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For earnest souls who labor!
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To scatter kind words and loving deeds,
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Strength for to-day is all that we need,
And there never will be a to-morrow;
For to-morrow will prove but another day,
With its measure of joy and sorrow.

—*Phila. Times.*

BLUE BELLS.

OR THE BOOTBLACK'S STORY.

M. MORRELL.

One fine morning, as I was leisurely walking down Main street with no particular object in view, my attention was attracted to a little bootblack. Some one in passing had dropped, or carelessly thrown away a small bunch of blue bells. My attention was first attracted to the little fellow by his stooping to pick them up, but what was my amazement to see him tenderly kiss them, and then carefully fasten them in the buttonhole of his faded jacket. My curiosity was aroused. I made up my mind to quiz the boy, so I walked up to him and asked him for a shine. I looked at the boy carefully; he was very small and very poorly dressed, he was pale and thin, and the large blue eyes looked as if they were full of unshed tears.

"Half a dime," he said, when he had put a fine polish on my shoes.

I took out a quarter, and said, as I balanced it on my fore-finger, "Here is ten cents for the shine and fifteen cents for the flowers," pointing to the bells in his buttonhole.

He put his small hand over the flowers and gave a quick gasp.

"No, sir; I can't sell them; if I was starving I wouldn't sell a blue bell."

"And why not, my little man?" I inquired.

He looked at me so piteously that I was almost sorry that I had asked him. I put my hand on his head, and said:

"Excuse me for asking. You need not tell me unless you wish to, and you can keep the quarter besides."

He looked up at me a moment and said:

"I like you, and if you care to listen I'll tell you."

"Of course I am anxious to hear why you love the blue bells."

"I will commence at the first and tell it all to you, but first let us go down there and sit down," pointing to some dry goods boxes not far from where we stood.

We went, and after seating ourselves on a small box behind some larger ones, where we would not be observed, he took the blue bell bouquet in his hand and began by saying:

"It is just a year ago this month, and it has been such a long year I thought the blue bells would never come," and then he stopped and put his hands over his eyes, as if to shut out some horrid sight, I did not interrupt his reverie. Presently he took down his hand and said abruptly:

"My father was a drunkard. We once owned some fine property, I've heard mother say, but that was before I was born, for we have always been poor as far back as I can remember. Mother says that father drank up the farm, the oxen, horses, sheep, cows, furniture and everything else. We got so poor mother had to go out and wash by the day to get food for Bess and me to eat. We lived in a little log house, a quarter of a mile from anyone; it was about half a mile to town. Mother used to walk to town every day except Saturday, to wash for somebody. On Saturday she washed for ourselves and ironed on Sunday."

"Sunday is the Lord's day. Your mother certainly didn't work on the Sabbath?"

"Yes, sir; she had to. Mother said the Lord made six days for the saloon keeper and one for himself, but he forgot to make a day for the drunkard's wife. She said the saloon keepers had confiscated the Lord's day, but she had hoped the Lord would consider her circumstances and forgive her for working on the Sabbath. She said if there were no saloons she would not have to work on Sunday. There were just four of us, father, mother, Baby Bess and Willie, that's me."

"So your name is Willie, is it? but go on with your story."

"Well, as I said, mother was away all day, and sometimes she would not get home until after dark; she was not very strong, and sometimes she had big washings, and sometimes we didn't have much to eat, because the ladies mother washed for didn't have the right change, or would forget to ask their husbands for it. Mother always hated to ask for money after she had earned it, she said it did seem as if they ought to know that she needed the money, or she would not wash for it, and it generally happened that when one didn't have the change none of them did, so sometimes we got awful hungry while we were waiting for folks to pay us."

"Why didn't your mother ask for her money? it was her's after she earned it."

"She was afraid to, for sometimes they would get mad and say she didn't half wash their clothes, and then they would hunt up a new washwoman. It was one of those weeks when nobody had any change; it was Friday morning, and we had had very little to eat on Thursday, and on Friday morning there was only a pint of corn meal and about two spoonfuls of molasses. Mother baked the meal into bread, and told me to feed the baby when she woke, and to keep a sharp lookout for father; he was in town on a big spree; he was awful cross when he was drinking, and it was not safe for him to get his hands on us, so we always hid when we saw him coming, if mother was not at home. Little Bess would nearly go into fits when she saw him coming home drunk. "Don't let Bess cry if you can help it, Willie; I'm afraid that I won't get home until after dark tonight, Mrs. Gray always has such large washings, but I will come as soon as I can, and I will bring home some provisions, for I must have some money to-night, or we starve.' She kissed baby Bess as she lay in the cradle, and then kissed me at the door. 'Be a good boy, Willie, and take care of little sister.' Bessie slept a long time that morning, and I passed the time in sitting by her and going to the door to watch for father. When she woke up she said the first thing, 'Baby is so hungry, Willie, get something to eat.' 'Get up, Bessie," I said, "and let me put your dress on, and then we will eat breakfast.' I had not eaten a bite, nor had mother tasted food before leaving home, and I was awful hungry myself. She got up, and I dressed, washed and combed her; but when we sat down to the table, and then she just dropped her curly head right down on the table and sobbed out: 'Oh, Willie, I'm so tired of corn bread and molasses, I can't eat it. I want some butter and meat." 'Don't cry, Baby,' I said, stroking her curly head, 'mother will bring home something to-night.' 'Try to eat,' I said, and I put a spoonful of molasses on her plate, and she did try, but she only swallowed a few mouthfuls, and then she left the table. I ate a small piece of day corn bread; I thought maybe she would eat the molasses, so I did not touch it. All day she kept saying she was hungry, but refused to eat what we had. It was a long day to both of us. Father had not come home, and it was nearly dark. We were sitting on the door step and Bessie began to cry, 'I'm so hungry, Willie, mother stays so late to-night.' 'Don't cry, Baby, mother will soon be home.' 'Of course she will,' exclaimed George Anderson; he lived a mile beyond us, and as he spoke he tossed a bunch of blue bells into Bessie's lap. 'Oh, how pretty,' she exclaimed, while the tears dropped from her sweet blue eyes down on the pretty blue bells. 'Come, Bessie,' I said, 'let me fasten them among your curls.' She got up and stood on the door-step with her face towards the house. I stood behind her and tied the blue bells in her golden curls. I had just fastened the last one when some one jerked me off the bottom step. It was father; he was drunk; and I knew by his looks that he was almost crazy with drink. He pushed me aside, and stood between little Bessie and me. Bessie turned to run, but he caught her and said, 'You have been crying; what did Willie do to you?' She was so white and scared that I thought she would faint. 'Willie didn't do anything,' she gasped out. 'You rascal, what did you do to Bessie? Tell me, or I will shake the breath out of you.' He shook me so I could not answer. Then little Bessie caught him by the arm, **'Please, father, don't hurt Willie; I was so hungry it made me cry.'** He looked in at the table and saw the bread and molasses. 'You little white-faced liar, you are not hungry; look at that table; there is plenty to eat, and good enough, too, for such a brat as you, and he shook her roughly. She began to cry and I tried to put my arm around her, but he pushed me away. 'If you can't eat anything, I will give you something to drink,' and he caught her up in his arms and started down the path that led to the pond where we got our wash-water. It was a lovely place in summer, and a splendid place for skating in the winter; the water was as clear as a lake, and it was surrounded by green grass, and several large trees grew near the bank. It was only a short distance from the house. Bessie hushed her sobs, but she looked awful scared. I followed close behind father. 'I'll give you something to drink,' he exclaimed, as he reached the edge of the pond, and he walked right into the water, and I followed, scarcely knowing what I was doing. I was so frightened. He waded about knee deep. Then he took Bessie, and putting her feet under one arm, he put her little curly head down under the water. She threw up her little white hadns and cried out, 'Oh, Willie, take baby,' just as the curly head went down. I begged father to take her out, but he would not listen to me. I waded around, and tried with all my strength to raise her head out of the water, but father held it down. She threw up her hands wildly, there was a gurgling sound, and then all was still. I begged father to take her out. I prayed God to save Bessie's life, but all in vain; God was far away, and did not hear me cry, at least it seemed to me so. It seemed hours to me when father at last lifted up Bessie's white, dripping face. I called her name frantically, but the blue lips did not move; she was dead. Father carried her and laid her down on the green grass. 'I guess she won't be hungry for a while,' he said, as he laid her down. I was so stunned ned that I neither moved nor spoke, until I saw the blue bells that I had twined in Bessie's hair floating out on the water. I could not bear to see them drift away; it seemed as if it were dear little Bessie's sweet dead face drifting away; I could not bear the thought, so I waded out after them; the water was up to my arms, now over my shouleers, still the blue bells were just beyond my reach; the water touched my chin; another step, and I caught them, and just then I heard mother call, 'Willie, oh Willie! where are you?' I looked for father, he was seated on the ground by Bessie. 'Willie, oh, Willie,' came mother's voice again. I was out of the water now, but so weak I could hardly stand. I called out, 'Here, mother, here at the pond.' Father gave one mad leap into the water; he plunged in face down. I was so terrified I did not know what to do. I heard mother coming. I trembled so I could not walk, so I crawled up to Bessie, and taking father's old straw hat, I placed it over her dead face to keep mother from seeing it. In a few moments she came in sight. She saw I was dripping with water. 'Willie, Willie, what is the matter?' I could not speak. She lifted the hat off of Bessie's face. She stood for a moment as if turned to stone. 'Tell me how it happened, Willie; tell me quick.' Then I found voice and told her everything. She heard me through without a word, but when I finished, shriek after shriek rent the air. She stood with clasped hands over Bessie, and shrieked such unearthly cries that soon the neighborhood flocked to the spot. Father had drowned himself; his body was taken from under the beautiful water and buried in the cemetery alongside of Bessie. Mother was a raving maniac from the moment she uttered the first heart-rending cry over her dead baby. I put the blue bells in a little box and hung them around my neck; but after the funeral I lay in the hospital, sick for weeks with brain fever, but when I came to myself the box was still around my neck; here it is,' and he drew from his bosom a small box, which upon opening, revealed a few withered leaves.

"They speak of sweet little baby Bessie," he said, as he closed the box and slipped it back under his shirt bosom. Then he looked at me straight in the eyes and said:

"Please, mister, don't ever vote for whisky. It killed my father and dear little baby Bessie, my only sister, and it locked my mother up in a mad house. Please don't vote for rum."

And I, man that I was, drew the bootblack down and kissed him, and said:

"God helping me, I will never vote for license or whiskey men again."

Big Nuggets of Gold.

In the winter of '49 the writer of this saw and handled the largest piece of gold that had yet been found in California. It weighed twenty-two pounds and nine ounces, and was estimated, by careful weighing in water and otherwise, to contain five pounds of quartz, the rest being pure gold. The finder sold it for $5,000, and it was subsequently sold in San Francisco for $10,000. It was found at Sonora, then known as the Sonorian Camp, by a lazy old Mexican "greaser," who was rooting about in holes and pits that whites and others had dug out and abandoned in the outskirts of the town. As soon as he found it he washed it off, took it to the nearest "monte" bank and lost $500 on it as soon as he could conveniently. He had lots of fun in a short space of time for the $5,000, which they allowed him for the nugget. In this connection the Grass Valley *Union* of October 10th prints the following: "Louis Blanding says the generally accepted statement that the largest nugget ever found in California was worh a little over $21,000, is an erroneous one. He says that J. J. Finney, 'Old Virginia,' found a piece of gold about six miles from Downieville, Sierra County, on the 21st of August, 1857, that weighed 5,000 ounces. The gold of that vicinity was worth $18 an ounce, which would make the value of the nugget some $90,000. This would make the Finney nugget the largest piece of gold ever discovered, so far as accounts go. Heretofore the Australian nugget, found in the Ballarat gold-fields, has been considered the largest. It was valued at $60,000. Finney, or 'Old Virginia,' as he was familiarly called, afterwards went to Washoe when the first silver discoveries were made there, and from him the town of Virginia took its name. The man who discovered the largest nugget in California mines and gave his name to the richest mining camp in the world, died in extreme poverty."
—*Virginia City Enterprise.*

Would Look Dudish.

"Yes, sir," said an enthusiastic citizen of a new western town, "we've got a right smart town, stranger. Why," he continued, impressively, it's only six months old, and it's got two hotels, forty-eight beer saloons, twenty-seven gamblin' places, four drug stores, to say nothin' of grocery and clothin' stores." "Any churches?" asked the stranger. "Any what?" "Churches." "You mean them buildin's with a long p'int stickin' up in the air?" "Yes." "No, we hain't got any of them. Thar was some talk about buildin' one, but we finally allowed it would look too dudish."

PARLOR WHISK BROOM.—A pretty whisk broom holder can easily be made. Take a small ronnd Japanese fan, cover both sides with pretty cretonne, fastening at the handle; cut a narrow strip of pasteboard, say two inches wide and four or five inches long (according to the size of the fan), cover with cretonne, fasten the edges of the strip in the centre of the fan, far enough to admit the broom. Twist ribbon around the handle, leaving a little loop at the top to hang it up with, put a bow of ribbon at the handle, where the cretonne is fastened. If desired, one can be put at the handle.

How She Reformed Him.

"Does your husband go to the lodge, Mrs. Gibberick?"

"Well, he just don't. I broke up that little game quite a while ago."

"Why, how in the world did you do it?"

"Well, whenever he started for the lodge I went with him as far as the skating rink, and told him to call for me on his way home. It only took a few doses to cure him."

The Restlessness of Old Age.

Those who have been much with the aged have observed in them a chafing against the infirmities of their years, which expresses itself in restlessness and a desire to change. They grow weary in the inactivity which succeeded the busy time when they bore the heat and burden of the day, and sometimes they wander here and there, dropping in to visit a friend or talking with a chance acquaintance trying thus to while away the tedious hours. In mistaken kindness and unkind affection, we often oppress dear, aged people by our very care. They dislike supervision. The tender watchfulness which to us seems due their physical feebleness, as well as for a fit return for their care for us in earlier days, is by them resented as restraint. It annoys them. Then, too, we try to take all the work out of their hands, and that they don't like. Nobody who has been active and useful enjoys the feeling of being laid on the shelf.

Grandfather's step is uncertain and his arm less vigorous than of old; but he possesses a rich treasure of experience, and he likes to be consulted. It is his privilege to give advice; his privilege, too, at times to go into the work with the youngest, renewing his youth as he keeps bravely up with the hearty men not half his age.

Grandmother does not want to be left out of the household work. When the days come around for pickling and preserving and the domestic force is pressed into service who is so eager and full of interest as she? It is cruel to overrule her decisions, to put her aside because "she will be tired." Of course she will be tired; but she enjoys the fatigue and rests the sooner for the thought that she is still of some use in the world.

To those whose homes are honored by an aged parent, we would say deal very gently with those who are on the down-hill of life. Your own time is coming to be where they are now. You too are "stepping westward." Soothe the restlessness of age by amusement, by consideration, by non-interference, and by allowing plenty of occupation to fall into the hands that long for it. Only let it be of their own choosing, and cease to order them as if they were children. A hoary head at a fireside is a crown of glory to the house in which it dwells. The blessing of the aged is as a dew on the pasture, as the falling of sunlight on a shadowy place.—*Home and Farm.*

Why the Senate Laughed.

Judge David Davis, when he ponderously presided over the Senate, preserved the manners of the bench and ruled in an arbitrary manner never before witnessed at the capital. One of his annoyances was a debate protracted after his usual dinner hour, and when the time arrived he would look around imploringly for a motion to adjourn. If no Senator made the motion, he would boldly mumble out:

"The Senator from ——— (indistinct) moved to adjourn. Those in favor say yes; those opposed, no. The Senate stands adjourned till 12 o'clock to-morrow."

This assumption by the presiding officer was tacitly permitted and enjoyed by some of the other Senators, who also liked to dine at an early hour.

One day Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, had risen to debate on an important bill which was under consideration, when Judge Davis, who wanted to go to dinner, looked toward the other side of the Senate chamber, mumbled out his motion, and declared it carried. So the Senate adjourned to the astonishment and vexation of Ingalls.

"Mr. President," he exclaimed in the distinct enunciation for which he was so celebrated, "I am astonished."

Davis bringing his portly person well up before him so that it overflowed the Vice Presidential desk leaned over, winked and chuckled out deliberately:

"So'm I!"

This is said to have been the only time in which the whole Senate indulged in loud, unanimous and long continued laughter.—*Boston Budget.*

The Green-Eyed Monster.

"My dear," observed Mr. Grap, as he came in a little late for supper, "I am sorry that I couldn't get here sooner, but I stopped on the way up to get some tickets for the theatre."

"You ought to know better than to waste your money in that way, Mr. Grap."

"Yes, my dear, but I got them for Mary Anderson."

"You did, hey! You got some tickets for Mary Anderson? You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Mr. Grap. Here I am left at home to work my hands off while you go out and buy tickets for Mary Anderson."

"But, my dear, I was going to take you to see Mary."

"I don't want to see her, and you ought to be ashamed to tell me that it's bad enough for you to go and buy tickets for her."

"But, my darling—"

"Look here, Mr. Grap, I want to tell you one thing. If you mention that woman's name to me again you'll be sorry for it. You needn't try to explain, for I won't have it. Mary Anderson, hey! I suppose you gave her the tickets?"

"No, my dear, I—"

"Then the best thing you can do is to put them in the fire."

"But, my—"

"See here, John Grap, if you don't put those tickets in the fire you'll regret it."

And John goes and puts the $5 worth in the stove, mentally resolving that the philosopher was right when he divided mankind into two varieties of fools.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

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After the Honeymoon.

Young married people are surprised when they discover that the honeymoon is not entirely composed of honey. Even the first year of married life is not the happiest, though it ought to be very happy. Living together happily is an art which the most affectionate couple cannot ordinarily learn in a year. Each has to make some very unpleasant discoveries and to overc