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REVERIES

When, where am I? From all that breathe of me...

THE FABLE OF PETER VAN DYKE

BY WILL.

Peter Van Dyke was a Dutchman who lived in the midst of the flowery plains of Holland...

His pleasant cottage stood on a spot of land which belonged to one of the sea...

As all the world knows, much of the land of Holland is of this description, it having been dyked and drained by the enterprise...

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It was the day when the produce of his industry had been sold in the market...

At length the money nearly filled the box, and Peter now worked fewer hours than he had...

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A DREAM.

I dreamed I had a friend, on whom I leant with blindest trust, and a betrothed maid...

MATRIMONIAL STRATAGEM.

How Two Households Became One.

Mrs. Benson Benson was fat, fair, and forty-seven, when her husband, a soap-boiler in very good circumstances, was called from his life-task...

At first she was inconsolable, as she used to say with a solemn emphasis, which carried conviction to the hearts of her hearers...

Touching Florence she had now reached the mature age of nineteen, and began to think herself marriageable...

Just over the way lived Squire Markham, the village lawyer, just verging upon fifty, with his own carriage and a goodly retinue...

In order that it might be carried out with perfect success, it was resolved to seem in different to each other in the day face...

Squire Markham, who was one of those jovial widowers who take life as it comes, mused more and more on this idea...

"No sir," was the reply, "he went out this morning and will be gone all day."

"Hump!" said he. "So much the better for my purposes," thought he when left alone...

Liberty Trees. It was customary in the olden time for the Sons of Liberty to select some tree standing in a corner...

MY FIRST LESSON.

My first schoolmistress was, she was the name of my first schoolmistress. She was one of the stillest, nicest, and most thoroughly prim old maids that ever took care of other people's children...

I see her now, sitting so very upright in her high-backed chair--solemnly opening the blue paper covers of our primers and calling me by name...

My first schoolmistress came from some neighborhood in the State of New York, a Quaker schoolmistress; but her name was not Quaker, but Presbyterian; but her name was not Quaker, but Presbyterian; but her name was not Quaker, but Presbyterian...

The school house stood upon the banks of a small stream which turned a mill just above; it was so overshadowed by young hemlocks that you could only hear the singing of the waters as they stole by the windows...

But Miss Pendergast was strict; she read the golden rule every day, and kneeling at her high-backed chair, prayed diligently night and morning...

But one thing troubled me very much; just as the fruit grew ripe, Miss Pendergast used to take her dinner-basket and cross into the meadow at the back of the school house...

One day I was startled at my lesson by a splendid pear that came rushing from the topmost boughs of the tree, and rolled down to within a few feet of my feet...

Mary Bell, a little girl in my class, looked suddenly up and nodded her head. I had found it all out; that was why the mistress crossed the bank every day...

When the recess came, we were upon the watch. Just as usual, the mistress took her dinner-basket, and getting over the fence, went towards the hemlock bank...

"Come, come," whispered Mary Bell; "let's see if she has really gone!" We crept forward very softly, and looked over into the stream...

The old maid sang her little hymn, and casting a timid glance up and down, to be sure that she was in solitude, knelt down to the mossy stone which had been her seat, and began to pray...

The mistress was alone with her God; she had only very simple language in which to tell him her wants, but its earnestness bro't the tears into her eyes...

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PAIN IS THE GRAND PRESERVER OF EXISTENCE.

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