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The Romance of a Ring-

Sometime ago the wife of a merchant was suddenly awakened in the night by the sound of footsteps in her bed room and the next moment the light of a dark lantern flooded her face so near that she could almost feel the heat and hear the suppressed breathing of the intruder. Her hus band was from home and the only person in the house, except herself, was a servant girl, who slept in the story beneath. Her presence of mind did not, however, forsake her. It doubtless requires a great amount of resignation and fortitude in a woman to listen to, without screaming, the ransacking of her store of valuable laces and the appropriation of her jewelry ; but the lady, very rationally deeming her life worth all the lacand diamonds in the world, quietly closed her eyes and awaited the re sult.

The light was withdrawn from her face and she heard the rustling of silks, the picking of locks and occa sionally a low whisper of surprise or disappointment. Then there was si lence for a minute-it seemed an hour to her-and a soft footstep approached the bed and the glare of the lantern again fell upon her face. Through the closed lids of her eyes she saw the light, but remained calm and motionless in its scrutinizing rays, fearful that the least movement might imperil What a moment of suspense her life. The light was removed from her face and she felt that some one was leaning against the bed. Still she remained motionless nor did she stir when the warm breath of the burglar fanned her cheek. Not until his lips pressed her forehead did she spring up and shrick, "Who is in this room ?

"Hush !" responded a voice, in a strong whisper while a rough hand was lain upon her shoulder. "Speak nothing and fear nothing." The next "Speak moment she heard the sound of retreating footsteps and the creaking of a shutter ; and then all was still again. Satisfied that she was alone, she sprung from the bed and touched a lighted match to the burner, then sank into a chair, completely prostrated with dan ger through which she had passed. Recovering, she looked around to ascertain of what she had been plundered.

The drawers were all in the utmost confusion, but strange to say, little or nothing was missing. A casket of jewelry was open on the bureau, but the diamonds and gold were all there. Beside the casket she discovered a little roll of paper containing a ring which had been given to her many years before and which had been in her possession ever since. Half be-wildered at the singular proceeding she was about to cast the paper from her, when her eye caught the marks of a pencil upon it. She carefully opened t and read :

"This ring, which once was mine. tells me in whose house I am. You know I am an outlaw-the world knows it and I do not care to deny it; but fallen as I am. I can not rob you. Maria. Forgive me, and God bless Henry.'

This explained all. Falling on her knees she prayed for him who had written the scroll. And who was "Henry?" Ten years ago he loved that same Maria and he would have made her his wife-for she had promised to be his-had he not taken to drink and finally forged the name of his employer, for which he was given a home in a convict prison. When he was worthy of her love he gave her that ring, and she had kept it in re-

A Strange Story of Missouri.

On Monday evening, the 24th ult., Mr. T. G. Childers and Mrs. Lucinda Phillips were married at the latter's residence on Division street. This is their second we lock with each other, and the story of their separation and tigal reunion after twenty years is

equal in romauce to that of Enoch Arden. Mr. T. G. Childers and Mrs. Lucinda Tatem were first married in their native county, Franklin, in 1856, and lived together until 1861, when the husband joined the southern army in response to a call for volunteers. Soon he was made prisoner by the enemy, who kept him for a while in St. Louis, and finally sent him to Alton, Ill., for keeps. After sixteen months of captivity he was exchanged, and resumed his duties as a southern soldier, remaining in the army till the close of hostilities in 1865, when, like a dutitul husband and father, he returned to his wife and little children, but sad changes greeted him.

the husband had been reported killed in the terrible struggle of Vicksburg and his wife, after long and terrible waiting, was forced to give crelence to the story, and subsequently ound solace in the love of a Mr. Phillips, whom she had known from childhood. True to the vows of long ago, she was loth to bury the first love Still she was a woman, and therefore to be won, and so it was, the soldier husband returned from the dangers and privations of war to find her whom he had vowed to love until parted by d. ath, the wife of another.

He married again in 1866, but his econd wife died three years later. In 1875 he married a third time, but was again robbed by death of his consort year afterward. About a year one Mr. Phillips died, leaving Chil-820 d r's first wife in widowhood. Mrs. Phillips has a brother residing in Franklin, whom she visited not long since, and at whose house she chanced to meet Mr. Childers, her first hus-They met as friends, but their band. friendship quickly warmed, the love of twenty years ago returned, and, though not so fervent as in the earlier dream of youth, it was not wanting in earnest devotion. The second marriage to each other occurred on Monday evening, the 24th ult., in the presence of their families, respectively and collectively. The bride and groom, though sprinkled with the silver of time, seem happier for the sorrow they have known .- Springfield Herald.

An Example for Boys-

Gerhardt, a German shepherd boy, was one day watching his flock, which was feeding in a valley on the borders of a forest, when a hunter came out of the woods and asked, "How far is it to the nearest village?" "Six miles, sir," answered the boy; "but the road is only a sheep track, and very easily missed." The hunter looked at the crooked track and said, "My lad, I am very hungry and thirsty ; I have lost my companions and missed my way. Leave your sheep and show me the road; I will pay you well.

"I cannot leave my sheep, sir," rejoined Gerhardt, "they will stray into the woods, and may be eaten by wolves or stolen by robbers." "Well, what of that?" queried the hunter. "They are not your sheep. The loss of one or two would not be much to your mas ter, and I'll give you more than you have earned in a whole year.' cannot go, sir," replied Gerhardt very firmly. "My master pays me for my time, and he trusts me with his sheep. If I were to sell my time, which does not belong to me, and the sheep should get lost, it would be the same as if I had stolen them." "Well," said the hunter, you will

How the British Missed Oregon.

It is a fact not generally known that but for the knowledge and pa-triotism of one man the valuable lands embraced in Oregon and Washington Territory would now be the ouri, when was it commanded by Gen. property of Great B itain instead of eral Morgan L. Smith, certainly beat the United States. The Hudson Bay anything I ever met. They would Company, forty five years ago, were very auxistors to obtain possession of any difference whether they had use these lands, and industriously circu-for it or not. When they were in lated the report that they could never front of Vicksburg they actually stole be settled, as it was impossible for immigrants to cross the mountains in The Eighth Missouri was encamped wagons. At a public dinner given in along side my command. One of 1842, at which several officers of the our men died during the night and Hudson Bay Company were present, I gave orders that a detail be sent to news was received that a band of dig a grave. The ground was of hard British immigrants had crossed the clay and it took the men some time to mountains. Toasts were drunk in honor of the event, and one enthusias- to camp and we took the dead soldier tic Englishman exclaimed: "Now the Americans may whistle the coun-try is ours." There happened to be present at the dinner an American uissionary, Dr. Marcus Whitman, vestigation I afterwards ascertained who, when he heard the boast of the that one of the Eighth Missouri had Englishman, resolved that if it were also died during the night and that in his power to prevent it the country they had waited until my men had should not become the property of the finished their, work when they quietly English. The next day he started for took possession and actually stole our Washington on horseback, and mak grave .- Boston Trave er. ing the journey in winter with trozen limbs presented himself, immediately upon his arrival at the Capitol, to Daniel Webster, then Secreta y of State. After he had stated his case, meet at the Vatican in November. Webster bluffly told him the country The main object of the meetings will was worthless, and that wagons could be to adopt measures for the reorganinot cross the mountains. Simpson, who is here, affirms that." said he, "and I am about trading that worthless region for some valuable concessions in relation to the New-Normandy was deputed as being the foundland fisheries." Dr. Whitman best French scholar in her party, to was in distress, for he found that the treaty had already been approved by the senate, and was awaiting formal was a long way short of perfection-ratification and the signature of Presi but the clerk did not catch her meandent Tyler. He decided as a last ing and his remarks were jargon to hope to call upon the President him-ner. Finally, in desperation, she man, your frozen limbs and leather breeches attest your sincerity. Can you take emigrants across the moun-tains in wagons?" "Give me six months and I will take a thousand emigrants across," was the render "Well," said the D emigrants across," was the reply. "Well," said the President, "if you take them across the treaty shall not be ratified." With much effort the band of emigrants was raised, and, though they were met by a deputation from the Hudson Bay Company who declared that it was impossible to cross the mountains and were almost persuaded to abandon their wigons, before the time expired succeeded in their undertaking. The patriotic missionary was vindicated, the treaty was not ratified, and what will doubtless prove to be two of the best of our states were saved to the Union. All honor to the noble man who had the knowledge and courage to appreciate the necessity of making an effort to save the Territory. In the north-western celebrations it is to be hoped

plod would exert a power of 65. 453 foot-tons, and one ton of blast-The how can such that the form of a cube, x_{A_1} is just the thing for all persons would measure only ninety six feet on the side, and if it were possible to phaints incident to this climate. It is concentrate the whole force of a ton invaluabe to women, and Mrs. J. W. of blasting geletine at the moment of Reynolds, of New Lisbon, Columbi

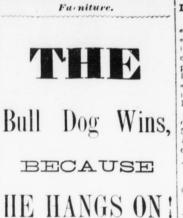
Stealing a Grave.

The regiment in the Army of the Cumberland known as the Indiana Jayhawkers was about as proficient as any that we had, but the Eighth Misssteal anything, and it did not make complete their work. They returned ----

EXTENSIVE preparation are being "Sir George zation of the Catholic Church in the United States.

THE story is told in Paris of an American hady who at an inn in make the arrangements of their accomodation. She di , her best-which

The Duties of the Gentle Sez-How Best What a great task is assigned to oman, its dignity cannot be elevated. It is not her provence to make laws, to lead armies, nor to be at the head great enterprises, but to her is given power to form those by whom the laws are made, to teach the leaders. mighty armies, and the governors of vast empires. She is required to guard against having the slightest taint of bodily infirmity touch the frail creature, whose moral, intellectual and physical being is derived from her. She mut instill corect principles, inculcate right doctrines, and breathe into the soul of her offspring those pure sentiments which in time to come will western celebrations it is to be hoped he has not been forgotten. — Tomes-Star. THE power deleloped by the ex-plosion of a ton of dynamite, says Science, is equal to 45,675 tons raised one toot, or 45,675 foot tons. One the christening, and weeps at the be a part of themselves, and bless gen glass for \$32. W If I were to sell my time, which does not belong to me, aud the sheep should get lost, it would be the same as if I had stolen them." "Well," said the hunter, you will trust your sheep with me while you go to the village and get me some food, other ailments were cured. She now completely restored to health and gives all the credit to PERUNA.



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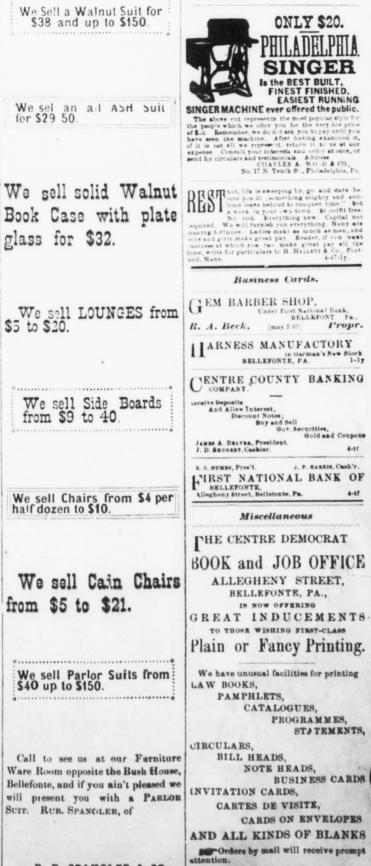
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membrance of what he had been. This is the story of the ring.

On the return of the husband the wife related to him the adventure and showed h m the note, but he has never attempted to arrest the burglar .- Chi cago Tribune.

General Sherman's Endurance.

To a delicately put suggestion to the recent trip to the military posts of the West and Northwest was a severe one for a man in his years, he said : Not at all. doors all day and slept in tents all night, and my health never was better. I had one accident, though, come to think of it. Traveling thr ugh a narrow pass my mule stumbled, and I was thrown down a hill for some distance into the sagebrush. They thought I was dead, but I wasn't. Chief Justice Waite was thrown in the same way, but was not as much hurt as the papers reported. On account of the nervousness of his wife, however, he gave up the rest of the trip." "You met some of the old boys

"Lots of them. Up in British Col-umbia, when the steamboat landed. I a band, and they made me deliver a great and powerful man; but remained ten-minute speech. You would be honest and true to his dying day. suprised at the plentitude of the boys. They are everwhere. It's the result of a roving disposition, acquired in the army. There can't be less than

to the village and get me some food, drink and a guide? I will take care about three months that cold can be ber. She was induced to try PEQU of them for you.

The boy shook his head. "The sheep," said he, "do not know your voice, and-----" He stopped speak-

"And what? Can't you trust me?" Do I look like a dishonest man?" asked the hunter angrily.

"Sir," said the boy, "you tried to make me false to my trust, and tried For three months I was out of make me break my word to my master. How do I know that you would keep your word?"

The hunter laughed, for he felt that the lad had fairly cornered him. He said, "I see, my lad, that you are a good, faithful boy. I will not forget you. Show me the road, and I will try to make it out myself.

Gerhardt then offered the contents of his scrip to the hungry man, who, coarse as it was, ate it gladly. Pres ently his attendants came up, and then Gerhardt, to his surprise, found that the hunter was the Grand Duke, who owned all the country around. The Duke was so pleased with the boy's honesty that he sent for him shortly

after that, and had him educated. In was met by about 2000 G. A. R's, with after years Gerhardt became a very

the army. There can't be less than 20,000 of them scattered through the West. I feel perfectly satisfied about night. He told them they could not retiring. Nov. Ist I quit. On the 17h I will be in Cleveland at the Army of the Tennessee reunion, but it will be doubtful if I can join the Army of the Cumberland reunion in Cincinnati." Nov. 1st I quit. On the 17h be entertained. They insisted on re-

I will take care about three months that gold can be her. She was induced to try PERU washed, from May to August. There NA, and Immedeately a marked change is not so much timber as generally took place. After using one bottle supposed, and it is of poor quality, her cough ceased, and in a short time a recent prospector reports.

A CHICAGO hackman, who has a pleasant face and winning ways, has, according to the Chicago Herald, gained \$40,000 from his business in the past ten years. His eye falls on a countryman getting out of the train to make his first visit to the city. The hackman engages to show the man around town for a dollar. Ere they reach a clothing store he has per-suaded his customer to buy a new suit of clothes, and then the two neces-arily go to a shoemaker's to get boots to match. And so the backman trots his man around until the city has been seen, and the rural visitor feels grateful to the man who has taken so much pains with him. In the a tottle, 57-18. evening the hackman goes to the traders and draws his commissions.

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