- practical administration such a principle munitions of war, his hospital stores, or and as such she has the same interest in nouncement must appear when it falls on has been introduced, could no more con- any thing that is his. Indeed, so impress- resisting a poignard whose point is aimed the ears of the next generation, the national tinue to exist than a man could live with tragedy, in whose shadow we stand to- an angered cobra in his bosom. If you that we would no more think of plunder- fire; has she no interest in extinguishing night, has come upon us because, in Novem- would know what are the legitimate fruits ing from our neighbor half a million of the conflagration? Will she stand aloof ber last, John C. Breckinridge was not of secession, look at Virginia and Tennes- dollars because found in his unprotected and announce herself neutral between the whole story. And I would pray now to the schools are deserted; the courts of thoroughfare. Write us down, therefore, dreds of thousands of citizens of other know on what was John C. Breckinridge justice closed; public and private credit 'submissionists.' Again: the law says, states-men of culture and character, of public founded by Washington and cement- repudiated; confiscations and spoliations to this law, and while in the civil or mili- stake in life, and an intense appreciation ed by the best blood that has ever coursed everywhere prevailing; every cheek tary service of the country, with an oath to of its duties and responsibilities, who know in human veins, is to be overthrown be- blanched with fear, and every heart frozen support the constitution of the United the worth of this blessed government of cause, forsooth, he cannot be its President? with despair; and all over that desolated States resting upon our conscience, we ours, and do not prize even their own Had he been chosen we well know land the hand of infuriated passion and would not for any earthly consideration blood above it-I say, hundreds of thoushat we should not have heard crime is waving, with a vulture's scream engage in the formation or execution of a ands of such men have left their homes,

Even after his defeat, could it have been But I am not here to discuss this propguaranteed, beyond all peradventure, that osition to-night. I wish solemnly to declare

it has given birth. Write us down, therefore, again, submissionists. Yet again:
when a President has been elected in strict or usading Europe threw its hosts upon the would be the successor of Mr. Lincoln, I this Union without conditions, one and presume we hazard nothing in assuming indivisible, now and forever. I am for its that this atrocious movement against the preservation at any and every cost of blood to discharge the disch government would not have been set on foot. So much for the principle involved in it. This great crime, then, with which and its foes, whether they be foreign or we are grappling, sprang from that "sin domestic; no neutrality between that glo- the designation of his political party, or this sublime spectacle of patriotism unby which the angels fell "—an unmastered rious flag which now floats over us, and and profligate ambition—an ambition that the ingrates and traitors who would tram—the presidential canvass; we believe we would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victors who would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. "would rather reign in hell than serve in ple it in the dust. My prayer is for victory, fulfil in the sight of earth and heaven our will shrink away while the battle rages, our government; your cause is indeed our heaven "-that would rather rule supreme- complete, enduring and overwhelming, to highest obligations to our country, in giv- and after it has been fought and won, I ly over a shattered fragment of the repub- the armies of the republic over all its ene- ing to him an earnest and loyal support in will return to the camp, well assured that the structure of the structure of the reput.

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mies. 1 am against any and every compromise that may be proposed to be made.

The conspirators of the South read in under the guns of the repets, while, at the pant taunt that in thus submitting to the the election of Mr. Lincoln a declaration same time, I am decidedly in favor of that the Democratic party had been pros- affording every reasonable guarantee for trated, if not finally destroyed, by the sel- the safety of Southern institutions, which taunt comes, and we estimate it at its true fish intrigues and corruptions of its leaders; the honest convictions of the people—not value. We hold that there is a higher Kentuckian within the sound of my voice they read, too, that the vicious, emaciated the conspirators-of the South may de- courage in the performance of duty than power, could no longer carry them beyond of the sword has been defiantly thrust into Island have that courage in which the rev- then lay himself down upon his pillow with a given geographical line of our territory, the face of the government and country, olutionists of the day make their especial this thought of neutrality, without feeling and that in truth this factious and treason- and there is no honorable escape from it. boast; the angels of God and the spirits of that he has something in his bosom which able agitation, on which so many of them All guarantees and all attempts at adjust- just men made perfect have had, and stings him worse than would an adder? had grown great by debauching and de- ment by amendments to the constitution have that courage which submits to the Have we, within the brief period of eighty had grown great by debauching and denent by amendments to the constitution nationalizing the mind of a people naturally rejected, and the leadarly generous and patriotic, had run its course, and hence, that from the national they are fighting for their independence. In this contemptuous rejection of guarantiex of the degree of the course, and the chains disgust for this demagogueing, and for the inexorable law of population, the time had come when all those who had no other the rebellion now so audaciously made, we of the constitution are now scornfully rejected, and the lead-laws. Lucifer was a non-submissionists, and the first secessionists of whom history has given us any account, and the chains which he wears fitly, express the fate due to all who openly defy the laws of their courty. He rebelled of such a government as this? They political capital than this, would have to have a complete exposure of that fraud because the Almighty would not yield to fought through a seven years' war, with prepare for retirement to private life, so which, through the slavery agitation, has him the throne of heaven. The principle fluence of these grim discouragements they the light of this revelation, we feel as one found the chief distinction between good

the revolutionary terror and despotism, by millions of dollars; and none need be startled at the vistness of this expenditure.

endeavors to uphold the constitution and are now involved. Neutrality necessarily the laws, we are 'submissionists,' and when implies indifference. Is Kentucky indifed are we with the obligations of this law, at the heart. It is her house that is on this repetition, for the lever with which it is being moved would have been wanting to the hands of the conspirators.

Even after his defeat, could it have been again to subvert that very constitution, and with it the government to which it has given birth. Write us down, there-

resolved to consummate at once - what our awakened from the suffocating tortures of men and devils. A good man obeys the

THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER. great offices of the republic as we have their independence! Independence of lives; a devil obeys only his own ferocious and of battle even, if need need be, to Miss Mary's Jaunty Blue Hat, been accustomed to do, we will destroy it what? Independence of those laws which and profligate passions. The principle on give, to save it from absolute destruction and build upon its ruins an empire that they themselves have aided in enacting; which this rebellion proceeds, that laws at the hands of men who, steeped in guilt, independence of that constitution which have in themselves no sanctions, no bind- are perpetrating against us and humanity a street last autumn, in a brown study on Busin De an our own, and whose spons independence of that conscience and that orime, for which I verily believe the some obstruse subject, his vision horizon-their the Bast nor the West shall share with us." Deplorable parties and subject by inheritance; inde-every man, under the prompting of interest, blackest page of the history of the world's parties and subject by inheritance; inde-every man, under the prompting of interest, blackest page of the history of the world's parties and subject by inheritance; inde-every man, under the prompting of interest, blackest page of the history of the world's parties and subject by inheritance; indewest suali suals with as this certainly is, it is pendence of that beneficent government or passion, or caprice, may, at will, and darkest period furnishes no parallel? Can when just as he had forded one of the cross but a rehearsal of the sad, sad story of on whose treasury and honorably too, strike at the government it be possible that in the American people streets, and lifted one foot to place it upon the past. We had, indeed, supposed that grown strong and illustrious. When a that shelters him, is one of utter demoraunder our Ourishian civilization we had man commits a roopery on the nighway, lization, and should be stouded out as you eracy so low, that the work of viscining and sweeping along, followed by several point in human progress, when or a murder in the dark, he thereby de- would tread on a spark that has fallen on and Franklin, of Adams and Jefferson, of black one of the same species. The species were mistaken. Let no man imagine that raigned, avow and justify the offence, he antee for life, liberty, or property. It is foundation? It would be the overturning of his own momentum, struck Kelly's per-

cerns the honor of us all, I hope we may you with observations on the hostile and defiant position assumed by the governor sition made upon him for volunteers under and to the magnitude of the interests involved, it is trusted that none will be offended, not even those who may most widely differ from me.

are whose parriedal swords are now unprevolution. I am for throwing into the sheathed against the republic of the United contest thus forced upon us all the material and moral resources and energies of the struggle may be own history, his epitaph included, and it own history, his epitaph included, and it is probable that in future the world will little concern itself as to what his excellency may propose to do, or as to what he may propose not to do. That response has made for Kentucky a record that has already brought a burning blush to the cheek of many of her sons, and is destined to bring it to the cheek of many more in the years which are to come. It is a shame, indeed a crying shame, that a state with so illustrious a past should have written for her, by her own chief magistrate, a demn the government, and assume towards it an attitude of antagonism. Your inaction is page of history so utterly humiliating as this. But your legislature have determined a virtual indorsement of the rebellion, and i this. But your legislature have determined you do not thereby give to the rebels precisely that during the present unhappy war the attitude of the state shall be that of strict stitution, you certainly afford them a most neutrality, and it is upon this determination that I wish respectfully but frankly to ly upon us; it will be paid and gladly the legislature were doubtless patriotic and paid by posterity, who will make the best conservative, the conclusion arrived at can- to those of loval states, the debts due to the bargain which has been made since the not be condemned as dishonorable; still in world began, if they can secure to them- view of the manifest duty of the state and selves, in its integrity and blessings, such of possible results, I cannot but regard room for doubt that the Confederate Congres add without offence, that he will receive a government as this, at such a cost. it as mistaken and false, and one which But, if in this anticipation we are doomed may have fatal consequences. Strictly to disappointment; if the people of the and legally speaking, Kentucky must go has given to the title of an American citizen an elevation among the nations of the

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in placing her in the anomalous position she

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all, until recently, moving undisturbed and debased. Each returning election will and undimmed in their orbs of light and bring with it grounds for new civil comthem, and are now under a Southern sun, exposing themselves to death from disease and to death from battle, and are accounting their lives as nothing in the effort they are making who spake as never man spake, "He who for the deliverance of your government and theirs; how many of them have said to me in is not with us is against us;" and of none But with the curled lip of scorn we are of the conflicts which have arisen between sadness and in longing, "Will not Kentucky help me?" How my soul would have leaped could I have answered promptly, confidently, exultingly, "Yes, she will." But when I thought of this neutrality my heart sank within me, and I did not and I could not look those brave men in the face. And yet I could pose they have imputed to us the sum of all she, indeed, nothing at stake? Has she not answer, "No." I could not crush myself human abasement. Well, let it be confess- no compact with her sister states to keep, a reply. I therefore said—and may my country sustain me—"I hope, I trust, I pray, nay, If this government is to be destroyed, yourselves are you willing it shall be recorded yourselves are you willing it shall be recorded in history that Kentucky stood by in the greatness of her strength and lifted not a hand to stay the catastrophe? If it is to be saved, as I verily believe it is, are you willing it shall be written that, in the immeasurable glory which must attend the achievement Kentucky had no part?

I will only add, if Kentucky wishes the waters of her beautiful Ohio to be dyed in blood —if she wishes her harvest fields, now waving elected President of the United States, see, which have so lately given themselves and Abraham Lincoln was. This is the up to the embrace of this monster. There in their abundance, to be trampled beneath the feet of hostile soldiery, as a flower garden is trampled beneath the threshings of the tempest—if she wishes the homes where her fed that he has grown so great, that a re- destroyed; commerce annihilated; dobts 'Thou shalt not swear falsely;' we submit | thought and of toil—men who have a deep loved ones are now gathered in peace, invaded by the proscriptive fury of a military despot-ism, sparing neither life nor property—if she grown with grass, and the steamboats of her

cause; your battles are our battles; make room for us, therefore, in the ranks of your armies, that your triumph may be our triumph if I cannot claim the laurels, I will at Even as with the Father of us all I would least enjoy the blessings of the victory?" plead for salvation, so, my countrymen, as upon my very knees, would I plead with you for the life, aye for the life, of our great and Is this all that remains of her chivalryof the chivalry of the land of the Shelbys, the Johnsons, the Allens, the Clays, the beneficent institutions. But if the traitor's knife, now at the throat of the republic, is to Adairs, and the Davises? Is there a to-night, who can hear the anguished cry add yet another to that long line of sepulchres which whiten the highway of the past, then and spavined hobby of the slavery agita- mand, whenever they shall lay down their in the commission of crime. The tiger of of his country as she wrestles and writhes tion, on which they had so often rode into arms, but not until then. The arbitrament the jungle and cannibal of the South Sea in the folds of this gigantic treason, and my heartfelt prayer to God is, that it may be written in history, that the blood of its life

A woman of a satirical mind was asked by her friends if she really intended to marry Mr. —, adding that Mr. — was a good kind of a man, but so very singular. 'Well,' replied the lady, ' so much the better : if he is very much unlike other men, he is much more likely to make good husband.'

I sell peppermints on Sunday. the greatest power on earth, for the hope, remarked a good old lady who kept a candy hope nor an experiment, but a glorious mon; but if you want pickled limes you reality, which has excited the admiration must come week days. They are secular political history shows to have been a long—
the dismemberment of dream our apprehensions have been, and all those laws which have been enacted by covered us with blessings as "the waters" commodities? Keep yourself innocent if you cover the channels of the sea," have we, "Since we can no longer monopolize the made the victims. They are fighting for and protection of the country in which he their children, no years of toil, of sacrifice, would be happy.

men renowned in our civil and military pendence he has thus declared; and, it no history, that it is, therefore, the less guilty or the less courageously to be resisted. It is precisely this class of men who have is precisely this class of men who have are couraged to the prison, the penitentiary of the prison of the penitentiary of the prison of the penitentiary of the prison of the penitentiary of the is precisely this class or men who have ary, or the gallows, he is thereby lightened the best governments that have for the independence he has thus declared war upon it is a traitor, not only in theory of this commonwealth be put forth in support in another form, I ventured freely to express my views upon those tragic events which have brought sorrow to every hearth-lived in the tide of times, the noblest of the conspirators of the South at this liminatraitor's doom. The country wants be terminated by a prompt suppression of the which have brought sorrow to every hearth—lived in the tide of times, the noblest of the conspirators of the South at this store and to every heart in our distracted stone and to every heart in our distracted country, and it is not my purpose on this rece, have found among those in whom race, have found among the r Before closing, I desire to say a few therefore only aggravate the calamity you deplore by standing aloof from the combat. pending rebellion: and as we are all Ken-but again they say, "we cannot fight our brethren." Indeed. But your brethren can this is purely a family matter, which con-fight you, and with a good will, too. Wick-cerns the honor of us all, I hope we may edly and wantonly have they commenced this war against you and your institutions, and ferociously are they prosecuting it. They take no account of the fact that the massacre with which they hope their swords will, ere long, be clogged, brethren. However much we may bow our heads at the confession, it is nevertheless true

ncouragement and support.

they regard your present position as friendly

to them, is proved by the fact that, in a recent enactment of the Confederate Congress confis

cating the debts due from their own citizens

people of Kentucky are expressly excepted.—
Is not this significant? Does it leave any

suppose they have discovered, under the guise

their cause which entitles you to be treated as friends, if not as active allies? Patriotic as

elieve Kentucky will yet do her duty.

streets of her towns and cities

ivers to lie rotting at her wharves, then let

her join the Southern Confederacy; but if she

would have the bright waters of that river

by the cries and terrors of battle—if she would have the streets of her towns and cities

then let her stand fast by the stars and stripes

and do her duty and her whole duty as a member of this Union. Let her brave people say to the President of the United States:—

You are our chief magistrate; the govern-

of your neutrality, a lurking sympathy

While my friend was down, a clear, musical, girlish laugh had rung upon the open air. It was evidently spontaneous so charmingly musical, was so suddenly checked and had withal so good a cause that every free people that have existed have been obliged, at one period or other of their history, to fight for their liberties against traitors within their own bosoms, and that that Kelly could hardly be angry or dis-When the gentleman had recovered from people who have not the greatness of soul thus to fight, cannot long continue to be free, nor do they deserve to be so.

There is not, nor can there be, any neutral

his surprise at the heedlessness of the quadruped, he bethought himself of the music. There were half a dozen ladies in ground for a loyal people between their own government and those who, at the head of armies, are menacing its destruction. Your view; but by a trigonometrical calculation he reached the conclusion that the laugh must have come from either a dainty little inaction is not neutrality, though you may delude yourselves with the belief that it is so. With this rebellion confronting you, when you refuse to co-operate actively with your two being in conjunction. Of course he fastened upon the blue hat; for never since the flood did a grave, unfashionable bonnet give out such gushing music as that. Kelly was not a city gentleman -not he. He was squire in a rural town-a leader of town affairs.

beaver bounced upon the pavement and

continued its journey, while his shawl

struck against a shopman's window like a

Kelly gathered himself together, pick-

ing himself up, and looked after the dog who had done the mischief, expecting to

accident he had caused, but to his utter

astonishment the animal seemed as regard-

less of his equilibrium as of any Other

trivial matter, and was making after the

aforesaid yellow dog at as great a speed as though he had not tripped over the best

paper pellet on the wall.

fellow in town.

A man of rank, to whom the village politicians looked for the shrewdest counsels; on whom abused people called for advice and redress; into whose hands friendless widows put the management of their scanty estates, sure that all would be done for them and their little ones that tact, fidelity and a warm heart could accomplish

The blue hat was a city hat, and the brown hair it covered, together with the hazel eyes that sparkled in front of it, were of city growth. But the sober brown bonnet was on a rural aunt of good dimensions, both in person and in heart. Before the catastrophe which brought

that she would try and procure her a school near her country home. After the accident, the brown bonnet gave a very appropriate and impressive lecture on the impropriety of laughing out in that way, when the street was full of folks. Why, who could help it, Aunty?

Did you ever see anything so funny ?-Laugh! ·I didn't laugh—it laughed itself. Indeed to escape another lecture, she had to cover her lips, nose and eyes almost, in scented linen cambric.' 'Why, you see, aunty,' said the blue

hat, recurring to the former topic, 'father isn't rich—indeed, I don't think he is as well off as he seems to be; and the family is large—all are girls too, just a bill of expense, you know; and I don't like to have father furnish me music lessons any longer, for I know he can't afford it. But I wouldn't give up my music for the world; only I want to pay part of the expense myself. Father isn't able—he looks more and more careworn every day. I am really afraid,' and the voice fell and became very serious. 'I'm really afraid things are going wrong with him. Besides, I want to be doing something. I'm a better girl when 1 feel that I am not a drone and dependent. Yes aunty, I must and will have a school—there! Will you help me?

The brown bonnet caught the girl's enthusiasm and she promised. You must have known, reader, from the description of my friend Kelly, that he was town superintendent. Who else was

so well qualified to look after the interest of the public school? One morning at six o'clock-my friend rises at five and has a good fire in his office and an appetite for breakfast at six-a rap fell upon the outer door. Kelly rose and opened it. Good morning, ladies, walk in.' The brown bonnet said 'Good morning,

with dignity, the blue hat pronounced the same timidly, and both passed in. 'My niece would liked to be examin to take the school in our district.'

'Certainly,' said the town superintendent, laying the poker on the table .-Certainly, your aunt-beg pardon-your niece shall be examined, madam. Warm morning ma'am,' wiping the perspiration from his face with a sheet of writing paper. Bless you! its the coldest morning we've had this fall,' said the astonished

aunt. 'Why Mary's face has been like a poney, all the way ridin' in the wind. Just look at it.' There was no need, for my friend had seen something more than the blue hat. some minutes before. Certainly, madam, certainly-very red-I mean very

cold, indeed, ma'am, very.' The town superintendent was not long, nowever, in getting better possession of his faculties : and at length the examination commenced.

'Your residence, if you please,' said Kelly blandly.
'Milwaukie.'

'May I ask you where you were educated? continued the questioner, looking for once into the eyes which were sparkling despite the embarrassed fea-

'In the public schools, sir.' 'Did you graduate?' Ves. sir.

The lady handed him a roll tied with a blue ribbon. Kelly tried hard to untie it, but soon got the knot into a very bad fix. The pretty fingers of the blue hat were called into requisition, and the knot was conquered close before him, under his Opening the roll he read:-

Mary Denver. Is that your name? 'Yes, sir.' Your father's name? Charles. Merchant ?

'Yes, sir.'

you were a child. He was the noblest My friend Kelly was walking down the employer I ever had. He made me all I am. I mean he made me upright-for that is all I am any way. Kelly promised a certificate—and he would bring it over the next day, which

he did. During the whole term he was very faithful in official visits to the schools and just before the close of the session

my friend said: Mary, I wouldn't teach any more. O, I must. I like it, and besides, I avn't accomplished half I want yet.

What do you want to accomplish ? 'I want to continue my music.' What else?

'I want to clothe Minnie.' What else?

'I want to feel that I am useful, that am doing something.' 'I want to hire you Mary, and I will pay you wages that will enable you to do

'You want to hire me! What can I do for you?

'Keep my house, and be my wife Mary.' And then the town superintendent got

his arm around Mary's waist, and held her tight, though she struggled a little at Let me go, and I will tell you."

He released the little finger, and Mary stood before him, trembling, blushing, twining the strings of the blue hat round her fingers, looking down upon the floor, glancing once into his earnest eyes, her breast rising and falling till the cameo swayed like a ship on the billows. 'Do you love me ?'

With all my soul.' 'Did you ever love anybody else ?'

'Never in all my life.'
'Can a little girl like me,' she said, blue hat, with delicate trimmings; or a decided sober and ancient brown one—the girl like me, devoted, loving you almost to reverence, make you happy always? 'No one in the world but you.'

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