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### Selected Loetry.

GROWING OLD. They sat together at the door, Through which, long years ago, They passed, a newly-wedded pair, In youth's first rosy glow. Then her round cheek was red and warm Her hair was rippling gold; Her form was stately as the oak-But now they both are old. The blooming cheek is wrinkled now,

The sweet blue eyes are dim ; But, full of love and holy trust, They ever turn to him, Upon her bridal day, When the long future, flower-clad,

Stretched out before her lay. Now, in the eventide of life, They watch the purple haze ow on the hills, and hang above The land-locked chain of bays:

They see the sun sink slowly down They feel night coming, and they sit Serene, with close-clasped hands.

They know that though the dusk is here There is a place of light. Invaded not by gloom or shade Or the drear, weeping night. They wait with patience for the call, To tread the darksome vale. Unto the height, before whose glow The morning sun would pale.

## Select Tale.

### The Station-Master's Daughter.

I had lost sight of my old college chum, red Pepper, for several years, till I accept-d an invitation from him last summer to tay a week with him at his home in one of e midland counties. According to arangement, he met me at Wallington Juncto be performed on a branch of railway.
"You will have to take a fresh ticket

Are all your booking-clerks in this part

Ah, you have seen little Madge Carlismust relate to you a little circumstance nd which made Madge quite a heroine in fashion. lese parts. Let us secure a compartment ourselves, and then you shall have it."

My friend was well known on the line, nd the guard civilly locked the door at his idding, and secured us from intrusion,avor me with the following narrative :

"Two years ago," commenced he, tation-master at Birkwood, a little roadyounger days, could show two or three adly director, rather than from any parlar aptitude he himself displayed. He

ery lonely one; the village of Birkwood joke. which contained only about a couple away down the main road.

It thus fell out that Madge, having h leisure time on her hands, gradually doors. ated herself into the duties of a clerk at of David. His duties were over by hour and seven in the morning; and his garden by this time, he said ing seen that his night-signals were all ning glass at the Farriers' Arms, at the judges.' place, by virtue of his military exse to be disputed. These nightly visits dahlias, but I can give my opinion, I dare the Farriers' Arms were a source of no say as well as another man. small disquietude to Madge, for it not un-

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plause which always greeted his stories of warlike adventure; would imbibe more of lost to view. the Farriers' heady home-brewed than he could conveniently carry, and would reach home at a late hour in a state which perhe got there.

It was hardly likely that such a girl as ty and style, printed at the shortest notice. The Madge Carliston could have reached the ing possession of the flowers, kissed them OBTER OFFICE has just been re-fitted with Power age of seventeen, even in a remote place and every thing in the Printing line can like Birkwood, without having suitors for went about her work, humming an old song xecuted in the most artistic manner and at the her hand. Of the unfortunate rejected with a gentle refusal, uttered half reluctant- went. ly, as though she were unwilling to inflict so much pain, the only one known to me by name was young Will Fergurson, a changed his hat and coat, telling Madge guard on the line. Will had tried his fortune, and had been rejected, like others be- but that he would not be late home. Madge in Madge's soft refusal which would not permit him to despair of success, or wheth- and had learned from experience that when nature of his affection, he still went on lov- at an early hour he was pretty sure to be and who knows but that Madge may change

"Will's most formidable rival was handsome black-eyed Dick Carradus, son of Lord 'Alfreton's bailiff—a village scape-grace, who had been turned out of doors by his father some years before; had then gone to Australia, and had come back, after following Sunday; then she read a while; ed. being five years away, quite as poor as he went, and was now living at home on sufwent, and went, and ferance, till something should turn up like- more.

ly to suit his lazy abilities.
"Dick had not been back long before he singled out little Madge Carliston as the she opened her eyes she was startled by object of his attentions. He began by paying court to her father, and would lounge listen with respectful attention to his longwinded stories, retail the latest village the bolt into its place after seeing her fathnews, and give him now and then a helping-hand with his garden; so that, after a her heart as she gazed with a sort of horwhich was not enlivened by a visit from laughing, good-tempered Dick. To Madge awake as ever she had been in her life. She ne had made no open confession of his love, being quick enough to perceive that she was one of those who are not to be won in a day; but he let her see in twenty differing of the clock and the faint singing of the telegraph wires in the breeze outent ways how constantly she dwelt in his side. She kept her eyes fixed intently on thoughts. To what extent he succeeded in the door for what seemed to her an intolerwinning her affections no one ever knew, ably long time, but there was no movement, but that she was inclined to favor his suit nor any sign of life other than her own seems certain; indeed it would have been beating heart; so, with a sigh of relief, she strange if a girl of her limited experience at length wrenched her eyes away, and perand slight knowledge of the world, without | suaded herself that, in the confusion of that on, a station about twenty miles from his any previous liking for another, had remain- first waking moment, her senses must have e, the remainder of the journey having ed insensible to the manifold attractions of misled her.

ere," said Fred, after I had alighted from months without seeming to progress at all, train, and we had greeted each other when, one autumn forenoon, Dick lounged ith a hearty shake of the hand. "You up to the station accompanied by a strang-Il find the booking-office at the upper end er, whom he presented to David as his the platform." - Madge, unfrequent in Scotland; quite a mite of suit of black, in which he looked very awk- task, after all, was only a short one; and wandering incessantly into his pockets and clearly-cut features; hardly to be call- out of them again; he would evidently pretty, but with an expression of candor have felt more at home in the red shirt and good temper that was infinitely pleas- highlows of a digger. His face and neck rwise dingy office had received were red hair and long red beard, rudely trimme to her busy little fingers: to her evi- by some country barber, did not add to the otly belonged the three pots of scarlet attractiveness of his appearance. His featraniums, and the box of mignonette in ures were bold and sufficiently well-shaped; window; the canary, lively and loud- but the expression of his eyes was so thoriced, in its circular wire cage; the ela- oughly bad, that it was impossible to be orate piece of embroidery on the desk; mistaken as to the nature of the soul that gazed loweringly out of their treacherous depths. Madge could not help wondering the country as charming as the one who is just waited on me?" inquired I of careless Dick had come to choose such a man as this Kulp for his companion.

"David went into the house, and presenton, I suppose," said he; "but you must ly returned with a jug of ale and some not expect to find another like her. Have glasses; and Mr. Kulp having produced some cigars, the three sat down on one of the benches outside the station, and prothich happened three or four years ago, ceeded to enjoy themselves after their own

'We had Lord Alfreton's family here yesterday afternoon,' said David, after awhile. 'There was three truck-load of luggage and things, besides eight horses, and lot of dogs; and a rare lot of money it Having fixed ourselves, therefore, comfort- came to. Fact is continued the old soldably in opposite corners, Fred proceeded to ier, 'I never was so busy since I came here as I've been this morning; for Baylis, the old cattle-drover, sent me word a week ago to avid Carliston, the father of Madge, was get him twenty wagons ready by this morning; and sure enough by five de place about fifteen miles from Walling- he was here with a lot of staring, half-mad n Junction. David had been a soldier in bullocks; and rare and cold it was too at als, and had probably obtained his post the trucks, and the engine fetched them at the line through the interest of some eight o'clock-quite a little train of themselves. And then Baylis came into the house, and had a bit of breakfast with me. been a widower for many years, and and paid me for the carriage of the cattle. ousehold was managed by his Why, lads, I shall have over a hundred and ghter Margaret, or Madge, as she was, fifty pounds to send to the bank in the erally called by her father and every morning. I'll warrant such a thing never only a sort of dull half-light, in which nothhappened before since Birkwood was a sta-There was very little traffic, either in tion: and the old man chuckled to himds or passengers at Birkwood; so that self as he emptied his glass, and seemed to out the familiar figure of Dick Carradus made her for the time almost indifferent to life led by David and his daughter was look upon the whole matter as an excellent beckoning to her with one hand, as though

"Shortly afterward Dick and Mr. Kulp indred inhabitants, lying a mile and a took their leave, the former depositing on The two walked slowly down the road, conversing earnestly together, Mr. all station; being, indeed, very nimble Kulp apparantly endeavoring to impress know the worst. that respect the re- some important point on the attention of the half reluctant Dick; and in a few mo- at the Farriers' Arms,' said Dick, 'and I clock in the evening, there being no ment the latter came hastily back, and gowhich stopped at Birkwood between ing up to David, who was busy digging in

You'll be down to the Farriers' to-night, the old soldier would, if the weather won't you, governor? There's to be a bit as fine, generally trudge down into the of a dahlia-show among the villagers, and a little to his left, and a few yards further with a bag containing the silver and copper. Were susy with the susy w smoke his pipe and drink an they'll be sure to want you to act as one of

I'll drop down, lad, after the eight o'-

been too far away to hear the conversation 10B PRINTING of every kind in Plain and Fan-mitted no recollection next morning of how between Dick and her father in the garden. When she was certain that the two were finally gone she stole down stars, and takand put them carefully in water. Then she to herself; but she could not get rid of the ones who had been sent about their busi- idea that the malignant eyes of Mr. Kulp ness, with no measure of hard words, but were furtively watching her wherever she

> "When David had attended to the eight o'clock train he went into the house and fore him; but whether there was something was to much accustomed to her father's er it was owing to the consistency and true he announced his intention of being home ing as before, and would by no means take later than common. Having arranged his ed the candle, and sat down to her sewing, quite content to pass the long evening all

alone in the solitary station-house. "Having sewn till she was tired, she put her work away, and then got out her hymn-book, and marked one or two hymns to be sung by her scholars at school on the

"She was roused by the clock close above seeing, or believing that she saw, the handle of the door on the opposite side of the up to the station of a morning, having no room slowly and noiselessly turned, as the platform, but fortunately she had shot time, the morning seemed long and dull rible fascination on the revolving handle listened, with all her senses on the alert, but the silence remained unbroken save by The hour was late, and her fa bick.
"Matters had progressed thus for some just make every thing secure below stairs. and then go and lie down on her bed without undressing, in readiness to run down at

his first knock bedrooms on the upper floor. After glancthe cash-box was there as usual on the room, as a security against thieves. chest of drawers, she passed forward into her own chamber, the window of which looked out at the back of the station, and down the road that led to the village.

neasure of precaution, to place the cashbox in his bedroom overnight. After the departure of the last train he made up his receipts for the day, and put the account nto the box which traveled backward and forward between the bank and the station. ready for conveyance to headquarters: so that when Madge saw the box where it always stood overnight she felt quite satisfied as to its safety, and never once thought great or small.

'Perfectly assured by this time that the novement of the door-handle was a pure piece of imagination on her part, and havng quite recovered the steadiness of her nerves, now that she was safe in her own little bower, she sat down in front of the glass, and leisurely proceeded to brush out humming a familiar tune to herself, wondering how much later her father would be. and becoming more anxious, as the time verged on toward midnight, as to the constartled by the noise of something striking to give us that money quietly or not?" against the window. She got up, put the candle in the furthest corner of the room. drew aside the blind, and looked out. moon was nearly at the full, but thick masses of cloud overshadowed the sky, leaving he wished to speak to her. Her fears took

am come to fetch you. Make haste, and

put on your things, and let us be off." "Dick was standing in an open space of ground about a dozen vards from the house. where his figure could be plainly made out; from the house, was an out-building belonging to the station; and Madge, while Dick

forgetful by the excitement of congenial company, and by the rude but genuine aping the return of his friend, the two went house. With a women's intuition Madge of the staircase as well as she was able, came to the floor with a terrific crash. on their way together, and were quickly at once felt that the head and shoulders could belong to no one but Mr. Kulp.

which she hardly recognized as her own.

"She came in, shut down the window, and against her eyes, thinking intently. looked in the direction opposite to her own; but instead of proceeding to put on her bonnet and shawl, she stole back into her them; and at the moment she looked out they were talking earnestly together, as they stood close to the gable of the outbuilding; but next minute Dick seemed to push the stranger back out of sight, and Madge to come out.

"Madge stood up in a maze of doubt and hind the gable with Dick's connivance? Why, in fact if Dick's story were true, need there be any concealment at all?

" 'Are you ready ?' called Dick; and then there came a sharp imperious summons with his knuckles on the door below; and then the door itself was tried; but it was lock-

'Madge started out of her reverie, open the second time. 'Do make haste!' exclaimed Dick the moment her head was protrudher head striking eleven, and at the moment ed from the window. 'How long are, you going to be?

Answer me one question,' said Madge. 'Did you come up from the village alone ! Is there any one here besides yourself? You work of his own to engage him, and smoke and chat with the old man between trains,

"Before Dick could reply the hidden man burst out into the moonlight, revealing Mr.

Kulp to Madge's straining eyes. Come, stop all that jabber !' exclaimed Kulp, brutally. 'If you had been guided by me'-this to Dick-'we should have had what we came for before now; but you must needs go to work in your own idiotic way; and see the result-all this precious time wasted, and nothing done! Look you here young women!' turning to Madge: 'you need not expect your father home just at present; he's disposed of where he'll trouble nobody for some time to come.— There's not a soul within a mile of you, except us two--two fellows who don't stick at trifles, against a wisp of a girl who gives tongue if she sees a mouse suddenly Now we've nothing against you yourself we don't wish to do you any harm. we've come for is the money we know there's in the house-not the old man's own money, but the money belonging to the railway.-You can drop it quietly out of the window, if you like--we know within a quid or two

there was nothing to be feared from the remembered that there was that night a fire, she took up her candle, and walked much larger sum of money in the house slowly and steadily up the short flight of than had ever been there before. Dick. ing into the latter room, and seeing that the habit of keeping the cash in his bedthese thoughts passed through her brain while Kulp was speaking. When he had done, she gave one great despairing sob, wrung from her by the thought of her lov "It was David's custom, as an extra er's treachery, and her heart for the moment necessity for immediate action was passing -she would have time enough in the dark future before her to brood over her sweetheart's baseness. What must she do? her father was not ill, as these men had first averred, then why had he not come home? He had never, even when most overcome, staid out till this hour. Was it not possible-nay, probable-that they whether the amount it contained might be had murdered him first, to get him out of the way, and had then come on to the staperhaps murder, there?

"A rude summons from Kulp cut short her brief reverie. 'Now, young women, what are you about? Do you expect us to

"'Oh, Dick, for pity's sake, tell me what her long brown hair, pausing now and then has become of my father?' she said, still for the moment of Kulp.

"Dick rose from his seat as if he were going to reply, but Kulp waved him back. Your father's disposed of where he'll trouble that hour; but we got them all safe into dition in which he would reach home. She nobody, as I told you before. And now let had sat thus for some time, when she was us have your answer at once. Do you mean

> No-a thousand times no! exclaimed Madge, passionately. 'Cowards that you

though disdaining further parley. The thought of her father lying wounding could be clearly discerned. There was, ed, perhaps dead, in some lonely spot, lent however, sufficient light for Madge to make her a courage, a reckless audacity, that What means of defense had she? was her room door. alarm at once; something had happened to first question. Scarcely any. The doors her father, and Dick had come to break the and windows, indeed, down stairs were fasthe window sill a little bunch of flowers for bad news to her. She drew up the blind tened; but she knew well that they would Madge, who still kept resolutely within and flung open the window with hands that not stand long against the assaults of two trembled so much that they could scarcely do her bidding, dreading, yet longing, to There was no arms of any kind in the house. cleared away by this time, and sufficient of There was the door at the bottom of the 'Your father has been taken with a fit stairs opening into the kitchen-she might, perhaps, do a little toward securing that. The candle was still burning where she had left it; and as she went into the room, the cash-box containing the cause of all these misfortunes stared her in the face.— Her-father's keys lay beside it, together was speaking to her, distinctly saw the these things. She opened the cash-box. s and his two medals, he was look- clock train has gone, and that's as soon as head and shoulders of a man protruded for and took out the bag containing the day's upon as a hero whose dictum was in no I can leave; not that I know much about a moment from behind the gable of the receipts, in notes, checks, and gold, and old wooden mallet; on the instinct of the and was busy with fingers and teeth at the building, as though in the act of listening, concealed it in the bosom of her dress. She

impossible for any one to see him from the ing was to secure the frail door at the foot pain, and being obliged to let go his hold, shricking train torged into the station, and could belong to no one but Mr. Kulp.

"All these proceedings had been witnessed by Madge from her eyrie, but she had ed by Madge from her eyrie, but she had ed by Madge from her eyrie, but she had ed by Madge from her eyrie, but she had ed by Madge from her eyrie, but she had each ed by Mad ticles of bedroom furniture, such as her out of David's room, exclaiming that he limited strength permitted her to lift. She had found the cash-box. Even then, Mr. re-placed the blind, and stood for a moment with the fingers of both hands pressed protection which a few minutes would suf- and have his revenge, for his hand burt him fice to demolish; but every minute was a terribly; but Dick hurried down stairs with medical man, one of the passengers, protaking up the candle, she carried it into gain in her desperate strait; her only hope the box under his arm, and Mr. Kulp's cuher father's bedroom, the window of which lay in prolonging the struggle as much as pidity rendering him fearful that unless he looked in the direction opposite to her own; possible—help might come, she knew not quickly followed he might perhaps never how or whence, when least expected.

> was as she had thought; there were two of With this blessed hope beating warmly in if she stirred out of the loft, or made any her heart, Madge ran back to the window alarm, for a full hour at least. of her own room, and peeped through. Alas! and she seemed, for the first time, to realize the dangers of her postion. Like the "She would go out of the her blows of a pavior's rammer came the shocks risk, and try to make her escape across the against the door down stairs, and to each of them Madge's heart beat with a responsive throb. Suddenly, with a great crash, the door gave way, and with a yell of tri- as possible, and so groped her way down up, and double-locked her bedroom door; and then rushed to the window, determined to leap out at any cost, and forgetting for but rushed past in complete indifference to the moment that the window, small in itself, the existence of any such insignificant spot. On the first day of January 1863 there were was still further secured by a bar of iron running across its centre, sufficient to pre- on the red light at the signal, and stop the vent even her little body from squeezing train: Under the circumstances she

through. from the window, and then, a moment after, almost laughed at herself—so sudden are to think that she had forgotten all about she could not afford to throw it away. the little loft over the bedrooms. Surely there, of all places in the house, since it was no escape, she would be most secure It was a mere cock-loft, open to the sloping rafters of the roof, and lighted by a sky-light composed of a single pane of glass; man, as never likely to be wanted again ; but to Madge, in that hour of her extremity, it seemed a very harbor of refuge. her head, there being no door to it or fas- she was seen. tening of any kind.

doubtless well aware that old David was in corner, and so make sure, before proceeding was tried next: and the moment Madge heard this she mounted the ladder noiselessly, and creeping through the opening into the loft with the agility of a cat, reached despite the impediment of her dress, ran down with one hand, drew up the ladder seemed to wither up within her. But the after her, and then sat down by the edge of the opening to await, with a heart that little grating fixed close under the lamps beat almost to bursting, whatever might happen next The door not yielding easily the battering-ram was applied to it, and half a dozen blows were sufficient to break it off its hinges. The furniture piled up behind it was quickly dragged down by the indefatigable Kulp, and the way to the bedrooms was then clear. Madge, listening intently, heard Kulp inciting Dick to drink out of his brandy-flask; after which tion to complete their work by robbery, and he went in search of matches and a candle, for all their work hitherto had been done by the light of the clouded moon. Having procured a light, after a delay of some minutes, during which he relieved his mind have a hunt about, and I'll wait here at the by a large amount of swearing, Mr. Kulp bottom of the ladder till you come back to advanced cautiously up stairs. Having see that my lady doesn't escape. Only reached the bedroom doors in safety, and don't be a month away.' to smell at the boquet left by Dick, and speaking through the window, and heedless finding both of them to be locked, Dick and he held a brief consultation. Dick ried off into the house. was inclined to break into the old man's room first, being well aware that the money noise of the advancing train, for the wind Kalp, whose quick, restless eyes had heard it coming nearer and nearer, but so caught sight of the opening into the loft, slowly, as it seemed to her hungering ears, gave it as his opinion, emphasized with nu- that her heart within her grew sick with would be found snugly hid away in that save her. are, come and take it, if you dare !' and she little nest at the top of the house; so it shut down the window with a bang, as was agreed that he should explore the loft knife from some hidden pocket, and having offence. He paid the fine, and was then room. Mr. Kulp's first task was to fetch a his teeth, and prepared to ascend the ladfixed one of them upon the other, he pro- await the return of Dick, but to accom- this is the same old drunk." ceeded to climb carefully to the top, just as plish his revenge while his companion was

quite motionless, with straining eyes fixed he knew that his work must be done quick-on the opening in the floor, through which ly, or else left undone forever. she momently expected to see Mr. Kulp's cleared away by this time, and sufficient of the moon's light came through the little by the rail running round it, had not beer skylight to enable her to distinguish the idle all this time. objects about her with tolerable clearness.

frequently happened that David, rendered finally departed, and having rejoined Mr. night was so much overcast, it would be the keys under the bed. Her next proceed Mr. Kulp gave a yell of mingled rage and its burden on to the line, just as the wildlyby inserting a small wooden peg above the was on his feet in an instant, swearing hor- lifeless body lying across its path. latch, so as to hinder any one from opening ribly that he would have Madge's blood; see Dick or the box again, he postponed the "Outside, everything remained quiet.— consideration of his revenge till a future Could it be possible that they would, after period, and hurried after his friend, threat-

of her own room, and peoped through. Alas! "Madge's ruse had succeeded. Deceived by the weight of the box, they had hurried which she did not thoroughly recover for stooping over a heap of sleepers deposited away without opening it, thinking that it close at hand for the purpose of relaying contained the money of which they were in the line; and having selected one, they search, whereas it held only the bag of silcame forward himself, and took up his first the line; and having selected one, they search, whereas it held only the bag of silposition, close to the house, waiting for lifted it on to their shoulders, and brought ver and copper placed there purposely by it thus to the door of the house. At the Madge. But Madge knew that the respite first stroke of this novel but powerful bat- was only a short one; they would not go his rejection as final. 'It's a women's privliege to change her mind,' he would say; a parting kiss, she made up the fire, lightwho was that other man hidden away besank, white and trembling, to the floor : all discovering the deception they would hur-her little stock of courage had vanished, ry back, and woe be to her if they found

"She would go out of the house at any bosom of her dress, got down as quickly mail would be due; but alas! it did not stop at Birkwood, nor even slackened speed,

herself justified in doing this. Perhaps the train with its living freight would come up in time to save her from the two miscreants who would certainly be back in a few minthe alternations of feeling at such a time— utes more. The hope was a faint one, but reach the semaphore, it was necessary she should traverse the platform to that end was evident that from the house itself there of it nearest the road taken by the two men on leaving the station, although her first intention had been to try to make her es- each of these pensioners. cape by hurrying away in the opposite direction. There was, however, no time to died. The following are the names and resit was used by David as for a storehouse hesitate; the risk must be run at once, if idences of the five now remaining:

Lemuel Cook, enlisted in Litchfield, Ct. rubbish put away at odd times by the old the end of the platform, and seizing the iron handle of the immense signal-post, gave it Y. in front of the lantern at its summit, short broken ladder by which David gained displayed the red light in place of the white access to it was always kept behind his one. She had just turned to hasten back same year with the army to Yorktown and bedroom door. She unlocked the door of along the platform, when Kulp and Carra- was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, her own room, got the ladder, and placed dus, leaping over a hedge about twenty it against the wall under the opening into yards away, came suddenly upon her, and the loft, which showed black and grim above a loud cry from one of them proclaimed that

If ind the booking-office at the upper end the platform."

If whom he presented to David as his friend Mr. Kulp, from Australia. Madge, and obtained the needful ticket; the hold of the booking at the same time that I was wait
If whom he presented to David as his friend Mr. Kulp, from Australia. Madge, who was looking on unseen from behind the booking on unseen from behind the booking on unseen from behind the hold of the door-handle; but she nerved herself to the station accompanied by a strang
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If the hully to get back to the station accompanie by a strange many kind id, and obtained the needful ticket; the blind that shaded the open window, thought she had never seen a more sinister and ill looking visage than that of Mr. been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to been burned there since first taken out of like a wounded animal brought to bay; to be a wounded animal brought to be a wounded animal brought to bay; to be a wounded animal brought to bay; to be a wounded a "The idea of any one thinking it worth of both rooms, put the keys in her pocket, caught before she had run twenty yards; woung women, so slenderly proportioned ward and ill at ease, his great horny hands when she had seen that all the doors and while to rob the station had never entered and then stood to listen, with one foot on windows were properly secured, and that the head of Madge; but as Kulp spoke, she the ladder, ready to ascend. From the mowhat resistance was equally out of the question; windows were properly secured, and that the head of Madge; but as Kulp spoke, she the ladder, ready to ascend. From the mothe ladder, ready to ascend. From the mo- what resistance, in-fact, could a girl like ment the front door was burst in to that in her offer to the will of two desperate ruf- it a little singular, however, that he should which Madge stood thus not more than two fians? There seemed nothing left for her minutes had elapsed, sufficient, however, for but to lie down in dumb despair, and pray swear that he has not given aid and comstairs which led to her own and her father's from his frequent visits to the station, was the two men down stairs to ransack every that her misery might be as short as possib'e. As she stood thus, her fine and pracfurther, that Madge was hidden nowhere ticed ear caught the first faint sound of the below. The door at the foot of the stairs approaching train-only five minutes more, the end of this rebellion and the re estaband she would have been saved!

"She was still standing close to the semaphore. On the instant she turned, and quickly up the iron ladder-up, up to the very top, till she sank exhausted on the for the convenience of lighting and cleaning them. Mr. Kulp laughed loud and long. Me. (then Massacousetts) is now one hundred the dred years old, and resides in Penebscot, What a precious fool the wench must Hancock county, Me. be,' he said with an oath, 'to go and fix -have her money and her life both, or my

name is not Jared Kulp!' "'Perhaps, after all, she hasn't got the hidden in the old man's room-under the bed, or in the chimney, or somewhere.'

Av. av. lad-do you think so?' said Kulp, eagerly. 'Then you just go, and

"'Never fear,' answered Dick, and hur-

"Neither of the men had yet heard the was always put there overnight; but Mr. was in the opposite direction; but Madge merous oaths, that both bird and money fear that it would not arrive in time to No sooner had Dick disappeared bowie- the street-the fine being one dollar for each while bick effected an entrance into David's unsheathed it, seized the black haft between arraigned the next day. couple of chairs up stairs, and having der; he had evidently determined not to any thing that could happen to herself .- Dick succeeded in breaking open the bed away. He had made but two steps upward when all at once his ear caught "Madge, in her half-hiding place, sat shrill whistle of the approaching train, and

> The red signal had been seen "Madge, crouching on the little iron grating under the lamps, and kept from falling

A day or two previously the semaphore She heard Mr. Kulp climbing laboriously on ladder had been removed for repairs, and the chairs, and thought to herself that a an old one temporaly substituted in its few seconds now would surely end all, for place, fastened with a stout rope at the top her husband are like two mile-stones, beshe never doubted that he would murder to keep it firm. Madge's nimble flingers her when once he got her into his power. were busy with the knots before Kulp be- er seen together retained by David as change. A flash of made its appearance through the trap was the knots difficult to unfasten, and she inspiration came to her as she looked at an immense bony hand, with which he shuddered to think that Kulp would reach seized the ledge, as a help in pulling him- the top before her purpose could be effected. self up. Close to the feet of Madge lay an She had contrived to undo one of the knots, hlias, but I can give my opinion, I dare y as well as another man.'

So, with a renewed good-morning, Dick but I can give my opinion, I dare y as well as another man.'

So, with a renewed good-morning, Dick but I can give my opinion, I dare then but the bosom of her dress. She then put the bag containing the silver and then withdrawn; the man, whoever he husband, who was complained by step her to copper into the box, locked it, and threw being the force on the hideous claw beside her.

So, with a renewed good-morning, Dick but I can give my opinion, I dare the bosom of her dress. She then put the bag containing the silver and then withdrawn; the man, whoever he husband, who was complained by the ladder toward her. Step by step her drew nearer. She tried to call to him, to sia after a public dinner.

warn him of the fate before him, but be yond a dry husky whisper she had lost all power of speech. The light from the lamp above her shone obliquely on his shaggy head, his cruel wolfish eyes staring feroci onsly up at her, and the bare knife held be tween his teeth. Half a minute more he would have seized her, when, yielding to her last desperate effort, the knot gave way; the rope fell to the ground; and the ladder, no longer held in its place, and already trembling under the weight of Kulp, shook for an instant; then its top glided slowly along the smooth edge of the grating, till it slipped over the end, and fell swiftly through the air, with the terrified wretch clinging to it; and coming down NUMBER 36. with a terrible crash on the coping-stone at the edge of the platform, rolled over with came to a dead stand a few feet from the

"I, who tell you this, happened to be

son of a stoppage so unusual,
"It was Will Ferguson who picked up
the body of Kulp from before the engine. A ounced him to be dead.

"Some time elapsed before Madge, lying insensible so far above our heads, was dis covered; and then it was a task of considerable difficulty to get her down, but it own dark room, and drew the blind about an inch on one side, and looked out. It all, go away without attacking the house? did awake from her state of insensibility,

several months. "Old David turned up in the morning haggard and penitent. He had been lying dead-drunk under a hedge all night, where Kulp and Carradus had purposely left him. Carradus himself got clear away, and has never been heard of from that day to this The railway company made Madge a hand-some present as soon as she got well again; but they removed her father from a situation for which he was evidently incompetent, and made him ticket-collector at Waling-clerk : but I hear that she and Will Ferguson are about to be married; so that next time you come this way, perhaps, there will be no Madge Carliston to serve you with a ticket."

SURVIVING REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS.-"An excellent thought! She would turn but twelve Revolutionary Pensioners surather red light at the signal, and stop the viving. On the 4th of March, 1864, Congress unanimously adopted a resolution tendering thanks to these surviving patriots of the Revolution for their services in that struggle whereby our independence was achieved, rejoicing that their lives had been prolonged beyond the time usually allotted by man, and also resolved that a sum be voted them that would smooth the rugged path of life during their remaining An act of April 1864, provided an, additional hundred dollars to be paid to

He now lives in Clarendon, Orleans Co., N Mr. Cook says he was born in Plymouth, the necessary turn, which changed the glass Litchfield county, Ct. but cannot give the year of his birth. He also states that he enlisted in that town : that he marched the Oct. 19, 1781. According to his recollect tion he was seventeen years of age at that time, which would make the year of his birth 1764. He has in his possession a "In their hurry to get back to the stamerit for three years faithful service."

Mr. Cook rides out occasionally, and still writes his name quite legibly. be obliged to take an oath of allegiancefort to rebels---whenever he makes applica tion for his pension.

May he and his compatriots live to see lishment of the Union upon a firm and enduring basis.

Samuel Downing, enlisted in Carroll county, N. H.; is about ninety-eight years of

age, and lives in Edinburg, Saratoga coun-WILLIAM HUTCHINGS, enlisted at Newcastle

ALEXANDER MARONEY, enlisted at Lake herself in a trap like that! Now I shall George, N. Y., as a drummer boy; is now have her as safe as a possum in a gum-tree about ninety-four years of age. His resi-

dence is Yates, Orleans county, N. Y. James Barham, substitute for a drafted man in Southampton county, Va.; lives in money about her,' said Dick, 'it may be the State of Missouri, and is in the one hundred and first year of his age.

> "PAPA," said a little urchin to his father the other day, "I saw a printer go down street just now.' 'Did you, sonny? How did you know

that the person was a printer?" "Cause I do, papa."

"But he might have been a carpenter. blacksmith or a shoemaker." "Oh no, papa, he was a printer; for he was gnawing a bone, he had no stockings

on, the crown was out of his hat, and his coat was all torn. I'm certain that he was a printer, papa." In a town in Connecticut, a leafer was brought before a justice for being drunk in

"No, you don't, judge," said he, "I knows -one dollar for each offence-and

A SOLDIER in one of the late battles, was sitting very coolly behind one of his guns, where the shot were falling fast ; being

asked by the chaplain whether he was supported by Divine Providence, he replied : "No, Sir, I am supported by the Ninth New Jersey."

A young gentleman from the "rooral districts," who advertised for a wife through the newspapers, received answers from eighteen husbands, informing him that he could have theirs

A NEGLECTED wife declares that she and cause she may say that he and she are nev-

An eminent divine preached one Sunday morning from the text, "Ye are the children of the devil," and in the afternoon, by funny coincidence, from the words, "Chil dren, obey your parents."

"It's all stuff," as the lady said to her by step he husband, who was complaining of dyspep-