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### For the Jeffersonian Republican. Charity.

To be so prone our brother's acts to judge, how ill ! we may not know:

Or what her heart-wrung struggles, e'er from hon- ball."

Our sister,-down the paths of infamy to go!

The sorrows, mysteries of the heart, ah, who can

In vain with searching gaze we peer into the

The visage false, that can dissemulate so well: It is not always there that grief and truth find

Could we know all, see all, we ne'er would happy

The darkest crimes perhaps extenuation have, Man's history, a day or year will not reveal : Could we but trace it from the cradle to the

Can we do that? a question idly asked,—ah no! Life is a sea, whose dark and stormy deeps pro-

Can baffle all our boasted knowledge here below: 'Tis God alone has power the mighty depth to

More meet it were, that we more charity should

Since that we cannot solve the mystery of sin; This be our prayer " make me to feel another's

"Their faults to hide"-and for ourselves God's

# Kate Crosby's Polka Party.

A SELECTED STORY.

streets of this great metropolis, it would be difficult to select from the number of our pretty cock-Without one good feature, without the sligh- earned by the young projectors of this famous par- good action. test pretension to beauty, still Kate Crosby, with ty. The principals in the several establishments For some time Kate sat thinking of the poor admirers, to whom she gave equal encouragement. ladies in a somewhat more exalted rank. ankle, and her coquettish air, Kate was good, dreamt, night and day, of nothing but the means case with one's best things on," &c. &c.
honest, and virtuous—loved her old mother dear- whereby her ball should be as brilliant as possible. Kate lighted them in with her single candle, but wherewithal to buy her one of the numerous com- set to work in good earnest. "First of all," said chandeliers? it's as dark here as on the stairs; forts required by old age. Kate had many admirers—how could it be otherwise? Her choice,
however, was soon made; and it was ere long
whispered among Kate's friends that, as soon as

what have you been thinking of?"

what have you been thinking of?"

To all this Kate replied "Wait a bit, ladies:
for, unless a ball is well lighted, it is never gay
whispered among Kate's friends that, as soon as

what have you been thinking of?"

To all this Kate replied "Wait a bit, ladies:
from the trumpet of Capt. Claxton on the top of
in splendid pedestals, and on each are two coby and by, the gentlemen arrived, and seemed
whispered among Kate's friends that, as soon as

The lamps are not yet come."

By and by, the gentlemen arrived, and seemed
lossal lions couchant, of Egyptian design, lifting all hands for the exploit. This was responded to to take a shop and set up business on their own coffee-dear me ! I never shall have enough mon. the candles come !" and the music !" are on a gigantic scale, each being 25 feet long, told upon the screws and tackles and upon the account, the wedding was too take place. In the ey! Never mind, I can add a little more from said another; "and the supper, and the wine, and 12 feet high though crouched, 9 feet abaft the hitherto motionless monster, which then glided meantime, the lovers made themselves as happy my own stock, and make my old brown dress last the coffee ?" said the fat Sophy. To all which Kate body, and each paw 2 feet 4 inches. Each weighs very slowly and amid intervals of unceasing cheers as under the circumstances they were able, and, a little longer." Well, after having reflected for quietly replied, "Wait a bit; have patience." But 30 tons. There is some intention of surmounting and salutations without injury or jar, and with a up, and quarrelled again, after the most approved Hire for two chandeliers for the dancing-room,

Having introduced our heroine to our readers, we must now beg them to fancy themselves for a time in Kate's room, one fine June evening. Kate is surrounded by young ladies, who have dropped in, to work, as they profess, but as any one who heard the noise which is going on would say, to talk. Small people ape great ones, and the consmall. French and Foglish-let us listen to it.

I was invited to a ball at the house of an ivory- towards Somers Town, to find out a fiddler who turner the other night, and they did nothing but had been reccommended to her, and who for six dance it all the evening—no quadrillies, no walt-shillings a-night attended with his violin, and fur-

zes, no anything, except this eternal polka." "I wish the polks was far enough off," observed "This must be the house," said Kate to herself ready for drinking, and, to crown all, two fiddlers, ing, was the huge stages and scaffolding, probation without "

another of our friends, " for there is a girl who (as she stood before a very tumble-down sort of a fifer, and a cornet-a-piston player; in short, bly the most extensive ever constructed. They over my head-she is always at it !"

there's scarcely a house to which I take home palace." work from Regent Street, in which they have not this morning that he was learning it, but that it man, (very dirty.) was 'werry ard.' All the world dances the polka, why should not we give a ball, and try it ?"

"We give a ball!" cried all the young lad ies, little girl was somewhat afraid. with one voice.

And why not ?" asked Kate.

"Well you are a clever girl, Kate, but I really cannot think how you mean to manage this,"

of all, I know my mother will let us have the use ladder, or maybe you'll be dead too, soon." of the whole house if we want it, so we will turn have supper."

"Oh! of course," interrupted the fat Sophy .-'I only go to dances for the sake of eating." "Well! the supper, the music, and lights will

and if we can raise money enough we will have a

plause, and the young ladies had immediate re- the passage directed me here." course to their pockets, in order to see what each most intimate female acquaintances should meet for?" the next evening in Kate's room, that each young lady should bring as much money as she could ill --- " spare, and that if the funds were found to be adeamidst the greatest suspense and excitement the tears. Poor Kate could not help weeping too; creased by knowing that unless four pounds the channel, will assail it in its lofty and unproerable sum; the money was handed over to Kate, who undertook to make all the necessary purchases. The day was fixed and the fat Sophy, who flageolet without father to play with me.' bore the reputation of being an excellent penwoserved for all-" Miss Crosby hopes for the honour of Mr. -- 's company to dance on the eventhis would be the only way to make the gentle- tional £1 from her own private stock. Without and so took the liberty of ordering supper and through them over the straits at 100 feet above men punctual. The blanks were filled up with waiting to take breath, she entered the cellar of the engaging musicians on my own responsibility : high water. The names of the gentlemen who tive young ladies, and the notes despatched.

Beg, borrow, or steal lessons in the polka, but happy without supper, I dare say." mind you are all perfect on Wednesday."

In the course of a long day's walk through the

her auburn hair, laughing eye, turned-up nose, and in which the young ladies worked were at their people whom she had just relieved, but suddenly clear complexion, was pretty. Kate was not tall; wit's end; they heard nothing from morning to she recollected that her young friends would soon happy evening is Kate Crosby's Polka Party? in truth, she was rather short in stature. But what night but disquisitions on the probable delights of arrive, so she put the room in order, and set about mattered that ! Not a girl in al! London could Kate's ball, discussions on the dresses to be worn dressing, mightly amused with the idea of the conboast so neat a figure, or so small a foot and an- on this eventful evening, doubts as to the capaci- sternation of those who, expecting a supper, might kle. In a word then, Kate was pretty, good hu-mored, happy, and we are bound to confess, some-polka, wonderings as to what tune the musicians entered the room, and having lit a single candle, what mischievous. She worked as an embroid- would choose-whether it would be Jullien's placed it on the chimney-piece; this, doubtless, eress for a house in Regent Street, and lived with Polka, Tolbeque's Polka, the Opera Polka, or did not render the ball-room very brilliant, but it her mother in some atreet, name unknown, near which of the thousand polkas-in short Kate Cros- was the last candle Kate possessed, so she was the New Road. Kate had the reputation of being by's Polka Party engrossed the thoughts of these e'en obliged to be content. About half past seva coquette; some ill-natured people went farther, young ladies, just as much as many other polka en the young ladies began to arrive, and many exand affirmed that she had a round half-dozen of parties engross the thoughts of many other young pressions of dissatisfaction were heard on the

Hire for two chandellers for the dancing-room, lamps, oil, &c.

Candles, best composition, 1s 2d a lb., 3 lbs., Wine, for negus, best Marsala, at 24s half doz., Supper—Lobsters, three at 2s apiece, Ham,
Confectionery,
Lemons, nutmegs, sugar, &c.,
Musicians, fiddle and flageolet,
Extras, for bread, cheese, &c., &c.,

very foolish season a favourite with all, great and that she would be able to give a good—nay, a So, at the expense of £3 9s 11d, Kate thought our subscription !"

nished a flageolet player and all.

o city and county of Philadelphia

"Everyone is mad, that's certain," said Kate, a musician who attends at 6s a-night living in a our heroine's room-

just had, or are not just going to have, a polka and down this, Kate grouped her way, until she music!" party; even the butcher round the corner admires encountered some substance bearing, as far as she it, and the milkman who supplies us told me only could distinguish, the outward appearance of a wo-

" Does Mr. Quaver live here !" said Kate, in her blandest tone, for, to tell the truth, the poor

"What!" was the answer, in a course voice, do you mean the musicianer man !" "Yes," rejoined Kate, "if you please."

"Oh, he lives in the cellar, but he's nearly dead "Listen to my plan," answered Kate. "First by this; mind your eye, Miss, as you go down the

Poor Kate, half frightened at the place and all the furniture out of this room, and put it into company she had got into, descended the steps my bed-room; we then shall have plenty of space into the cellar as well as she could, but what a for dancing. Then there is a little back room, scene presented itself! On the floor of a miserwhich will do for a cloak-room, and for the ladies able room, or rather a cellar, containing scarcely said, " Ladies, I vote we commence with sup- are raised into their places, until there is time to to change their shoes in; and the supper may be an atom of furniture, on a heap of rags, called per, and dance afterwards." (This proposal laid out in the parlour-for you know we must by courtesy a bed, a sick man was lying. At his side stood a young and tather pretty woman in tears, and two children-a little boy about eight years old, and a little girl about five-pale, half-Whose wrongs, temptations, and whose griefs we may not know:

Well! the supper, the music, and lights will starved, and looking as ill, all three of them, as the cost something, so I vote we have a subscription, poor man on the bed. Poor Kate was quite taken according to your request and wishes. Hapaback, and thinking she had made some mistake pening this afternoon to be passing through together is governed by the direction of the strains. said, "I was looking for Mr. Quaver, a musician Somers Town, I saw Kate walking in the same on different parts of the tube. They are of the This proposition of Kate's met with great ap- who plays the violin at dances, and a woman in neighborhood, at a very quick pace. Being same manufacture as those for making boilers,

> "I am Mr. Quaver. I play the violin at dancould afford to subscribe. However, on consider- ces," said the poor fellow, from the bed, in a week ing there, and perhaps a little jealous, I fol- 7 cwt., and are among the largest it is possible to ation, it was determined that a committee of their and tremulous voice. "When do you want me lowed her; she entered a cellar at the end of roll with any existing machinery. In the sides

"Oh, miss !" said the young woman, "my hus- Street, entered the alley, descended into the double layers. At the top they are 6 feet in quate, the notes of invitation should be then written, band is very, very ill; he has been out night after sent, and all final arrangements left to Kate Well, night in order to earn enough to pay our rent; he the next night came, and the committee, composed has worn himself out, and now he is ill. We have of about twenty-six young ladies - milliners, flow- struggled long and hard, but we have met with found, that Kate had gone to hire a musician, thick plate, rivetted in across the corners, to ener-makers, embroideresses, bonnet-makers, lace- nothing but misfortunes; and our landlord is going had found the poor man ill more in mind than able the tube to resist the cross or twisting strain makers, and what not-arrived in Kate's room; to sell us up to morrow! oh! we are very, very in body; for although he and his family were to which it will be exposed from the heavy and the proceedings of the meeting commenced, and wretched," and here the poor woman burst into half starved, their bodily sufferings were far invarious subscriptions were handed in. The sum but remembering that this would do no good, she amounted only to three pounds sterling, but this dried her tears and asked, how much the landlord seemed in the eyes of these poor girls a very tol- claimed. "Nearly four pounds," was the answer, even the bed upon which they lay would be "and my poor husband is too ill to earn this sum." sold from under them. Kate had paid this rows, and were put in the holes red hot, and bea-

Kate thought for a moment, but her mind was could not help fancying that this was the sum powerfully that it required a force of from four to man, sat down to write the invitations; one form soon made up; "I shall be back directly," and ran off in great haste.

It was the work of about a quarter of an hour ing of next Wednesday"-with a ' P. S. : Those for Kate's nimble feet to run home and back again who do not arrive before 9 o'clock, will not be al- to Somers Town, including the time requisite for lowed to dance the polka;" Kate observed that adding to the £3 subscribed for the ball, an addithe names of the favored admirers of the respec- poor musician, placed the money upon the table, and now you have the whole story." and said, " there, pay your landlord, dry your The mystery was now cleared up, and cleared 'And now, ladies," said Kate, "leave me to tears, and get your husband well as soon as you make all my arrangements. Off with you all !- can. We can dance without music, and be very

The day on which this important meeting took their gratitude, but Kate rushed out, saying in a mured against her, now begged, with tears in Mare, of Blackwall, and Messrs. Garforth, Dunplace was Friday, and during the five long days cheerful tone, "Good buy; I'll call again and see their eyes, to be forgiven? Need we further which were to intervene between that day and the how you are," and regained her own room joyous add, that the supper was eaten, the polka negesses a prettier little creature than Kate Cros- Wednesday, but little work was done or money and light, as every one must be who has done a

staircase. "Kate, Kate! here we are; let us The world was wrong for once-in spite of her As for Kate, she thought only of finding out a have a light; where on earth are all your lamps? turned-up nose, her neat figure, her pretty fact and patent plan for making £3 go as far as £5. and It is very disagreeable to climb up a dark stair-

she and Edward Waller (only son of a small but gentlemen -- a fowl, a ham, a lobster, some meat greatly surprised to see the room so dark; the lawell-to-do-in-the-world tradesman carrying on bu- pies, salad, &c.; some sweets for the ladies- dies became very impatient, and assailed poor siness near Regent street) had saved money enough some cakes, trifles, &c.; and then the wine, the Kate on every side. "Why don't the lamps and lovers generally do, quarrelled, and made it some time, Kate drew up her estimate as follows: telling people to have patience is not always the the central tower with a colossal figure of Britan-majesty that could only be compared to that of a way to inspire them with that useful feeling. The ladies all got very cross, and the gentlemen increased their ill humour, by laughing in an under- a like magnitude with the entire work. The great

tone in a most provoking manner. At length, seeing that neither supper, lights, wine, nor musician arrived, they all lost patience, and Sophy, going up to Kate, said, "My dear Kate, we left all to you, and you have done nothing. What does it mean ! How have you spent

Poor Kate blushed, hesitated, and at last said, splendid ball and supper; and during the remain- "The fact is, ladies, I have lost the purse contain-"Every one is mad about this polka," said a der of the evening she contentedly occupied her-fat girl, whom we shall call Soph. "Those who self in the manufacture of an appropriate dress for can dance it, are giving polks parties; those who the occasion.

Can't are giving I don't know how much a lesson At length the great day arrived, and Kate set of them all but said they did not believe a word of "Yes," rejoined a little artificial flower maker, lwas invited to a balk at the house of an ivory-there the other night, and they did nothing but had been reccommended to her, and who for six nee it all the evening—no quadrillies, no walt-shillings a night attended with his violin, and fur-shillings a night attended with his violin, and fur-shillings and appropriate the street of the party) clapped his denly Edward (who was of the party) clapped his denly Ed out to make the necessary purchases; but first of Kate's story. Kate was getting angry, when sudsating; bottles, containing wines and other liquids,

has a room over me, who is always dancing it- building): "it is certainly No. -, Chapel-street, lights, supper, and music, in both quantity and are of the same character as that employed at the morning, noon, and night—thump, thump, thump, thump, but I wonder how any masic can quality sufficient to please and satisfy a party far new Houses of Parliament. The scaffolding of dwell here. However, we must not expect to find more hard to be pleased than that assembled in the tower is very lofty, and the weight it has to

The entrance to the house was by a dark alley; creature, you wished to frighten us; here is our 250 feet. The entire scaffolding is capable of

" And here is our supper," said Sophy,

"shan't we all be happy ?" " Indeed," said Kate rather more astonished than the others, "there must be some mistake; I have not ordered all these things !"

but we know better."

All was confusion and perplexity, for Kate still assured them that she was as much at a loss to know, whence these magnificent orders scription of them all. The length of the great had proceeded. When, however, the noise, which had been tremendous, had somewhat towers, and the greatest span as yet attempted .subsided, Edward, after a short conference This additional length is intended to afford a temwith some of the other young men in the room, was received with great applause.) But first," he resumed, " I will explain as shortly as possible, the cause of Kate's not having made the somewhat curious to know what she was doa passage, in Chapel Street, stayed there for the plates are 6 and 8 feet long, and half an inch "For this evening," said Kate, "but if you are about a minute, and then, running out, walked thick, but the largest plates are in the bottom, beback to her own house. I returned to Chapel ing 12 feet long, by 2 feet 4 inches wide, are in cellar, and found a scene of misery which I length and I foot 9 inches in breadth. The conwill not attempt to describe; in a word, I wete paid to their landlord the next morning. "And I," said the little boy, "can't play the four pounds, and as I knew she had not at her ten with heavy hammers. In cooling they conown immediate command any such sum, destined to defray this evening's expenses, or, at least, a portion of it, and, ladies, can you not guess what has become of your subscriptions? On learning all this, I guessed that our party Dunkinfield, Manchester, and the others by Mr. would be deficient in a few material points, C. Mare, of Blackwall. The trains will pass

up to the satisfaction of all. Need we say that Kate's conduct met with the approbation The poor people scarce knew how to express of all? that those who had suspected and mur- Pearson, contractors for the masonry; Messrs. kenfield, contractors for the iron tubes: Mr. J. danced; and a happier evening never spent; J. and A. Greaves, contractors for the scaffolding that to this very day a favourite topic of conversation amongst the favoured guests on that

> From " The Friend." Iron Bridge at Menai Straits.

In the early part of the last volume of "The Friend," there was a notice of a proposed railway bridge of iron to be thrown over the Menai Straits, which seperate the island of Anglesea from the Welsh coast. The following, which appeared in a late number of the London Times, will, it is thought, prove interesting.

" Menai Straits, Tuesday Evening. visited the towers, tubes, and huge stages where yachts, small boats, and other crafts, filled and they were constructed, with a view to possess gaily decorated, passed up and down the stream, themselves of every information connected with and all eyes were fixed with mingled confidence ly, and, as she herself expressed it, would sew On Tuesday, (the day before the ball,) Kate on entering the apparatus and vast piles of masonry. The and fear on the gigantic fabric, upon which stood the very fingers of her hands' in order to earn the thought it high time to make her calculations, and were redoubled. "Why Kate, where are the masonry work, by reason of its gigantic character, Mr. Stephenson and Captain Claxton. Soon afattracted great attention. The abutments, on ter the utmost excitement ensued, on the first siglossal lions couchant, of Egyptian design, lifting all hands for the exploit. This was responded to their limestone foreheads in the face of every by a loud burst of enthusiasm from the seamen, train. These lions, like the tube they adorn, whose efforts, united to those of the steam tugs,

> nia, 60 feet high. "The towers for supporting the tube are of final resting-place." Britannia tower in the centre of the straits is 62 by 52 feet at its base; its total height from the of limestone, and 144,625 of sandstone; it weighs good 20,000 tons; and there are 387 tons of cast iron built into it in the shape of beams and girders. Its province is to sustain the four ends of the four long iron tubes which will span the straits from shore to shore. The total quantity of stone contained in the bridge is 1,500,000 cubic feet. The side towers stand at a clear distance of 460 feet from the great central tower; and again, the abutments stand at a distance from the side towers of 230 feet, giving the entire bridge a total length of city cousin to fix up and put her best foot fore-

support is 1,300 tons. The framing round the "Oh, Kate!" cried all the girls, "you wicked Britannia tower rises to the vast height of nearly sustaining 2,000 tons. There are in it 570,000 cubic feet of timber, and 25 tons of iron bolts.

"The chief centre of attraction, however was

the interior and exterior of the novel and gigantic

tubes; the one floated on the pontoons, and the

others, as they lay upon the platforms, presenting the appearance of stupendous iron tunnels. As "Oh, don't tell us that; it's all very well, these were the lions of the day, and as one of the largest was safely floated to its final resting-place. much interest will attach to its description, and a description of the one in question, will be a detube transported yesterday is exactly 470 feet, being 12 feet longer than the clear span between the porary bearing of 6 feet at each end, after they form the connection between them acress the towers. Their greatest height is in the centre 30 feet. and diminishing towards the end to 22 feet .--Each tube consists of sides, top, and bottom, all formed of long, narrow wrought iron plates, varying in length from 12 feet downward. The direction in which these plates are laid and rivetted varying in thickness, from three-eighths to threefourths of an inch. Some of them weigh nearly nection between top, bottom, and sides, is made much more substantial by triangular pieces of long continued gales of wind that, sweeping up tected position. The rivets, of which there are 2,000,000, each tube containing 327,000, are more than an inch in diameter. They are placed in tracted strongly, and drew the plates together so six tons to each rivet to cause the plates to slide over each other. The total weight of wrought iron in the tube floated yesterday, is 1,600 tons. It has been constructed by Messis. Garforth, of have been continuously engaged on this great work since 1847, are Captain Moorsom, the resi-

"Such were the dimensions of the monstrous fabric, the arrangements for raising which were in every point complete. At 3 o'clock, the spectators, by tens of thousands, had taken their place upon the piers, the tubes, and shores on either side, and the straits for a mile in length presented a vast amphitheatre of human beings. The pilots to the extent of 200 or 300 took their stand on the pontoons to ply the gigantic tackle; as many more stood ready for action at the capstans; the cables six inches in thickness, and of a league long were attached to the steamers that were to have the "During the early part of the day multitudes towing of the tremendous freight. Multitudes of mountain moving on the waters to the site of its

dent director; Mr. Frank Foster, resident engin-

eer; Messrs. E. and L. Clark, and Wild, assist-

ant engineers; Messrs. Nowell, Hemingay, and

Greaves, general manager of the masonry; Messrs.

and stage; Mr. Campbell, engineer of the tube

work, and Messrs. J. Morris and H. Hodgkinson.

managers of it, all of whom were present yester-

One of our back-woods poets describes a kissbottom, 230 feet; it contains 148,625 cubic feet ing scrape, which no doubt made the patties feet

> His brawny arm beclasped her waist, With love their eyes did burn : From his warm lips she snatched a taste. And then he tasted hern.

A young lady from the country being invited to a party in New York, was told by her