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Would Ye Uall Them Back?

Gone from the world's temptations, Its sorrows and its strife; Gone from the toils and trials That make a war of life. Gone from these thorny earth-roads To Heaven's shining track, The loved ones who have left us, Oh, would ye call them back?

Gone, with their dreams of beauty; Where beauty never dies; Gone with their joyous spirits, Where tears ne'er dim the eyes, Gone with their earnest longings, Where faith is lost in sight; Would ye call them from such noon-tide Back to the shades of night?

Gone from our tender keeping. Which yet was all in vain Gone from our fond affection, Which could not spare them pain; Gone from their friends so loving To One who loved them more,-Why mourn when they are happy, Upon that spirit shore?

Gone from all fears of evil; Gone from all thoughts of ill, Gone from care's heavy burden,... 'Neath which we murmur still; Gone from the cross of anguish The promised crown to wear-Shall they lay aside its glory, The weight again to bear?

Gone from their weary striving 'Gainst worldliness and sing Gone from all outward tempters, Gone from all foes within; Gone where their spirits' pinions Are ever free to soar-Oh, would ye draw them carthward To wear life's claim once more?

Ah, though our hearts are aching, And though our tears will fall, We would not in our weakness Our loved and lost recall. We leave them with our Father, Whose goodness we adore And pray that we may meet them Where we shall part no more.

A Smack in School.

A District School not far away 'Mid snowy hills, one winter day, Was humming with its wonted noise Of three score mingled girls and boys-Some few upon their tasks intent, But more on furtive mischief bent: And while the master's downward look Was fastened on a copy-book-Rose loud and clear a rousing smack! As't was a battery of bliss Let off in one tremendous kiss! 'What's that?' the startled master cries, "That, thir," a little imp replies, "Wath William Willith, if you please, I saw him kith Thuthana Peathe!-" With frown to make a statute thrill, The master thundered "hither, Will! Like wretch o'ertaken on his track. With stolen chattles on his back, Will hung his head in fear and shame. And to the awful presence came-A great, green, bashful simpleton, The butt of all good-natured fun. With smile suppressed & birch upraised The threatener faltered-"I'm amazed That you, my biggest pupil should Be guilty of an act so rude! Before the whole set school to boot-What evil genuius put you to't?" "Twas she herself, sir," sobbed the lad. "I didn't mean to be so bad; But when Susanna shook her curls, And whispered I was 'fraid of girls, And duren't kiss a baby's doll, I couldn't stand it sir, at all, But up and kissed her on the spot, I know, -boo hoo - I ought to not, But somehow from her looks-boo hoo I thought she kind o' wished me to."

A radical print talks about the change of opinion in Maryland. This change is like that of the individual unexpectedly robbed by a footpad. I did not think of meeting a robber here, observed the for the young man, whom she remembered victim as he handed over his purse.— as a little wild in his habits before he went "Do you call me a robbat?" said the into the army. This had made her more ruffian, prefenting a pistol. "Oh no, that argument convinces me that you are a very bonest, gentlman," was the answer. After this fabrico, if at all, Maryland with a more and the convinces are all all and the convinces. Maryland ranks among the converts to

THE SOLDIER'S LETTER.

BY T. S. ARTOUR

When did you hear from Thomas?" A young lady hind stopped at the door way, and in language calculated to touch of a small house, standing at the outskirts his feelings and arouse his better nature.

of a village in Pennsylvania, and asked

this question of a woman who sat working on a coarse garment.

"It is more than two months since I heard a word from him," replied the woman, in a half troubled, half complaining tone. Then rising, she added, "Won't yon come in, Miss Annie!"

The young lady accepted the invita-tion, and as she took the proffered chair,

said: "Two months is a long time not to have heard from your son, Mrs. Rodgers. Where is hear? The last news I had came from Wil-

liamsburg, just after the battle. He sent me three or four lines, to say he wasn't

dead or a prisoner, for all I know, Oh, dear, dear! It's aworrying the very life

out of me." A 12 C 30 V C When did you write to him last?" in-

flush covered her face, as she replied:

in his far away camp as a most welcome and ther visitor from home. Think of his comprades getting letters by every mail, while there came not a word thing to

"Oh! but Miss Annie, I've sent him in him, if we can two pairs of stockings knit with my own to make it active."

Thomas half so much good as a letter there was a manly self-poise about him from his mother. A single line will be that did not escape the officer's notice. precious. Don't let him any longer have to say for yourself? The officer tried to alone has no one to care for him, or send him sweet remembrances."

"I'don't believe L'can write, Miss Annie," said Mrs. Rogers.

"Try. Have you pen and ink?" "No, Miss. As I told you just now, ment." I haven't lad a pen in my fingers these five years; and I don't believe I could

to write it out." "Pll be back again in a little while, with pen, ink and paper. Between us, Thomas must have a letter."

On Annie's return with writing materials, Mrs. R. still reluctant to undertake the unaccustomed task of penning a letter, sat down, half by force, and made sundry awkward attempts to form words and sentences by way of practice, before essaying the epistle, which her ardent young visitor had made up her mind should be pro-duced and mailed to the absent young soldier that day.

"Very well done! Of course you can write!" said Annie, encouragingly, as she watched the efforts of Mrs. R. "Now you have done. Then we'll both go over hand hastily across his eyes. t, and I'll make all the corrections needed, so that you can copy it out fairly. My word for it, there'll be a nice letter for

Thomas, that will do his heart good." pages of paper with rather bad spelled out. sentences, but the matter was all right as far as it went. Annie made all needed Rogers had copied the letter, which she folded and directed for her.

"Shall I mail it for you?" "If you please," said Mrs. Rogers. And the young lady went away, taking

the latter, Since learning that Thomas Rogers, whom she very well remembered, had not once received a letter from his mother, although he had been absent for over a year, she had felt pity and concern

An officer sat in his tent, near Gaines' Mills, Va., three days previous to the assault on the right wing of our army be-

fore Richmond.

"In the guard-house again?" he said, speaking to the orderly, who had just submitted his report. There was regret as

"And you've heard nothing since?" lion. I cannot forget, that, to his prompt Courage, I owe my life. No—not severe

with his comrades." "I havn't taken a pen in my fingers these five years. They're all cramped with hard work, and I couldn't write fit to be seen."

The officer sat in thought for sometime. He was about speaking, when a sergeant came in with letters, a mail having been received. In running his eye over them, to be seen. The first state of the officer noticed two directed to incompleted and strawled though it might as Rogers, the soldier reported as in the guard-house. He held them a moment, the soldier reported as in the guard-house. and then laid them aside with his own

> "Let me see you in half an hour." he thing to reform this man. There is good in him, if we can only discover the way

two pairs of stockings knit with my own hands; and he's never so much as let me know that he received them."

"A letter should have gone with them," said the young lady. "The stockings, if they ever reached him, were but dumb signs, a loving sentence, even if he had been obliged to spell it out slowly from among ill formed, would have spoken to his heart and warmed it with a living was a young man, not over twenty years pleasure. Write to your son, Mrs. R.—
Nothing that you can send him will do Thomas half so much good as a letter there was a manly self-poise about him.

The soldier did not answer; but a look, half dogged, half defiant, was visible in his face.

There, was no reply; only a slight slight change in attitude and expression compose a letter, even if I had the skill of countenance, that indicated a bracing of mind and nerve for more endurance.

When did you hear from home?" asked the officer, who did not remember to have seen a letter addressed to Rogers until the receipt of that day's mail.

"Not for a long time," was answered, and with apparent surprise at so unexpected a question. "Here are two letters to your address."

And the officer, who had the letters in his ments in the city.

As a specimen of the abrupt, we shall and bewilderment, and received them with a hand that trembled visibly.
"Sit down and read them," said the of-

sat down, showing considerable excitetake a sheet of paper, and just think you are talking to him. Write down what delicately written superscriptions, opened one of the letters and glanced through it about home, and what is going on here, hurriedly. The officer's gaze was on him that you think would interest him, as you and he read in his countenance the rapid call to mind. Take your time to it, and play of various emotions. Then he opencall to mind. Take your time to it, and play of various emotions. Then he open-begged to be excused for a short time, don't feel hurried. I'll come round again ed the second letter, which rivetted his atin the course of an hour, and see what tention. As he finished it he drew his "From home?" queried the officer.

The young soldier stood up, giving the In an hour Annie came came back, as his face was graver and paler, and that and the gentleman thus addresed her ." she had promised. Mrs. R. had filled two the late look of dogged defiance had faded

"And now, Rodgers, what have you to corrections, and then waited until Mrs. do; that discipline must be enforced."-There was remonstrance, not anger in the officer's voice.

"Only this," answered the soldier, humbly yet in a firm voice. I have done her, and knew that his offer was serious

"Spoken like a man and a soldier! I will trust you, Rogers," said the officer; and dismissing the guard, he sent him to Two days afterward came that over

whelming assault upon our right wing, and the next day the terrible conflict at Gaines Mills. Among the coolest and bravest in all the fierce battles that fol-Still, as Annie's thoughts went off to the distant camp, and dwelt on the young man's particular case, it did not seem to gers. He was with the body of infantity his all that he niceded which as the der our death dealing batteries; the free which lay at the frost of Malvero Hill and der our death dealing batteries; the free which standard and then frove back the

be my warrant."

So she wrote him a brief but pointed and earnest letter, touching his duties as a soldier, and a man. Not in a superior, lecturing tone, but in a kind, suggestive way, and in language calculated to touch the but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditions and responses and converge, that positions were saved, which but for the infusion of his spirit into his his happiness and respective but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditions and respective but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditional and respective but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditional and respective and respective but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditional and respective and respective but for the infusion of his spirit into his conditional and respective and

letters were written to Thomas Rogers, the young lady whom we have called Annie, received a reply from the soldier, dated "In camp near Harrison's Landing." It ran thus:

speaking to the orderly, who had just submitted his. report. There was regret as
well as discouragement in his voice.
"What are we to do with the man?"
"You will have to order severe punishment. Simple confinement in the guardhouse is of no use."
"He has in him all the elements of a
good soldier," remarked the officer. "No
one goes through the manual better. He
is perfectly drilled; is quick, steady and
brave. At Williamsburg he fought like a
lion. I cannot forget, that, to his prompt
courage, I owe my life. No—not severe
punishment. We must bear with him a
little longer. What is his offence now?"
"He was away at roll-call; and his report of, himself is unsatisfactory. The
man is restless, and brooding; and sometimes so, ill-natured as to make trouble
with fils comrades."

"The worner made an impunantance upon the
road, in the person of an old gentleman.
who was jegging the same way. The
companions dired together at a way side
in the guard-house for neglect of duty and
disobedience of orders. I was reckless
and desperate. All my comrades were
getting word from home—letters came to
them by every mail—but no one wrote to
me or seemed to care for me. But your
kind words—your talk about the past
when you were my teacher—your strong
appeal to my better nature—your salin,
true, sweet sentences, dear lady! stirred
my heart with new, feelings, and filled my
may be the very one you are tooking for
the was away at roll-call; and his report of, bimself is unsatisfactory. The
man is restless, and brooding; and sometimes so, ill-natured as to make trouble
with fils comrades."
The worne man instantly agreed to the
industry and disperate of the talk about the past
when the elder, telling him all his plans and
dressed the younger:
"I rather like you, my friend, and your
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when you were my teacher—your strong
appeal to my beat with new feelings, and filled my
the have the daughters, all as good grisse
and brooding;

I resolved to die sooner than swerve a hair's breadth from duty. I have been in fearful battles since, but God has kept me from harm. To day for bravery and faithful service in these battles I have been made a second lieutenant. Thanks, thanks to you, kind, good friend! You have saved one who come nigh being lost!"

privations, and your words of love, your tenderly manifested interest, your exhiptations to courage and duty, cannot fail to do them good.

Popping the Question. We have heard of many cases of "popping? under very singular circumstances the eccentric, the abrupt, the business like, the silly, and a hundred other styles, Of the eccentric we could cite the case of a certain well known merchant, who one day dining at a friend's house sat next to a lady who possessed rare charms of conversation. The merchant did not possess this faculty in a very rare degree, but he could do that which was next best, he could appreciate, which he endeavored "I shall have to order severe punish- to show by the following mode of acand tion:

"Do you like toast, Miss B-"Yes," responded the lady, slightly surprised at the question. Buttered toast?"

"Yes,"

That is strange; so do L Let us get married.

There cannot be much doubt that the lady was taken slightly aback, a fact that Kste." did not prevent the marriage coming off in a month afterwards nor the accession of the lady to one of the finest establish-

started, with a strange look of surprise cite the case of a gentleman who had retired from business at the age of forty, and built himself a beautiful bouse deter-"Sit down and read them," said the of-ficer, pointing to a camp-stool. The man day a friend was diving with him and said, half jokingly.

You have everything here that the

heart can desire but a wife. That's true. I must think of it, then relapsed into silence for a few min utes, at the end of which time he rose went instantly to a neighbor's and was shown into the parlor with the information that neither the master nor mistress were at home. He told the servant that usual sign of respect, as he answered in he wanted neither, and requested that the the affirmative. The officer noticed that housekeeper be sent to him. She came, he wanted neither, and requested that the Sarab, I have known you for many

want a wife. You are the only woman I two months after. say for yourself? You know, as well I know that I should be willing to entrust my happiness with, and if you agree, we will be instantly married. What is your Sarah knew the sman that haddressed

wrong, and am very sorry. Forgive me; and as well weighed as though considerand if I break a rule of the service again, ed for a year, and she answered him in the same spirit.

" Lagree." "Will you be ready in an hour ?"

" Lehall return for you at that time." Which he did, the gentleman who had hundreds of thousands of able-bodied men suggested the idea accompanying bim to who have just voted that the rebellion the clergyman's Alaty years have pas-sed since then and neither party has seen any cause to regret the abrupt pro-

posal and acceptance.

Of the business styles we can ofte a case related to us, which we know for a abolition: abolition:

my scholar in sanday school and that will of a better cause. Twice during this see able him to succeed the first Daing a

comrades, would have been lost. found together, and yet without attempted one day, about three weeks after the ing to put his matrimonial and finishal

ideas into practice, he allowed them to haunt him continually.

With this upon his mind, our farmer, started upon a horseback journey to a distant part of the county, and upon his "A good angel must have put it into return made an apquaintance upon the

The young man instantly agreed to the proposal, making only a condition that the young ladies should not be informed of the nature of his errand. This was agreed to , and they separately.

The next day at the time appointed the Fair reader, is there not in some far-away camp, a soldier who would be made better or hannier through a letter from your hand? Think! If there is, write to him. Brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, write often to the soldiers who have gone out from your homes. They are in the midst of temptations, trials, suffering, and privations, and your words of love your mother was all simples and their mother was all dies and their mothers. and the three young ladies and their mother were introduced. They were all, as the old gentleman had said, fine girls, but the younger, rosy cheeked, blue eyed and laughing faced, charmed the young farmer especially. The dinner over, they once more walked out for a char.

"Well how do you like my daughters ?" was the gentleman's first question. "They are all nice girls, very nice," said the young man, thoughtfully.

"And which of them do you like best?"

was the next question. "The youngest, Kate, she is charming, and if I am to be your son-in-law, you must give me Kate!"

"This will never do to take the youngest and by all odds the prettiest," said the old gentleman, seriously.
"I must have her or none," was the re-

sponse spoken decidedly. "How much money did you say you anted?" "Five thousand dollars will put my

farm in excellent order, and make it worth twenty thousand to-morrow. I must have five thousand dollars." "I'll give the sum with either of the other girls," said the old man, positively;

but I will give but three thousand with "Then I may as well go to my home. Five thousand I must have I have set

my mind upon it." "And I have just as strongly determined to do only what I have said," was the old gentleman's reply; "so I sup-pose the matter is at an end. However, we will be good friends, and you must

sometimes run over and see me. This ended the conference and they par-

ted. 🦠 🕾 CA (50 of \$80) The young man mounted his horse, and rode down toward the road, but just as he was about opening the gute, stooping from his saddle, the laughing faced Katie sprang through the shrubbery to save him the trouble.

"Can't you accept my father's terms?" "Yes, by George Lwill, if you say so," was the instantaneous response.

"Then come over tomorrow morning before ten o'clock and tell him so," and the girl vanished like a fairy among the the leaves.

The young man rode slowly home, but he was on hand next morning, according years, and I have just been told that I to bidding, and married the fair Kate in

We ascertain from the report of the Agricultural Bureau that there is a deficiency in the corn crop of the year of one hundred and forty millions of bushels, and the demands of the Government are such that to insure the supply it is estiuated that all distillation of grain will be restricted is Ohio and Illinois, as is the case at present in Kentucky and Tenessee, where no distillation is permitted.

PRENTICE ASKS :- how many of the