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THE ARTIC WATCH

Behold upon the frozen foam, A little vessel far from home,

The yacht Jeanette. The polar star above her lies, A sward of light set in the skies. The Artic wave is on her deck, And hope has left the broken wreck Bereft of all things else but Fate, And sinking, sinking, sinking yet Behold her lying desolate, The lost Jeannette!

Dead heroes on a field of snow, One lonely heart that beating slow,

Yet dreams of home. Where golden fruits are on the bough And all the woods are crimson now The last of that high-hearted band Keeps vigil in that bitter land; And crowned with thorns of frost and

Lives over his boyhood days again; And in his drear death-watch uplifts His gaze, and sees beyond the drifts, The iceberg tall, a crystal gate, By which his risen comrades wait, Not weak and worn like men who

died. But robed, and crowned, and glorified, Familiar voices greet his car: The lips that love him call him dear: Frost-flower and thorn that bound his

head Melt off, and it is wreathed instead With lilies of the pure in heart. His icy garments fall apart: The pain, and toil, and danger past, The long death-watch is done at last He stands a form of living light. He joins his comrades in her flight, They pass the sward set in the skies No waste white deserts now to roam, They upward, upward, upward rise, And win the gates of Paradise-

> Oh, welcome home! -Minnie Irwing, in the Manhatten

MRS SLACK AND MRS PEPPER

BY MARY KYLE LALLAS.

Mrs. Slack was next neighbor to the Peppers when they bought a cottage at Sea Sonse, and on the very first night she tumbled over the scattered bits of funiture in the pasunexpectedly to borrow a little salt. She said it was so nice to have neighbors again and that Mrs. Pepper looked so sweet she knew she wouldn't mind.

At midnight she roused them from their slumbers to inquire if they had any cholera mixture, for little Peter had been eating too many green apples and she thought be would die. She said she was thankful Mrs Pepper had moved in, and that but for that circumstance she might have lost her darling. Mrs Pepper was thankful, too, and the two women embraced with tears, and Mrs. Slack also borrowed some mustard for a plaster.

The next day she sent Peter,fully a rolling -pin.

Fortunately the Peppers possessed they did not feel disturbed by the reading ; and she had her sewing fact that the borrowed articles were under the old oak trees, and was not returned; but after a short intorval filled with loans of coal, pota- If Mrs. Slack had come to ask her and hot cakes. and if Mrs. Pepper would step over and fit her she would be obliged.

Mrs. Pepper did it, and made the distance, "I've come to borrow your button-holes, too. Mrs. Slack nev- husband !" er could learn to make a button-hole. The table, the seissors, the rockingchair and the pattern remained at

The next week Mrs. Slack borrowed a silk mantle and a pair of rub- to drive. May I have him ?"

Mrs. Slack's.

bers.

enough to beg that she would send coldly.

them home when she returned. he wanted was the baby's preambula- her husband."

tor and a market basket.

til, at last, one morning Mr. Slack the corner of her eye. himself called. He said he should Mrs. Pepper feared that she saw have been there before; they were on Mr. Pepper's face a shadow of a tured neighbors. He hoped the Pep- the pienic. This arranged the affair. time; and might his wife have the Mrs. Slack ?" he asked.

would Mrs. Pepper recommend ? "No," said Mrs. Pepper, in a very He hoped she'd give his little wom- decided tone, "I'm afraid I shouldn't fact, nothing would please bim bet- piano. That hasn't been returned. Cork to Queenstown; it was going and a botch of recitation, - T. De than to have his wife model herself My sewing-machine-I do without like sixty-that is, about sixty miles Witt Talmage, in Home Science for after such a lady.

sewing machine. by hand, and waited for it.

So Christmas time came, and with hoped they'd all come.

the egg beater, the cut-glass goblets never would return him." and the best table-cloths, the spicebox entire, and lots of other things. Finally, Mrs. Slack, with her gown tucked up, and her eyes sparkling. ran in to say that they thought a dance would be nice, and could Mrs. Pepper spare the piano for one evaning ?

"There's nobody to move it," said Mrs. Pepper, rejoiced to have an excuse, "I'm so sorry."

Mrs. Slack laughed, and went to the window. Four big laborers appeared, and without any prelimipary directing shouldered the instrument and lugged it away. They bumped it against fences, and fairly tumbled down in a ploughed field. before they finished their mission but by main strength they got it at last to the Slacks' door; and Mrs. Slack took ber leave, carrying the piano-stool and cloth herself.

The appearance of her adored piano gave Mrs. Pepper a great deal of unbappiness that evening. It had a deep scratch on the cover, and one of the keys wouldn't lift. However, she played waltzes and sets for the dincers most of the evening, and as the company went to supper in relays-old folks first, and young folks last, as Mrs. Slack said-found very little left but a cup of cold cof fee and a turkey bone when her duties were finished.

And yet she did not give Mrs. Slack a piece of ber mind, as she had intended. We all have some particular weakness. Mrs. Pepper's was the desire for praise, for gratitude, when she did kind things. and Mrs. Slack bad squeezed her by caskets were unknown. both hands, and said :

"Ob, how sweet you are! I knew you would be before I ever spoke to them. you, by your face. I never bad a sister. And do you know what I say to Mr. Slack? 'She's the sister of my soul. She is just too lovely for anything."

And so she waited for the return of her piano for a week, without a murmur.

But there is an end to everything. One day she saw Mrs Slack driving recovered and with his pockets full up the road in the minister's new of green fruit, to ask for the axe, the light wagon, wearing her mantilla. handle having come off of theirs, and and saw her stop, with her usual little giggle, at the garden gate

Mr. Pepper had taken a holiday, three axes and two rolling-pins, so and was lying in the hammock, extremely happy and comfortable. toes, bread and cheese, Mrs Slack to drive, she had resolved not to go. came herself to borrow the folding- She should say : "My husband has

> "You dear, good soul !" she cried, as soon as she was within speaking

"To borrow what ?" ejaculated unknown. Mrs. Pepper.

'Your husband," said Mrs. Slack. picnic. I want a beau and some one

"You ought to ask Mr. Pepper Mrs. Pepper this time "grew bold himself," said Mrs. Pepper, very

"I shan't" said Mrs. Slack, play-Mrs. Slack said "Of course" with fully. "I came to borrow him of some offense, but when Peter was you. You'll lend him, won't you ? seen running across lots it was not And I shall tell every one, that to bring back those articles. What good angel, Mrs. Pepper, lent me

Mrs. Slack was looking very pret-Mrs. Pepper watched them go with ty: The embroidered mantilla bedespair in her eyes; but nothing came her vastly. She had a dainty was borrowed for some time after sky-blue bonnet on her blonde head, this ; nothing returned, either ; un- and she smiled at Mr. Pepper out of

so much indebted to such good-na- desire to be Mrs. Slack's escort to

it now. My mantle-you wear it, an hour. No sight of Irish village May. In the end he walked off with the not I. My overshoes, where are to arrest our speed, ne sign of breakthey? The baby's perambulator- down; and yet the train halted. We Mrs. Pepper did her own stiching your baby now takes the air in it. looked out of the window; saw the My sewing-machine and cutting- brakeman and a crowd of passengers board and scissors-I haven't seen gathering around the locomotive, pretty in scarfs, miss! "O, yes, it cards for a party. The Slacks so them since ; my rolling-pin and ice- and a dense smoke srising. What cream freezer and egg-beater. It's was the matter ? A bot axle ! Having accepted, what was more the same with all; but I promised I thought then, as I think now, sating for a dollar; just too sweet natural than to take an interest in to cleave unto my husband until that is what is the matter with peo- for anything." "I think you are the proceedings? To lend sugar death doth us part; and you can't ple everywhere. In this swift, "ex- little dear," he said, with a pleasant interest in the proceedings? To lend sugar death doth us part; and you can't ple everywhere. In this swift, "ex- little dear," he said, with a pleasant interest in the proceedings? To lend sugar death doth us part; and you can't ple everywhere. In this swift, "ex- little dear," he said, with a pleasant interest in the proceedings?

his bammock, and drove away in the endurance. "Can I run this train ten his feet tangled in a lady" minister's wagon. She borrowed a from Springfield to Boston at the rate train. - Pre'zel's Weekly. took her eldest boy for company ; gineer. Yes. "Then I will run it, rebut before her return Mrs. Pepper gardless of consequences!" Can I An eminent Presbyterian divine,

of the minister's wife, although that station. A hot axle ! long-suffering lady abegins to show signs of revolt.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

Coffins were very plain and burial

Tombstones had larger epitaphs and more verbosity engraved upon

Eggs were a shilling a dozen and outter was considered high at eighteen cents per pound.

Much of the silver corrency, fips, levies and dollars was of Mexican and Spanish coinage. The country retail trade was

much better, as people could not so easily run to the city by rail. Business letters were more voluminous and formal, and were writ-

ten in a precise, round hand. There was York currency, eight shillings to the dollar, and New

England carrency, six shillings to The diet was more surcharged

with grease, the winter breakfast of the day are overdone. They sit, thing I don't want you to." usually being made of salted ham faint and fagged out, on the verge Dinner was simply a basty lunch

table, a pair of scissors, a pattern of so few holidays, I cannot leave home attached to the necessity for good down chunks of meet without mastiat noon, and little importance was a basque, and a low rocking-chair, to-day." But Mrs. Slack did no digestion or a period of rest after cation, and scold their wives through New Orleans and muscovado mo-

lasses, very black and thin, was the common sweetening for buckwheat cakes. Refined molasses was almost The bank bills were of state banks

and the further west their locality Slack is in Boston. I'm going to a the shakier they were. Illinois and Indiana bills would barely pass in Bread was home made. Coffee

and the grinding of the family cof |ed blacksmiths, who at the forge confee mill was a familiar sound hours quered thirty languages; and of before the children arose.

melody was "Jump Jim Crow."

and drank more at meals.

At funerals the undertaker cried demand, that we wish milliners of the funeral. Young couples considered it a privilege to sit up all night with the corpus before a local section of the funeral state with the mourners, the flow of tears would stick to their business. Extime; and might his wife have the sexing machine for one day? He "You insist that I shall answer, of the funeral. Young couples consisting; and might his wife have the sexing machine for one day? He "Yes," lieped Mrs. Slack. "You'll sidered it a privilege to sit up all his friend, "that's just all that another warm place lacks."

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THE HOT AXIS.

horrid things back. Don't you want brains give out; we have made too

shawl from the minister's wife, and of fifty miles an hour?" says an enhad proceeded to her neighbor's be a merchant, and a president of a in conversation with a Chronicle house, collected her goods and chat- bank, and a director in a life-insural reporter this morning, remarked that tles, and had them conveyed home. | ance company, and a school commis | the "Boy Preacher's" work reminded The piano was out of tune and sioner, and help edit a paper, and him of a story of the great Whitscratched; the sewing machine had supervise the politics of our ward, field, who, when passing along a lost its band; onions had been kept and run for Congress? "I can!" road, was accosted by a drunken and deman in the ice-cream freezer; the man-the man says to himself. The store Indian with the exchanation: tle had a grease spot in the shoul drives him; the bank drives him; "Ugh! don't you know me?" der; one of the rockers was loose the school drives him, politics drive on the chair ; Peter and Jimmy bad him. He takes all the scoldings are you?" cut a "tit tat toe" game with a knife and frets and exasperations of each on the lap-board; and it was plain position. Some day, at the height "I guess so," replied Whitfield that Mrs. Slack had whipped the of the business season, he does not "It looks like my bungling work, for CHAS P ULRICH, children with the egg-beater. The come to the store. From the most of the Lord had had anything to do perambulator had been used to important meeting of the bank di with it you would not be lying bring charcoal home with, and the rectors be is absent. In the excites here, points of the ecissors were gone So ment of the most important political was the sisterly love of Mrs. Slack, canvass he fails to be at the place When was Mrs. Noah like a coun per as the meanest, most jealous His health has broken down; the rocking Ham. thing, she ever knew, and borrows train halts long before it gets to the

Literary men have greet opportunities opening in this day. If they take all that open, they are dead men, or worse-living men who ought to be feathers of those wings are to be dead. The pen runs so easy when seen on womens bounets. you have good ink and smooth paper, and an easy desk to write on, five dozen eggs, a pound of bac on and the consciousness of an audis and a baf of rye bread, on a wager ence of one, two, or three hundred thousand readers There are the religions newspapers through which you may preach, and the musical journals through which you may sing, and the agricultural periodicals through which you can plough, given notice to his congregation and family newspapers in which you that he wants more money and less may romp with the whole house- shorting in the future. hold around the evening stand. There are critiques to be written, church). "Wasn't our singing and reviews to be indulged in, and beautiful, Mrs. Tallfeather ? I'm sure poems to be chimed, and novels to you will want to come to our church be constructed. When out of a again." man's pen he can shake recreation aud friendship and usefulness and A little girl of 3 years explains the bread, he is apt to keep it shaking, Golden Rule to her sister: "It So great are the invitations to liter- means that you must do everything ary work, that the professional men I want you to, and mustn't do anyof newspapers and books; each one does the work of three. And these irritability, and maul innocent authors, and run the physical machin- you doing there?" Colored thief ery with a liver miserably given out. (who has just fallen through sky-The driving-shaft has gone fifty light)-"Ise blown here, boss, by times a second. They stop at no dat dah dreadful burricane we had FREE for TRIAL station. The steam-chest is hot and Souf.

swollen. The brain and the digestion begin to smoke. Stop. ye flying quills! "Down brake!" A hot axle ! Some of our young people have was freshly ground every morning, read-till they are crazed-of learnshoemokers, who, pounded sole to the life insurance agent. "I don't Negro minstrelsy was just crop. leather, got to be philosophers : feel prepared to have my life insured ping out in the traveling circus and of milliners, who, while their just yet. I do not care to feel that There were generally but two per- customers were at the glass trying I would be worth more dead than I formers, who assumed male and fe- on their spring hats, wrote a volume I am alive." male characters. The popular of first-rate poems. The fact is, no blacksmith ought to be troubled People did not live as long as with more than five languages; and they now do, nor was the average instead of shoemakers becoming health as good as at present. They philosophers, we would like to turn ate more meat, more grease, more our surplus of philosophers into bot bread, and more heavy dishes, shoemakere; and the supply of poetry is so much greater than the

have tried the experiment ; but, instead of Austerlitz and Saragossa. an the benefit of her advice. In get him back, I let you have my The express-train was flying from there came of it only a sick headache. JAMES G. CROUSE,

A LITTLE DEAR.

"I suppose you have something said the rosy-cheeked girl, handing down a package, there's some blusmile. "You are very complimentfor our endurance. We think our ary," she replied, her cheeks cov. r "Oh! oh! oh!" screamed Mrs, selves getting on splendidly, when, ed with crimson blushes. When he Slack, turning pink. 'You wicked in the midst of our successes, we thought how he had been misunderwoman! You nasty thing! You come to a dead half. What is the stood he blushed, and stammered, mean thing! You shall have all your matter? The nerves or muscles or "O, I beg pardon, miss; I didn't all business entered to his care will ! mean to say you were a little dear. I Sept. my 20. your spoonful of salt, too! Oh, you many revolutions in an hour. A meant—" "Never mind, there are plenty of young men who do think II. G. DEITRICH, plenty of young men who do think Tuen tearing the mantle from her Men make the mistake of working so. Good morning." When he shoulders she threw it at Mr. Pep- according to their opportunities, and turned away her blushes were gone. per's head, as he struggled out of not according to their capacity of and his face looked as if he had got

"No," answered Whitfield, who

"Why, I was converted by you "

who goes about abusing Mrs Pep- appointed. What is the matter? ty in Virginia? When she was

darkey said, when a bull was chasing him through a field. Riches often take wings, and the

A Lawrence, Kansas, negro, ate

Sleep is very healthful. There is nobody who knows this better than

the hired girl, especially in the A Buffalo colored clergymen has

Mrs. Highty (coming out of

perance friends-"If the devil were to lose his tail, where should be go to get another. To a grog shop, because there bad spirits are retailed.

Startled owner-"Hey, what are

One ought to be careful what he says even about the dead. A forlorn widow sitting by a blazing fire sighed, "Poor George! How he did like a good fire. I hope they have 'em where he's gone.

"No, sir the worldly young man A little girl who is noticed for her

look at herself for a long time in the "I'm not a bit pretty, but I'm awful

"Yes," cried Jones, in enthusiastic praise of his native State, "all that

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