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AUTUMN DAYS.

BY WILLIAM HOWITT. Red springs the rye And from the brilliant aky Less florid splendors shine Its airy lustrous line, The gossamer displays, And faintly breathes the pine In autumn days. That on the earth doth fall ; And of all birds the thrush Alone is musical. The sparrow on the wall Shivers in pallid rays.

And the frog has ceased its call In autumn days. But oh! the life, the life That summer poured around The merry, ringing strife In wood and sky and ground-What a chorus! what a maze

Of beauty there was found In summer days. The bee hum in the flower: Nor see the swallow soar Around the houry tower : Nor the shricking swifts devour

"Tis now the voiceless hour Of autumn days. -Atlantic Monthly

For My Sake, John."

lazily looking out of a bow window upon a garden flaming with autumn tints and a sunset glow, lifted a pair of soft eyes to Mrs. Tollman's face. Just at that moment the auxiety was very apparent to Leonie. So, after her first careless glance, she straightened in her low chair, and said quietly yet with every appearance of interest:

What is the matter?" An awkward pause followed that question. Mrs. Tollman fidgeted under the inquiring glance of the dark eyes cleared her throat twice, and finally

"John Furber!" Miss Cameron's face seemed to freeze. It was a very beautiful face, with pride for a leading expression. Sweetness lurked in the finely-shaped mouth, and i atellect beamed from the radiant eye, but pride shadowed all. It carried the all head gracefully erect, it swept the folds of her rich dresses with a regai motion, it touched the small, patriwell-modulated tones of the refined

upon her heart that she had poisoned a life already sinking. There were capa-bilities for better things than dissipa-tion and suicide in John Furber, and she shivered at the thought that he might be upon a precipice, waiting for romance of that summer in Scranford, the clasp of her hand to draw him back or how John Furber redeemed his or its repulse to throw him over. She passed in review her male friends and found none who had awakened such keen pleasure as he had given her. She tried to recall one to mind whose grasp of intellect equalled his, or who had met her fairly in so many arguments and worsted her; and she could only remember soft flattery of her "wonder-ful mind." Finally lifting her eyes with a soft sigh, she saw him leaning against a tree opposite the low window looking at her. A vivid flash stained

"What can you be thinking of? You

She was prepared for some polite

show of regret, but not for the ghastly change in his face. She shuddered re-membering his aunt's words. "Going away? Why, of course you would soon," he said, trying to speak carelessly, while his eyes hungrily de-voured her face, and his white parched

his misery.

"No," he said harshly, "I will not take such advantage of your kindness. I am a man your friends will tell you to shun, Miss Cameron—a man who has wasted his life till it is too late to take up the threads again. You do not know, perhaps, that my aunt keeps me here from charity."

"I know you have offended your father," she answered, "but you are a man scarcely thirty, and it is cowardly to talk of despair at your age."

Her words cut him like a whiplash.

The dark blood mounted to his forehead

"I might fight the world yet, but," and here his tones was bitter and and here his tones was bitter and strangely pathetic, "the battle is scarcely worth winning. What would I gain? Money? I do not value it. Position? I have thrown it behind me. Position? I have thrown it behind me. Barkis insinuated.

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Vivien charmed Merlin.

"I will not have you say so," she ingly, "I've made you mad already and haven't said anything!"

"I'm not mad," Leonie answered and there certainly lurked a smile in the said, roused to an earnestness she never intended to betray. "You shall not throw your life away."

A hope sprang to his.

"I'm not mad," Leonie answered and there certainly lurked a smile in her mouth at the good woman's consternation of the consternation o tion. "But you have not told me yet "were there a prize to win, were ones

Society had a ripple of sensation in a fashionable wedding when the son of Israel Furber, the millionaire (so the newspapers said-and they know every-thing) married Miss Leonie Cameron.

manhood for Leonie's sake.

Lamartine's Works In this kind of gentle strain, whether it be prose or poetry, he is beyond a rivalry. When all other inspiration fails, the inspiration of home never fails him. Whatever he may be else-where, at Milly he is ever a true poet. This is the highest praise we can give to Lamartine. His longer poems are monotonous and cloying; his poetical romances of a mawkish and unwhole-"What can you be thinking of? You have not stirred for half an hour. Only that your eyes were open I should have thought you were asleep."
"Your powers of observation are marvellous," she answered lightly. "I was dreaming."

Tomances of a mawkish and unwhole-some sweetness. But on his native soil, in the homely house of his mother, all objectionable qualities disappear. He loves the skies which overarch that dear bit of country; he loves the hills and the fields because they surround that center of all associations; and in "The world in general, my world in particular. It is almost time I returned there." nary mind, and quite as genuine and true. Had he been content with this, and not aspired to represent passion, of which he knew nothing, his fame would have been more real and more his misery.

"Yes, yes! You will go certainly."

"And you," she said very gently—
"you will be in the city, I presume. I shall be glad to welcome you at my house."

would have been more real and more lasting. He was such a poet as the quieter intellectualist, the pensive thinker, loves. He could not touch the greater springs of human feeling; but he could so play upon the milder stops of that great instinct as to fill his audience with a soft enthusiasm. Some of his prose works reach to a profoun-der influence; and those readers who remember, when it came out, the History of the Girondists, will not refuse to the poet a certain power of moving and exciting the mind; but this work and the many others which preceded and followed it, have little to do with our argument. They are poetical and exaggerated prose, and have ro claim to the higher title of poetry.—Black-

Some Eccentricities of Courtship.

"Probably there is no instance in

Hildergarde took the bull by the The Merchant of Venice soft-soldered

sections, each train as it enters a section

can follow until the first has proceeded

without the bell being rung as a warn

electrical block system is an arrange-

ment by which each train can announce

Connected with this automatic

The Highland Railway of Scotland has introduced upon its road what the English journals describe as a novel and ingenious combined block and signal system, the invention of Dr. Whyte, who has devoted several years to the work of improving the mechanical arrangements for operating railway trains. The system is entirely self-acting, and its operations are performed with the agency of an electro-magnetic machine of simple contruction. An engine running past, say two stations, blocks the line at the first by raising a semaphore; places an automatic check against the cane-field and sugar factories, undertake willingly enough; and to judge by their stout limbs and evident good condition, they find it of cocoa are yearly produced in Surinam, 'which is a consideration,' as a negro remarked to me, laboriously attempting to put his ideas into English, instead of the Creoles mixture of every known language that they use among themselves. Neither Coolies or Chinese are employed at these cocoa estates, much to the satisfaction of the Creoles, who, though tolerant of, or clinging to, European mastership, have little simpathy with other colored or semi-civilized races.

Reeping at Ia.

A man who inherits wealth may begin and worry through threescore the divided into two parts, one being on the days against the cane-field and sugar factories, undertake willingly enough; and to judge by their stout limbs and evident good condition, they find it opided by the memory of the slave willingly enough; and to judge by their stout limbs and evident good condition, they find it of cocoa are yearly produced in Surinam, 'which is a consideration,' as a negro remarked to me, laboriously attempting to put his ideas into English, instead of the Creole mixture of every known language that they use one of both semaphore and alarm bell, so as to leave it free for any approaching train. The apparatus itself may be divided into two parts, one being on the engine and the other connected with the line. Four wire brushes, each pair metallically connected, are suspended from the engine, one pair having a battery and bell in circuit, and the other a bell. the engine, one pair having a battery and bell in circuit, and the other a bell.

His shorter strains are full of the fresh atmosphere of the country he loved, and the sentiment of pensive evenings and still nights, soft-breathing, full of stars and darkness, is to be found everywhere in the gentle melodious verse; not lofty or all absorbing, like the nature-worship of Wordsworth, but more within the range of the ordinary mind, and quite as genuine and true. Had he been content with this, are the first station and the sent of the first station and the sent of the station and the other a bell. A wheel descends alongside these brush-station along side these brush-station, as may be thought requisite, or in close proximity to each station, a series of insulated metallic plates, in an air-tight box, are laid down, each plate being from five to ten feet long. By the side of each pair of plates, the ends of which are connected by wires, is placed an electro-magnet, bealth that the powers of a man be trained upon some object, and steadily held there day after day, year after year, while vitality lasts. There may come a time in old age when the fund of vitality will have sunk so low that he can follow no consecutive labor without such a draft upon his forces that sleep cannot restore them. Then, and not before, he should stop work. But, so long as a man has vitality to spare upon work, it must be used, or it plates, the ends of which are connected by wires, is placed an electro-magnet, with wires from a battery attached. The keeper of the magnet is fixed to a lever by means of a pully, and as the engine travels past, this lever is pressed upon by the wheel above mentioned, and the keeper is forced up against the poles of the magnet. Thus the semaphore arm is raised and the line effectually blocked. With the view, however, to guard against a possible inattention on the part of the driver of an engine approaching the apparatus, the box is left in such a position that should his engine pass over it while the signal is up the alarm bell on the engine itself is instantly rung. The first engine having successfully blocked the line in the rear, proceeds to the next station or signal-post, where the line is again blocked; and by means of wires to the last box and mechanism similar to that above post, where the line is again blocked; and by means of wires to the last box and mechanism similar to that above described, the electro-magnet at the former station is released, the semaphore lowered, and the way left clear between these two sections. Thus it is clear thrown into eddies, or settled into a clear thrown into eddies.

that each train protects its rear for the distance between each pair of plates. The line being, as it were, divided into

A man of keen and powerful intellect. who, had he but lived in our time, frightened, in a low voice he told his would have attained the summit of companion to lower him a rope from fame, with marvelous acumen anticipa- the wharf, but he had scarcely spoken ted a doctrine which is steadily tend- when he disapeared and did not rise its approach to any station, and another ing to become a received scientific discovery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects see what's inside of him," is Jack's Mary." mouth at the good woman's consternation. "But you have not told me yet that troubles you."

"It's John, Miss Cameron, and—" then, rapidly, as if the words were there a prize to win, the reself-appointed task, she hurried on:

"Miss Cameron—Leonie," he cried, works for which the city has longed for have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the changes which have occurred in Nature are the effects of covery, viz., that the c for giving the station-master the power to stop a train by causing the bell on would trampe down these demons and then, rapidly, as if the words were forced by fear of her ability to finish her self-appointed task, she hurried on: "He's my nephew, miss, as you know, though his father is a rich man, very rich, and John is above his mother's place in life. She's slead and John was spieled somewhere between the years she died and two years ago. I don't know where, but he was brought up an idler upon his father's money, and from its operated. As these batteries are niever in circuit except when a traiting and the was filed.

The witcher of Ramer.

Almost every man can recall scores the in suitable positions along the line his the theat with the head of the old love before niever never in circuit except when a traiting and the was the sould be to be a fault; the set of the special creation of the destruction of the destruc

Fairly out of breath with her own carried utterance, Mrs. Tollman paned in the property of the when bed-time arives, lights you up to a clean, sweet chamber, with a high canopied bed, hung with snow-white curtains; who calls you in the morning, makes ready your breakfast, while you sit with your feet on the fender before the blazing grate; and to whom you pay your reckoning on leaving, having escaped all the publicity of hotel life, and had all the privacy and quiet of home, without any of its cares or interruptions.

Waste no Time.

Time lost can never be regained. After allowing yourself proper time for rest don't live a single hourself proper time for rest don't live a single hourself proper time for rest and proper time for the found in the Fall, the purchase and when the house up the object on the found in the Fall, the purchase and the found in the fall, the purchase and the found in the fall, the purchase and proper in s

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Some Stories of Sea Sharks.

boat, a weakly black man, rose along-side of me after the plunge; he was in great terror, and I felt that if the sharks did not harm him he could scarcely reach the shore without help; so I en-couraged him by telling him I would swim by him, and give him a hand if he felt tired. 'No tired, massa; neber live to be tired; look at deep round us.' I felt that he was as near to the truth as possible, for we were literally in the triangular fins we could see on all sides sailing round us. As the beach was quite close, we first endeavored to make ward the boat, which was 150 yards away, drifting out to sea, turned upside down, with the rest of the crew astride cied, smaller circles, and once or twice cied, smaller circles, and once or twice I thought I felt something touch my feet with a rush, as these horrid brutes do before they bite; if it was my imagination, it was not a great stretch, however, for we had not got twenty yards ahead of the spot, when my companion shricked, threw up his arms and ance under the water, was the last thing

> the cutter which had been sent to the Considering the foolhardy rashness o the negroes in bathing, it is surprising how comparatively few accidents hap-pen. "Dive for six-pence, massa," in-to the water where sharks have been seen the same morning. However he will never venture in after dark. Sharks, like many other fish, bite more freely at night; in fact, sharky waters where the fish are shy, and bathing is comparatively free from danger during the day, cannot be entered after night fall without very great risk, the more especially as at night sharks will, like rout, prowl about shallow water barely ufficient to cover them. The writer recollects at Colon two stokers of the mail steamer Tyne taking forecastle leave one night. The ship was warped alongside the wharf, and these two men crept along one of the hawsers, han over foot, to reach the wharf. The first got over safely, but the second slipped and fell into the water. Not at all

her decentric. She was gay and grave binn. I've nothing else to love; husband and children are in the graveyard, so I tove John."

There was a piteous pleading in the woman's face, but Leonie's was blank, save for an air of polite interest.

"He was 'most desperate when heame here, but I coaxed him up a little, of the was mystere that was impassable. She never first, but for the good many others kill them here the what I want to say. You are beautiful, and she had distinctly in the truthful, and she had distinctly in the for country quiet. I've no right to final it—but—but—dow (if first with John. He is in trouble, despondent, disinherited, and he's falling in love with you as fast as he can. I believe if you play with him he will kill himself, body and soul."

Fairly out of breath with her own darnest utterance, Mrs. Tollman paused or against mean and thildren are in the graveyard, so I love John."

There was a piteous pleading in the was mysteriously unapproachable, the betweet with which she used her wash hub. She never was known to use it ble. The betweet with which she used her wash hub. She never was known to use it ble. The betweet at the point where attentions merge into lover's devotion by a wall of ity same and of lover's devotion by a wall of lever's devotion by a sweet smile of a woman, which we think intended for us alone, than a pair of Juno-like eyes, or "lips that seem on roses fed," that bewitches our heart, and lays us low at the feet of her whom

A Home-Made Carpet. An Eastern lady says: Have any of solid comfort. In the first place there is no bar-room, and consequently no loafers; no funes of tobacco or whisky. The host (if there be such a person) has a way of keeping himself in the background, or out of sight, that is entirely admirable. The pilgrim is in no danger of having the poetical atmosphere dispelled, but rather enhanced, especially if he has the luck to find few other guests, and to fall into the hands of one of those simple, strawberry-like English housemaids, who gives him a cozy, snug little parlor all to himself, who answers his every summons and looks into his eyes with the simplicity. you a spare bedchamber, seldom used, which you would like to carpet at little is all covered, then size and varnish, enly dark glue and common furniture varnish may be used, and the floor will look all the better for the darkening these will give it. When it is dry, put down a few rugs by the bedside and before the toilet table, and you have as pretty a carpet as you could wish. A carpet, too, that will last for years, if not subject to constant wear, and at a trifling expense. I myself used a room one entire Summer prepared in this one entire Summer prepared in this way—used it constantly; and when the house was sold in the Fall, the purchaser asked me to take up the oilcloth, as he wished to make some alterations which would be sure to injure it.

A large life boat crossing the bar of the San Juan River upset, precipitating the crew consisting of two officers (white) and ten colored men, into the water, the boat being turned upside down. "I felt," said the narrator, "that my life was not worth half an hour's purchase. The coxwain to the boat, a weakly black man, rose alongside of me after the plunge; he was in side of me after the plunge; he was in scribed the name—"Pacific Spring." rude sign-board, on which was inscribed the name—"Pacific Spring."
Stepping from rock to rock, the boys
made their way to the fountain head,
and silently gazed on the source of a
stream which soon divided itself between the Atlantic and the Pacific.
Here the emigrant train pitched abruptly dewn a rocky canon to the west.
The water flowing from the spring and
saturating the grassy soil, was parted

saturating the grassy soil, was parted by a low, sharp ledge of rock. From this, two little rivulets crept away, one to the east, one to the west. One gurby numberless runnels from the snow lost in the Pacific. The other slipped silently down the long slope by which the boy emigrants had come, joined itself to other tiny streams, and so, finnow lives in an attic in Indianapolis deding the far-off Missouri, by the way of the Yellowstone, reached the Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico, and the At-

"Go, little stream," said Mont, "and tell the folks at home that we have left the old world. Boys! this is a new

"We are on the down-hill grade,"
added Hi. "We can scoot to Californy now. Westward it is, and we are agoin

with the stream."

Barney turned and looked back.
"We are on the ridge. Shall we go down on the other side, Arty f"

But Arty said: "I should be glad if I could send a message back to the folks alongside our ship in the stern-sheets of at Sugar Grove. It would be like a viving witness of the Burr-Hamilton message out of the sea. As long as we duel, died at Scipio, Ind., 87 years old. can't do that, suppose we follow the other stream to the Pacific.

"We cannot be sentimental over this spring, my boy," said Mont, laughing. "But, as Hi says, we are going with the current now. That's it! Westward is the word!"

is the word!"

"Come on, boys!" shouted Captain
Rose, from the down-hill road. "Its a
rough drive yet to Sunset Canon."

So the young fellows followed the
stream, and turned their faces again
to the west.—St Nicholas for April.

at her desk, and I was sewing on a low bench at her side. Presently she was called out, and laying aside her pen, she said, "It will be a good chance, while I am out, for you to copy your composition, Mary. You may sit here at my desk."

She left has better to his country seat at Stamford, Conn., in June, and not to resume his professional engagements until September.

—In the six principal markets of this country the number of horse recent Honor.-Mother was writing a letter

She left her letter open upon her desk. I seem to see it now, the large square sheet, inscribed with her fair, plain handwriting. I always liked to plain handwriting. I always made a read what my mother had written; but would I have looked at this? Not for Charleston, S. C., would have covered three-fourths of the cost of the water three-fourths of the cost of the water

open, and there is nothing in it I would made in the world, ot be willing for you to read,"
"Why mother, it wouldn't have been "Why mother, it wouldn't have been right; you know it wouldn't. I wouldn't Seventh Regiment by the ex-members of that Regiment in San Francisco as a ter said I might."

I never shall forget my mother's happy, loving look at that moment. "Oh, my dear child," she said, "you can't tell how much good that does me. That I can rely on your honor makes me feel truly glad and thankful. That is the very foundation of a truthful

character; and a truthful, sincere cha-racter is so lovely."

I never wanted after that to be anything but truthful and sincere. To be without guile in word or deed has always been a delight.

Murre Eggs .- The Murre is a queen oird. It is of about the size of a small duck, and it sits on only one leg at a time. If her nest is robbed, the mother murre lays another egg and sits again. The strangest part of the story is that the eggs are not alike; in fact, it would be almost impossible, among thousands of them, to find a single pair thousands of them, to hind a single pair that matched in color. They are brown, green, white, blue, or gray, as the case may be, with streaks or spots of blue, black, green, olive, or brown. But all these fancy styles are only shell deep. The little murres that come out of the eggs are all after the same pattern, and in time they take after their parents in a way that is beautiful to behold.

If you want to see them, go to the Farallone Islands, in the Pacific Ocean. Climb the first cliff you come to, and turn to the right.—St. Nicholas for May.

NO. 19.

-Missouri has paid this year \$3,822 -The ice factory at Augusta, Ga.,

NEWS IN BRIEF

—The people of Paris consumed over x thousand horses last year. -Florida has 3,000 white men who have not voted since the downfall of

-Nilsson demands \$1,000 a night and Strakosch is in search of another prima

donna for next year. —Thirty new papers have been started in Mississippi since January 1. The death list has not yet transpired.

-An American flag made of silk and costing \$3,000, will float over the main entrance to the Centennial Exhibition. —Philadelphia's population as shown by the census of April 1st, is 817,448. This shows an increase of 143,426 since

-Houston proposes to exhibit at the Texas State Fair a woman who is only thirty years old and is the mother of

-About 60,000 pounds Chicago corn-beef are sold in Philadelphia every week, and the consumption of the arti-

cle is rapidly increasing. -A Liverpool firm the other day divided among those of their employes who had been with them five years and

upward a sum of \$200,000. -The monument to John and Charles

-Some funny Democrats have made a ticket with the names of Thomas A.

Hendricks and Jeremiah S. Black. The battle-cry will be "Tom and Jerry." —E. L. Kenyon, of Hartford, who re-cently killed himself on account of fi-nancial troubles is found to have had \$50,000 assets over liabilities after all. -The spirit of chivalry is reviving. A man in Onondaga, New York, has just been mulcted in \$5,000 damages, for calling a lady "a withered-up old

country the number of hogs packed this season amounts to 3,200,000 a decrease of nearly 300,000 as compared

-A gold medal, valued at \$200 has

prize for marksmanship. -The Freshman crew of Harvard College declare that if they row the proposed match with Yale it shall be on Saratoga Lake. They positively refuse to row it elsewhere.

-Any Iowa woman who gets votes enough can hold any office connected with the public schools. There's no salary, no chance to save the country, and no fear of a rebellion.

-The Hon. John W. Johnson, of Madison, Minn., has given \$5,000 to the State University, the income of which is to be used in aiding students who speak the Scandinavian language. -The Light Guard, of Green Bay,

Wis,, are going to walk all the way to the Centennial, 1,039 miles. They may be a light guard when they start, but

619, 780. -The Continental Mills at Lewiston have sold in the English market four hundred thousand yards of their goods and are now filling another large or The production of these mills is all sold out and goods are ordered ahead. -A vast bed of marl, covering an

area of 1,000 square miles, from twelve to thirty feet deep, and very rich in potash, soda and phosphorus, has been

since that time. -The colossal statue of Washington (twelve feet high) belonging to Mr. Mahlon Dickerson, American banker, residing in Florence, Italy, has been shipped to Philadelphia in an American merchant vessel, the hold of the United States ship Supply not being deep enough to accommodate it.

-Dr. Mudd, who set the shattered leg of J. Wilkes Booth, has been elected leg of J. Wilkes Booth, has been elected to the Maryland Senate as a Republican. It will be remembered that Booth took refuge on Dr. Mudd's farm, and was killed in his barn. Mudd was sent to the Dry Tortugas for harboring the