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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond were raised in New Ragland, and were of the genuine Pariton stock. The mothers of both were left in widowhood during the revo-Intionary struggle, and the children pasof family government depends.

occurred, and upon her necessarily de- public gatherings. her through a long life

the by the confidence which honesty of ling girl of fourteen. purpose and innocency of life inspire.

family altar was ever kept up, and the the remaining hours of the night, by the of general commiscration.

Mr. Raymond had a generous soul within him, and a natural mirthfulness which rendered him an exceedingly agreeable companion to the young, and made him

and when a small lad became the subject stances, but were finally broken. of religious influence, and gave good pro-

The only exceptions to the literality of the tale are the names of the persons concorned, the description of some of the localiries, and a small draught upon the imagination for a portion of the circumstances which

fidence in his religious character, and ate and melting strains.

tions of the glorious "lake country" were family circle, which had now been exten- wonted indifference. He, however, re- husband-"are just of a size." "I don't "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Many whatever he does hereafter." occupied as the hunting-grounds of "the sively broken up. She found in old Mrs. solved that he would never again be seen know about borrowing a suit of clothes to encouraging words were spoken to the All Henry Raymond's friends rejoiced bix halfons" Mr. Raymond creeted a Raymond a mother indeed-one who not intoxicated.

one. In the mean time the first of a new pected event finally transpired. At a hopes assured. race of missionaries penetrated these in- late hour Harry drove up and succeeded The consternation of the Raymond fam- appearance. terier and sceluded regions, and Mr. and in getting into the house. His horses ily, and of their sympathizing friends, the people were often collected together and the mother-were the first to give nate victim of a rampant appetite, deepsounger members to much small persecu- ian angels retired-not to sleep, but to home-he lounged about rum-shops and voice, struck uption from their young companions. The have their imagination haunted, during country towns, until he became an object children.

Withal, religion was here invested with The day which succeeded was a gloomy supported by faith and hope-graces charms, and not made inconsistent with one. A few words of most significant re- which had been tried as in the fire, and good cheer and innocent amusements .- buke from the wife and the mother, and which, at this period of life, had ceased the down-cast countenance and sad pen- to falter. And whose heart was this but siveness of old Mr. Raymond, which al- that of the mother of the unfortunate and in his ear; and, after the service had ways expressed unutterable things, were apparently ruined victim of a monster closed, he returned with Catherine, silent prayers?" met by a confused expression of the vice? The heart of the mother felt most and sad. the life of his large family circle. He countenance, and a vague glancing of the keenly the fearful situation of the object was a fine singer, and performed well eye in different directions, but with no of her solicitude-she was not blind to assembly, and constituted the principal upon the flute; and after the evenings angry words. It is enough-indeed too his dangers nor his faults-she saw the topic of conversation on the way home .were spent in the cultivation of sacred much-much more than I could wish- impotency of human resolutions, and all The pious hoped, and the careless were music, which was always followed by to say, that the same scene, with slight motives founded upon mere self-respect astonished: but none uttered a contemptprayer, they all retired to rest in a de- variations of circumstances, was occasion- or worldly prospects in a struggle with an uous word. One of Henry's companions, lightful state of mind, fully appreciating ally repeated. Admonitions and tender overpowering appetite for the intoxicat- who was present, seemed to partake of the the bliss of true domestic union and sym- expostulations extorted promises of a- ing draught; but she knew full well the sympathies of the occasion. "Now," said pathy san ctified by a vital Christianity. mendmant, which were kept for a time, efficacy of prayer. Her dependence was he, "if Harry should take a religious turn, Henry was one of the younger sons, longer or shorter according to circum- upon God alone, and not upon plans of blame me if I think it would hurt him-

mise of a life of usefulness. All the eld- brought to the knowledge of brothers and the discouraging enroumstances which a- come out strong, won't they have a time sisters abroad, and a sense of deep morti- rose, she persisted in believing, and in over at the old man's? I should like to fication, as well as a feeling of heart- declaring, that "her prodigal son would be there, and see them carry on about five down. breaking sorrow, passed thro' the entire finally return." could not be supplied by authentic informa- nation for the moment was indulged. — fears, and to re kindle the domestic feel- upon entering the cottage, the old lady my sins —my sins press me down like their hides with the bark of the other

the vanities of the world. Harry was ion, by friends? was often asked. But the good-humored and playful, and, withal, matter finally resolved itself into a religi- his pressing wants. When he had recov- sighed, and said no more. unsuspecting and heedless. He was not ous question, and resort was had to pray- ered himself from a state of entire or par- When the tide of Henry's feelings had memorable night. In the morning old dull nor slow to judge of the opinions er and carnest personal appeal. All tial intoxication, he was then kindly ex- subsided a little, he was the subject of se- Mr. Raymond chose for the occasion the one which some entertained of his religious prayed to the God who has the hearts of postulated with, and urged to "stay at vere temptation; and upon being prompt- hundred and sixteenth psalm. It was pretensions. At length the precautions all men in his hands for help in the great home," and give the family the pleasure ed by Catherine to return to the meeting a perfect expression of the feelings of the and reserve which, however well meant, emergency, while wife, father, mother, of his company, and the benefit of his at evening, he said: "I think I'll not go penitent Henry. When all bowed down were doubtless premature and improrer, brothers, and sisters, in turn, exhorted help upon the farm. These "cords of this evening." "Go; yes, Henry, do go," in prayer, the patriarch addressed the seemed to him to indicate a want of con- and warned Henry in the most affection- love" would restrain him for a while; but answered Catherine. "The people," said through of grace in importunate and con-

Raymond family: death seized some of heavily upon my heart, and is of more is cruel as the grave. rem upon whom the most weighty part. He was what in common parlance would that you have a soul which will live when of earnest, believing Christians. warm her mother's cottage. By this victions, and upon his resolution to ab- you may, and live. Could I take you in him. "Harry," said she, "come, go with ry, "I'll go, come what will." leating bowl. The vigilant eye of true mon Saviour, and see you again united to answered Henry: "that would be of no poor Harry Raymond would shape his get my grog bill, for Harry will go to When young, Raymond was united in friendship looked with deep concern upon his fold. What, my dear Henry, shall I use -nobody cares anything about me." course. Harriet, pensive and trembling, work, and he's as honest a fellow as ever boly matrimony to Ana Taylor, at the the perils to which poor Harry was now say to prevail upon you to forsake your "Dear Henry," rejoined Catherine, "how took her seat in a retired place, as much lived."

lefty forest trees waving in the breeze o- trials which will soon be noticed, but who again overcome, and now he seemed more pride; this may be the last of your day of most invincible habit. the small berds of the neighboring farms. ry, until he occasionally became disguised, pledge." Strong hopes were now enter- ment, and then began to move as though fession, and was proceeding to "ask par- help to constance." Hard handed labor and strict economy and was irregular in his return from the tained that Henry would not relapse .-- he had consented. The suit was soon don" for all the wrongs he had inflicted In the mean time James, with a porand plied the necessities of the little group, neighboring villages, to which he now For months he was sober and industrious in readiness, and he was washed and upon their feelings, when old Mr. Ray- tion of his family, came to visit his pawhich continued to enlarge until it reach. made frequent visits under the pretexts as ever, and the family seemed to think shaved. The next hour he walked up to mond interrupted him with, "My dear rents, not knowing whether he should the goodly number of a dezen, save of business. The terrible and long-ex- the danger had passed over, and felt their the church by the side of Catherine; and Henry, say nothing about us; we have find Henry with the heart of a brother, if

morning and eveng sacrifice was a thing repetition of the scene which had passed Many now gave up Raymond for lost. thousand old associations were revived in Paritanical strictness was en. before them. That was a night of an- His youthful companion almost lost heart, Henry's mind. His heart began to melt; forced upon all, and no immorality suf- guish, of tears, and of prayers, which and scarcely knew how to brook the evils and when the old gentleman poured out fered to pass without a fearful religious can only be appreciated by the Father of which she suffered. Old Mr. Raymond a flood of melting melody upon the linesreckoning. Religious things and religi- mercies, who fathoms the depths of hu- often groaned out, "Poor Harry is ruined ous people were never made matters of man sorrow and counts the sighs of his -and, I fear, will never be recovered."-But there was one heart that held outman's devising. She never for a moment, for the fact is, he's getting a little bit too The terrible, the astounding facts were gave up "poor Harry;" but despite of all bad." Another rejoined: "If he should

the stern demands of a morbid appetite Henry, "stared at me as though I had fiding language, particularly pleading the seemed to chill the ardor of his feelings. About this time he received a letter would finally break them asunder, and I've no doubt they promises made to those who are of "a Finally he lost his confidence, and began from James, which concluded in this victim would again find himself bound all know whose clothes I have on." - contrite spirit." This went to Henry's to mingle with frivolous and irreligious wise :- "And now, my dear Henry, I within the folds of the monstrous serpent, "Don't mind that, it's nobody's business, heart, and he arose from his knees with pray you to hear me willingly for a mo- whose coils are as crushing as those of Henry; and, besides, I tell you they are hope springing up in his soul; he saw Time wrought various changes in the ment, in a matter which presses more the merciless anaconda, and whose venom all glad to see you there. Even Dick "men as trees walking." Light increas

Birm. Raymond and two daughters be- had been overdriven and neglected, and may be better imagined than described, that morning especially, to pray that God will forgive you and we know he is estly asked, "Have you heard from Hencame subjects of a great moral change. - he was stupefied with drink and benum- upon the dreadful event of another lapse would reach the heart of their miserable both able and willing-all the rest will ry lately?" "Not a word," was the reply This constituted the commencement of the bed with cold. There were two individ- of poor Henry. Circumstances transpir- son. They were seated when Henry en- be soon settled." "Ah," responded Hen- "Well, then," rejoined he, "I have good religious era of this family. Mr. Ray- uals, who had occupied each a corner by ed, which are so common and well known tered; and it was to them the signal of a ry," he cannot forgive me, as I see, with news for you. He is clothed, and in his mond's humble dwelling was thencefor. the fire, in mute sorrow and breathless that they need not be described, which fervent ejaculation to God, that the wan- out abandoning his justice; for if ever a right mind. He has experienced religward a sort of Bethel, or house of God. suspense, while the teapot sat upon the proved more than a match for the strength derer might be awakened and reclaimed. sinner deserved to go to hell, I do." Tears ion, and for the last six months has been Here the weary itiuerant often found a embers and the table was spread with of purpose and the power of conscience, The discourse was appropriate, and sank coursed down the cheeks of the venerable as sober and respectable a man as there resting place, and here was often heard what was necessary to supply the crav- which, in this case, had been too much down into the hearts of many; and Hen- patriarch, and while he was trying suffi- is in the town." This was "good news," the voice of prayer and praise, and here ings of hunger. These two-the wife relied upon, and down went the unfortu- ry Raymond was among those who felt ciently to recover his feelings to respond indeed. What the character of the meetto hear the word of life dispensed in great the needed help to the nearly helpless ob- er than ever, into the mire of intemper- ing in pieces the rock." He, however, and sighing from the bottom of her al- judge. ject of many hours of indescribable solic- ance. Henry now lost his self-respect, managed to hold up his head until the so- most broken heart, old Mrs. Raymond, And now I end my story by saving The Haymond family finally acquired itude. When Harry had been conducted and, to a most fearful extent, his respect cial prayer meeting came on. At a par- not being able to restrain her deep emo- that Henry Raymond was assisted in the a character, which, however really envia- to his bed, with many expressions of for the feelings and admonitions of his ticular stage of the exercises, old Mr. tions any longer, broke out in such strains matter of improving his education by his

> "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy"when, quick as a flash of lightning, a

"If you tarry till you're better, Not the righteous, Sinners Jesus come to call"-

the fountains of grief were unstopped, and poor Henry wept and sobbed aloud, A few encouraging words were whispered

The circumstances had electrified the minutes."

Why is it that our levely circle must be ings of the inebriate. Whenever he came said to Harriet, (who had remained at mountains! Canst thou have merey upon half

Simons made remarks upon the subject ed through the day, and the following the most levely of the circle, and others solemn interest to you than anything be- Prayer was made unceasingly for poor that would astonish you; and besides, night found Henry Raymond a calm conwere settled in life and located at differ- side. You will anticipate the subject- Henry. He was formally remembered now, just recollect that all is at stake- fiding disciple, at the feet of Jesus. ent points. Harry was now the oldest it is your course of life. I trust you have in the morning and evening sacrifice .- now you may turn the scale for woe or Now the joy of the pious exhibited it-During "the hard winter," she was oblig- lous character. The drinking habits of mercy upon us-have some pity upon sion, and seemed lost in thought. Cath- riet will be at the meeting to night and, better things.

no little surprise was occasioned by his pardoned you, so far as we could, long a even alive. On reaching the neighbor-The pious old couple had been heard, that you have sinned against God. If he after identifying James Raymond, earn-"the word of God, like a hammer, break- encouragingly, and Harriet was groaning ing and the visit was, the reader may the it was, nevertheless subjected the kindness and sympathy, his two guard- friends. He spent days and weeks from Raymond, with his melodious, tremulous as she alone could command, under cir- brothers. He entered the ministry in cumstances so calculated to carry away due time, and, at the time of this presall the barriers of feeling. "What !" said ent writing, for thirteen years has been a she, "God not willing to forgive you, faithful and successful laborer in the when we, poor creatures, so little like vineyard of the Lord. him, could not have it in our hearts to reand freely forgive you all. Yes, he will; puts down as extra hazardous. I know he will;" and turning to the old gentleman, she respectfully, but earnestly asked, -"Father, shall we not have question was put up, "What is religion?"

· The old gentleman instantly bowed religion is an insurance against fire in the down, and all followed his example. He next world, for which honesty is the best prayed in tremulous and plaintive tones, but in the language of assurance. When policy." he had concluded, the venerable matron followed, in much the same strain, with the additional circumstance, that she asked a person of a fisherman, who was humbly asked God now to fulfil the prom- returning home. "Yes, a good eet," was ise which he had so often brought home the slippery reply. to her sorrowing heart, that he would "bring home his banished." When the old lady had earnestly and solemnly said "Amen," after a brief pause she said - Boston Post. "It may be honorable, but "Now, Harriet, child, can you not pray?" it is mighty inconvenient, when the ther Harriet uttered a few words and broke mometer is about 90 in the shade.

"Dear Henry," said the old gentlefamily circle. Family pride was wounded, In the mean time, no efforts were spared and, in some instances, some little indig- to awaken the conscience, to alarm the home with an unusually quick step; and ejaculated, "Save, Lord, or I perish O their hides with the dock of the other

er brothers and sisters were now mem- disgraced with one recreant member, and home-at whatever hour of the day or home, brooding over her troubles,) "Dear such a wretch as am" and ended with bers of the same Church, and great con- one who possesses so many excellent natural | night-under whatever circumstances- Harrief, what do you think? Henry was broken utterances of sorrow, and some cern was felt lest the childish heart of lit- qualities, and for whom so much has been however degraded and disgusting his ap- at meeting, and seemed much affected - expressions which indicated an approach

for the inmates of the cottage during that

son who remained; and he, in the natural not forgotten that you have a wife, pa- His case was carried to God in secret by bliss by this one decision." Henry ling- self in the most free and tender congratcourse of things, began to be thrown into rents, brothers, and sisters, who naturally a large circle of relatives and acquain- ered, and Catherine implored—at one ulatious. Henry Raymond was welcom business associations, which were by no care for you, and feel a deep interest in tances; and often in the social prayer period he seemed finally to have resolved ed to the religious circles of the village, sed the critical period of youth without means favorable to the pious and sober what concerns your honor and happiness. meeting was fervent intercession offered to decline attending the meeting that c- and all the privileges of the Church. All the profession and supervision of the pa- habits which characterized the family. - Nor can you have altogether forgotten up to God for the same object by a score vening. "Kate," said he, "just let me were glad, and all most cordially sympastay here and read the Bible, and I'll go thized with the Raymonds. Even a cerbe called "a good fellow." He was nev- the world, and all within it, shall be con- Several of Mr. Raymond's family were again to-marrow." Catherine thought tain class of wags seemed delighted, and They had "reached their teens" when er out of humor, never in a hurry, always sumed. But is your conduct consistent located in the neighborhood, and Cath- she saw the device of Satan in the pro- often would remark, "A happy turn this the struggle of the "colonies" seemed to ready to try his hand in a rivalry with the with anything like a rational conviction erine Dunbar was one. It happened that position; and felt that it was the very for poor Harry." "Yes," another would he hanging in very doubtful suspense .-- strongest and best who could be produced. of these facts? Are you not breaking the on a beautiful morning, Henry Raymond point at which defeat would probably be add, "and I hope he will stick to his Mrs. Raymond's father died in the army, Withal, he was a musician, and perform- hearts of the wife of your youth and the came to his sister's house unusually so- fatal; and now she rallied and made a text." The news soon spread through and her mother was left poor and depen. ed well upon several instruments, and mother who bore you? Are you not ber, especially considering that he had fresh assault. Throwing her arms around out the neighboring towns, and it was, of dent with a sickly infant at her breast .- was, of course, an object of interest and mortifying and grieving all of us to death? been absent from home for a week or Henry's neck, she burst into tears, and course, matter of remark with the differ-And was about fifteen when this event attention at military parades and other More, are you not hastening to a prema- more. While a breakfast was being pre- exclaimed, "O, my dearest brother, can ent classes of persons, according to their ture and a dishonorable grave, and to an pared for him, he sat in the cornor in a you thwart the hopes of father, mother, tastes and moral sentiments. Some prevolved a large share of the labor of the Now it was that Harry Raymond began awful account after death? O, my dear pensive mood, and, after he had taken and Harriet-poor dear Harriet-By one dicted that his religious career would be house, as well as the business out of doors. to fall under influences of a most deleter- brother, how can we give you up? Have his breakfast, he resumed the same posi- fatal step. I have just learned that Har- short, while others ardently hoped for

at to bring wood from the neighboring many of the circles with which he ming- yourself-and break off your absured and crine finally interrupted his revery with O, how disappointed and grieved she will. The tavern keepers, for the present, at hill, chopping it with her own hands, to led, gradually wore upon his moral con- ruinous course-and turn about, while a proposition which seemed to astonish be"- "Stop, stop, Kate!" said Hen- least, had lost a constant visitor, and one of these heartless men, upon hearing of course of decipline, Ann acquired a hard- stain, until he could take a "social glass" my arms this moment, I would bathe your me to the meeting; and there were the conversion of Harry Raymond, dryly ness of muscle, a strength of purpose, and and become merry with those who were brow with my tears, and would, if you having very interesting services at the all the connections and neighbors in a muttered out--- "It is an ill wind that a power of endurance which never left under the unholy excitement of the intox- would allow me, bring you to our com- church." "Me go with you to church!" state of breathless anxiety to see how blows no good. I shall now be likely to

bouse of the village parson; so far as pe. exposed, and of which he seemed not at ruinous course, and return to your duty? can you think so! have we not all given out of sight as possible, and waited the All was new right in the cottage. Hencommany interests are concerned, their for- all aware. But occasions of temptation Let me assure you evidence enough of our regards, and issue. The matter in Henry's mind was ry sat himself at work to improve the tone was to be made "out of whole cloth." | were not frequent, and the general course will follow you to the last. God grant our anxious desire for your welfare?"-- now settled. He had already broke condition of things upon the premises, and They had, indeed, an excellent web out of things was not materially varied for that they may not be swift witnesses a- Henry hung his head, and with quiever- ground, and he must go on, or, in all cer- to provide himself with decent apparel, which to cut a fortune, for they were several years, and no very threatening e- gainst you in the day of judgment. ing lips and broken utterance, rejoined : tainty, be a fresh oceasion of grief to his while he lacked no aid which his wants the possession of nerves hardned by vents arrived, until he was united in "As ever, your affectionate brother." "I am not fit to be seen in decent com- friends, be jeered by his companions in required. His debts were soon disevers physical labor, and rendered elas- marriage to Harriet Brenen, an interest- As Henry's eyes ran hastily over the pany;" and looking upon himself as tho' sin, and probably be forsaken by God, charged, and almost before he was aware lines of this letter, his heart palpitated, until that moment he had been perfectly and soon plunged into irretrievable ruin, of it, gained universal confidence. He Mr. Raymond was now becoming some- his countenance changed, first being deep- insensible to the condition of his person, At a suitable time he arose, and, with a was soon called upon, in ture, to lead the some time between the close of the what advanced in years, and naturally ly flushed, then turning as pale as a added: "Kate, I have yet a little too trembling voice, confessed his sins, and family devotions, and to take an active a colutionary war and the commencement wished to give up the burdens of business. corpse-and when he had read the last much pride to show my head in the expressed his purpose to lead a new life. part in social meetings; and when he oof the nineteenth century, Mr. Raymond, He had possessed himself of a small farm, word, his hand which held the letter fell church in such a condition as this."--- His story was brief, but it produced a pened his mouth to speak or pray, all with some half a dozen children, immi- of which his son Harry now took the into his lap, and the tears coursed down "You are right," wonderful effect upon the audience, and were silent and solemn. Many who, on grated to "the new country," some fifty charge. Young Mrs. Raymond became his cheeks." He rose up, and Walked off answered Catherine, "and I can help you marvelously strengthened his own reso- other occasions, shewed little regard for miles west of the Hudson, in the State of an inmate of the family, and soon imbi- to a retired spot, where he alternately out of the trouble at once-wash your- lutions. He knelt down, and gave vent religion, were moved to tears by his af-N. York. The fierce Mohawks had just bed the religious spirit which still prevail- wept immoderately, and made strong ef- self up, and I'll furnish you with a good to the feelings of godly sorrow, while he feeting appeals, and were often heard to one off to Canada, and the fairest por- ed among the remaining members of the forts to brace himself up, and recover his suit of clothes. You and Thomas"—her audibly utterred the publican's prayer, remark—"Harry is now sincere, anyhow,

wear to meeting," answered Henry. "My returning prodigal, while fervent prayers at the marvelous change which had taken Ing cabin in a glen, by the side of a beau- only entered into all her sympathies, un- This purpose was adhered to for seve- dear brother," rejoined Catherine, "it is were offered up for his deliverance from place in his life and conduct, but they tiful little stream of pure spring water, the der the heavy and unexpected domestic ral months; but, in an evil hour, he was no time for you to indulge in such foolish the guilt of sin, and the power of an al- "rejoiced with trembling." They did not immediately spread the matter aver his humble dwelling. By night the could give her spiritual instructions and fatally prostrated than ever. The efforts grace. Come now," said she, taking The service closed, and Henry joined broad, by writing letters to distant memhowling of the savage wolf would rever- consolation, as occasion required. of friends were again renewed, and they walked, arm bers of the family, but prudently set berate from hill to hill, and the scream of The practice of "taking a little" of the finally succeeded in prevailing upon the and I will promise you that you will nev- in arm, to the cottage. When all were themselves to surround the object of their the panther would cause a quaking among maddening draught increased upon Hen- object of their solicitude to "sign the er regret it." Henry made a most humble con- solicitude with every encouragement and

go: the most we are concerned about is bood he met a friend of the family who,

tain the slightest sense of the wrongs you | I An exchange paper asks, very have done, only as they affect your hap- innocently, if it is any harm for young piness? This cannot be, my son. Like ladies to sit in the lapse of ages. Another the father who ran to meet his poor, misheavenly Father will meet you in mercy, of ages selected. Those from 18 to 25 it

> At a social party one evening, the "Religion," replied one of the party,

"Have you much fish in your bag"

Labor is honorable," says the

A mayor out west has determined to