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Passing Away.

BY H. D. WHITE, Rolling on as rolls the river, With a never ceasing motion, Speeds the tide of Time, forever, To eternity's wide ocean: Every moment is a wavelet-

Every hour has its event, Serving to impress the lesson, Time, to man is only lent.

If we pause, supinely idle By the flowry isles of youth, Or permit our minds to linger, Listless in the vales of truth. From us glide the fatal moments To return-oh, never! We may live to win lost laurels, But time past is past forever.

From Arthur's Home Gazette. ABSENCE AND RETURN; A TALE OF TENNESSEE

BY G. M. WHARTON.

The gentle old roan, whom we called Chiefs," aloud together during the long even. Sabbath, my mother's tomb, some half mile they were to me! I laid them up, like fairy loved. ings of the past winter, was fastened to the from home. It was a sweet, secluded grove deer-horn rack in front of the extended porch of cyprus trees and arbor vitæ, mingled with of our homely but comfortable mansion. He wild and planted flowers. Thither an irresiswas in fine order for the journey of many tible impulse directed me; I wished to bid days that I was about to go upon. Charles, the grave adieu. the hostler, carried out my saddle-bags, and loitered by the steed to bid me adieu.

I stood on the porch, the tears in my eyes, while my little sisters Elizabeth, Jane and Susan, wrung my hands, clung around my farewell-Farewell !" neck, and kissed me a hundred times. Milberry- my orphan cousin; "Berry" we called my tears no more. I leaned my head against of the graveyard, inclosing another twig of of this singular orator and divine, he became had the worst end of it, and he saw it. "we read of," that walked on both sides her-was very pale, and tearless, retiring the marble, and wept. from me, but gazing mournfully and fixedly.

sobbing sisters, embracing me by turn. "We here, then where my good aunt is, in Heaven. are so sorry to part from you! And to think You have been so kind to me, but I do not most like me, with her dark hair and blue fluence, perpetuated itself in the form of a what a sad, lonely, weary, journey you have before you, from Tennessee to Virginia! You must write often, for it takes a whole month never done so before; this shy, sensitive, strong and healthy; she had a cough, which BERLAND JERKS." Thousands of persons, for a letter to reach us. Oh, you must re- though affectionate child shrinking from such they knew I could cure. My father was full excited by his eloquence, have been seized member us all the time, as we will you."

The other two were half-sisters; this I was tached warmly to her. told; I never knew any difference in my affection for them.

"Jenny gives you this handkerdhief, hemmed by herself, with your initals and hers said. stitched in one corner; look at it and recall her when you're far, far away." Dear Jane! grave and handed it to me. how convulsively she clasped me to her

diwork of Sue; it's my keepsake." The dews can never forget you, kind Will." of love moistened her face!

Cousin Berry stepped forward, but my fath- away. er and step-mother joining us at the instant, she shrunk back.

school, and when you learn enough, your unwith your horse; see that he is well attended pering !- good-bye, my lad !"

My father shook my hand heartily. I see him now; his spectacles raised over his forehead, the morning air playing with his few thin gray locks, his favorite book (Clarenwas nearly deaf, and in proportion as that a distant errand. if miscellaneous, stores of knowledge. He had left. It was not Home!

was an unsurpassed tracer of genealogies; not a distinguished family in England, but man conquest. This propensity led him to acquaint himself with all the family histories, then a new country, the city of Nashville, such to them. near which he resided, being a mere hamlet, round his hearth, he was wont to instruct and rival. I was a stranger amid strangers. ing in the older state of Virginia.

My step-mother, in her conduct towards me and my sister Elizabeth, showed no difference in favor of her own chilren. She had been chosen by my own mother, when dying, as that friend to whom it would soothe her last hours could she believe her boy and girl would be entrusted; and my father promised her, if he ever married again, it should be the friend she had selected. My stepmother's loving attentions to us proved how discerning a judgment she had.

"Willie, my dear son," said my step-mother, pressing me to her bosem, while the tears fell from her eyes on my young brow; "God bless you dear Wilie !"

I reeled to the spot where "Wallace" waited me. Charles, the hostler, assisted me into the saddle; he grasped my hand in farewell, and I gave the rains to the horse.

It had always been a custom of mine and

I dismounted on the border of the grove, I repaired to the tomb, and there met Berry. "I knew you would come here," said she. "I will not disturb you ;-I did not tell you

"Dear Berry," cried I. I could restrain

"Hush, Cousin Will," said Bery, ap-

My resolution trembled; but with a great favorite cousin. I had once told her that I nications. My step-mother was less dignified as twitching of the muscles, galvanic motions effort I still concealed from them the depth loved her more than even my sisters, and one than he, but more so than my sisters, and of the limbs, rigidities. Some would fly at day would ask her to be my wife. She was talked much of piety. The Rev. Mr. Black- their utmost speed, as from an invisible enemy; cus, which exist in nearly all kinds of sition to his former declaration. When "Here is a pair of riding gloves," said the a precocious being mentally, albiet her phys- burn, she said, was doing much good in that others would shout, and rave, as if they were animals, and are found most developed inelder, my own, whole sister; "I knitted them ical frame was more delicate than suited her part of the Lord's moral vineyard, and she exquisitely happy, or overborne by the recol- man at the period of the greatest strength, myself for you; don't forget Bettie," cried years, two less than mine-the same as E- hoped I might soon hear him preach. Berry lection of hideous crimes; some would laugh the poor girl, weeping profusely and kissing lizabeth's. She had been an inmate of our had professed religion, though in a quiet way, hysterically ; some would weep inconsolably;

ed very red now.

"And here's a silk purse, brother, the had- sleeping here also, when you return; but I cure in my uncle's crib, and in his hardy green

she, and my mother's spirit (this back to gloves, the small handkerchief, the toy purse being-a young female-and painted amid after it loses its appetite, seeks solitude, "Be a man William," said my father. Heaven) that had hovered above us. The and the twigs of arbor vite. I packed them the untoward events of this world, and the drinks water at rare intervals and dies my wife's tongue." "We are loth to part with you, but it is grave, for the first time, was a hollow, tent up too, to show the fair donors how I treasur- approaches of death, till her faith ended in in a fortnight. The same experiment for your good, my boy. You are to go to antless cell to me. Henceforth the spirit ed their mementos. would watch over and often visit me. I put The journey was less monotonous than cle Dabney will send you to Philadelphia to the green twig in my pocket carefully, and, formerly, more settlers having come out into she was tied to an iron ring; the ground the Biddeford Herald: make a doctor of you-and then you shall much comforted and strengthened, began my Teanessee. But it was nothing like what it ed. I observed tears pouring down the was frozen; one hand was placed on the The Rev. Mr. E., who lived not a

to, yourself, be polite to every body you meet, Many days I was alone, the houses being rare. then a new country, though not so new as trayed an actual existence that had just clos- B. was thrown to the ground. The cow bath. Stopping occasionally to review familiar with none. Husband your money, The people I seldom passed wondered to see when I was a child. as you hav'nt more than enough to bear your so youthful a traveler thus prematurely trus- It was a sunny Sabbath mern in May that earnest words awoke, was not of that wearie- impossible to know if she suffered from which he was disposed to improve, he expenses. Treat your uncle as if he was ted to himself. The women at the houses I arrived in the vicinity of my home. I reyour father; study hard, and become a doctor; on the road where I slept, as if moved at my but above all, be a man! And now-no whim- apparent desertion spoke tenderly to me .--Sometimes I encountered hunters armed in most of the changes were owing to the grand the woods and blind paths; but the "Scottish one in size, proportion and distance, which Chiefs" nerved me with courage, and I was we experience when we revisit the associa- was then I saw, and by instinct recognised, and ingenious. A Down East paper not afraid. Indeed, my mind was two busy, recalling home or painting the future, to al- to the age of maturity, streams which the towards them; I was impatient for the con- the following character: don's history of England) under one arm, his low me much thought for fear. When I boy contemplated as rivers, diminish to rivusilver-headed cane under the other. I have reached the more inhabited counties of Vir- lets, houses which appeared as palaces dwinnever known a greater reader, a better his- ginia, I was no longer wondered at, the peo- dle into cottages. torian, or a kinder gentleman. My father ple taking me for a neighbor's son, going on

misfortune grew on him, his love of books in- At last, I reached my uncle's. Again the courser's pace and dismounted, and once more knowing ones have only to be a little are just now sending us testimonials of creased. Hence, in the course of his forty- tears gushed forth, when I contrasted this stood beside my mother's grave. It was nev- spare. Elizabeth was a woman grown, in unwell, and procure a bottle of this famous the astonishing and speedy cures wrought five years, he was enabled to accumulate vast, strange, though beautiful place, with that I er a melancholy spot to me; I did not witness person, air and dress, and an odd feeling cure-all, in order to obtain what liquor by it. We mention the matter that oth-

My uncle encountered me at the gate.

I recollect the painful feeling I experienced and married again, and children gathered a- on going to school a few weeks after my arentertain them from these large treasuries of fancied there could never be any interest in anecdotes. There were no schools in the common between the master and me; and neighborhood, and my further endeared him- and as for the other boys-they were foreign self to us by the simple and tender manner in urchins to me. But the master came to me, which he discharged towards us the duties of shook my hand, and told me he knew my a teacher. He now, however, considered father. Immediately he was transformed inhimself bound as a parent to afford me, who to an old acquaintance! At play-time, I was old enough (thirteen years) to profit by wandered aloof from the school-boys, till one, them, better advantages than the primitive a mild, fair-haired little fellow, came up to see if any, and who first, would know me. settlement offered; and thus, as I have rela- me, took hold of the skirt of my coat and said. ted, assigned me to the care of a relative liv- "Come don't be shy-play with us." I yiel--I excelled my rivals in the game-they were no more foreigners to me !

So passed away several years, I studied assiduously, I improved in knowledge. At eighteen, I entered my uncle's office to study medicine. There, I read for six months, and then repaired to Philadelphia, where I was kind. to remain two years, until I graduated in the profession.

Finally, I obtained my diploma. I had anturned pensively to my uncle's.

slowly they sped away !) did I never recur to money. Those from my sisters, with ocea- The Rev. Mr. Blackburn was the minister ture of the old family mansion, and Berry one view into the parlor. But having often heard tie began to have beaux, and that she thought | ing object of interest. pronched me, raising my head with her mor- a great deal of "Mr. White," a fellow hunter of Some of my readers may have heard of a time for thought: 'They drawed the ble track: "Farewell, brother Will," said all my sel of hands. "We shall meet again-if not rabbits of mine! Each one said the other was curious effect of this man's oratory which, growing quite handsome, but that Bettie was passing from the sphere of his immediate inweep, though if I did I should feel relieved." eyes. However, all declared in one epistle religious epidemic or mania, under the op-"Berry," exclaimed I. I kissed her, I had that Berry was the prettiest, if she was'nt so probious name bestowed by scoffers of "Cumendearments from me, though I was ever her of advice and manly projects in his commu- with various kinds of physical convulsion. home sixteen months, and every one was at- not having a sore conscience to trouble her some would be stricken dumb, speaking not Berry was pale all the morning; she turn- my step-mother continued, but such faith, way by an inscrutable sympathy, would be-

> never be ungrateful to them for their thought- of this unparalleled monomania would fre-She pulled a twig of arbor vite from the ful regard for me and my interests. My quently endure for a week without intermis- then take the animal on your knee, apply soul destroying sorrow. Stepping into a aunt is no more, but my uncle still lives a ven- sion: Those who considered these remarka- the fingers of your left hand on its breast, harness maker's shop, he inquired in "It will remind you of both," she replied, erable old man, beloved by all that knew him. ble phenomena as the result of divine inter- and pass your right hand down its back, feeble and pitiful tones. "the living and the dead. May be I shall be The old roan "Wallace," had found a cine- position, entitled them "spiritalization." age was fully competent to go back again the ing of the frailty of life, the evanescence of So saying, she rose up, and walked slowly same long journey he had once borne upon. things earthly, and the durability of heaven- will not stand a repetition of the experiment blinds, bridles and cheek-reins. I packed my saddle-bags, as before, with a ly joys, with a solemn pathos peculiar to him-during the same day. After the experi-Two angels seemed to walk slowly away, diploma in addition. I had preserved my tiny self. He took the career of a pure-hearted ment the animal looks tired; some days wiping the perspiration from his brow,

come home and physic us all. Be careful journey. is at present. It is now a great, prosperous, cheeks of young and aged; they could not breast and the other down the back, when thousand miles from Portland, was pre-A journey on horseback, for a month !- densely populous and glorious state. It was have manifested more sympathy had he por- such an electric shock occurred that Mr. paring his discourse for the next Sab-

> cognised numerous alterations, in the scene- described; it was natural, unconscious, and ry, made by the industry of the farmers. But commendable. tions and haunts of childhood after attaining my parents and sisters. My heart yearned

approached the graveyard. I checked my her death, and I scarcely remembered having possessed me as I contrasted her lady-like they wish.

My aunt received me cordially. I soon be- searched for the bush of arbor vitæ from that had been trasmitted me, Jenny would of any consequence, in Virginia, his native came reconciled to my exile. They had no whence she had pulled the small branch; it no doubt be ready to supply her place. Sustate; and when he removed to Tennessee, offspring of their own, I was in the stead of was grown to the height of a man's head .- san was much grown too, being over four-The grave awaited its victim. There was a funeral about to take place. Who could be wide scope to choose from. A sense of sad-

> ness came over me, which I could not dispel. sudden arrival, and not revealing myself,

As I drew near the house, I perceived horses and carriages in front of it. I readily ded and joined in their sport. I got excited divined the reason. There was a religious assemblege there. There were few churches then erected in our vicinity, and the wealthiest and most hospitable farmers were used to open their doors, on Sundays, for the neigh- it, lay-a coffin! bors to come and attend church at their homes. My father's was a famous meeting place of this

Charles, the hostler, much older-looking grave-Oh, God than when I saw him last, came out to assume the charge of my horse. He did not ticipated it with joy, I accepted it with sad- guess who I was. I gave him the saddleness. Suddenly the responsibilites of a phys- bags to cary into the house and not daring to clamation, though the congregation was asician realized themselves in my mind. I re- converse with him lest I should betray my- tonished. self and mar the little plot I had conceived, Meanwhile, during these eight years, (how I walked slowly into the porch.

The porch and the parlor were filled with home? Oh, yes; constantly. It was ideali- people of both sexes, who had grown out of upon the wan, wan face, with its marble haziless, and starlit sky. So plentiful zed by absence. It was changed into an Ar- my remembrance. I seated myself on one of smile of innocence and holy love. Pressing was the shower that the streets run with cadia, a Happy Valley, Fairyland. Letters the vacant benches which had been provided came to me at remote intervals, such were for their accomodation, and gazed eagerly a-"Wallace," after reading the "Scottish my sister Elizabeth, to visit, every pleasant the poor mail facilities. What God sends round for the forms and faces of those I most

sionally a postscript from Berry, sometimes who officiated. He was a tall, solemn man, copartnership, so full of love, and girlish prat- ders. His voice was deeply sonorous, and their letters. How a school had been opened agery he was wont to employ in his extem- ant. in the neighborhood, then a dancing school, poraneous sermons. He rarely gesticulated. then a music teacher, with an assortment of His eyes glowed like a fire, and he seemed guitars, finally a drawing-master, who taught earnest to the verge of insanity. He was them to paint everything. They drew a pic- standing in the doorway and obstructed my arbor vite. Then I could discover that Bet- even in my extraordinary situation, an absorb- Gathering all his energies, he bit off a the creek at the same time. Here is an

as many others. She was feeble and delicate, for days. Irreligious spectators, carried asuch beautiful trust in her heavenly Parent! come equally affected, in spite of their strug-"Havn't you a keepsake for me, too?" I bade my uncle and aunt farewell. I shall gles and in opposition to their will. Attacks to the skin and appears greasy; expose few days since, rubbing his hands togeth-

On this occasion Mr. Blackburn was speakvision and the fruition of eternal blessedness

I almost forgot my search, moved by his ed. And the emotion his simple, though appeared very much irritated, but it was what he had written, and to erase that

He sat down after reading a familiar hymn, clusion of the services to rush into their

Time had yet further thinned my father's While I noted these general changes, I locks, and more wrinkles furrowed his forehead. My step-mother's brown hair was

seen her. The body that was there wasting, dignity with my remembrance of the girl .-"You must be my nephew William," said away, was younger than I, for my mother Jane was nearly as mature, and when "Mr. whose pedigree he could carry up to the Nor- he, in such assuring tone as at once consoled died before she was nineteen. I recalled the White' should appropriate Bettie, as I was tion, there is one undoubted circumstance image of Berry, when we parted there. I inclined to believe he would from divers hints I reached up, to gather another from its boughs, teen. I was vain of the beauty of my sisters, when I beheld a newly dug grave. The their goodness and intelligence as delineated fresh red earth was piled up on either side, in their pleasing expressions. White, toothere were short pieces of plank hard by .- wild Dick that was-who was seated behind Bettie, was a finely proportioned, magnificent fellow, of a military aspect, who looked guiltless of any knowledge of rabbits and oposdead! It was the general burial-ground for sums, his quondam quarry. More than once the neighborhood, so that conjecture had a I fancied that I perceived their regards fall upon me, and winced for fear they should detect me too soon; but my fears were vain,

> Blackburn. I marveled greatly at this. I asked myself, where is my favorite cousin, pretty Milberry, dear Berry! I sought announce with horror that a person is for her continually, but with out success.

> Several moved forward, and then I was ena- twists about the corpse, blows out the

They who moved forward, did so to adjust the lid. Mr. Blackburn had been preaching a funeral-he described no ideal, but a real life, terminating here-and that new-dug suspicion, and the laceration taken for

As I sprang forward, my parents and sis- flesh in the frenzy of despair. ters were bending in tears over the calm, beautiful face of the dead, not yet excluded from the light. They did not hear my ex-

his name was her last word."

my lips to the waxen cheek, I sobbed-

"Berry, Berry-alas, dear Berry!"

"Round Margarets," when they all wrote in with long white locks hanging over his shoul- he once saw a brick house placed upon The position of these clouds forbid the runners, and drawn up a hill to a more idea that the rain could have fallen from tle! I could follow their improvement in imparted wonderful force to the startling im- favorable location some half a mile dist- either of them. We make no effort to

Ithiel?' said the bystanders.

'Oh, fudge!' said the old man, 'I once cer. saw a two-story stone house down east, drawn by oxen, three miles.' A dead stone-house,' said the old man, (ejecting went back and drawed the celler.'

The stranger caved in.

Prof. Beckeinsteiner, of Lyons, was struck by an analogy of the celis of electric fishes with certain minute vessels, united by nerves and moistened by mubut collapsed and dried up in old age. He began a series of experiments, and after three years' investigation has lately published the following results: When the temperature is below 35 degrees, the wind North and the sky clear, expose hen-pecked husband was seen strolling a cat to the cold until his fur lies close through one of the streets in Boston a your hands to make them equally cold er, and appearing as if weighed down by pressing moderately; at the fifth or sixth pass you will receive a slight shock. At kinds ?' first the cat appears pleased, but as soon as it feels the shock it jumps away, and has succeeded with rabbits; they die the er slid. same day. It is unsuccessful with dogs. Once only it has been made on a cow; three days afterwards.

CUNNING OF A LIQUOR VENDER .- The preach?" devices to evade the operation of the which the audience united in chanting. It Maine Liquor Law are very numerous states one of the latest "dodges" to be of

Alleged Eurying Alive.

In the midst of exaggeration and invenwhich formerly excited the worst apprehensions-the fact that bodies were often found turned in their coffins, and the grave-clothes disarranged. But what was ascribed, with seeming reason, to the throes of vitality, is now known to be due to the agency of corruption. A gas is developed in the decayed body which mimics, by its mechanical force, many of the movements of life. So powerful is this gas in corpses that have been long in the water, that Mr. Devergie, the physician to the Morgue at Paris, and the author of a text-book on legal medicine, says, that, unless secured mere fancies; for of all there assembled, my to the table, they are often heaved up, I had resolved to surprise all at home by a sisters, my parents, and even Dick White and thrown to the ground. Frequently, seemed most affected by the sermon of Mr. strangers, seeing the motion of the limbs, run to the keeper of the Morgue, and alive. All bodies, sooner or later, gen-And here the meeting did come to a close, erate gas in the grave; and it constantly bled to command an entire view of the par- skin till it rends with distension, and sometimes bursts the coffin itself. When Near the window, the sunshine resting on the gas explodes with a noise, imagination has converted it into an outcry or groan; the grave has been re-opened; the position or the body confirmed the evidence that the wretch had gnawed his

Singular Phenomenon.

About 12 o'clock on Sunday night last, a phenemenon truly striking and extra-If she could have only seen brother Will," ordinary occurred here. It was the cirsaid Bettie; "It was her troubling desire, and cumstance of the falling of a copious fall of rain, for the space of from seven I joined the mourning group-I looked to ten minutes, from a perfectly cloudless, water, which had the singular effect upon the mind of appearing to come without a cause. During the shower, two streaks An old joker, who was never known of fleecy cloud displayed themselves in to yield the palm to any antagonist in the north and South, but far distant from reeling a knotty yarn, was put to his each other, and neither of an altitude trumps, at hearing a traveller state, that above the horizon exceeding 20 degrees. explain this strange phenomenon, satis-What do you think of that, Uncle fying ourselves with a bare but faithful statement of it .- Washington Intelligen-

Gov. Wood, of Ohio, is an adroit silence ensued-the old man evidently political trimmer, and rivals the heifer, huge piece of pigtail, by way of gaining instance of his facility in making a dou-

Some years ago, when the Bank a quantity of tobacco juice towards the question agitated Ohio, Mr. Reuben fire place,) 'but that warn't the worst of Wood was a Locofoco candidate for the the job; arter they'd dun that, they Bench. Questions were propounded to him, as they were to all the candidates, touching the Bank question; to which he returned a most catholic and satisfactory answer. He was elected. Not long after a case arose involving the point upon which he had been questioned. He gave a decision in direct oppoasked to explain his tergiver-ation, he coolly said, "O, the opinion I gave when I was a candidate, was the opinion of Reuben Wood; but in the latter case it was the opinion of Judge Wood."

A poor, forlorn, consumptive-looking

'Kind sir, have you bridles of all

'Of all kinds, sir,' replied the smiling shopkeeper, pulling down a variety of

'I wish to obtain,' gasped the stranger, I wish to obtain an article to-to-bridle

The shopkeeper fainted, and the strang-

We take the following good one from

"Father, does God tell you what to

"Certainly, my child."

"Then, what makes you scrach it out!"

Scarlet Fever Remedy.-We published a year or two ago a simple remedy for A famous liquor dealer has put up in scarlet fever, being no other than the quart bottles a vast quantity of pure rubbing the patient thoroughly with fat Holland gin. These bottles are labeled bacon. We have since at different times with the name of some wonderful medi- received assurances from parties, whom cine which is advertised in all the news- the notice led to make a trial of it, of the papers as a cure for all diseases. The entire success of the experiment. Others ers may "go and do likewise"