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#### Fig. 1 and 1 THE PASS OF DEATH.

PROM THE SUSTINE GUARDIAN It was a marrow pass,
Watered with Enman team, For Death had kept the outer get Almost six thousand years.
And the sease less tread of a world's feet

Was meet in my care. Throngies, Josiling, hurrring by As if they were only been to di-A stately king draw near. This narrow pass to tread. Around him hung o gorgeous robe,

And a crown was un his bend; that Death with a look of withering scorn, tre stad bin, and said. "In homble are as must the king draw near, For the grown and the jumple are useless here." Next came a man of wealth,

And his up was proud and bold, And he have in his hand a lengthy scroll, Tolking of some auto d By ! Death, who careth not for rank then the satisfie for gold-"iles 'hat wood i cannot alion, For the gold of the robest in powerloss now " Apo h ribbow difast,

And a book waste his head, Fire I will the dashes of burning thought That are kn with them a ladd. the the chart formies fixed to near District pixels a demand— effect that been caused outer with these  $F_{\theta^{m+1},r}$  bright finals of  $\sigma$  note is nothing to me "

Next came a molden fair. Will, that ess no despite bright, That at re within you strange sweet care, the comment of a summer night . m. w. a. a. a. t.t. -it cars to conser in the world be salth, But what can it was a time Pain of Death"

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## Choice Miscellany.

### NOT FOR MONEY.

in the day of effective, thy strength is small." "Yes, Mr Sowell, and I have made it calm

ly, deliberately I cannot marry a man I do not "And yet, Mary, permit me to ask you once mor to reconsider it You are a sensible girl,

I want a wife with shall provide with grace and to form a large class. broad of your ability to do all this; and remember appropriated all the children, the town that with remainer we this moment placed with.

that a read bushand, with wealth sufficient to plain there was no employmento be obtained groufy your toguest pride and ambition, to in. in my native town: unige any or exquisite tastes and deep love for the beautifue, and to make your outer life, at (ejaculation, as I leaved my herbewildered with seart, a our originaces and parry you have revolving, fruitless plans, on t hand. "And now nock the other side fully in the face.

You can arguest from yourself the real been greatly attached, had married daughter truth -- p -- v , sed suffering must await you .-- residing in a large city. Shwas only a few The last power your tather's property is gone; | years older than myself | I uld write to her. I know the in the of drong and your mother explain our circumstances, a courses her to I'a very pres in as health will not permit her produce me some situation (herdly oned what) making any x rison in your benuit. What will to save my family from starron second fair from young brother, and your To resolve was always withe to perform.

tains, and relves carpet strewn thick with tropi- one hundred pounds. cal leaves and blummins, and then I turned and

marrying him, and yet every word of his had Mary. Mother has done nong but ery since two parks which diverged from it. One was ready to welcome you.

bright with life's gandhine, and fragrant with its "You shall have she front inber. Miss Marv full of there and sharp stones; and oh! how tene kindly letter that decided mysting. der were the feet that must walk over them!

only of my mother, and brother, and sistersthe willow and her orphanel Mr. Stowell, though a pempeus, was not a penuruus man, and I knew him well enough to whose atmosphere she has ined all her life! feel that pride would influence him to surround to that but mored position it would be for his

interest to see them occupy.

How rould I see those I level better than my awn life, suffer? The though for the last week had been haunting and almost breaking my heart and here was a way opened to purchase their redempsion. But oh, what a price was asked for it? The love, the sentiment, the life of my life must be offered up. No matter. I must make the sacrifice Do you wonder I said this, walking up and down the room, for great was my tempration? So great great that I have never since wendered at or consured another woman who had seedled to it under like eirenmenances, and married un old man for his money.

Later to the who have never boun tried to sue e and coulons ber. He sat there, watching angiously the transitions that passed over my face. He loved meas ha ded the new stone house, or his pot bornes, or anything the that thatrated his money-his

the net !-- the god! "No motter! I must make the merifice" "Mr Sowell, I will be your wife." . The words

were out my itps, whom thus old, ever new prophery musurd au hionly to my heart—that prophroyal Judan-"I will be a Pather to the father-

and I would go out und work, bravely, faithfully

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The millionaire rose up very pomponally. He was disappointed, and his self-love was wound-

"Very well, Miss Marshall, I hope singerely you may never have cause to regrat your decis-

And he passed out of the parlor and left me alone—su, nut alone, for God was with me. Wall, in less than a wook the sheriff's officer was in pussession, and the furniture was knocked off under the hammer of the auctioneer. We had a few friends who remained true to me in this winter of adversity-friends who secured to us some of the bouse hold articles which they knew

were relatively or intrinsically dear to ne.
We procured a small but nest cottage in the suburbs of the pleasant half country town where we had always resided, and though the rooms were small and forcibly in costrast with the clegant one we had left, a little exercise of taste and skill gave them, as they will almost every

room a pleasant, graceful appearance.
Two weeks went by swiftly in the arranging of our new home, which devoived chiefly upon me, and then I steed up and breezly met the question, "What is to be done?" It was a hard one for a girl of twenty-two to anyer, and whose energies had never been aroused and developed, one who saw as invalid mother and three chil dren the eldest a boy of hardly aften, and hith. erto to the idol of the household dependent solely upon her exertions for their inport. Hour acter hour I walked us and down my

chamber floor, trying to solve the problem, but it was impossible. At last I aid, "I will go down and ask mamma. Her meerer judgement may suggest something, and it i high time we were acting in this matter." She sat by the window over wich Lhad trail-

ed the sweethriar vine that very morning, her pale, sad face, enclosed in its wloods cap "Mamma, you know we mustalk about circumstances, painful as it is o introduce the subject. I must do something or our support at once, and I want you to believe devise some

ca eyes rested with pitiful tendraces upon me "What in the world can you d' What would William! William!"

She clasped her bands, and the tours sweet mother is loving, gentle, vine-lie; but there are adversities. She can suffer aniendure for those reward. she loves, but she sauset work ad triumph

only gone home first; you know and every day s bringing us closer tugether:" I could not fashion the conchion of the sen tence for the sobs that choked b. After awhile, however, we chussed and

mused a variety of projects. and I can talk with you caudidly on this sub
perc. I do not demand or expect any romantic of the findness of a lend. I might thus overstrewed them. girlish afternou from my wife, only the respect give lessons in music. But a remuneration

periority with an institution at had the pres shop "On and other hand, a kind and attentive, if tige of age and wealthy parrogo. It was very

my nauve town:
"If I were only in some cit was my mental.

A beam of light leaped suchly through darkness. My old nurse, to som I had always. I had contured out "

wife. That if you choose to ce to us, we will and haughtiness in the carriage of the small, Oh! how my heart received at the thought of do all we can to make you corrable, desir Miss finely shaped head.

totally indifferent to the vert of the society trimming.

The atmosphere she has ined all her life? Mr. Stowell was always a composiseur in dress But the after memory of 1 family silented

my shoulders." That night, after supper, west tuto the little sitting room, where a farticles of lazu | lips. rious furniture bore witness the wealth that had "taken to itself wings solow "away."-There, after a brief preface, itald I depicted our present situation, and its iterlive 'call for immediate action, I disclosed distrations and

The information was at first radd with mute astonishment; then my leaving on was posi-tively interdicted by my mother brother.

You shall not leave us, dail sister, and go off to that great strange city, andre a slave of yourself for us. I'll work anupport you ed away the warm rich curls from broad fore-

were on my inps, whose that old, ever new prophing of the series of the

I combatted and overcame all obstacles-my mother's tours and prejudices, my sisters, entreaties that I would not leave them, and my brothers vehement objections.

But I suffered—going out thus from my home honor to call on with unshed feet, into the thorns and among the town yesterday." stony places. Oh! too sharp even now is the I lived through it; I only knew God in His merey tempers the wind to the shorn lamb It was just in the April sunset that I reached

of my hand, and the look of sympathy in his honest, manly countenance, shook up the tears into my eyes. I had been in a strangely apathesic state since I left my home in the early morning, hardly realizing what I was doing; drove through street after street.

At last we drew up before a peat looking house in a private street Before I had alighted, my nurse was at the door Oh! it gave me new strength to find the arms that had sheltered my had sung me to slumber when I lay under the elegant carriage that morning. lace canopy of my orth, calling me brokenly 'their poor darling little Mary'

two years that I was there.

The next morning I entered upon my new duties. Every moment of that day is burned not deay I had endured much, still I had given into my memory, but I can only turn back to great measure of happeness unto others.

that dark page of my life book, and glance hurriedly over it.

Many times, when my head grew diszy, and ing up and down the broad shelves heaped with hast letter my brother had written:

given to him "

from the heart desa cold, careworn tace, and it at for ever

Everybody was out that morning. We were and attention due my position as her husband. would be small, and it would be small, and the

> would injure her will sweetald you venture so far? was my rememstrative ejaculation as I graspill of op plashing on my check, lifted my gaze to the her hand

or basic of to see y u onsee, darling, as your resist the temptation to keep on down here, after minutes

A glance down the shop arrested the words on my lips, for at that moment a lady and gen tieman advanced to the counter. They steed but a few feet from me I gazed full into the faces hurried on of both. No, I would not be mistaken-there their! I is exerting will of course, fall That night the letter was displied. Two days was the same portly figure, and pompous carriage upon you can be were you ground and brave the later the answer came. My slication had been the same obtrusive, self conscious air and bearing rapidly. I could not dream of reaching it. winter sut to stories -you who have been so successful. Mr. Mason, thusband of my of the purse groud me honaire. The lady who tenderly leved and encreshed all your life? For- nurse's daughter, had just leved of a vacancy, smood by his side was young and very beautiful give m. Mary, that I have spoken the truth at where a young lady was wan to assist in keep: Her rich crapes hawl bung in graceful folds about piainly, and now, in conclusion, I ask you once ing the books, and occasional wait on custom- her tall, symmetrical figure. Her face was very more to revoke your decision " ers. No extensive knowledgof book-keeping aweet, very fair. Long golden lashes shaded the I rose and walked up and down the parlor, was acquired, only a thoroughathematical ed: eyes, blue as the sky outside, and her deep brown eyes, blue as the sky outside, and her deep brown forehead The mouth, that sweet index of a wo "We are living in a privattroet; in a very man's emotional nature, was full and sweet but looked at him; there he say stiff, stately, and quiet unpretending sort of we wrote the young there was pride in the curving of the red lips,

And she was the wife of that old man! She she has learned of the misfortes that have come had given her springtime to his aurumn, she had Thus with what a world of stormy, conflict upon her sweet darling andic family! And sold herself for his gold! Did it pay? I looked ing out on, I looked down that night on the you will find warm and true humble hearts, down on the two years of toil and privation which had followed me from the night on which I had stood before the milhousire, and in my beari summer seems; the other was dark and cold, and your board." And so rate practical but I blessed God that I had "resisted the tempta-

I remember how the but hi dashed into my . "Look here, dear; won't that he pretty trims I did not think of my own then. I thought | cheeks as I read Hannah's sestion of fatand- ming for my evening barage? The colors will ing in a shop," for I had beinurtured in the blend charmingly." And the young wife held very lap of luxury, and whatung girl is ever up admiringly the duinty but elaborate French

and he had just acquiesced in his wife's remark the family of his wife with everything necessary the whispers of pride. "I | go," I said - when I noticed that her eyes wandered in our "God will help me to lift thetat burden upon direction. There was a quick start, then the warm blood dashed into her cheeks, her blue eyes dropped, and a quick shiver crossed her red

> "Who is that gentlemen and lady, and why are you staring at them so?" asked Nurse White, in a loud whisper. "It is Mr Stowell, nurse, and that lady is his

"Mr. Stowell! that rich old man that wanted to marry you just after your father died?" And the old woman prered at the gentleman eagerly through her spectacles.

" Hush, hush, nurse! they will overhear you. But my caution was too late I felt it the moment my up glancing eyes met those of a genall—indeed I will, if it kills f. And too cleman who stood on my right. He was young proud to let me see his tears, Pric hid his Thirty animers could scarcely have crossed that wet cheek against my own, I lifted and smooth. pale forehead, crowned with its heavy mass of brown hair. He was not symmetaically hand head. Ah, he would have been leader reed some, but there was an expression of scholarly to lean on, with his highly writ, delicate, refinement to his face, a gentlemanly air in his thought how his palace home would be a prison, nervous organization; and his precuperament public bearing, thus could not be mistaken. I can salbert his beart was brave and att as a man's scarcelly analyze the expression of these ball grey and the serior my bears, and once more I said: [ "Mos Fred, dear boy, you much look and half basel eyes, as they met my own. It was one talk thus. You will do all you to strength of mingled chrindly, surprise, and admiration, an mamma and me for the trial lies before and the glance swept my face and figure before us. It will be very hard to go from you, my own used turned from him, while I felt through of mingled curiosity, surprise, and admiration.

py to meet you, and at last to have an opportun

Well, reader to make a sad story a brief one, I y on his wife, and patronisingly on the gen-

"When did you return from abroad?"constrainedly asked Mrs. Stowell. "Last month I should have done myself the honor to call on you before, but I only reached

"I hope your meeting us this morning will memory that strikes through my soul with the not prevent your falfilling your previous inten-Thank you It will certainly afford me much pleasure to meet Mrs. Stowell in the new home, where they tell me her smile is even more captithe city. Mr Mason met me His warm grasp vating than it was in the old ono-though, I suppowe, all its weetucas is reserved, as a loving wife's should be, for yourself, sir' It was spoken with a graceful inclination

the five head, which made the galliant speech more affective; but oh! what bitter irony lay under the light words which only the lady could interpret.

Lhen the adicus were exchanged, the French ling. Mr Mills left them with his complication or ordered for the dressmaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Storall record for the dressmaker, and Mr. bardly recognizing my own identity. Well, we under the light words which only the lady could

and Mrs. Stowell passed from the shop. But I did not envy her as I stood behind the ceunter, infancy once more about me; and the tones that while the white gloved groom unided her to her Once again the young stranger turned, and bent on me one of those inexplicable glances ac

est, fullest sense of the blessed word, it was home to me. My heart felt it during all the long dreary two years that I was there.

The set in the shop. It was strange, but that food the blessed word, it was home haunted me all the day.

It was a day, too, of great happiness, of great thankfulness, to the Good Father. I looked back on the past two years, and though I could

dutch from the little white cottage under whose roof "peace" was dearer than invown They had. my limbs sched with their new toil, I thought of course, nover become reconciled to my absence, of the millionaire and his palace home, and glanc but they had prospered in all things, and in his

goods, I said to myself, "it is hetter to be his; "Next autumn you must come home goods, I said to myself, "it is hetter to be his "Next autumn you must come home to us, ber, and loved you just as well as if you were wife than to be here. To morrow I will write to most precious sister. We have secured fifteen my own child. I told him, too, how delicated, him and tell him the hand he sought shall be scholars for the new school you are to establish. you were brought up, among the very best of the Bondes this, I have bought another cow, and we land, and how nothing was considered too good.

But I did not, and every day the havy burden have fifty chickens. Annie can make butter for you, and how at last your father died, after grew lighter, and new strength came to bear it and cheese already, and our old gardener always those terrible law outs, and you came here, and Then the blessed consciousness that I was doing finds a market for it. We are going into the for two years had been working so nobly to supyour father have said bad be hard you? Oh, good to others, supported me more than all else gardening business extensive'y next spring. And port your dear mother and the children. And I Of course, with my small salary, the strictest now don't give yourself a single anxious thought, told him how it almost killed me to see my darkeconomy was necessary to meet our expenses - ab ne my neglect of my studies. I devote every ling, who had been such a carefully tended blog-But with Fred's exertions, who caltivated the evening, and all my odd moments, to my books, som, going out day after day to work for hir and made them remunerative too, the dear outer is making a man of me, physically and mentally, down. She always did when talking of our misno elements in her character to lest and conquer at home were and from want, and I had my which the luxurious enervating life that preced- fortunes. el it never would have done.

"We would be very happy if you were with stranger?" "Ye would be very happy it you were with a "Don't manuage don't give any bo He has Two years had gone by It was one of these us. Oh, next autumn we shall look into your bright May mornings that are the sough and po-cems of the year. It selected and brightened even ings on your sweet tips, and parting our arms terest; and when I spoke about Mr. Stowell and the long bare streets, as a smile that breaks up about you we shall say, 'You shall go no more

dashed through the word iws, and sprinkled the long counters, and spark! I over the piles of tum make thy golden poet dream a reality! I look- girl—one of Natures diamonds, above all prized bled silks and sating, of mushus and mauther, ed across the bright summer, and dared to hope and when he came and sat down again, his eyes

evest days. I was unusually so, for two of the her green coronet on the mountains, and even in old woman went on : elegation over the luxurious home I shall provide Then my mother suggested school. But clerks were ill, and part of their duties devote the bare, but city we caught occasional trailings could not think of contending to claims of su in my astonishment, as my off numer entered the all the earth days must, and with a half smother. Mary." ed sigh of relief and thankfulness I hurried from I had not proceeded far when a sudden rain-

> over the tops of the houses with a certain prowork, and the morning was so pleasant I could'ne mise of deluging the streets in less than five was expected to remain in town until antimeter I had nearly a mile to achieve before I reached

> > out of the question. "I must jump into the omnibus at the next orossing, and that will take me within a short distance of home," I mentally concluded, and

But I was too late "Far up the street I caught the dim outline of the vehicle hastening on "What shall I do?" The words trembled from a very weary heart, for the sultry day's toil had reduced me to a state of complete physical exhaustion, and at such times we all know how readly the spirits yield to circumstances: if at that moment an angel's white hand had lifted that elegant parlor with its soft, mist-like cur- neation. The many for the & year would be hair lay in ripply folds over her lofty smooth aside the cloud, and called out to me my last

hour. I believe I should have clasped my hands calmly and thanked him . Faster and faster plashed the heavy drops of my bonnet. Far up the street a slight shop rout projection secund to offer some protection from the shower. I hurried toward it. "Pardon me. Miss, for presuming to address

you, but will you not accept the shelter of my pmbrella?" I turned hastily, around to meet a face that once seen, could not easily be forgotten. It was that of the young man whose brief interview with Mr and Mr. Stowell had so interested

the increasing rain, it might have been the frankly respectful tones and manner, which first shouled me: but at all events, a moment later I had accepted his arm, and the rain was dashing down augrily on the great umbrella that was our

only protection

For the first half hour we only exchanged an occasional remark, for the rapid shower would have drawned our volces. But at last the rain lightened, and this afforded us an opportunity for some desultory conversation.

Under ordinary circumstances my position rould greatly have embarrassed me, but Alcott Mills possessed the faculty in a remarkable degree of placing others at their ease. I cold not, how ever, entirely forget the difference in our social positious, nor at first quite overcome the morbid fear that this had emboldened him to offer his services. I had yet to repeat of my injustice, to learn the great heart and soul of Alcott

"My walk is a very long one," I said, anolosetically. "I fear I am greatly inconvenienceing von to accompany me, sir." Not at all; I am a famous pedestrian from

the sours three miles to pasture." " life the only one of your farm-boy habits you have retained, I imagine," was my thought as I glanced up into his fine intellectual face. I

his eves, as he added: " I feer the walk may faligue you?"

And he placed his card in my hand! I till acle. "Thank you. I will give it to Mrs. Manant if i sus absent, she will inform yes." 🧦

He lifted his bat, and bade me good exening. "Oh, durse ! how deliciously fragrant: What does it mean?" These were my first exclamations us I entered

She glanced toward the table, and with a low shrick of delight I reached it, and buried my Visce among dowy more roses and crimson turb benes, among creamy talips and purple believe

Oh! every flower has the breath and the very look of home!" I murmured, through happy tours, an I lifted the large chima vase, and increased around the beautiful blossbow, arranged with most

" He did ?" In my surprise kreplaced the vase on the table

and stared at my name
"Yes; he was here nearly three hours, and I never saw a nicer, handsomer gentleman in my Well, it was an humble one, but in the broad he left the shop. It was strange, but that look ke's so grand looking. Why, I felt as if I had at, fullest sense of the blessed word, it was home haunted me all the day. life. Then be's so easy and natural like, for all

"Did you? I questioned, with a little well. consciousness, for I was fully aware of my nurse's garrulous propensity, and I readily imagined reat measure of happeness unto others.

My daty toil had kept off proverty's gaunt conversation with her "What did you talk about?"

"Why, about you, of course, my pescious dear, I told him how many years I had lived in your father's family, and how I rocked your blue eyes to sleep in the days that you cannot remem-

"Oh, nurse! how could you say all this to a

"Why, dear child, don't feel unhappy about how he wanted to marry you after your father's death, he got right up and walked quickly across Much believed brother! Would the autumn the room, muttering to himself: She is a noble-On! God helps those who help themselves shone through a mist—I am certain it was

"Mr. Mills said he should call in a few days rich lace I was measured harf ten from my hands came at last to its close, as blessed be God! derstand well enough who he'll come to see, Miss That evening, at supper, Mr. Alcott Mills was

the one topic of conversation. Mr. Mason gave

us what little knowledge of his history he had incidentally obtained among his friends. A heavy black cloud was hanging its folds The young man was a very promising artist He had just returned from the Continent, and But I can't imagine what on carth he wante to see me for," added the master of the house, "Well, just walk up scares, sit down, and rest home, but, of course, walking this was now quite as he passed his cup to be replemished. I saw his pretty wife exchange a very significant glance with

bor mother as she received it. Mr. Mason was engaged in a large book himilists establishment; and it was ortenably to rouse him with regard to the rejuvenation of some all but valuable books, that Mr. Mills called at his

residence a few evenings later. Mr. Mason and his wife had, however, gone to concert, so I was left to entertain the young man until their return. If I did not do this to his satisfaction, I at least was equally interested and refreshed by his conversation. Under any circumstances, I should have enjoyed it exceed ingly, but almost entirely excluded from congent al companionship as I had been for the last-two years, it was not strange that those graceful thoughts, and that suggestive imagery, all bound together with noble sentiments, and high, earnest, vet practical views of life, and occasionally ontsparkling with wis and humor, should have been

to me an inspiration, almost and insoxication. "You must find your work very arduous this warm weath You are looking pale and weary, ton, all but your eyes," said my guest, pausing suddenly in his conversation, and sweeping my face with his deep, radiant eyes. "You ought to ride out in the country twice a week, at least How I wish you would give me the pleasure of Your company on an excussion."

Will you go if I will procure you leave of absence? Before I could reply, Mr and Mrs. Manorica thred the parior, but, on Mr. Mills rising to leave, he said to me, in an undertone: ( "You did not answer my question; will you do it now?" "Yes: I will go if they can spare me. But'

do not see how they can possibly do this."

"Thank you. I fear it would not be possible

"Pardon my interruption, Miss Marshall -

tor me to leave the shop long enough

He smiled. It was one of those race smile that warm, and brighten, and enrich a whole "They shall, though." And they did. The next Thursday aftergroup we left the red brick walls, and become, dust streets of the city, fur the green meadows, the cool shadows, and sweet bird songs of the country. How my heart sprang out to its old child loves and scenes, for my city transportation had

been a forced one, and the flower longed still for the country dew and sumshine Br which its bud was nursed, habit, probably, for I was brought up in the I look back half a dozen years to that afternoon, country, and due of my daily tasks was to drive and I can recal very little of what we said for the first bour I remember the river broke, a electures thed pensions before my surspansed eyes On one side lay its dark backgroups, of woods as I glanced up into his fine intellectual face. I the light wind heaving up the heavy fortage, and fancied he read my opinion by the expression of the sublight writing its epistles of love on the dark blue page of the waters, as is rolled the this greed distance a dimple of beauty on the board

houses of earth. The filter and while Suddenly an elegant open curiage awant along. I glanced admiringly at the coal black horses, with their effect mounted caparisuffig, at the desatily glored groom, and with a callet starting the occupants of the carriage.

These were Mr., and Mrs. Stowell and my

eyes mes the former he bowed with a little more than his usual stateliness, while the liesd of his young wife beat in graceful school ledgment of