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## DR HOLMES NEW POEM.

Not ours to ask in freezing tones His race, his calling, or his creed; Each heart the tie of kinship owns When there are human veins that bleed.

Here stand the champions to defend From every wound that fiesh can

Here science, patience, skill shall blend To save, to claim, to help, to heal.

Father of Mercies! Weak and frail, Thy golding band Thy children ask Let not the Great Physician fail To aid us in our holy task.

Angel of love, for every grief Its soothing balm, its mercy brings, For every pang its healing leaf, For homeless want thy outsprend wings

Enough for thee the plending eye, The knitted brow the silent pain Thy portals open to a sigh Without the clank of bolt or chain

Who is our brother? He that lies Left at the wayside, bruised and sore He needs our open hand supplies, His welcome waits him at our door.

Source of all truth and love and light That warm and cheer our earthly

Be ours to serve our will aright, Be thine the glory and the praise.

## A RIVAL'S VENGEANCE.

Unmarried at twenty-two, I was rich, entirely my own mistress, and rightly his devoted care of her, a care in spite of many excellent opportunihood.

position, temper, everything. Even bitious-' their respective circumstances and positions in life offered a striking con-

influential banker, forty years of age, grave, quiet, and reserved in manner. and with an undisputable and envia- with a deep and bitter outh. "Never, ble standing in society, while Robert while I live! I swear it.' Deau, my Robert, whom I havedwas comparatively poor, having only

mother's friend Naturally 1 often sions to his own disappointment son, who idolized ber.

at first, that because I was an hoiress ening oath, burst suddenly. be would never speak the love I knew It was evening, and Robert and I became a villain for her sake. I turning, he held out his hand for

business, baving chanced too see bim entered. in the garden when he was riding Two of them were officers. The

that was the reason be astonished feru. Robert by accepting his invitation to 'Men, do your duty,' he said brief-

going little into society, and bearing rest, bacheler, but after that evening he charged.

'We have been friends for years,' fern's lips; said he, and I believe you like me well enough to grant me a favor. I love you, Kate That's no news to straight into Redferu's face. 'He you, is it! Well, I never should innocent' have asked you to bocome my wife, because you are rich and I am poor; but, dear Kate, I can't stand quietly 'God bless you, my true love!' by and see another take what I have murmured sadly. tried to win; so I want you to tell me truly if you intend to marry Redfern, and if it's 'yes,' I shall go out

notil I can get over it-

heard him! I stole up to him, balf hundred dollars each, and forming a the Rocky Mountain region. shy, half bold, all joyful, and slipped larger sum than Robert could have Roseh immediately dropped his a light soft hat to match. 'Your

trifling with his pain, and was vexed agony : at mo.

This is no jest to me, Miss Crasaid quite sharply: 'I did not expect his face. that you would make it one. Yes,' I do suppose I shall get over it.'

then. Robert.' I said softly 'for if ed me. you go away and leave me so, I am afraid I never shall get over it.'

On, my darling! You say that Redfern-you won't marry bim?" 'I l.ve you,' i answered, as his You know that he is innocent.'

only will I marry.'

but, I would not confide them to law decide the test.' and pain to me should distress her. not know he has a mother whom How be loved her!

'I fear you love ber best,' I said be a murderer ?" mpulsively.

Any anxiety or pain must injure her, him, sees me a corpse and a sudden shock would kill ber. And then it was I first understood

consider more than pretty, and still, in which, from that hour, I shared-Next day Mr. Redfern proposed to ties to charge my condition, 1 was me. My heart ached for the bitter

rapidly drifting on to old-maiden- pain he showed when I told him I was already engaged. I had admirars and suitors in plens 'I had set my every hope on you,

ty; where is the beiress who has not! I cannot give you up!' be cried, with And two men loved me. I was sure an intensity of passion that startled kept it. me. 'Oh, child; have mercy on me-Never were two people more unlike | Think again-give me time 1 am each other, in looks, in taste, in dis- richer than you think; if you are am-

I interrupted him.

'I am not, I have wealth enough and covet only happiness. 1 shall George Redfern was a wealthy and marry Robert D an, the man I love," His face was white as death.

'You shall not marry him?' be said

And he rushed out of my presence. I said nothing about it to Roberthis callety as a off-lential clerk in the bowever. His relations with his em-R Mern bank (out of which he sup. player continued as pleasant is usported a widowed mother), and was unl, an I did not feel justified in so rapidly! one of those merry, cheerful, light-disturbing them. 1 felt surprised hearted fellows who get the name of when he told me that Mr. Redfern being 'wild' without deserving it. | bad bimself congratulated him, and moned the two he had wronged to Mrs. Doan has been my dead made some slight but graceful illa- his bedside. He was dying.

for an occasional quiet drive with her and foolish words and takes this started into his eyes, method to let me know it.'

other, as lovers will. He was very had warued me of at the moment in You have brought me down to death sensitive and high minded, I thought which I had beard that bitter threat- I loved that woman-loved her. Ab,

he felt, and which I longed to hear; were sitting together, talking such liked you Robert. I meant to make the dime. but the welcome declaration came at sucet nonesense as lovers will. We you partner some day. 'Kate,' were alone, save for an anot who re- turning suddenly towards me, 'you carned your money , here it is.' And I had Mr. Redfern to thank sided with me, and who had fallen know I took the notes out of the for it. I met him at Mrs. Deau's asleep in her easy chair, when sud- safe No matter; I've made amends cottage one evening, when he had dealy and unceremoneously the door I am dying, and Robert Dean is my have your hair cut, stopped to speak to Robert on some was flung open wide and three men heir.'

indignation which their rade entrance too-at rest. I was at the window, leaning out, caused, gave place to sickening fear when be saw me, I knew, afterwards, when I saw the third-George Red- be said to dying, 'but not while I

He was a very quiet, retiring man. Next minute Robert was under ar-

the reputation of a confirmed old 1 don't know what I said or did given. After that I laid sorrow by suthin' new?' 'Not very; it is the in the first horror of it. 1 remember and married Robert. clinging around Robert's neck, and Robert heard of it, and grew jeal being pulled away-by auntie, 1 ous. One evening he came to me, think-and so me asking, 'What's his face looking gloomy and sad the charge again t him' Then

Theft!

Robert turned grateful eyes apon

And then Redfern's stern low voice:

'Mep, search bim!'

'Ob, the happy girl I was when I forth a roll of notes -ten -of one inhabit any waste, the fastness of to his wife the other day, and a light

He looked at me then, and disen- to the salf or vault. And then I property-be followed Roach up the gaged bis arm. He thought I was heard Robert say with a groun of tree with market alacrity.

"Ob, God ! My mother !"

'Come with me into another room,' very coldly, I am no lovesick fool, I said 'I wil make a bargain with the Terror you. Let your men remain with 'You don't love me as I love you, their prisoner here.' And he obey- in my beit I carry a knife fourteen

When we were slone, I said : ·Mr. Redfern you are a villain ! You have plotted to separate me varmint when he reaches out for us. Kate. You mean it? You don't from the man I love, and blast his reputation You shall ful in both.

And so we were engaged. And ed those notes in the safe in his with that pistol.' Robert drove me over to the cottage, presence, and that no one has since there and then to tell his mother. | bud access to it but himself. An him,' said Roach, what projection 'She will be so pleased,' he said hour ago I missed them. You saw I believe she suspects my feelings, where they were found. Let the

ber, lest the fear of disappointment 'The law !' I cried. 'Man, do you such a charge would kill ! Will you

'No,' he said hoarsely. 'It's you 'May darling,' he said balf chid- -- not !. You murder two of us, his ingly, 'one does not measure or mother-when she learns the story compare such sacred loves; each and of his guilt, from which you can both is dearest,' But my mother save her-and me-murder me !suffers from an effection of the heart for the hour that sees you marry

> I snatched my hand away. 'I will marry him,' I cried, 'if the whole world calls him guilty!' 'And kill his mother I'

I accepted the alternative be offered. I promised not to marry the man I loved during the lifetime of the man I bated.

'Never while I live,' he said. That was my oath and I have

We went back together. George charge be made, and gave one of the silenca.

So Robert and I parted and his nother's life was saved.

A year went by and found me twenty-two-numarried still-Roberts true love still-and miserable.

How many times had I seen tieo. than a hundred times. He had come Bleckly and recall his long, waving to me praying, pleading for love- hair and beard will appreciate the ob, how vainly! Often as I saw him, story. Judge Bleckly was on his

winter's night a messenger sum- mgly dirty face, with the customary it

went to visit her. She was an invals 'Probably,' I thought, 'Mr. Red- abrupt, half-crazed. He took Robs oppressive notidiness of the boy's would give it to me in two minutes id, and bardly ever went out, except fern regrets his intemperate warmth crt's hand without noticing me, and face, said: 'I don't want a shine, and a baif! Here! where's my hat

'I've brought you pain and sor give you a dime.' For Robert and I understood each The terrible oform which instinct row, haven't 1 ? Ab, that's nothing ! 'All right, sir,'

> It was true. We remained with him till the last. In the cold quiet

'You may matry ber very soon,'

robbed-suddenly became aware of the approach of a mountain live, one I saw it done. I saw them draw of these stealthy, cruel monsters that match these pantaloons, he remarked ticat girl in town.

some by rightly. I heard Redfern booty and skipped up a tree as nim- head, I suppose; interrupted the decay, less of manhood, &c., I will be a poor he could as for the other appropriate the property of the country of do you identify them as his own and declare bly as ever he could; as for the other sprouse; gently, and the bousehold

The fierce lion, flaunting its savagely licked its bideous faugs I understood it all. I stepped up and rolling its glossy eyeballs sugven, whatever it may be to you,' he to George Redfern, and looked into- gestively, looking up at the two men in the tree and prepared to join them, 'Have you a pistol!' asked Roach

> 'No,' said Bivens, the traveler; but inches long'

> 'Then,' suggested the Terror, 'suppose you stick the knife into that

'Yes, but if I leave the knife in the tion, said Bivens, and if be falls with it, what protection have I dear arms clasped me close; and you 'I am not his judge, Miss Craven, against you? No, I'll keep the kuife He himself will tell you that I place and let you you shoot the critter

> Yes, but supposing I do shoot have I against your knife when my pistol is empty?"

> Meanwhile the lion was coming up the tree with alarming rapidity. He seemed to grow three feet as be advanced foot by foot.

> ·Unless we can come to a compromise, said Roach, the varmint will eat us both. Let's agree to this: You stab him and I'll shoot him-at any rate either we folks or that critter has got to die.'

'That's so,' said Bivens, 'and I'll

accept the compromise.' So when the lion got within reach Roach blazed away at it and Bivens reached down and drove his knife clean up to the hilt in the monster's breat. The lion fell to the ground with a bullet hole in his head and leven inches of steel in his lungs. Then Roach and Bivens descended from the tree. They had escaped so narrowly that they could not be other than friends, Fach was indebted to the other for his life. They Redfern formerly withdrew the resolved not to separate, and now they are engaged in the bandict business together in the Idaho f stnes-

## Rough on the Judge

I have just heard the following good story on Chief Justice Bleckly, says a writer in Augusta (Gr. Reafern during that year? More Chroniele. All who know Judge though, I noted how he changed- way to the Supreme Court one morning when he was accosted by a The end came suddenly. One little street gamin, with an exceed-

'Sbine, sir ?'

·Well, let me see you do it."

beaven, that dosen't express it! I bydrant and made his abiution. Ro- won't stand your abuse .-

The Judge said : 'Well, you've The boy said: 'I don't want your

Saying which be scampered off. Too Late to Make Remarks

A wagan loaded with wood and drawn by a poor old horse, driven by a negro, was standing on Mont-Poor George Redfern ! He loved calm street the other day when a me well. I wetted the spring dai- pedestrain stopped and said : 'My sies ou his grave with tears, before I colored friend, did you ever hear of took the freedom that his death bad transmigration? 'No, sah. Is it theory that man, after death, takes some other form.' 'Might turn into a boss, ch ?' That's it; you might A missionary in Africa found a turn into a poor old horse like this, heathen tribe worshiping an Episco-An amusing story comes to us and over-worked and ill treated, as pal prayer book and was encouraged came the answer from George Red- from the Far West, writes Eugene this one evidently is. Just back othink that his lines had failen in Field, in the Chicago News. For a there a little way I saw you beat pleasant places. He wanted to go long time an outlaw named Roach him with the butt of the wip.' Yes, home when he learned that the hea-'It' a lie!' I cried, looking the Terror has been the scourage of I did; but you look heah. I want then had adopted the book as an the mountain districts of Idaho, and to tell ye right year and now, dat if idol on account of its gild d class, last month be waylaid and proceeded I turn into an old hoss, an' I doan' after eating the missionary who to rob one Bivers, a wealthy gentle- kick de dashboard in the fuss time towned it. man who was traveling through the I've struck, I won't hev nuffle to say territory on mining business. While uo monh. Dis old hoss missed his the two were thus employed—the opportunity thirty years ago, an' he keep an unruly boy fifteen minutes

> '1 am going to buy a light coat to pair of gloves to match the coat, and

## PETERS' WIFE

'My dear,' said Mrs Peters to ber husband the other day, 'what does all this stuff in the papers about 'Home Rule' mean.'

'It means, said Peters with the air of a sage, that the Irish want to

'They are tired of tyranny of the zar, are they ?' 'The Czar ? What are you talking

'Oh. I mean the Emperor.'

Worse and more of it Do you England ?

'Ob, so it is. Isn't Queen Viccan't be very horrid."

'She's herrid enough to the Irish Home Rule business to you want my wife to be informed on so about Gladstone, don't you?'

Ob, yas, he s Queen Victoria's sor or something else, isn't be?

Have I married a raving lunatic?" cross about nothing. I wouldn't talk to my wife like that for all the 1rish on earth. Gladstone is the King or President or Czar or whatever the ruler of Ireland is, isn't he? But it doesen't sound like an Irish

'He's no more Irish than I'm Chinese. Now you pay attention and I'll tell you about it. For years the people of Ireland have long been dissatisfied-

With Gladstone !'

With Victoria then? Well, 1been shamefully oppressed and their rights and liberties restricted through coercion and, 'Coercion means the same as Prohibition does here. doesn't it ?"

'Have you any sense at all ? I'd like to see the English rulers try the probibition game on the Irish in England They'd ride Queen Victoria on a rail and lynch Parliament in a budy. This Home Rule muddle wouldn't be anything. Coercion is species of tyranny that deprives the Irish of almost all individual liberty.

You've heard of Farnell?' around the world on a bicycle, isn't

He was quite importunate, and right down town and apply for a Just the same as ever-strange the Judge, being impressed with the divorce. Any jury in the land but if you go wash your face I'll and coat? I'm going off and hang

'James ! you are just as mean as you can be. I'm sure I've under-The boy went over to an artesian stood every word you've said, and I

> CHURCHASERIA ROTE LES YEARS SHOW SHO Had Faith in His Wife.

money, old fellow : you take it and ville, recently, a wilness persisted in To this of course, the attorney objected, and it was ruled out by the judge. He would proceed again to toll shust how it vas,' when the at- will prove their effency.

> "Suppose your wife were to tell you the beavens had faller, what would you think?' 'Vell, den, I dinks dey vas down!

A female teacher threatened to one in robbing and the other in being bain't got no remarks to make now. after sc hool. 'I wish you would make it half an hour, said the appredative boy, for you are the pret-

A CARD.

govern Ireland, themselves."

mean to tell me that you don't know that Ireland is under the rule of

toria good to them? I'm sure she DR MARAND ROTHROCK, tooks real nice in her picture. She

'Now' you listen and I'd explain the important a subject You know all

What are you talking about

'There, now : you go to getting

'No, no-'Not with her alone. They have

'He's the man who has just been

'Great Cresar! I've a notion to go

myself for marrying such a-'

But Peters had fled.

During the trial of a case in fourstestifying to what his wife told himtorney would sing out-

'How do you know that?' 'My wife told me,' was the neswer This was repeated several times. Presently the judge became unable to contain himself longer:

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