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LITTLE ANNIE.

Her fittle feet had just begun To lisp in words the sweatest closes; When softly, ore we fall the spell, she clasped the sacred goiden keys. That lock the gates whose angels dwell,

The halo from a heavenly throne Petito a smi-e on lips reposing, And left its impress suitly shown, Like fresh young rose leaves just unclosing The light of heaven, blessing earth; The first faint dawn that on us breaks

And still the little linear speaks. And smiles upon us from above. With dimples dawning in her checks At the greatness of her Saviour's love Herlittic feet have gone before.
To guide us to the realmost ught
Where death and sorrow are no store, And day is never veiled in night.

THE MASONIC FUNERAL.

In the contemplative hour of retirement how many thrilling reminiscences of the past crowd upon the memory! Some of them are of a pleasing, and others are of a peculiarly painful character. The year 1849 will ever be a memorable epoch in the history of California. The commercial and goldseeking adventurers "met on the level" in those days. There were no granite buildings to trade in such as now adorn the surrounding hills of San Francisco. Thousands of people, long acustomed to all the refinements and luxuries of Eastern life, had to doff their fine linen and put on the red shirt of the hardy miner. Pride was unknown for a time. Gentlemon had to stoop from their dignity, and awkwardly wash their own clothing. They had to kindle their own fires and do the work of a cuisinier. Some reposed at night in a canvas tent, while others closed their eyes in sleep among the sand hills, with no other covering than the canopy of Heaven.

"Beseangled with those is less of light, Bo wildly, spiritually bright,"

Exposure and disease had rapid'y peothe kingdom of the d Ayuntamiento had not yet set apart any quence was that many were rudely buried his feet, which is ever reminding us that succession of steps or notehes, ready to peace and safety of the country. in the suburbs, and were afterwards removed to Yerba Buena Cemetery, where the remains of eight hundred lie huddled together in one immense dismal grave. There is not even a common board to mark out the remarkable pit, in which sleep so many of the unfortunate pioneers

of Upper California.

In those eventful times men were found dead, and no one could tell from whence they came. They passed away to their graves unknown and unhonored. The Fraternity of "The Mystic Tie" had not yet organized. They only knew each other by the legal information, which craftsmen only know and properly under- the hardy pioneers were busy preparing stand. A wonderful instance of Masonia their morning repast. The flags of differidentity occurred in the mouth of August, ent natious were waving from the masts of 1849. A much-respected citizen and Masson, who is still living, was quietly wending his way to Happy Valley very early distance fell faintly on the ear. There was in the morning, when he beheld the corpse of a man stretched upon the beach. All was soft and still. The strangely mingled population of the tented city was wrapped in deep repose. The mist still lingered on the hills, and the morning star shows clearly in the sky. The waters of the bay were very smooth and calm, and gently laved the feet of the dead stranger, who slept the sleep that knows no waking." The Great Dispenser of human events, in his inscrutable providence, seemingly had designed that the tide should bear his lifeles body to the shore, where, discovered by a passing brother, it would be asshuredly carried to the grave in becoming solemnity, and deposited therein with all the honors and ceremonial rights of the ancient Fratenity of Free and around his grave, each one wenging a white Accepted Masous.

There is a Divinity that shapes our ends,

Some of the inmates of the neighboring tents were roused from their slumbers. and were speedily to the spot. He promptbody was removed to a tent, where it was disguised feelings of Masons moved to a der, and we'll give them to you."

violence were visible. The man had evi- an unfortunate brother. The funeral ser- Old John Brown, though dead, has his tied in a sailor's knot around his neck. Masonic carblems. There was nothing found in his pocket that could lead to his identity. However, in removing the flannel from his bosom, a

in the centre. On his right arm, and liquids, were the emblems pertaining to the Fellow Craft degree, viz : the Plumb, the Square, and the Level. There were also five columns representing the five orders of architecture : The Tusean, Dorig,

Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite, In removing the garments from his body, other working tools of operative Masonry, of Constitutions guarded by the Tyler's heart; the All Seeing Eye, the Anchor, and Ark, the Hour Class, the Seythe, and the forty-seventh problem of Euclid; he San, Moon, Stars, and a Comet; the Three Steps emblematical of Youth, Manthe Weeping Virgin, reclining on a broken long and gracefily flowing ringlets of the disequipolate mourner. Thus were the striking emblems of mortality and immortality blended in one pictorial representation. It was a spectacle such as Masons never saw before, and in all probability such as the fraternity may never witness

In the meantime the sun was rising in the east. The smoke of a thousand tents was now ascending from the surrounding hills and valleys, which plainly told that the emigrant ships that were anchored in the bay, and sounds of sweet music in the a solemnity and tranquility all around, peculiarly befitting the occasion The news soon spread from tent to tent, and crowds hurried to the spot where the body was exposed. No one, however, could identify him. A perfect mystery hung over the stranger, and still hangs over his memory. His history may never be known. It mattered very little to the Masons who were present, from what country or clime he came, or in what language he spoke when living. It was enough for thom to know that he was a man and a Mason, to secure him a decent interment. The body was placed in a rude but substantial coffin, and borne in silence to the brow of a neighboring hill, where it was buried with becoming honors. The mourners stood apron, which from time immemorial has been the "emblem of innocence" and the The occasion was extraordinary. In the mander applied to them for ball, as fol-

carefully scrutinized. No indications of touching extent over the bumble grave of Another Abolition Raid-Kansas

How Table Rock Fell.

silver mark of a Mark Master was dis- of Table Rock, that broad shell on the in Texas. The boxes containing these arms deals with very summarily. He says it is covered, upon which was engraved the Canada side, which in 1850 jutted over were marked "Donations for Kansas Suf- unconstitutional, and must be crushed at initials of his name. A little further in- the very cauldron of secthing water, but ferers." vestigation revealed to the beholders the which tumbled into it on a certain day The same power that sustained and kept most ontre exhibition of Masonic emblems in the month of June of that, by me, oft up John Brown is yet active and mischie. the Governor to that end. Governor to that end. Governor to that end. Governor to that end. that was ever drawn by the ingenuity of remembered year. About noon on that yous, and Abolitionism is as dangerous, as Letcher thus replies to him : man on the human skin. There was day I accompanied a lady from the Clifton insolent and as murderous to-day as it was nothing in the bistory of Free Masonry House to the Falls. Arriving at Table in John Brown's time: Money and wenequal to it. Beautifully dotted on his left Rock I pointed out to my companion a puns have been furnished to Montgomery arm, in red and blue ink, which time could vast crack of fissure which traversed the by Eastern people, and he boasts that he not efface, appeared all the emblems of the cutire base of the rock, remarking that it has funds enough to maintain a force of a Entered Apprentice. There were the looked wider than it had ever appeared to thousand men. This wolf, with his gang, by the preparation and transmission of it ces, that any "two hundred" men in Vir- the ore is found still to continue and how Holy Bible, the Square and Compass, the me before. The lady almost shuddered is now on his walk, burning, murdering to me. twenty-four inch gauge, and the common as she looked at it, and shrinking back, and plundering. level. There was also the Masonic pave- declared that she did not care about going ment representing the ground floor of King to the edge of the rock. "Ah," said I with financial panies, the result of aboli-Solomon's temple; the indented Fessel taking her by the hand, "you might as iion agitation and encroachment; it is not which surrounds it, and the Blazing Star | well come on, now that you are here. I chough that ruin and disaster, in all its

still more fearful projection over the raging in the shope of a raid against the slave water, a wooden bridge or staging had States. been thrust beyond the extreme edge for some ten feet. This terminated in a small the Trowel presented itself, with all the in its position and enabled to bear weight by a penderous load of stones. The day besides all the emblems peculiar to the was very bright and hot and it being about degree of a Master Mason. Conspicuous. lunch time at the hotels, but few visitors ly on his breast were the three Great were out, so we occupied the dizzy porch Lights of Masonry. Over his heart was alone. We gazed fearfully upon the awthe Pot of Incense. On other parts of ful waters, we stretched our heads timidly his person were the Bee-Hive; the Book over the frightful depth below, and we felt our nature quelled in every fibre by Sword, the sword pointing to a naked the defeating roar that seemed to saturate us, as it were, with an indefinable dread. "This is a terrible place," said L. "Look under there and see on what a mere shell we stand! For years and years the teeth of the torrent, in that jetting, angry stream, good and Age. Admirably executed was have been knowing out that hollow, and some day this plain must fall." My compure heart, and in her unlifted right a spring of acasia, the heautiful emblow of the turning our looks upon each other, each The same party that caused this politisprig of acacia, the beautiful emblem of the turning our looks upon each other, each thread of life," and the Hour Glass at disintegrated, and perhaps it is poised in a 'our lives are drawing to a close." The fall out or topple down at any unusual per-Destroyer were delicately picked amid the unusually wide to-day! I think we had better leave, for I do not fanny such a finish; and besides my paper must be pullished next week."

With these words-the latter uttered will be the last of him and them. half jocosely, though not without alarm-I seized my companions hand, and in an absolute panie we fied as fast as our feet could carry us, toward what might be called the shore. We burst into a laugh when we regained the land, and jumping nto the carriage, felt actually as if we had made a fortunate escape. We relied back toward the Clifton, but before we had lering report, like the explosion of an on the subject : parthouske, burst upon us, and, with a long rour, the ground trembled beneath our wheels. We turned to find that Table Rock had falled. We were the last upon turbation caused by our flying footsteps that disturbed the exactitude of its equilibrium, and thrilled it from its final poise.

In a minute more the road was filled with hurrying people, and in the following advance of the next morning journals, that a lady and gentleman who were on the Table Rock had gone down the falls. We are told that the trot of a dog would shake confusion about it." old London Bridge from end to end, when it would not be disturbed by the rolling of heavily loaded wagons. Table Rock had probably not been run upon for yearsperhaps never, and therefore, when I heard if I had something to do with its fall.-

Willer' Spirit of the Times. Ar one of the battles of the Revolution, dewed with tears that were unused to weep. the enemy had wasted. The British Com-

dently been drowned. His face was man- vice was impressively read by Licut. Col. living representative. His mantle descen- nor Leicher, of Virginia, in reply to a comly and intellectual and his hair was long J. Noah. The brethern severally dropped ded on a miscreant named Montgomery, munication from one James B. Brisbin, of allegiance to this Commonwealth, and I and curiy and of a dark auburn hue. He a sprig of evergreen upon the coffin, and and Montgomery is now in Kansas carry. Pennsylvania. Who Mr. Brisbin is we have too much respect for my fellow citi- West with a view of drawing business to was neatly dressed, and had a superior after an appropriate prayer the dust of ing out the bloody work that his predeses- do not know, nor have we seen anybody zens of all parties to suppose that 'two the Quaker City, gives the following deslook of respectability. The jacket and the Happy Valley forever covered the mortal sor left unfinished. The mysterious aid who does. The caption to his letter, pataloous on his person were blue pilot remains of the mysterious stranger whose rendered by the fanatics of New England "Centre Democrat Office, Bellefonte, Cencloth, and a black silk handkerchief was body was so beautifully embellished with to John Brown has been continued to his tre county, Penna," may serve to indicate successor, and fire-arms have been sent to him to others. His letter bears date Nov. him from the cast to caable him to earry 15th, 1860. on his war against slavery, not alone in Mr. Brisbin addresses Governor Letch-I had something to do with the falling Kansas but in Missouri, in Arkansas and or on the subject of ocsossion, which he

don't think that the rock will take a notion | manifold forms, shall stare us in the face, looking to the future with fearful and alarardstically executed in the same indelible to full merely because we are on it." but in the midst of it all abolitionism, that The platform jutted from the mainland curse of heaven and scourge of this country siderate, reflecting minds of the nation are you, in the kindest spirit imaginable, that Pilot Knob, about 3 miles from the Iron some sixty feet, but to give the visitor a must needs startle us with a fresh atrecity

These anti-slavery men seem inspired by the devil. They are determined to box for visitors to stand in, and it was kept | break down our country. There is no peace for us, day or night. Look when we will and where we will, there stands these enemies of the Constitution and the Union. When not actively at work, they are engaged in maturing their schemes, and all those schemes have the same purposethe ruin of the country, in order to build

up a negro power. No matter what they do, whether it is ending the New York Tribune clandestinely to the South; packing off pretended documents, with poison and with arms and noney and weapons to John Brown, and

sprig of acacia, the beautiful emblem of the immortality of the soul. Immediately behind her stood winged Time with his States. It is at the bottom of all the evil and of all the calamity that threaten the

The anti-slavery men are-to use a vulwithered and attenuated fingers of the turbation. That fissure there seems to be gar but strong expression-crowding the

We hope that General Harney will soon

quite o'd and very feeble, it is often inquired whether he will resign before the incoming of a new Administration, in order that the old Administration may have the appointment of a successor. In the absence of all direct information the following anproceeded two minutes on our way, a thun- ecdote is submitted as throwing some light

"When the Library in the Capitol was in flames, and clouds of smoke were rolling out and enveloping the building, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court apit, and it was doubtless the unusual per. peared in his seat at the usual hour, looking quite tranquil and undisturbed. 'May it please your Honor,' said an officer of the Court, 'will the Court sit to-day ?' The Chief Justice looked up, and cooly and significantly asked, 'Is the Court room half hour we were told a hundred times in really on fire ?" 'Oh no, not yet,' was the Snswer. 'Then we'll sit till it is,' added the Chief. And the Court did sit, and transacted business as usual, amid all the

at Doctors' Commons, London. In the effect than to exasperate and thus precipiwill of the Bard of Avon is an interlinea- tate a result that is already imminent. In it spoken of I always shudder and feel as tion of his own hand-writing :-"I give this hour of danger to our Union, it is the along who can raise the wind. unto my wife my brown best bed with the duty of patriots in all sessions of our counentire absence of all worldly pemp and lows; "We want balls-will you sell hand; the codicil, on the centrary, writ- crush them by your fancied power. then weak state of his body.

Important Letter.

once. He is auxious to have a hand in crushing it, and tenders his services to

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 19, 1860. SIR :- Yesterday moraing I received our extraordinary letter of the 15th instant. I am really at a loss to understand

The country is deeply excited. Sectional feeling reigns supreme. The Union is seriously threatened with disruption .-Patriots and conservative men of all parties. East, West, North and South, are ming apprehensions. The prudent, conand spirit, is well calculated (I hope it ter uses for Virginians. and spirit, is well calculated (I hope it was not so intended) to add fuel to a flame that is burning with sufficient intensity now.

As you letter is of a public character, and as the people of this state may feel some interest in your views, I have thought

In your haste to assail your Southern fellow-citizens you seem to have forgotten that your own State is, to some extent at least responsible for the present alarming with my reply. A number of the Enquirence containing the correspondence will be sent to your address. Respectfully, JOHN LETCHER. pedlars and hook agents, with incendiary crisis in public affairs. If I am not greatly mistaken, Pennsylvania is one of the to his successor, Montgomery, or whether toet, designed to obstruct the execution of are alloted to us poor mortals, each accortic is electing Lincoln and Hamlin to the the Fugitive Slave Law. This is one of ding to his strength. The young child exthe Weeping Virgin, reclining on a broken column, upon which lay the Book of Conpanies shuddered and drew herself back column, upon which lay the Book of Conpanies shuddered and drew herself back particles are cut from rolls, damped and all ple have complained for years, and all heart, the same grief about a broken toy Pot of Incense, the Masonic emblem of a cle of the water once more; we gazed hated South and the inauguration of negro though carnest and respectful appeals have as the man whose life's hopes have been ened, printed upon both sides, at the rate

come to close quarters with Montgomery py influence in releiving the Southern ter by the first partina from home; and, which flows around the earth is a mine of

the recovery and protection of her proper-ty—that you will cease to embsrrass and

OLD Touchwood's Boys.—This story

The pearl fisheries yield wealth to many;
the whale gives us oil to the value of millthe recovery and protection of her property-that you will cease to embarrass and lend your aid to effect their execution, ac- is told of old Touchwood's sons .-These lons; and we see it stated that the sponges cording to their letter and spirit-that if sons were sadly addicted to wicked pracher property shall escape and be found in tices; and one Sunday morning the ministhe non-slaveholding States, you will see ter of the parish met one of them starting that it is promptly restored to the rightful for the woods with a gun on his shoulder. owner. Surely there is patriotism enough Seeking out the father, the clergyman told peculiar merit; or those who fill elevated in Pennsylvania and the other non-slave- him that he ought to admenish his sons, stations, but civility is due to every one in holding States to grant what the law has and bring them up in the fear of the Lord. life, whese base conduct has not forfeited declared to be our due, especially when the "Fear the Lord," replied old Touchwood; it. An easy, kind, and pleasing address, preservation of the Union depends upon it. "they are so afraid of him now, that they without sacrifice of dignity, is among the In concluding this branch of the subject, daredn't stir out of the house on Sunday most valuable acquirements, and is within permit me to add, that if the North will respect and uphold the rights of the States, their hand !" the reach of every person. It is a kind of current coin, that will pass universally the Union will be perpetual, our country will continue to grow in power and influence the people of all sections will have senever been known or appreciated in our past history, will be the necessary result.

It will require prudence, wisdom and SHAKSPEARE'S WILL.-Shakspeare's patriotism to avert the evils now impending

nians" have agreed to place themselves as ton by the initiated.

under your "command in the event of dis-We publish below a letter from Gover- union," and that you are "at my service" and await my "orders." Virginians owe Excurtionists, who, in company with a hundred" of them in any part of the State eription of the Iron Mountain, Mo. : are willing to go to Pennsylvania for a commander, even if they had determined State-indeed, almost ranking with Ningto aid in the ungracious work of reducing ara and the Mammoth Cave, for unique a Southern sister State to the abject con- interest-is the Iron Mountain, which some dition of a conquered province of the Fed- of our party visited. It is eighty-six miles oral Covernment. All true Virginians from St. Louis, reached by a railroad conwill, I am sure, recognize their obligations structed by the owners of land, or rather to the State and will hold themselves in metal, but destined to be extended to Memreadiness to respond to the call of her con- phis. The chief formation are the Iron stituted authorities. We now have in Vir- Mountain proper and the Pilot Knob,eight troops of envalry, twenty-six compa- ide, its height above the valley being two nies of artillery, one hundred and nine hundred and twenty-eight feet, and at its companies of infantry and one hundred base povering an area of five hundred and ten companies of riflemen, uniformed acres, which give 230,375,375 tons of ore. and well prepared for service. Think But besides the parts above the surface, on what good end you expected to acomplish you, my dear sir, under these circumstan- digging down one hundred and fifty feet, ginia would seriously propose to import a much deeper is not known. commander from Pennsylvania! No! No. 1 You have been cruelly hoaxed by same every foot of descent gives 3,000,-

joke at your expense. ia to raise troops for any purpose whatsoever, and I take the occasion to say to mountain, but only one now in operation, engaged in laudable and noble efforts to allay the excitement, restore confidence and kind feeling, remove all irritating causes of are executed, and in the contingency re- is 581 feet, and it covers an area of 360 difference, and, if possible, save the Un. ferred to they will be executed to the letter. on from dissolution. It is at this time, If you desire to march against a Southern and under such circumstances, that you send me a letter denunciatory of the motives and conduct of a portion of the Southern people, and which in its tone for gunpowder." We have other and bet

In your haste to assail your Southern it advisable to publish it, accompanied

TROUBLES OLD AND YOUNG .- It is eleven non-slaveholding States, which has wonderful to notice how equally on this passed statutes now in full force and ef- earth sorrows, sufferings, and pleasures heen addressed to you to remove this cause annihilated-at the memont, at least, it of forty thousand impressions an hour, of irritation and complaint, those appeals feels it equally deeply. The school boy felded up, counted and delivered from the who has not learned his lesson frequently machine, ready for the carrier and the stands—though his heart may be pure and desires the perpetuity of the Union, under innocent-with the same fears, the same mon two story country dwelling house, the Constitution, I appeal to you and to beating heart, before his frowning teacher, and it will, when finished, if the expectathe conservative element of the North to as the grown-up criminal before his judge, tions of its inventor are realized, constitute arouse yourselves at once and initiate the With our years our strength increases, but a most extraordinary specimen of mechanproper measure to secure a repeal of those our serrows do not decrease; they grow ical skill and ingenuity. obnoxious laws. Such action on the part with them, The broken toy is succeeded of your Legislature will have a most hap- by the punishment of the school; the lat- WEALTH OF THE SEA .- The ocean mind and restoring peace and quiet as we grow older ah! then sorrows come wealth for its inhabitants. It is not only throughout our now fearfully excited coun- in battalions, and we consider each the the great high-way of nations, but the Will Ching Justice Tangy Resign! try.

The South asks only for the fair and worst with which God has chastised us, store-house of their food. There is little -As it is known that Judge Taney is now faithful execution of the laws passed for we were mistaken.

The South asks only for the fair and until the sacceeding one teaches us that doubt that the whole human race might, we were mistaken.

JONES was riding in Westehester County friends with those who cannot understand in September last, and saw a board nailed our language. up on a post in the yard of a farm-house, cured to them the blessings of peace, quiet with the sign painted on it, "This Farm and order, and a prosperity, such as has FOR SAIL," Always ready for a little sands lbs of flour, with a supply of corn, pleasantry, and seeing a woman in checked meat, and potatoes, arrived at Atelinson sun-bonnet picking up an apronful of chips on the 25th, from Illinois; and several at the wood pile in front of the house, he trains from the destitute portion of Southstopped, and asked her, very politely, when ern Kansas, which were in waiting, were Milton and Napoleon, and may be seen flammatory language can have no other the farm was to said? She went on with loaded and started for their destination. her work, but replied to his question in- There have previously arrived and been stanter. "Just as soon as the man comes distributed from this point, 500 bushels of

Bonners.--A "Fashion" writer in a furniture." It is proved by William Boyd, try to cultivate a kind, generous and con- New York paper says the winter bonnets July 22, 1616. The will of the Minstrel citiatory spirit one towards anothor .- promise to be as plain as a Shaker meeting. Thean is no readier way for a man to badge of a Mason. There were eyes be- the Yankees were piling up balls which of Paradise is a noncupative one, taken by Your letter, however, breathes nothing of house; feathers and flowers will be seen as bring his own worth into question than by his daughter, the great noet being blind, this kind; you taunt the South with your rarely as birds on a prairie. Dark velvet endeavoring to detract from the worth of That of Napoleon is signed with a hold superiority of numbers and threaten to depressed over the forehead, with almost other men. straight sides, plain crown, and decoration ostentation, there were the manly and un- thom?" The auswer was-"Send us pow- ten shortly before his death, exhibits the You assure me that "two hundred Virgi- of rich, real lace only will be recognized A VERY rare combination, dollars and

The Iron Mountain. One of the Philadelphia Board of Trade large delegation, is prospecting through the "One of the greatest curiosities of the

On the supposition that the size is the some wag, who desired to play off a good 000 tons of ore. The shape of this mountain is the upper half of an oblate spheroid. You have no right to come into Virgin- Its ore contains 68 per cent, of pure metal. There are three furnaces at the foot of the acres. The amount above the surface is calculated at 13,072,773 tong. There is no one on the surface at the base, but about half way up the inclined plane it is blasted und qurried like granite. It is silicious specular oxide, and contains 54 per cent. of pure metal. The party was vividly impressed with the wondrous cutent and value of this great metalic deposit, which would be even more an incalculable mine of wealth than in the case now, if coal were near at hand. Unfortunately, either the ore must be conveyed to the coal or vice

> A MONSTER PRESS .- The Scientific American thus describes a monster steam press, upon which Moses S. Beach, who has just retired from the New York Sun, is at work :

gathered at Key West last year amounted

RESPECT is always due to persons of

even among savages, and will gain you

FOOD FOR KANSAS -- Seventeen thoucorn, 20,000 pounds of floor, groceries, potatoes, &c., most of which was sont to

the Neosho country.