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But she said, "Begone thou beggar bey ! My house me more can hold." Steshat him out into the night, And west among ber owe; She sat upon a custion bright, He on the stepping stone. And his tears made little drops of los As he sat there alone.

But down the wide and snowy street He saw another child, With silver sandals on his feet. Float through the tempest wild, He called him by his name, And the little weary child grew warm, Forgetting pain and shame.

"Thou hast no home, thou little one, But thou shalt go with me; I saw thee sitting all alese, And I came after thee. Now look up to the heavens above,

Beho'd thy Christmas tree ?" The boy looked up to heaven above His tears forgot to flow; For the Christ-shild with his looks of love Wid charmed away the snow, And on a tree all set with stars Angels went to and fro.

"Come up! come us, thou little boy !

Come up to heaven on high I.

Thy Christmas tide shall dawn in joy." He clasped him lovingly, And the Christ-child and the ornhan lad Kept Christmas in the sky. -Rest Terry.

Love en the Ice. Lake Austrice, the skating pond of Whitestown, was a perfect flower garden; scarlet, and purple, and amber and divinest shades of asure flirting about hither and thither, shading curls and flax and brightest ebony. Silvery laughs rang out high above the sharp click of skater's steel, and soft eyes grew tenderly lustrous beneath the fire of others held all too dan-

gerously near. Remington Ashe looked on with admiration in his dark, bright eyes. Suddenly a little figure shot out from out into the broadest part of the lake, opshop. Every night he brings up his business arrow. Now keeping close to the wooded gentlemen followed. Ashe was ahead, ness, personal to his business gentlemen followed. Ashe was ahead, shore, and then gliding like a sunbeam through the very midst of the skaters. The scarlet feather in her cap floated hair, which escaping from her net tumbled into masses of glitteringringlets on her

shoulders Ashe touched the arm of a gentleman near him. Who is she, Churchill ?'

Verne Churchill's dark cheek showed a touch of crimson. 'Which one?' 'As if there was more than one! She with the scarlet feather and velvet sacque.

The queen of them all.' 'Oh; that's Asia Vance.' 'Asia! What a name! How came she by it?"

'A conceit of her father's, I have been told. 'Humph! An old fancy! Do you know her? 'Yes.' 'Introduce me, please, I cannot return

to Boston without hearing her voice. It ought to be sweet as silver bells to accord with her face and figure. 'I see no opportunity, at present, to gratify your desire,' said Churchill, rather coldiv.

'We will seek the opportunity. Backle on your skates. We will overtake her."
That is easier said than done. Miss Vance is a swift skater.' 'At least there is no harm in trying, Ashe said; and presently the two gentle-men set forth in pursuit of her.

Both skated well-Ashe a little more sprightly perhaps; but Churchill was his superior in endurance. Asia saw them coming, and divined their motive. It pleased her to allow them to overtake her.
Her brilliant eyes softened slightly as

they met the expression in Churchill's; and a little conscious rose-color flushed her cheek. He touched lightly the dainty hand in its soft-furred gauntlet. This is Mr. Ashe, of Boston, Miss Vance.

She acknowledged the introduction with a gay courtesy. Ashe was fully a match for her in small talk, and the acquaintance progressed rapidly.

The two so lately strangers whirled off together, leaving Churchill to return or to

follow them at leisure.

He hesitated a moment, and then joined Maud Eastford. Maud was unusually brilliant that day The keen air had colored har pale cheeks scarlet, and her blue eyes flashed like sapphires. Maud and Asia were rival beau ties. They were close by a little wooded island. Maud's skates had become loos ened. She seated herself on a fallen log, while Churchill arranged thera. Just then Asia and Mr. Ashe swept by Churchill saw the bright flush on Asia's

face, and caught something of the subtle fascination in Ashe's dark grey eyes. And he, who had loved with his whole oul Asia Vance for three years, had never been able to win from her a smile half so tender as that which now wreathed her

face for this stranger.
Churchill's thoughts were bitter. Perhaps his countenance expressed something of what was passing within. Mand bent towards him, one curl of perfumed gold touched his cheek. What a sweet voice she bad. What troubles you, Mr. Churchill?

For a moment the man was tempted He looked up into her beautiful faces, so near his own that he could have touched the scarlet lip with his. Maud loved him and Asia was a cold-hearted coquette. He took the hand Mand had laid on his shoulder, and half encircled her waise with his arm, but his native truth conquered. Because one woman flirted. he would not be false himself. So he answered Maud quietly:

Thank you. Nothing troubles use. Shall we join the company?" And piqued and disappointed, Maud reluctantly assented. Asia, little coquette that she was, could PRINCIPAL STATE

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the heart of almost any young lady. Asia liked the courteous deference of his manner, and she was not averse to reading the admiration expressed in his eyes; besides, the marked attention made the other, belles spiteful towards her, and Asia liked that. She did not care how hard the girls resy work a few years ago and is now in felt against her; she knew her bright eye would set all right with the other sex.

tained permission to call. He went there frequently. from three days to a week, and to a fort-night. His business had taken more time than he had thought, he said, by excuse. But at length he could stay no longer. His partner was becoming impatient at

challenged them to a race.

for, Miss Vance?' 'Whatever you please,' she answered quite saucily. Very well. I accept the condition. It shall be yourself, if you please.'

She blushed, but was too high spirited to retract. 'So be it. "But you must catch me fairly. I claim that.' Right. We are both gentlemen, I think,' bowing to Churchill, who stood a

little apart. "Allons," she said gaily; but in spite of her light tone, there was a sober fright in her eye seldom seen there. She could see that by the way they looked at each other. What if Ashe won? and, again, what if

Churchill won? She dared not think lest they should recede.

They started off fairly—all together.— Asia went straight up the lake toward the head-waters. The gentlemen followed table, and in the "season" gives a din-her. None of the party as yet exerted ner to his friends weekly, on which the themselves. They glided on easily, saving their strength for the final contest.— Swifter and swifter flew the slight figure to his guests. Commodore Vanderbilt of the girl, the distance between her and never worked barder in his life—never her followers materially lengthened, and worked more hours than now. He has a now the race began in earnest.

People called out that it was dangerous

to go se near the mouth of the Rocky River, the principal tributary of Lake does his own business, makes and exe-Austrice; but they did not heed the warn- cutes his own contracts, and this, with the ing. They were too much excited to think business he does on twenty millions, is no of peril.

ferent here. It was dark, and they could a million of dollars, began business in see the water gliding beneath. Still they New York when he was sixteen years of would not hesitate to follow where she age, kept books with his own hands, and dared to lead them. Asia swept around the last point of land house on Fifth Avenue is a regular work-

floating back to them.

Churchill was a little heavier, and not so

a hourse sound. He knew how insecure was his footing, he knew the risk he san; but Asia a little before him was beckoning him on.

He made the attempt to advance; but the ice cracked beneath his feet; there but Mr. Taylor finds his recreation in a was an unmistakable roar all around; the bath, a good dinner; a comfortable siests, water was ankle deep, and it was fright-fully evident that the lake was breaking man would make money and keep it.—N.

"Good God!" he cried, 'all is lost!" To go on was death. Me was not ready to sacrifice himself for the desperate chance of outskating Asia Vance. He turned quickly, and like lightning glided back to where the ice was yet in-

act. Gathering his breath for an instant, he made for the shore. Churchill's eagle eye took in the scene bly on the scarlet feather. A moment more and he should be beside her.

Suddenly she stopped, transfixed with horror; at last she realized the deadly peril of her position.

Churchill strained every nerve, neve for a second losing sight of the graceful agure standing up so frigidly erect amid the roar and tumult all around. Another instant-it seemed hours to

him-and he had thrown his arm around 'I have won you,' cried he hoarsely. She was white as death, and her stiff fingers clung to his arm with the grip of 'O. Verne, we sre tost,' she cried.

'We must trust to the water. See, it i growing deeper.' Even as he spoke his feet were swept from under him; the whole mass of ice heared and groaned; and then the large cakes drifted tumultuously around. Churchill was, a strong swimmer, and pattled bravely for the victory. Sometimes it seemed as if he must go down

indomitable.

He fought his way through the massive cakes of ice, torn and bleeding, but never despairing.
At last he caught the pliant branch of a willow which swept for out over the water, and by its aid drow himself and his burden to the shore.

but his will was like iron, and his strength

Asia looked into his face with wide open eyes, and a glow of crimson stealing over the ghastly whiteness of her coun tenance. Have I won fairly, Asia?'

'Yes; you have won,' she said, averting her eves. 'I do not held you to it unless you will it. Are you mine freely?'
'And what then?' she asked softly. 'Asia !' their eyes met.

She flung her arms around his neck, and put her face up to bia.

I give myself to you, oh, so free!— Verne did you not know that I have loved you so always?" Mr. Ashe returned to Secton the next

Mr. Churchill saked her opinion of Boston breeding. She answered him saucily I am quite satisfied with Whitestown manners, sir.

Boys. The most approved method of

raising children now a days is to let then run about the streets until a late hourrun about the streets until a late hour—call swearing smartness, blackguardism precoclouiness, and every species of malificus mischief fun. The pupils of these night schools hardly, ever fail to graduate in the penitentiary, and not a few take the higher or gallows degree! A boy who is allowed by over failing the precedure of the latest and the penitentiary and not a few take the higher of gallows degree! A boy who is allowed by over failing the percent to run. nigner or gattows degree. A boy who is allowed by over indigent parents to run about at all most of the night, will never amount to anything, and will very likely own to a bad end.

Content se Distelet Judes would be. 13 ! But babilees all the combation-

eisel Zompinne graced the station. At forty-five his desums had fled; if we and amotton both were dead. When from his toils he found release,

Thus le the brief, and story told. How Rich Men Work.

The hardest working men and the hard-

cet working institutions in New York

are those which are the most successful. To the outsiders it seems an easy thing to

make money and keep it. Banking was

O vouthful heart, so high and botc,

the old fashioned institutions which have country and no foreign exchange. But and tactory or machine shop keeps men on the jump as does a mye bank in this wide-He went there frequently.

His stay in Whitestown was prolonged tutions yesterday which is not ten years rounthree days to a week, and to a forthand early in the morning, and they cannot leave until their day's work is done, which is often not till long after the gas is lighted. Its capital is two millions, its his delay, and had peremptorily recalled daily receipts seven million dollars. It him. him.

The last day of his stay he went down to the lake. It was the lirst of April, but to be registered and answered before the business of the day ends. No bank clerk on the salary of a thousand dollars a year goest, and the young people gave little many hours as William B. Astor, who counts up his forty millions. His little one-story office, a step or two from Broad-was had never been gayer. She glided the three he performs his daily toil, and challenged them to a race. out of his labor gets only "his victuals and clothes." He attends personally to Ashe's eyes glittered meaningly.

What shall be the stakes we contend all his business, knows every dollar of rent or income that is to become due, pays out every dollar, makes his entries in his own hand, and obliges his subordirates to come to him for information, while he does not go to them. He generally comes down in the omnibus at an early hour of the day, and remains closely absorbed in business until near five o'clock. He rarely takes exercise and finds his pleasure in the closest attention to business. A friend of mine rode to Washington with him in the same car from New York. He neither spoke nor got out of his sent, and hardly moved from Jersey City to Washington. He usually leaves his office at five o'clock, and slowly walks up Broadway to Lafayette place. He is over six feet high, heavily built, with a decided German look, small hazy eyes, as if he was half asleep, head as round as a pumpkin and about as destitute of hair. He is exceedingly hospirichest viands, on services of gold and silver, are presented by liveried servants confidential clerk who has worked like a pack horse, who has been in his employ thirty years. Besides this Vanderbilt small toil. The Commodore goes down On went Asia, the scarlet feather stream to his business regularly every day, and can ing out behind her like a warflag and her be found at certain hours. His only recresilvery voice of defiance now and then ation, euchre or fast horses. Moses Taylor, losting back to them. | whose dividend from his coal stock alone
The color and texture of theice was difhas done so ever since. His library in his as a trustee, are kept by himself. He makes all the original entries of every sort and Ashe's handsome face gleamed and his kind and goes to his office for no informbending beneath his weight, and the besidere to be right. And should every water bubbling through the air holes with record kept by his book keepers, and clerks be destroyed, it would make no difference with him, for he has the origin-

Soldiers vs. Contrabands.

Y. Cor. Boston Journal.

als in his own hands. Many merchants

spend the afternoon in riding, or in the

excitement of the evening stock board,

A number of philanthropic ladies pre-pared for the negroes at the Campbell Hospital, in Washington, D. C., on Christmas Day, a sumptuous entertainment, consisting of all the delicacies of the sea-Churchill's eagle eye took in the scene at a glance. His breath came quick, and his heart beat like billows of the sea. And his great strength served him. Over the yielding ice he glide? on, gaining perceptions and worthless contrabands were feasting, the white soldiers were nibbling at their hard tack and pork, no loyal females thinking of them. If they had been black guards they would have been feasted to their heart's content; but they were not black, but, white, and of course did not come within the province of the loyal philanthropists. The 214th Pennsylvania volunteers, feeling mortified at the idea of great preparations for the negroes and the totally ignoring of them, erected a Christmas tree, and hung upon it two cards, bearing the following inscription: "Soldiers' Christmas Dinner," and "Dinner given to the 214th Pennsylvania Volunteers by the ladies of Washington." Near to these placards hung bits of musty salt pork and hard tack. It was really a most capital take off, and it woulds have been well for the negro philauthropists of our city to have paid the camp a visit. This lauding and godifying the negro only adds fuel to the flame that will one day break out with great fierceness .- Constitutional

Make the Homestead Attractive.

Union.

It need not cost much money to adorn the place one lives in. Begin by digging out the briess and thistles of the dooryard. Plant a few trees; then add several flowering shrubs, perhaps that will answer for one year. Next year, make a gravel walk or two, and set a few flowering plants by their sides. Your wife and daughter will sow some flower seeds, if you will only prepare a neat border for them. Look at these few improvements some bright morning next June, and we guarantee you will be glad you made them. And these labors, so rewarding, will lead on to others. The fences and buildings will be kept in repair. Trees will be set out along the roadside. The house will have window blinds, the rooms papered and painted; good furniture will be provided, and books and papers will not be missing. All these things will be regulated according to one's ability. And, as a general rule, whatever our meaua it is better to make improvements by deday, without calling to bid Asia good-bye. grees, from year to year, than to do them
She did not think of the omission until all up at once "by the job." Be assured this is the way to find the most happiness in home adorning. And, remember, the influence of such improvements does not end with the individual family. They tell silently, but with great effect, upon so-ciety. Every neighbor and every passer by feels them, and many are led by such examples to go and do likewise.

A man should never be sahamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser to day than he was yesterday.

A correspondent writes from Galveston