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The angels flying through the sir Saw my little baby, Clare, Saw that she was very fair, And then pausing, whispored there: "Sisters, we must set her free, What a playmate she will be."

But I heard their whispers low, And I loved my baby so That I could not let her go;

And, lest the angel wings should grow, Ever close I held her, pressed. Gently to my yearning breast. (New York Citizen

#### The Reward.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIEB. Who, looking backward from his manhood's prime, Sees not the spectre of his misspent time! And, through the shade Of faneral cypress planted thick behind,

Hears no reproachful whisper of the wind From his loved dead ! Who bears no trace of passion's evil force !

Who shuns thy sting, O terrible remore ! Who does not cast

On the througed pages of his memory's book, At times, a sad and half-reluctant look, Regretful of the Past!

Alas! the evil which we fain would shun We do, and leave the wished-for good undone: Our strength to-day

Is but to-morrow's weakness, prone to fall; Poor, blind, unprofitable servants all Are we alway.

Yet who, thus looking backward o'er his years, Feels not his oyelids wet with greatful tears, If he hath been

Fermitted, weak and sinful as he was. To cheer and aid, in some ennobling cause, His fellow-men ?

If he hath hidden the outcast, or let in A ray of sunshine to the cell of sin-If he hath lent

Strength to the weak, and, in an hour of need, Over the suffering, mindless of his creed Or home, hath bent-

He has not lived in vain. And while he gives The praise to Him, in whom he moves and lives.

With thankful heart: He gazes backward, and with hope before, Knowing that from his works he nevermore Can henceforth part.

#### POPULAR TALES.

#### MILDRED'S LOVER.

#### BY AMY RANDOLPH.

The wintry fires of the February sunset vere reflected from the western windows of the old stone mansion at Towerswood; the grove of cedars on the lawn swayed softly in the keen blast; and Mildred Towers sat in the window, one fair cheek resting on her hand, almost unconscious of the flight of

Mildred was handsome with a royal style of face and form. Tall, with a long, alabaster-like throat, and an almost haughty balance of the head, the searching fire of her dark eyes seemed to read your heart like an open volume. You would have never deemed it possible that Mildred Towers could fail in love; yet it was even so.

band! how sweet the strange words seem!'

And the heiress gazed out upon the deep-ning twilight, with shy, smiling eyes, and check where rose-red lights of Love burned,

the signal that the fortress within had sur-

And Walter Leslie riding along the showy

'It's a confounded bore,' reflected the hero

'At all events,' he thought, 'I have got a

whole month's reprieve, ere I come back to

put on the gilded chains of Benedict the

married man, and the deuce will be in it if I

So Mr. Leslie went back to the gay me-

tropolis, and Mildred remained behind to

watch and wait, and treasured up his words

and glances, as though they had been so ma-

Mildred opened it, and glanced eagerly along

the closely written lines. 'She thinks I had

better come up to town myself to see about

the finishing touches of the wedding dress.

and my own judgment would be preferable to

right. And then," added Mildred, with the

and not divulge a single word of my secret!'

There never was a happier pair than Aunt

Verona and Mildred Towers, as they sat by the red glimmer of the dressing-room fire,

drinking chocalate from tiny cups of Sevres'

china, and talking over the engagements al-

'You are sure Walter don't know anything

'Quite sure, I saw him last night at the

\* am an old woman, and

" '" my ideas; but

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all

ready projected for Mildred's brief stay.

'A letter from Aunt Verona Somerville!'

of Mildred Towers, dreams, as he checked

his horse to light a segar he drew from a

road to catch the five o'clock, 'through ex.

press,' of what was he thinking?

ly, the mask he had been wearing.

don't improve the time!"

ny precious jewels.

rendered.

the trouble.'

'He is gone,' she murmured, restlessly wringing her slender, pearl-tinted hands,

turbed, my dear. I dare say it is all my old fashioned prudery. Young men, now-a-days arn't a bit like they used to be when I was Yours, very truly, young!

"To be sure,' said Mildred, but she looked a little uncasy, nevertheless. 'I'm glad I have cards to Miss Belle Ayr-

ton's grand reception, to-night," went on cosy Aunt Verona, stirring more sugar in her fresh cup of chocalate. 'Not that I care much for parties myself, but I do like to be remembered; and Walter

Leslie will be sure to be there, and it will be such a darling surprise for him to see you! What shall you wear, my dear? That silvergreen MOTER ANTIQUE, with pearls, would be very becoming."

'I prefer to wear plain white tulle, without any ornaments,' said Mildred, quietly.

'Well, just as you piease, my love: and now we must really ring for the carriage, or the day will be half gone before we know it.' Mildred Towers was right in her selection of a toilette; no pictured beauty of the days of Napoleon could have looked lovelier than she did that night, in floating white draperies, with crimson roses, gathered from her Aunt's conservatory, in her hair and cor-

Let us stand back in this bay window, Aunt Verona,' she whispered, with a throbbing heart, 'until we see who is here, and whether-

Aunt Verona obeyed the gentle impulse of her piece's hand, and together they glanced over the brilliant throng that ebbed and flowed through Miss Belle Ayrton's suite of rooms. The diamonds, the glitter of lace and sheen of satin, the heavy oder of foreign perfams, and scent of freshly gathered hot-house flowers-they all struck Mildred's unaccustomed senses, like the glittering unrealities of a dream. At first she was almost bewildered, but in a minute or two the illusion passed away, and she began to distinguish the faces and forms of those in the room

'My dear child, how you start!' said Aunt Verona, as Mildred's clasp tightened on her arm. 'Oh, I see-It's Mr. Leslie.'

Yes-Mildred's searching glances had at length caught a glimpse of her lover, tall, handsome, and hero-like as over, with his rich auburn curls, and deep blue eyes, and silken-brown mustache veiling the clear-cut out-lines of his mouth. He was quite near them, apparently absorbed in his companion, over whom he bent with lover-like devotion. Mildred moved a little farther out, to see this companion more distinctly.

Rita Manvers was an arch little brunette, with lips like a ripe velvet peach, purpleblack rings of hair, and large melting eyes, which she managed with consumate art, now glancing demurely up, now hiding their lam-bert fire beneath the prettiest long Tashes that ever fringed blue-veined lids. And as Leslie bent over her, his hair touched her own jetty ringlets, his breath fanned her cheek.

A pang darted through Mildred's heart. Even so he had bent over her; even so he had whispered in her ears the vows which turn the whole current of a woman's life!

'Aunt Verona, I will go up to the dressing room, a moment,' she said; 'I think the flowers in my hair are coming loose.' Aunt Verona looked after her niece with

a troubled face; Mildred's little story about the loosened roses did not deceive her. 'She is best alone,' thought the good old lady.

'Dear, dear, I was young myself ouce ad many a lover's quarrel with George right to meddle in our affairs."

From the Eric Dispttch Renovo.

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PRESENTATION TO SUP'T PITCAIRS.

RENOVO, Saturday night, July 3. This evening the retiring Superintendent of the Middle Division of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, John Pitcairn, Jr., Esq., was presented with a gold watch and chain worth \$500. The employes of the division to the number of about two hundred, met at 7 P. M. in the waiting room of the passen-ger station. Mr. Wm. Barkla, Chairman, of the presentation committee, consisting of Messrs. Foster, Holman and Kapp, was appointed to escort Mr. Pitcairn to the room. On his arrival and introduction the Chairman called on Mr. W. R. Forysth, chief clerk of the M. P. Dep't to make the presentation speech, which he did as follows:

speech, which he did as follows: MR. Prrcatnx:—I have the honor to ad-areas you in behalf of the employes of the Middle Division of the Philadelphia & Erie Rairoad, on the occasion of your official re-tirement from amongst us. Not very long have you been with us, but it is said, that 'time and tide wait for no man." and that "taken at its flood leads on to fortune." We congratalate you on having been able to avail yourself at the opportune moment of each tidal wave of prosperity, as it has ap-peared to bear you onward and upward in your official career. We regret your departure and shall miss you from your midst, but we would not be selfish enough to desire to stay your retreating footsteps, when they are indubitably pointed, as on the present occa-sion, to increased honor and advantage. During your residence amongst us, while

your management of the Middle Division has been entirely successful, your official inter-course with the employes has been no less so from the firm, quiet, gentlemanly, and unos-tentatious manner of its performance; and while the former has brought its merited promotion, the latter has no less won the esteem of those with whom you have had to deal. You will thus carry away with you no regrets to mar your pleasure or disconcert your action in your more extended sphere of management, while at the same time you will leave the division the better for your residence

within its limits. Many improvements have been commenced and carried on or finished during the period of your administration, and more or less, under your auspices and assistance, having in view the welfare of the road, or the benefit of the community at large. They will readily occur to yourself, as they will to your friends-memories of the zealous officer or the worthy citizen. To one of these, however, immediately connected with our town, but open to the employes along the whole division, I may be excused for referring for a moment. Although I believe not the originator, it is one on which much of your individual effort was bestowed, backed up by the assistance of your worthy General Superintendent and others. I refer to the Renovo Reading Room and Library Association. Although but recently planted among us, it is an acorn which bids fair rapidly to attain to the vitality of the sturdy oak, and as from year to year under its ever spreading branches shall be enjoyed intellectual feasts, increased and still increasing in value and variety, yours will be the pleasure to know that the first name, at its constitutional foundation

And now, sir, at parting, the employes of the Middle Division, with a unanimity along the whole line, from Renovo to Kane, which

#### MILDRED TOWERS. 'P. S.-I was at Miss Belle Ayrton's reeption last evening!' M. T.

Advocate.

Mr. Leslie dropped the note in dismay. 'Lucifer and all his angels! Who would nave imagined she was in town. Well, I've

done for myself pretty completely now.' He called at Mrs. Somerville's an hour later ready to overwhelm Mildred with apologies, explanations-whatever she pleased; but Miss Towers absolutely declined seeing him. In fact she never saw him again. Mildred Towers went back to the silence

and seclusion of Towerwood, not insensible of the good fortune of having discovered Walter Leslie's true character before it was too late, but very sad, nevertheless. And is Mildred Towers still-and Walter

fealie is still on the our vive for an heircss worth enough money to pay his debts.

#### The Registry Law.

The decision of the Supreme Court yesterday, affirming the constitutionality of the Registry law, secures important new safe-

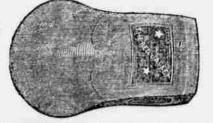
guards to the legal 'voters of this city. It requires no argument to prove that the ex-isting system has afforded so many dangerous opportunities for fraud that general elections were rapidly becoming rather a test of the ingenuity and desperation of unscruppious partizans than a reliable method of obtaining the wishes of a majority of nono ring cit-izens. For years past every exciting election has been succeeded by a series of con-tests before the courts, the Legislature, or Congress, in which many frauds and irregularities have been proven; and after the return from the Fourth ward, last November, of between three and four thousand for Seymour and Blair, no man can tell what major

ities can be manufactured out of raw material, or how many men in buckram may be made to do double Domocratic duty.

As the Government is based on the idea that the majority shall govern, it is vitally necessary to prevent minorities from usurping power by fraud; and the growth of crime and population in the great cities, accompnied by the development of special talent for cheating at elections, has rendered the regulations which preserve the purity of the ballot-box in the rural districts, where every man knows his neighbors and fellow-voters, are totally inefficient in the swarming hives

of humanity. Every good citizen feels the necessity of establishment of additional barriers against the incursions of the "vicious vagrants," the "wandering mobs," the "Tar-ter hordes" who are ready, on eccasion, to claim citizenship in New York, Baltimore or Philadelphia, and "vote early and often" at every precinct where election officers can be induced to tolerate them.

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the new Registry law, it undoubtedly fur-nishes superior facilities for excluding from the polls, men who have no legal right to appear there; and every year supplies so many new illustrations of the imperfections of the present system, that its improvement has become vitally necessary. Mr. Meridith well said, at the close of his argument before the Supreme Court, that "we are gradually but rapidly losing the right of self-government, and we are losing it by the inteference in our elections of persons, who have no interest in And now, sir, at parting, t



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before I married him!" and it will be a whole month before I see him again. My Walter! my promised hus-

The large brilliantly lighted dressing room was empty, but she had scarcely stood a moment, gazing vacantly into the glittering surface of the full length mirror, before Rita Manvers herself came running up stairs with another young beauty.

'Quick, Alice, sew on the string!' she cried to the attendant SOCRAFITE, extending, as she spoke, the daiutiest little fairy foot in the world, from whose white satin slipper a silk string had become detatched. 'Are you sure the wreath is right on my head, Lelia? Mr. Leslie has stolen one of the buds out; he declares he means to keep it always.

dainty embroidered case, in his breast pocket. The young lady addressed as 'Lelia,' laugh-A week of such steady devotion is enough to ed gaily. take the starch out of any fellow. After all,

if I wasn't so desperately hard up, I should hardly think her forty thousand dollars worth 'I never saw so devoted a lover in my life Rital I do believe you have captured him.' 'I am sure of it,' said Rita, with a nod of Walter Leshe laughed as he pondered thus. her prety head, 'and so would you be, if you could have heard what he said to me to night. It was a relief to set aside, even temporari-

Depend upon it, I shall be Mrs. Walter Leslie before the year is out!' 'I thought Guy Deverell said he was en-

gaged.' 'Engaged! Nonsense-no engaged man ever talked and acted like Walter Leslie,-

There-the string is secure enough now, I am sure. Come, Lelia-Walter is thinking every moment an age until I come back." And away flew the sparkling little fairy,

ike an exquisite butterfly darts through the blue deep of air.

'Are you ill, Miss?' respectfully questioned the attendant, close to Mildred's shoulder. She started at herself, as she caught a glimpse of her own haggard face in the mirror.

'No, not ill-only-' She hesitated an in-stant. 'Do you know Mrs. Somerville?' that of the MODISTE. Well, perhaps she is 'The nice old lady in the white curles ?soft sparkles lighting up her eyes, 'I could Yes Miss.' surprise Walter so charmingly-my dear Walter! Oh, yes, I'll go to the city; but first I must write to Aunt Verona to be sure

"Go down into the drawing-room and ask her to come to me. I am tired-I want to go home.

wealth.

Thus ended the evening to which Mildred Towers had looked forward with such bright anticipation, and thus was rudely dispelled the illusion to which she had so fondly clung .-Walter Leslie was unworthy of her-and Mildred Towers knew that first chapter in her life was ended.

Mr. Leslie was lounging on his sofa the next morning in a Turkish fez of crimson and gold, and an elaborate dressing gown, when a note was brought him.

'I told yon never to bring me letters while I was at breakfast!' said our hero, eyeing his a convenient opportunity to exercise his poyet untouched broiled chicken and silver coffee service, for Walter was an epicure of the daintiest fastes and habits. 'However, hand ral elections only possess their true meaning it over; if it's from a dun, it will be sure to when every man who has the right of safe it over; if it's from a dun, it will be sure to spoil my appetite.'

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rect, but he erred in assuming that equality

tells its own story, have united in procuring a small, but more substantial token of their orous and ingenious opposition to this law regard than the utterance of a few words can on the ground that it is unconstitutional. convey, and they have entrusted to me the Judge Sharswood summed up the argument pleasure of requesting in their name, your on their side of the question, with his usual ability, in the opinion he delivered a few acceptance of this mark of their esteem.

Its procurement was cordially undertaken. weeks ago, embodying his reasons for grantit is cordially tendered to you in their behalf ing an injunction against the furthe proceedwith their best wishes for your future prosperity and happiness. May it denote to you. in its future use, many golden hours of unalings of the Board of Aldermen. The subsequent discussion, however, has shown that he gave to the clause in the Constitution, loyed pleasure and a full share of their earthwhich requires that elections throughout the ly allotment, and when Time that now flies Commonwealth shall be free and equal, a as on pinions of wind, still leaving the past false and forced meaning, and the demonwith its pleasures behind, at last shall be stration of this fact sweeps all of his reason-ing away. If the Constitution had required stopped in the speed of his flight, and shall launch us into the eternity of another state that the mode of conducting elections should of existence, may it be to you, and to each invariably be uniform in every district in of us, a state of unalloyed happiness, of nevthe State, his opinion would have been corer ending joy.

#### Mr. Pitcairn replied:

meant uniformity; and the web of the Demo-"MR. FORSYTH AND GENTLEMEN:-In a few cratic argument is woven, principally, on the days I shall leave you, having withdrawn from the service of this company. You have woof of this error. The Constitutianal Convention of 1837-8 defeated, by a vote of 69 to 42, a proposition to make election laws uniform; and it has been the constant practaken the occasion of our parting to make our association memorable by a very valuable testimonial of your regard. Although I cantice of the Legislature to vary the details of not help but own that such a substantial .evthe mode of holding elections by special reg-ulations applicable to special districts. The idence of your appreciation of my efforts is exceedingly gratifying, and will be a contin-ual reminder of the few years we have spent together, I can traly say that you have alword "equal," as applied to elections, has a meaning entirely different to that imparted to it by Judge Sharswood, for it was eviready given me still greater evidence of your dently designed to secure a fair apportionesteem by your hearty co-operation in making the management of the Middle Division a ment of representation; instead of the lesser object of uniformity in election regulations. success, and I would ask for my successor the which has never existed in this State, never same cordial support you have extended to been desired, and which, in reality, is incom-My endeavor has been to treat all justmie. patible with equality, even if the word is ly, and with the consideration to which eveused in the sense ascribed to it by Judge Sharswood, on acccount of the diversified ry man is entitled. You have appreciated my efforts and responded to my utmost desocial and industrial conditions of the citisire. Feeling that this testimonial is an act zens of various portions of the Commonof friendship and regard, I accept it as such, and shall always look back to this day with The legal battle over the Registry law has been well fought on both sides, but the ar-guments of its champion combined with Judge pleasure, in the assurance of having so many friends, and with the keenest regret as having to part with them."

Agnew's opinion, prove that the victory has At the close of the reply, Mr. Pitcairn inbeen justly won, and there are no sufficient vited all his friends, both present and absent to dinner in the Renovo Dining Room, on reasons for pronouncing it unconstitutional. The next step will be to set the new machinnext Monday, after which the meeting adery in motion. In doing this, we hope that the Board of Aldermen will discharge their journed.

The following is the inscription on the important duties honestly and faithfully. The watch: We

"From the employes of the Middle Divi-sion of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, to John Pitcairn, Jr., Superintendent, on his want no cheating on either side, and no partizan victories acquired by disgraceful and illegal expedients. Let every BOXA FIDE citresignation, as a mark of their esteem and izen be eurolled, every honest voter afforded well wishes. Renovo, July 1st, 1869."

Prisoner, why did you follow this man and beat and kick him so shamefully? "I am sorry, your honor; I was a little drunk and I thought it was my wife."

How they weigh a hog in New Jersey, put the hog in one scale, and stones in the other, and then guess at the "heft" of the stones.

Ir a leaden bullet hits a man, what striking metamorphosis takes place? The leaden bullet becomes 'felt.'-

My before breakfast. I didn't think the day was

Gene

LESSING - Allow me to re-m. vou plighted me six the trotu - -ity that one who Fourth: Jim, lend me two cents, will you? "e fair sex I got up so early that I spent all my money

great end to be gained is a fair election,

litical priveleges, and let the purity of the

frage is allowed to vote, and every illegal

ballot-box be sacredly maintained.

'Dear Walter! Is he not noble, Aunt Ve-"inno? 'He is a very handsome young man.' w do you speak so doubtfully, Aunt 

Well, my dear; . . 

Walter Leslie has of being so devoted to . the reigning belies, and beauties.'

'That's because he don't want our engagement to be generally known and commented

