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LIVE AND LET LIVE.

A FARM BALLAD.

Well ! Farmer Smith has lost his wheat, his seed and mammoth barn;

His little boy with one small match burned up

the whole concern: I tell you wife, he'll leel it sore; a man on mon-

ey bent Can't stand up under such a load when not in-

sured a cent. I don't know as I pity him; I call it a great

To hoard the harvest of three years in spacious

barn and bin; I can't feel pity for a man who doubly locks

his door. And stops his ears to all the cries that come up

... from the poor. I like to see economy; I like to see men save

And lay up something for their kin when they are in the grave;

But you and I know very well, from what we both have seen. There is a line which when it's crossed a man

gets to be mean. When wheat was sixteen shillings—a price that

paid us well-Smith said: "I'll wait for twenty, I vow, before 'I'll sell ;"

Then, when it reached that figure, he said to me one noon ;

"I guess I'll hold it longer, 'twill be three dol lars soon." He held it, and ran in debt for things to wear

and eat; When merchants dunned him he would say :-

"Wait till I sell my wheat." Soon that old tune got fiddled but, and the men

began to sue, And he began to borrow to pay accounts past

When Smith goes off to buy a thing he spies around the town,

And tries with all his might and main the price to banter down,

When he has anything to sell 'tis priceless in his eyes,

And he must have the highest price—the lowest when he buys.

"Live and let live" are golden words; the other motto too-

"Do unto others as you'd wish that they would do to you."

Wife, if you take a berry and dry it in the sun.

Twill shrivel up till it takes two to make the

Bo many a man, in grasping gain, so shriveles up his soul That 'twill never expand again while life's

years o'er him roll. God bless the farmers of the land! They are

all not like him. Who walks around the smould'ring pile, now in

the twilight dim, Living on God's broad acres, their souls expand

and grow, Their ears are ever open to tales of want and

God bless the men, where'er they be, in country

Who do not think it life's great work to crowd their neighbors down!

This world it would be better, this life would

pleasure give, If every man who toils to live would let his

brother live.

MR. JENKINS' ALARM. BY PATCHIN'S BOY.

"Zach! do you hear! Oh! dear there's rob

bers in the house as sure as I'm alive," cried Mrs. Jenkins, in a low, timid voice.

"Wake up, will you? Oh, Lord! all the new silver is down stairs; there's all the ornaments on the mantle, and the new lace curtains—they'll be sure to take those; they'll spit on the new carpet, and we'll be ruined," groaned Mrs. J.

She struck her hands against J.'s back, but there was no sign of awakening. She struck again—harder this time. "Wazzer matter with you? Lay still, will

you? er-er," drowsily muttered J.

"Zach, Zach, there's robbers in the house!" "Hey i her waz zat you say?" exclaimed Zach, as he raised himself on his elbow.

"Burglars--" "Yes, but what do you want me to do?" J.

asked, now fully awake.

"Why, go down and hunt them out. Yer ain't afraid, are yer ?"

"No, Amanda, I'm not afraid, but there is no sense in going down. Suppose one of them should be laying behind the door at the head of the kitchen stairs, and, as I attempted to pass, should brain me? Pleasant to think of ain't it?" shivered Zach.

"There's no need of my going down now, Amanda, they must have gone, I don't hear

"There's that noise again; now Zach Jenkins, I want you to go down, or if you don't I will, and will tell all the neighbors what a nice coward you are. Will you go?" almost yelled Mrs. J.

"Pilgo; but I'll say farewell. Let me kiss the baby, for I will never, never see it again. In ten minutes I shall be a corpse."

"Now, old man, you jist get out of bed and go on down, do you hear, you shivering coward ?"

"O-ooch, its cold," exclaimed J., as he put his trembling foot out of bed. "Where are the

matches ?" "D-1 take that rocking chair, it's always in one's way," cried J., groping around in the dark. "I can't find them-deuce take that pin."

"Now, if you want to find them, they are on the left hand side. I think you are afraid to." "I've got them," was the surly reply. "Well, light the gas here and go down, and

don't stand there shaking like a leaf." "Amanda, we've been married nearly five years. Haven't I always been a good and true husband to you, bought you new hats that cost ten dollars each, and striped stockings at two dollars a pair, and pin back dresses, and high heeled boots? And now you would have me go down there and get murdered-nay, den't interrupt me--murdered, I say, most foully; yea, slain in the most horrible manner, struck on the head with the furnace crank and knocked senseless, throat cut from ear to ear, eyes blinded with cayenne pepper, and then stabbed to death. Farewell, I forgive you. Tell the baby boy when he grows up that his tather loved him and that he died bravely; knowing that a gang of murderers were in the house, he got out of bed, went down stairs, and defiantly faced them, but was over-powered and killed.

I don't owe--" "Here, Zach Jenkins, I don't want any more of your eloquence. Yer got to go down any way and find out what's the matter."

"Well, I'll go," said the almost fainting man, as he moved slowly toward the stairs, shivering,

shaking, and quaking with fear. "Go, go," exclaimed Mrs. J., as she followed

him to the head of the stairs. J now slowly descended to the hall and lit the gas therein, and being urged on by Mrs. J. moved toward the basement stairs, but hearing a noise, jumped, turned, and ran quickly up stairs again, opened the window, and screeched, "Police! Murder! Thief! Watch!" etc.

A policeman passing by heard the cry, and was promptly on the spot (note this some one,) J, threw out the key and bade him enter. He met him in the hall and explained that some robbers were in the house. The policeman led the way down stairs, J. tremulously following. Policemen cautiously opened the door, and lo! what did he behold but the cat tossing a ball up and down the room.

Policeman looked at J. and smiled. J. looked at policeman and grinned-a_pale, sickly ghastly grin, more like an idiot: a smile mingled with pleasure and fright. Policeman departed after taking a "nip," and J. went to bed again. Who has not been frightened by a cat? But Jenkins swears his wife shan't have a Christmas present this year.

A BROKEN-HEARTED ORPHAN.

About 10 o'clock yesterday a stranger was If Smith had done as they command, he would | seen sliding into an alley off Larned street west, near Third, and those watching him presently The ashes of three harvests to load and drag saw him remove his hat, and gash it with a knife, and then cut his clothes in several places. He tore off part of his coat collar, ripped two buttons off his vest, and gashing his hat once or twice more, left the alley as if he had just come out of a hand-to-hand fight. Walking around to a blacksmith stop, his hand on his stomach and his body bent over, he plaintively

"Am 1 in Detroit?"

The blacksmith said he was.

"Thank Heaven! I was not sure. I have heard a great deal about Detroit and its good people, and I—" He paused there and leaned against the wall

as if suffering great pain.

"What is the matter?" asked the blacksmith. "Oh! It's everything! It's the loss of my family by a steamboat explosion—it's the death of my uncle—it's the way I was abused in Chicago-it's owing to grief and anxiety, and hunger and woe and poverty! Mr. Blacksmith, and my days are counted. I am a doomed man. Could you let this broken-hearted orphan have a shilling or so to buy the last meal he will probably ever eat on earth?"

"Well, I don't know," mused the blacksmith. "Oh? this heart!" exclaimed the stranger, pressing his hand over his right lung. "I hope you'll never be leit an orphan—never come up and marry—never lose your family—never be attacked by fifteen Chicago roughs, and get. stabbed all up this way. I'm dead brokeheart broke, and feel like sitting down here and

The smith was feeling for change, when a party came in and said to the stranger: "Here, you light out. I was watching you

in the alley." "This heart-this poor heart!" sighed the

"I tell you to git up'n climb, you base swin-

dler."

"Give me back my five dear children-my noble wife-my bounding step-my-"

"I'll give you some bounding step!" interfered the enraged blacksmith. "Here-therethis—that—now you trot off!"

"Stabbed by Chicago rufflans-shot at in To. ledo-kicked in Detroit-and now let me die!" exclaimed the abused orphan as he crossed the

But he didn't expire. He made his way to a carpenter shop two blocks up, secured 10 cents, and then went to see the soldiers' monument and eat apples and crackers.

A CROSS-EYED WITNESS.

"Do I nnderstand you to say, that you were on the counter with your back to the defendant and saw him slip a bundle under his coat?" asked an attorney of a witness in court the oth-

"Well then, how could you see what the de-

fendant did?" "Why you see, I'm cross-eyed, and that enables me to see over my shoulder and see what is going on behind my back," replied the wit-

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