The Coming Molly Peevy.

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"There is two sides to it." he said.

desperately. "You say it will be a sin

can save me from the dogs if you want

to. If you don't marry me, the Lord

only knows what will happen. I've just

got so much mortal strength and no

tion when life is worth living, but that's

She covered her face with her hands,

Her breast rose convulsively. A low sob

escaped her, and then a little moan

She got up suddenly, and without a

word shambled into the candle-lit room

behind him. She extinguished the can-

room became so still that he could hear

the clock on the mantel ticking. He

leaned against the wall, hardly daring

Something told him she was on her

knees beside her bed, and he folded his arms and bowed his head. He tried to

resolve to be a better and stronger

man: but he could think of nothing ex-

cept her bowed figure and her sobs.

Ten minutes passed, then he heard her

coming. She advanced to him from the

darkness and laid her hand on his arm.

Her hair, which had always added such

a charm to her face, had become un-

fastened, and made her look so much

younger. She held a handkerchief

last visit, after tomorrow at dinner,"

like dying a hundred deaths, but I can't

be the cause of your breaking that

promise. I admire you for making it

to her, weak and sickly as she was, but

I couldn't no longer if you broke it. A

promise is a promise under Heaven;

there ain't no ifs and ands about it: it

is just so. If you'll let me, I'll take the

children and bring them up. I'll never

marry, and they would be a comfort. A

man by hisself can't do justice to chil-

"Keep 'em," he said, huskily, "As

soon as my crop is in. I'll sell out and go

west. I don't think we ought to be so

He passed through the gate and en-

tered his house. She stood motionless on the porch. She heard his heavy

boots ringing hollowly on the bare

floor, and watched the light in his win-

dow till it went out. Then she went to

The next day about noon the back

brought Mrs. Molly Peevy and her little

hair-trunk and carpet-bag to his door.

Joel and his children were standing

at the gate, and a moment later Mary

Ann and her sister came out and shook

hands with the visitor and invited them

reevy could not hide her satisfaction

as hungry as a folting vehicle."

of Mary Ann or Mrs. Batson.

down on a closed chest in the chimney

She Caught Her Breath and Shrank from

corner, and tried to look as if she did

not see the dinner-table. Mrs. Batson

had never been accused of inhospital-

ity, even to people as unwelcome as

Matt Digby, so she said:
"Shake that cat off that chair, Matt,

Matt obeyed, muttering something

the table and broke a piece off the large

"I hain't got a bit of patience with

you another wife before this, especially as Sarah wanted you to."

down. She rested her hands on the edge of the table, and stared at him

"I know she did once," she said, won-

our big meeting, me and her had a long talk. She confessed she had been nar-

row and spiteful, because she had heard

about you and Mary Ann's doings before

you married. A powerful change come

deringly. "But that was before she come to my house. Over there, during

and pull it up and eat a bite."

live over there."

over her glasses.

T'm as hungry as a bear," she said as

"I just couldn't wait to come

"Go away, Joel, and let this be your

"I have decided. It has been

to draw his breath.

balled in her hand.

He turned away.

nigh each other."

all in to dinner.

at the sight of it.

at the door.

looking so hearty."

smile.

Her footsteps ceased and the

all. I am as weak as a rag tonight."

SYNOPSIS.

Joel Holtzciaw, a widower of Cove Valfey, Georgia, is enumored of Mary Ann Hardiman, a pretty spinster of the neigh-berhood, whom he had couried as a let, can save me from the dogs if you want but whose father had broken up the match. Matt Digby, another spinster, and a great meddler, is bound that Joel shall not marry Mary Ann, and this does not got so much mortal strength and no seem likely to come about, for Mary Ann more. I can stand out against temptaknows that Joel promised his wife on her tion when life is worth living, but that's deathbed that he would not marry again, and she considers such a promise sacred. Joel tries to persuade Mary Ann and when she refuses, he takes to going on sprees. One night he stays away from the Cove, and Mary Ann goes over to his house and takes care of his little children. On his return the next day, he explains that he has not been on a spree, but that he has been kept away by jury service. He tells her that he is going to give up drinking. She is much affected. The day after this he dresses up in his best clothes and goes over to see her.

IA a few minutes Mary Ann came out, bringing two chairs with her. She would not invite him into her house, but she would sit there with him in spite of all that Matt Digby might put into circulation about her. Matt's house, on the left, was dark. Joel was happy over the thought that she had gone to bed, and that she could not have heard him open the gate and ascend the steps. But Mary Ann knew that if Matt was alive she was sitting at the open window, 30 yards from the porch, straining her eyes and ears to see and hear all she could. However, Mary Ann soon forgot Matt Digby. There was something tense and manly in Holtzclaw's face that absorbed her. He waited until she had seated herself before, he sat down, then he placed his chair near to hers.

"I've come to the conclusion some-thing's got to be done, and that quick, Mary Ann," he began, nervously stroking his beard, "This way of going on don't seem to me to be right. nin't good enough for such a pretty girl as you are-that could git the best husband in the country, but I'd be a better, more steady man if I had you. I believe that if Sarah could look down from where she is, she'd want you to be a comfort to me and a mother to her children. When she made me make that promise she was just peevish and jenlous, because Matt Digby had said so much to her about me a-courting of you. T've always thought if she'd just a-been in her right mind at her death, she'd a-released me."

Mary Ann started. She spread out her skirt carefully and then smoothed her apron over it. She glanced at him shyly, and then looked cautiously through the darkness at Matt Digby's window before venturing upon a reply.

"Why, Joel," she said, suddenly, "I never did hear all about it, because I I didn't want to seem interested, but somehow I got the idea that-that she asked it on her deathbed."

'No such thing!" he answered quick-"It was fully three months fore she died, when she was starting off for a visit to Aunt Molly Peevy, over in Fannin' county. On the way home she had a stroke of paralysis, and did not know a thing till she died two days later.

Mary Ann moved uneasily, and her chair creaked. She felt that she was leading him on to talk of such things. and she wanted to change the subject. "Little Joe tells me that Mrs. Peevy is coming to see you tomorrow."

"That's what she wrote the other She'll get here about eleven o'clock in the morning."

'She'll be hungry," replied Mary Ann, "and she won't be in no fix to set right in and cook dinner for you and the children. If you'll let me, I'll have you all come over and eat with us. I reckon nobody won't talk about it with Mrs. Peevy on hand."

"That'll be just the thing!" he cried. 'It'll be a right sore of a welcome. Aunt Molly always did think a lot of you

The conversation paused. She saw from his face that he was coming back to the subject uppermost in his mind, and she would have stopped him if she could have resisted the temptation to hear what he had to say. It seemed so much like the time when he used to come to see her in the years before. There, in the semi-darkness, he did not seem to have changed greatly. True, his hair was slightly gray, but his eyes and his voice were the same and he still loved her.

"I'll tell you what, Mary Ann," he went on, tenderly. "I've made up my mind that I just can't do another year without you. I am able to keep straight and decent when I've got something to live for. You know I did all right when Sarah was alive, although me and her wasn't at all suited nor never was Now, if I am willing to set aside that unreasonable promise, surely ought not to object. It wouldn't be you a-doing of it.

She caught her breath and shrank from him as he leaned toward her,
"Don't talk that way, Joel," she

pleaded. "I'll do anything on earth to help you. I'd willingly work my fingers to the bone; but I can't sing against a dead woman. Besides, we'd both be churched for it, and we couldn't live in the community. The Lord knows I'd rather be your wife. I'd die the next minute, it seems to me, to be able to call myself that, if it was right in the sight of God. But it would be a sin, and there

nin't no good or happiness in sin." He leaned back into the darkness for a moment; then he rose and pushed away his chair.



fussed with. Why. Joel, didn't Sarah mention it when she got home?" He was pale, and the hand encircling

his goblet of milk was trembling.
"She had a stroke of paralysis on the
way over," he replied, "And she didn't know a thing from then on till her death.

"My Lord! And all this time you've been a-thinking-. Why, what a pity! Well, that needn't be no hindrance any She actually wanted you to marry. I can testify to that; and it's your duty, if -if you have found any-

Mary Ann rose abruptly to pick up the spoon little Joe had dropped. She did not resume her seat, but went into the sliting-room. There was a silence No one was eating except the children. Matt Digby was smiling, half sardon leally, half fearfully, and watching Joel's face. He got un and awkwardly pushed his chair under the table.

"I'm going in there to speak to her," he said, and he went into the other



"Your Comin' is a Godsend to Us Both."

shrugged her shoulders, and with a very serious face helped herself bounteously to the apple dumpling and the sweetened milk. The meal was finished when Joel came back, a manly sheepishness on his face.

"You just come in the nick of time. Aunt Molly," he said. "I'll never get over being obliged to you. I'm going to run over and feed my stock. I reckon I'd better not be around for awhile, Mary Ann is mightily tensed, but she's willing. Your comin' is a godsend to us both.

sitting-room, but Mrs. Batson detained | ment.

"I wouldn't bother her just now if I was you, Matt." she said, peremptorily, and Matt sank back into her chair. The end.

INDUSTRIAL.

Wheat has advanced 10 cents per bushel in the Puget Sound country.

Anthracite coal is lower in Chicago, and is very cheap in Boston.

The Engineering and Mining Journal expects the presidents of the coal companies to do something important on Thursday and thinks coal will be advanced in price in February.

Andrew Morrison, roadmaster of the kitchen of the two sisters, and Mrs. ley railroad for thirteen years, and a prominent citizen of White Haven, has tendered his resignation, to take effect Feb. 1, and has accepted the posishe took her seat at the table. "I tion of civil engineer for Dilworth, Porhain't tasted a bite since before day, except a piece of cold liver and some tensive manufacturers of railroad supbuttered bread, and nothing makes me plies, at Pitisburg.

It is understood by the Hazleton Sen-All were seated and had turned up their plates, when Matt Digby appeared tinel that the Lehigh Valley will inaugurate the three-fourths system Feb. May I come in " she asked with a They are likely to be followed by other large companies. The Coxes are and tell Mrs. Peevy bowdy. Howdy you now rushed so hard that they had to do, Mrs. Peevy? I'm glad to see you put an extra crew and engine on the Amboy division last week, and their Mrs. Peevy extended her fat hand and mines are still grinding out coal at an smiled and nodded, but did not rise. unrestricted rate. The same is the case She was trying to remember where she at Milnesville and Lettimer. The Lehad met Matt, and if she was a relative high and Wilkes-Barre company has already introduced restriction. Matt sidled along the wall and sat

> The latest and most fashionable scheme to enable steam roads to compete with the trolleys is a coach capable of seating seventy-five people, with a steam motor in a cap at one end of the conveyance. The motor is worked by a moderately high pressure derived from an upright tubular boiler and one man can run the car and do all the firing. The car is capable of running thirty miles an hour and as only a conductor and an army has 25,478 infantry, 67,518 cavalry, 72,538 artillery, 62,406 engineer corps, 102,630 horses, and 2,670 guns, against Great Brit. only a conductor and engineer are required, it will cost only half as much in running expenses as an ordinary accommodation train. These cars can be run frequently through thickly settled communities.

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Hudson, 3,997,059; Pennsylvania Rail-Mary Ann, who sat opposite Joel and road, 4,727,575; Pennsylvania Conf the children, blushed scarlet, and company, 1705,197; Erie, 1,669,827; busied herself in helping Matt's plate Ontario & Western, 1,372,365; Delato vegetables. Matt Digby laughed ware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill (Coxe Bros. & Co.), 1,633,268; Susquehanna & softly and significantly, and Mrs. Peevy went on, as she reached to the center of Western, 726,166. For a part of 1894 the tonnage of the Susquehanna & Western was included in that of the Lacka-

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Pacific	47,720	1,183	49,573	1,18
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Philadelphia Times: Delay seems in vitable, but the belief that some for of harmony and restriction will be fir ally arrived at. In this connection, will be well to remember that J. Pier pont Morgan is now the controlling factor in the Reading, and that he i also largely interested, directly, and a representing other interests, in severa other anthracite coal roads. How he will satisfy the Reading and its rivals the other properties in which he is in terested-is difficult to determine, bu' the belief prevails however, that ar amicable settlement will be reached though not without some delay, as the question of an honest and just allot-As he went out at the back door, Matt | ment of percentage is a problem that Digby rose and started to go to the requires careful and delicate treat-

> Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The newly elected board of directors of the Lebigh Valley Railroad company field its first meeting today, and elected the follow-ing officers: Charles Hartshorne, vicepresident; Robert H. Sayre, second vice-president; J. B. Garrett, third vice-president; W. C. Alderson, treasurer; John R. Fanshaw, secretary, and David G. Baird, assistant secretary.

ORIGIN OF EVANGELINE.

Have you ever heard the true story of how "Evangeline" came to be written? Mr. Hawthorne went one day to dine with Longfellow. bringing with him his friend H. L. Conolly, who had been a rector in a South Boston church. At dinner Conolly said that he had been A tempting meal was spread in the Wyoming division of the Lehigh Val- trying to interest Hawthorne, but vainly, in a story that he desired written. This story had been told him by a parishioner, a Mrs. Haliburton, A young Acadian maiden, who, at the dispersion of her people by the English troops had been separated from her betrothed lover, sought him for years in her exile, and at last found him in a hospital, where he lay dying, Mr. Longfellow was touched by the story, especially by the constancy of the heroine, and said to his friend: "If you really do not want this Incident for a tale, let me have it for a poem," and Hawthorne consented, Out of this grew "Evangeline," whose heroine was first called Gabrielle.

BRITAIN AND GER STANY.

The British navy is as much larger than the German navy as the German army is larger than that of Great Britain. In the event of war Great Britain could put in the field 662,000 officers and men. with 696 guns, against Germany's 4,643,93 soldlers and 3,470 guns. The British navy contains 85 armored

ships, 147 unarmeored ships, 89 gunboats, and 222 torpedo boats, with 6,403 guns, while the Getman navy has 25 armored ships, 27 unarmored ships, 33 gunbon ts and 200 tor-

ain's 111,390 infantry, 15,252 cavalry, 18,550 artillery, 5,450 engineers, 25,055 horses, and 686 gans. This does not include the British Indian army.-Chicago Times-Herald.



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-of the physical being is the result of drawing incessantly upon the reserve capital of nerve force. The wear, tear and strain of modern life are concentrated upon the nervmodern life are concentrated upon the nervous system. The young men of our day become sufferers from nervous debility or exhaustion, nervous prostration or weakness. This may be the result of too much mental worry and excitement, or the result of bad practices and excesses, or permicious habits, contracted in youth, through ignorance. They feel irritable, weak and nervous with such distressing symptoms as backache, dizziness, shooting pains in head or chest, sometimes indigestion. The middle-aged men, as well, suffer from exhaustion, loss of manly power, low spirits, impaired memory, and many derangements of mind and body. The ill-used brain is morbidly wide awake when the overworked business man attempts to find rest in bed.

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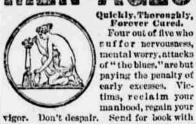
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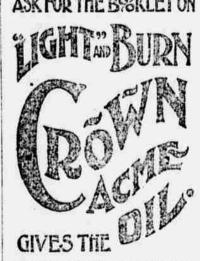
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