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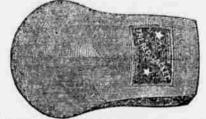
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high, and with Allee by my side, I will ever

have a good engel as a true guide forever to

keep me worthy of manhood and the position

I would attain. I see by the light in your

that Alice Lee is worthy of all that even you can give. I made her cry the other day, poor thing, but, sir, you must never cause her to shed a tear-I won't allow it. Some

day, my son, I hope she will love me with your trath and confidence, and that is all an

old man can ask of his children. Transplant

her at once from the case to your home; her busy little fingers have toiled long enough

Take her, as soon as you please, and God

In just one month from that date I was

her bridesmaid, and six months later, a bride

the duty of compositor combined with proof-

render. I also looked after the poetry and light matter, and frequently, in cases of emergency, doing the locals, and manipula-

ting the exchanges. On several occasions I

was obliged to aspire to the editorials, one

of which got me into trouble, and I was called

to account by an indignant member of the

opposition party, who threatened fearful ven-

geance on the writer of the obnoxious article

whom he supposed was my innocent husband.

While George was away to the Legislature. I ran short of editorials. We were too poor

to pay for such things, and so I mustered

courage to again write one. Of course I was quite familiar with my husband's style and

way of thinking, so I dashed into the sub-

ject with pure partisan zeal, and the result

was a triumphant success for our combined

efforts-mine in the office and his on the

"stump"-elected his party, since which time

In due time, Mr. Lester was sent to Con-

gress; and I believe he is called an emittently

capable and promising man by the people of his State. I know him to be a true patriot,

a good husband, and a faithful friend, and

Alice, as all the world knows, is the hon-

ored wife of Mr. S _____, the famous Sena-tor from _____. The brilliant lawyer, ora-tor and statesman, is said to be the coming

leader of his party, and his wife the most

beautiful woman at the capital. She is the

pride of society, and shares her husband's

fame with wonderous grace. In velvet and

diamonds she reigns a star in the fashionable

world, but the heart of her girlhood remains

unchanged in the midst of the splendor that

surrounds her. To me she is still sweet Al-

ice Lee, and in silk and calico her nature

we have prospered wonderfully.

that satisfies me completely.

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Yes, my boy, take her, for I am confident

eyes that you think with me."

bless you both.'

BY GEN. CHARLES G. HALFINS.

Oh, Isdies, will you hear a truth, Of late too seldom told to you, Nor deem-he begs it of your ruth-The writer over-bold to you! For, by the pulses of his youth, He never yet was cold to you, And therefore 'tis in sober sooth That he would now unfold to you What may-apart from rhythmic flights-Be called the sum of "Woman's Rights."

For you the calm sequestred bowers, For us to kneel and sue to you; Your feet upon the path of flowers We struggle still to strew to you; For you to drop the healing showers Of kindness-gentle dew to you-On failing health and wasted powers-The task is nothing new to you: "Oh these, indeed !"-'tis Love indites

"These are unquestioned Woman's Rights."

All hall ! we cry, the stormiest hours, If thus a joy we woo to you; For us, of lifes drugged bowl, the sours,

If so the sweets ensue to you. When many a heavy hap was ours, Fond retrospectiton flew to you; Good husbands and unstinted dowers, And smilling babes accrue to you; And, let me ask, what maiden slights These latter-mentioned "Woman's Rights !"

The faithfulness, the grace, the high. Pure thoughts of life we gain by you;

The vision of a softer eye, The finer touch attain by you: Weak hopes that unto death are night

Out-'caning, we sustained by your And when misfortune sweeps the sky, Our anchored hearts remain by you, Long days of toil and feeverish nights Would ill repay these "Woman's Rights."

Why quit the calm and holy hearth That is heaven's antepast to us, To face the storner scenes of earth. The troubles that are cast to us ! Why change your souls unsullied mirth For woes that rush so fast to us, That we would daily curse our birth, Were not your sphere at last to us,

That sphere of home, which well requites The loss of these unsexing rights !

POPULAR TALES.

From Forney's Weekly Press. **now she won him**

BY CECILIA L. WHITELY.

Mr. S- took up a pen and Alice took herself out, greatly amazed at her employer's manner of ending the conversation. Stopping on the outer landing to collect her bewildered thoughts, she asked herself:

'Can this be all he had to say? only to reprove me for that miserable past folly, and in such a way?'

will ever be pure and good. 'What a pair of fools!' cogitated the old editor in his turn 'A couple of munies Jus: as if I was blind. Ha! ha! she is a sencontains a deal of useful knowledge, and every word she utters bespeaks a richly cultisible little thing, and, by Jove! she loves the vated mind. Her dainty white hands have boy well enough to sacrifice her silly little man heart for his sake, o perhaps. ess her! But she shan't: I'll not allow it! t the boy win her, and take care of her, e a man. If the rascal don't speak soon, -I'll-why, I'll marry her myself. Allen n't want any of your die away young ladies a wife, to flirt and worry his life out. ow well that dear boy of mine knows me: d the girl-well, well, she will in time, n to one but he is waiting on the lower irs to take her home. Ah. mel well they young, and in love. Their sun is bright,

we thought the old days were back again, and husband, home, and children a dream that would vanish with the light peeping

Advocate.

softly through the window in the room where my baby lay. Alice thought of the past, too, and so our babies were dearer that night than ever before. The next morning we read the damp paper

with a new interest. 'Not an error!' cried Alice, merrly waving the sheet above her head. 'I looked to the proofs last night, and here we have perfection. I tell you. Mary, we are a credit to our profession, and I am quite proud of our four columns.'

She wrote to her husband-as I did to George-an amusing account of the affair.-They commended us highly, and the rival over the way wondered how Mr. Ross could have possibly have issued the message so promptly. It is, and probably always will, remain a mistery as to where he procured his two extra hands on that especial occasion. Senator S---- once gravely asked me if Alice cried over the types, as she did that

time when his father kindly warned her of the imprudence of long walks. She is his darlling yet, his home-joy. In his wife and chil-dren-the jewels of his beautiful home-he myself Immediately after we went West to settle, where George started a weekly newspaper, which prospered famously. He was editor, foreman, business clerk, while I did finds a secure retreat from the cares of his 'exalted life.

Now, Maggie, you know the love story of his youth, and the way in which he won his charming wife. Alice won the noblest husband in the land, and all through her being a pretty, hard working, and sensible little printer. And I have kept my promise and finished my bit of romance.

> "He Died for Me."

Many interesting narratives and experiences are told at Henry Ward Beecher's Friday evening prayer meetings. Last week, one of the prominent citizens of Brooklyn doing business in Wall street, related the following. We reproduce the story as it fell from his lips:

"Not long since I found myself at Cincin-natti, with a little spare time, and I thought I would improve it in visiting some of the Southern battle fields and burial places. I first proceeded to Nashville. On going out to the Soldiers' Cemetery, I observed a man planting a flower over a grave. I approached him and asked if his son was buried there:

'No,' was the response. 'A son-in-law?' 'No.' 'A brother?' 'No.

'A relative?' . 'No.'

"Whose memory then do you cherish?" ventured to ask.

After delaying a moment and putting down a small board which he held in his hand he

replied: 'Well, I will tell you. When the war broke out. I lived in Illinois. I wanted to they would make the least shaddow, Daniel enlist, but I was poor and had a large family of children dependent upon me for daily bread.—Finally, as the war continued. I was drafted. No draft money was given me; I was unable to procure a substitute, and made on my mind to go After I had got every. up my mind to go. After I had got every-thing in readiness and was just leaving to re-port at the conscript camp, a young man

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Stick to the Plow and the Plane.

Don't come to the city, my boy. Your chance, in the long run, is better where you are. Hundreds, indeed, make fortunes here, but thousands live wearlesome and even suffering lives in the city .--Clerks have larger salaries than farmers, but then their expense of boarding, clothes, and amusements are so much larger, that less is saved at the end of the year. Then the temptations of the city are so strong and so constant that few young men resist them Not many young city clerks, even if they avoid bad company, are able early in life to have a home of their own. A young man in the country, soon after his time becomes his own, can secure capital enough, with an economical wife, to set up housekeeping for himself, and have a quiet comfortable, and even beautiful little home of his own. One of the wealthiest men in Boston, who died a few days since, said the happiest years of his life were passed when he was gathering, very slowly, the beginnings of his fortune. When he married he and his wife were worth, ench, twenty-five cents, and they labored lovingly and happily together. This was certainly a very small fortune for two to commence upon, but they were worth hundreds of thousands when they died gathered by economical labor. The writer knows an excellent young man in this city who is now nearly thirty. He has long been engaged to a young lady of fine talents and a good temper. It would be great comfort to both to be married ; but then, his salary, although quite large, would not support them in the style of life to which the young woman has been accustomed to in her own home .---Besides, the position of clerks is very uncertain. By the failure of what was considered one of the strongest houses in the city, this young man was thrown ont of place and salary for six months. Stick to the plow, then, or some solid, whole-some trade. You will then be sure of a comfortable living. You can earlier have a home of your own, and you will be less exposed to the constant charges in business which destroy at one blow the carn-

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I am not the cloud to obscure it." The old man smiled as he lit hiscigar, and ought of those two young people very tenly all the way to his quiet home.

Mr. S- was right. Allen was waiting for Alice on the stairs. Doubtless his thoughtful sire had given him a slight hint to that effect, and with a confident-'I am going with you,' he laid her passive hand on his arm.

Silently they walked along the pleasant treet he in vain trying to read the new expression of her sad, averted face. Presently he asked, with something of his father's abruptness:

'Alice, when will you marry me?' Her surprise was too great for words. After a moment she found voice.

'Mr. S----, you forget my station and yours. You should never speak such words to one so poor as I, for I will never-'

'Nonsense!' he interrupted, 'I love you, and you love me, and what more is necessary? I have fixed my heart on you, Alice. We will have a glorious life together. I see its dawn brightening all around us, even now. I can give you wealth, station, love; oh! boundless love, that shall take a lifetime to fathom; and you bless me in return with your splendid beauty, perfect truth, and pure affections-a heart all my own: love unsullied to sanctify my home; a companion for my mature manbood; a mate to share my dawning fame-all this to be embodied in the three sweet words, 'Alice, my wife.'

But your father, he will never consent, reminded Alice, while her heart was repeat-

ing the sweet love-picture he had drawn. 'My father is the best man in the world, dear Alice. He knows your worth, and that I love you. I think I can now find a solution of your changed manner. My father has been making your acquaintance in his ec-centric way, and, like thousands of others, you misunderstood him entirely. Am I not looking very tired and cross. His brow reright?'

Alice related the conversation that had taken place between them, and acknowledged that she had greatly misjudged his kind nature, but that Mr. S- certainly seemed to work. warn her against thicking too kindly of his

son Allen laughed

'My dear old father! it was only his way of introducing himself to his future daughter. Doubtless he was recalling his own young days, and the time when he loved and married my mother, who was a poor girl, Alice, but she made his life rich with blessings. She is dead now, and her memory is the dearest thing in the world to him. You will soon learn to love my father -oun father, Alice, -from this hour.

Thus my friend was betrothed, and life all a sparkle with the new hopes growing from the ashes of old despair. That same evening the ashes of old despair. That same evening Allep walked into his father's study, and said, with earnest vo'ce:

set up many a column; nor has the slender fingers forgotten their cunning, as you shall see.

Alice paid me a long visit last winter. Mr Lester, at the present time, is the proprietor of a very influential daily paper published in the city of ———. I left the office long ago; children came to claim my care-and, their is no longer any need of me as a work er, I am scarcely known in the establishment. Well, as I said, Alice came to make a long visit-we are always Alice and Mary to each other, except when society demands strict stiquette.

One evening the business editor called in as he was passing, in a perfect fever of anxiety and haste, trying his utmost, he said, to procure two or three extra compositors for a few hours, for they had just received the Presidents message, which must be in type by three o'clock. Mr. Ross was determined for me." that his readers should get the message in

the morning's issue, besides he wished to get the start of his rival across the way, whom he understood, from good authority, was still messageless, although every moment expecting the arrival of that important document. Mr Ross knew nothing about our printing ability, and therefore could hardly hope to find help from Alice, when she said consolingly:

'Perhaps Mrs. Lester and I may find an extra hand in your dire necessity; suppose we look about, Mary?'

Mr. Ross regarded her incredulously, and with a nod of thanks, bade us a hurried good night, and rushed away, intent on finding a few 'extra hands.'

'Come,' said Alice' gleefully, 'let's go.-It will be such capital fan. Just fancy you and I at our old trade again.

I assented, delighted with the scheme and, hooded and cloaked, we speedily repaired to the office. The printers were astounded when we made our DEBUT, and doubly so when we made known our intentions, and modestly demanded a case. But I am certain that after watching us for a few moments, we gained immeasurably in their good opinion. The case seemed an old friend, and in five

minutes we were as clever as ever, while the admiring compositors silently applauded our skill, Alice especially, who used to bost that no one could rival her in the craft.

We all went to work with a will on the message, determined to get ahead of the other papers. Mr. Ross came in near midnight, laxed on beholding the almost complete form He instantly turned to the foremam with words of delight on his lips, but they were suddenly checked on seeing us busily at

'Good heavens!' he exclaimed in astinish ment. 'Mrs. Lester, is it possible? Am I Please explain, dreaming, Mrs. S----? for I am utterly at a loss.'

'You are not dreaming, Mr. Ross,' laughed Alice. 'Did you not know that Mrs Lester and I were capital printers? We graduated ten years ago, at least I did. I promised you a hand or two, and here they are. We were famous in our day, and I think even now

you will find our work correct. Too astonished to reply, Mr. Ross sat down, faintly articulating a number of suppressed thanks for our valuable services -At half-past one the message was ready for the press, and we went home, as we used to on these long-ago hurry nights, accompanied by an obliging printer, and so very tired that | are, I am very glad to see you.'

whom I had known came to me and said:

'You have a big family to support, whom your wife cannot support while you are gone; I will go for you.

In the battle of Chicamanga the poor fellow was dangerously wounded. Owing to Bragg's offensive demonstrations on Chatanooga he, along with others, was taken to the hospital at Nashville. After a lingering illness he died and was baried there. Ever since hearing of his death I have been desirous of coming to Nashville and seeing that his remains were properly buried. Having sufficient funds. I came on yesterday, and have to-day found the poor fellow's grave. On completing his story the man took up the small board and inserted it at the foot of the grave. Turning to look at it I saw this simple inscription, and nothing more :--- 'He died

A CHINESE PRODIGAL. -The Chinese papers report a curious and touching scene which lately occurred in the Shanghai mixed courts A dissolute prodigal, having a chain around his neck, to which his hands were fast, was brought up by his father. The parent, a very respectable-looking man, declared he could make nothing of the prisoner. He had tried all means to cure him of his propensity for smoking opium, but without ef-If he gave him money it went in opium; fect. clothes were also pawned to satisfy his craving. Latterly he had been chained up in a house to see what effect that would have; but his appearance on that occasion was be cause he had broke out, and had been picked up by a policeman. In fact, the father de-clared that he would be glad if the Court would take him in hand and give him a severe punishment. The judge advised him to give his son another trial, and added that, if after

one punishment he was still incorrigible, Chinese law would permit decapitation on the consent of the father.

HOW TO HAVE & CLEAN GABDEN. - Mr. Buren, of Newark, N. J., is noted for having a clean garden. Ho says: Any man who will leave his bed at four

o'clock in the morning, and go forth with his hoe, and a willingness to work, need never be disturbed with weeds. I have attended to a business that took the time usually devoted to the parsuits of life, and still found leisure for such attention to my garden as kept it free always from all foul-growth ... Of course, I am not one of the anti-early risers. But if he is foud of his bed, and the soil is full of weeds, let him give the garden a Sabbath year of clover. Thus will he kill the tares great stove!" that the enemy hath sown, and his garden

come back to onious and lima beans, lettuce, peas and beets, like a good man to his work on Monday morning

During Mr. Seward's overland journey he stopped at a hotel in Idaho, where a rough-looking fellow introduced himself as follows: to avoid scratches "Is this W. IL Seward?"

"Yes; what do you want?"

I came here to introduce myself and to see ou. I read about William H. Seward .-You are not as good looking as I thought you Mr. Seward I have been admitted into was. the Union three times, commencing with Iowa, and now want to come in again with Wyoming. Good evening Mr. Seward; although I am a better-looking man than you

Facetiae.

A race of sculptors-the Chip-a-ways.

The Prussian diet-Lager beer and pretzels.

Shifting the responsibility-Dressing the baby.

When is a lawyer strongest? When he is fee-bleat.

The cup that cheers but not inebriatesthe buttercup.

What soup would cannibals prefer? The 'broth of a boy.'

A favorite tune of the milkmen-Shall we gather the river?

Matters of moment ought to be described in a minute manner.

The sham-rocks mostly worn in hats now-adays are bricks.

Is a man who has made a fool of himself to be considered a self-made man?

Why is a specimen of handwriting like a dead pig? Because it is done with the pen.

Woman's rights-If she cannot be captain of a ship, she may always command a snace.

Why is a selfish friend like the letter P? Because, though first in pity, he is the last in help.

Why are your eyes like friends separated by distant climes? They correspond, but never meet.

It is suggested that the Fenian LETTERS found so plentifully in Ireland are nothing but GREEN P'S

Squib, speaking financially, says it was the last camel's hair for Mrs. S. which broke his back.

Subjects for, chromos-"The Barber"-after Beard; "The Miners"-after Cole;" "The Walk Home"-after Church.

A man taking his nap or his newspaper comes to about the same thing. He enjoys in either case his snooze.

Why is a young lady just from boarding school like a building committee? Because she is ready to receive proposals.

Sambo, in speaking of the happiness of married people, said : "Dat ar' pends al-togedder how dey enjoys demselves."

A mean pan-for a man to lay hold of a lady's back hair, and apologize by saying he thought he was pulling a sELLE knob.

A verdant Cape Codder, upon seeing a locomotive for the first time, threw up his hands

A new mode of dispersing a mob has been discovered, said to supersede the necessity of a military force. It is to pass around a contribution box.

Woman is composed of 243 bones, 409 muscles, and 306 pins. Fearfully and wou-

The President recognized the diplomatic weakness for "dinners," by appointing Part-ridge Minister to Venezuela, and Correy Secretary of Legation to Russia. -

At a recent lecture Professor X-stated that Saturn had a ring six thousand miles broad. "Be jabers!" exclaimed an Irishman who was present, "what a finger he must have.

A good tale, ill told, is a bad one,