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He that will not eason is a bigot; he that cannot is a fool; he that dare not is a slave.

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The Last Hour of Burns.

Dear wife, the fatal hour is near, And earth begins to disappear. I go, yet feel one thought of pain That thou in sorrow dost remain; But think how short life's longest river.

How vast the sea that flows forever, And surely love that thought shall be A blessing unto thee and me, For when we gain that better sphere. We may forget our miseries here-Forget the upstart's haughty head, And more than that the want of bread.

Dear Jennie, when I'm in the ground, Ere chance the crowd will gather round.

And they may break upon your gloom And ask, "was this the poet's room? Is this his table-this his chair ? and did he really once sit there ?

Was here his burning spirit wrought?

thought, Which wrote these words of genius bold.

We pray you name its price in gold. But, Jennie, when all this is said, You'll not forget we've wanted bread.

They'll ask you with their curious looks.

"Is this his little store of books: Is that the clock whose faithful chime Once warned him of the flight of time? is that that the lamp he studied by ? And did that paper meet his eye ? Is this his writing, this his name ? How much will purchase it, good

dame? But Jennie, when all is said, You'll not forget we've wanted bread. Ah, yes, when I am in the ground, tears,

And raise a stone, not mins but theirs, A monument to tell with pride In what a generous age I died, Dear Jennie, I feel that time is near, And earth begins to disappear ; Enough the moment that I live Shall show how well I can forgive.

A GIRL'S LESSON

'It's a shame and disgrace to the

graduating class that any one of us

wear it.' and, poor as she is, she will not let Prof. Allen calls them.'

any imitation."

ery.'

to argue any question with her com- prizes.

knee. 'I've come here for quiet, Alga.' you'll break down this evening.' The admiring world will gather round Blanche said, throwing herself on

they've given me the headache '

was the topic.'

ess.

Blanche sat almost astounded at

coarse, Blauchel' er Susie Ran-dolph. 'It's a muslin just as coarse as lining, and is made perfectly plain; not a ruffle or flounce on the skirt, shadow reained. 'My dark hour has passe I had become demor-alized b dress talk and spitefulness, but I wakened to my marcies,' as good al Mammy Dinah used to say. U's approving 'I hat kind.' 'I know what yon's done this for

It's ayong my 'marcies' that kind 'I know what yon've done this for, hated to kill anybody and never did

'You know,' said a gentle-looking Uno John has given me an educa- you dear, noble girl,' she whispered, unless 1 had to. No reasonble man girl. 'Alga's mother used to be a lady. tion and my grumbling is over un- her eyes shining through suppress- wants to take the life of another if Ob, I don't mean to say she isn't a tip got back home and begin to ed tears. 'Yes, and you shan't make be can help it. I always tried to lady now, but she used to be rich; factice the 'minor economies,' as this sacrifice for nothing. Do you keep away from the Western counthink I could fail with you before try, where all the detectives supposed Alga wear imitation lace or jewelery This was brave talk, but Blanche, me ! 1'll do my best, for you've me to be. I staid east of the Mis-She says that it is vulgar and that who was a silent observer, and a lit- made me forget my own foolishness sissippi river most of the time

clean, plain, white muslin, no mayor the way a philosopher, noticed that and the petty malice of the other and always among quiet people who how coarse, is in better taste man as the eventful day drew near, Alga girls.'

grew very grave, and was often fool- She did her best, and hor best was instead of six-shooters. 1 found it 'She's right,' Blanche said, reasing ishly irritable. If by any chance good indeed. Her poem was greet- much safer." up to animation. With Algas fine she came upon a little knot of girls ed with applause, and blanche heard "Do you ever drink ?" was asked figure and face, she can stand the discussing dress, she would turn more than one person ask eager by the visitor, who wanted to set

severest simplicity. I only wish I from them with a flushed face ; her questions about that handsome girl 'em up, but got a temperatee lec-Is this the pen which chased his could; for I am disgusted with fin- sharp wit was unsparingly used on who repeated the valedictory poem ture in reply.

her companions, and, of course, in- so exquisitely. Such a beautiful "I never touch liquor. This is 'I'd like to see you forced to wear spired in them a feeling of intense dress; actually classic, you know.' one reason why I was nover caught; Alga's dresses for a while!' Elith dislike. They whispered to each Blanche and Alga were close bothing could induce me to drink a cried. 'I don't think we'd hear other that she was so cross and en- friends through life. Some years drop, so I always carried a cold soything more about simplicity.' vious that they hated the very sight afterward, when one day they were head. Some men used two or three Blanche seldom took the trouble of her, and hoped she would loso the talking about their school life, Alga drinks to give them courage enough said : 'If it hadn't been for that to make a fight, but rs for myself I

panions. She did not answer, but She did not however. She took kind act of yours. Blanche, 1 don't want to get into a fight with a clear sauntered with her usual languid them with a defiant air, so unlike know what would have become of head. I can see better, shoot quickstep to the extreme end of the play- her usual calm dignity that her me. 1 was so bitter at that wretch- er, fight harder and protect myself ground. A girl sitting on a bench teacher stared with surprise. A few ed little Edith and the others that 1 better. No sir, 1 thank you, no under the shade of a tree, with dark hours before the evening exercises, did not care what become of me. To whiskey for me."

hair cut short like a boy's, and bright Blanche, who was alone with her, be sure, it was foolish and wrong. eager, grey eyes; was reading intent- said. 'You are not yourself, Alga but I could not help it. When you Neither a Borrower Nor a Lender Bo ly in a large book she held on her What is the matter with you ? You restored my faith in others, you re-

course, they've been discussing my that have met me at every turn. To- plain muslin." coarse, mean muslin. That will day I got a caricature of myself in 'I keep it as an heirloon,' Alga the need may be; but such a prac-

fit !' 'How beautifully your hair is

dressed !' 'What exquisite flowers !'

were whispers heard on every side.

much contempt in her glance at the fer ?"

gracious l'

costume, gloves, fan, shoes to match ru a hurry sometimes."

til the end of the session. Don't frightful thing with a hideous motto When 1 married, 1 told my hus- as a slovenly, improvident house-

Blanche, I've a great mind to, on to dren ar older is a them emelin strangers and of reform. Perhaps said, quietly; 'You are above anch i ve lost all courage. 500 for down I and any bow suity cuetr mother wa

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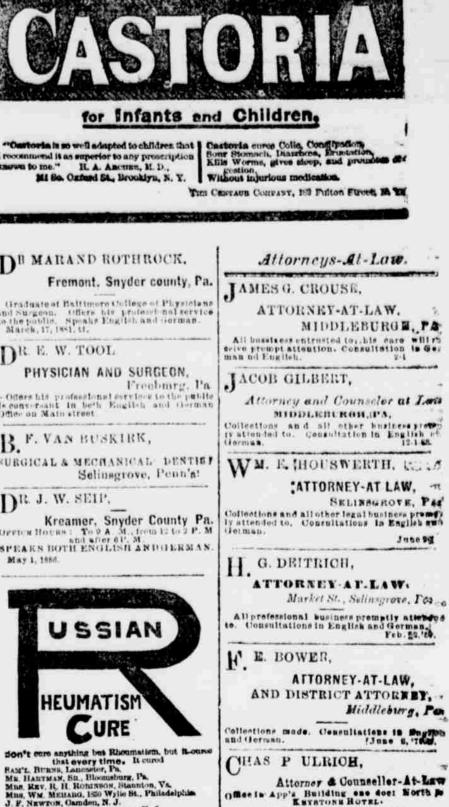
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are so nervous. I'm almost afraid stored me to myself, I've never forgotten the lesson.' 'I shouldn't be surprised if I did,' 'I learned one, too,' Blanche said,

And spend by far more gold than the grass: 'The girls are chattering she answered, groomily. 'When I laughing. 'I found that the sim- such occasions should be as rare as like so many magpies over there, and am angry, I lose my memory, and if pler the dress, if it only fits well, the good management can make them I forget a word of the poem I am more it is admired by gentlemen, at A loose habit of forgetting to keep Alga pushed up her short hair sure then to become so confused that least ; I don't ar wer for the ladies. one's kitchen supplied favors the with an impatient, boyish gesture. I shall make a failure. Ob, you You are able now to wear what practice of running next door or

'Chatter, yes, I believe you, espe- don't know all that 1 have under- you coose, but 1 have never seen you across the street to borrow a cup of cially when dress is the subject Of gone ; the bidden taunts and insults look half as well as in that coarse, sugar, an ounce of tea, a loaf of

give them enough to talk about nn- the cheap muslin 1 am to wear. A said, with her old impetuosity, tice stamps the mistress of the house deny it, Blanche. I know my dress that 1 won't repeat. Do you know, band the story, and when my chil- keeper, whose careless ways stand

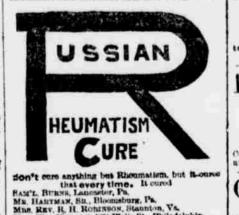
carried prayer books in their pockets

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Edith Linten to a group of girls who were discussing the closing exerciscs of Lester Seminary, now near at hand. Of course it reflects on us to to think of.' have a poor nobody with us.'

'Particularly since that poor nobody is to recite the valedictory very quick. 1 don't mind telling and forget all these annyances.' poem,' laughed good-natured Bessie you this, Blanche, for I believe you 'I'll try,' Alga said, with a faint Long. 'If we could keep her in the are my friend, but, do you know I'd smile. 'I certainly am nervous from corner, or draw attention from her by our own better appearance, she might be overlooked; but if she is shabby, she will be conspicuously shabby that night.'

,When people can't dress the children as they ought, they have no right to send them to a school like this,' said Edith.

'Oh, I've heard Alga Rivers say this revelation. She who had believher uncle in California pays her ed that people who possessed talent, the most fashionable manner. school bills,' one of the girls answerlived habitually in lofty regions, ed. She says her father is too poor where such petty things as dress to send her here, and she's gonever intruded. It was the first time ing out as a teacher next year.' her friend had ever spoken of her

'Why don't her nucle in Califory personal feelings in such matters, nia give her decent clothes then? and she was confounded at the revel-Edith said, 'It is an insult to every ation. scholar to send a beggar here, where the first families of the country send their daughters. Here's Blanche stammered. Armstrong. Blanche, we're discussing Alga River's dress. You sit next to her. How Shall you like your table. I shall be glad to get away tage. elegant white ailk grous dine to be from here, but then I suppose I shall cheapened by her coarse white musbe obliged to endure the same voxas ling tion wherever I go. Of one thing I

am certain; a poor teacher won't be recognized the fact. But she did could draw." Blanche Armstrong was an heiress, expected to dress like rich people,' and a leader among the girls. She was not quick in her studies, and she added, briefly. "We're such intimate friends, you despised muslin as her eyes could | " Well, I slways used Remington was very indolent but she was not purse proud, and she had very gen- know,' Blanche said, hesitatingly, express, and gathered up her costly 44. The same cartridge used in a erous instincts. She thought very and we are about the same size, lace flouncas as if she was afraid the six-shooter fits a Wiechester 44 rifle. little of the money lavished upon her, Now, why can't you wear one of my muslin might touch them. but a great deal of the talent and dresses that evening?"

Alga put her hands over her genius which her money could not bny. Of late she had given great friend's mouth. 'Don't say any more, dying to see that lovely dress she is a had plan to carry two kinds of dissatisfaction to some of her com- Blanche. I know I am very foulial, panious by socking the society of but my dear mother has given me some lessons of independence that I Alga Rivers.

'How would 1 like it?' she answer- can't forget. My dear, I don't think ed, in her slow way. 'Well, I'd like it would mend matters for me to it better if the scholarship covered show myself ashamed of my clothes by the white muslin could be by flaunting in a borrowed finery. communicated by contact to the I only wish poor mamma had been white silk grenadine. If I could able to get me a few yards of lace; a flounces, laces, ribbons for even a The reason I was never captured or other rat poison, mix it with the have written the valedictory poem, muslin frill looks so cheap and breastpin, but a white tose at her was because I never made a con-I'd be willing to make a bonfire of dowdy. You see I'm cursed with a neck standing in line o one. my wardrobe, and go in coarse serge, taste for delicate toilet accessories." 'I wish you'd let me help you, girls?' she said, she said, smiling. ing. There was a time when no at least for a while.'

'Oh, my; what noble sentiments!' Bianche sighed. encered Edith: 'Now, for my part, 1 'You do help me,' Alga cried, 1 wanted a change and 1 thought without a fight. 1 never let those must confess that I think to dress throwing her arms around her Alga's dress lookd so nice. But who were with me handle my guns, well is as neccessary to make a lady friend's neck. Your fri endship gives I've surprised he as much as any, and if any one asked to look at my spend half their time dodging people as her birth, manners, or anything

The but Alen's dress is so awfal halps my better nature : Lut you and taking he hand. "Conly wigh before handing it to him." al Hiteman

things as dress, I am sure, and can 'You must not do that in justice what a wise, good friend she was afford to be indifferent to their fool- too yourself and friends,' Blanche blessed with. Ab. Blanche, ish talk-you who have so much else said, gontly.' 'Your uncle would there another girl in the world who be grieved, and 1 shall be so morti- would have been willing to sacrifice "But I do mind it,' the girl cried fied that I shall not dare to raise my an excellent toilette just to do an vehemently. 'It hurts me to the head. Think of your mother, too, act like that.'

Frank James on 'a Bandit's Life.

willingly give up most of the prizes over-study, 1 suppose, or 1 shouldn't "Yes, I am living thuistly enough I expect to be decently dressed and be is such a frame of mind. Blanche. here, and I think the balance of my know that dunce, Edith Linton, you don't know what it is to feel life will be passed y pacefully," said Frank James. "I h/ to never carried would not be able to sneer at me. that you are so disliked that your Oh, of course I'm ashamed to feel so, schoolmates are all watching eagers a weapon since 1 Trrendered my and I see you are ashamed of me for ly to see you fail, and if you do, they revolvers to Governe Crittenden in saying it, but it's a truth neverthe- rejoice. If I could only forget them." Missiour, I do not durry any arms Toward night the graduating class because I do not wast to have any

trouble with any one I do not think appeared, dazzling in their embroidered muslin and grenadines, made in anybody wants to ki me, unless it might be some crank who wanted some notoriety, and a gun would be 'How do you like my dress ?' 'Oh, it's perfectly lovely!' 'What a stylish no protection against such a man,

for he would shoot me in the back or at some time which I was not ex-

When asked if he was a good shot Carrying her head very high, s hot flush on her cheeks, Alga enter-Frank replied :

pecting it."

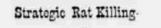
'I never thought-I never dreamed ed the room. She did not know you were hurt by such feelings,' she that her coarse, plain muslin fitted there was a time when I thought fail,' said an old rateatcher recently her perfectly, and in the absence of that no man on earth could draw a to a reporter for the Mail and Ex-'Why, they are constant pin-pricks all trimming showed off the lines of

> She seemed taller and finer for who had not already drawn his weapthe classic simplicity: It suited her on. I knew that whenever he made poison in the food, but simply pre-

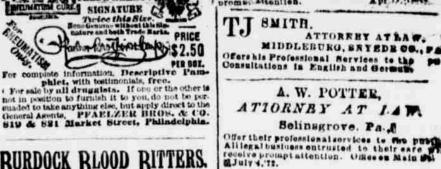
so there is no danger of a man get-Where on earth is Blanche !' she ting rattled in a fight and putting cried affectedly. 'Oh, girls, I'm just the wrong cartridge in his gun. It received from Farls. It's an elegant amgomition which you have to use Here she comes now. Ob, good "Do you meet any people here who you have known before !" This exclamination drew all efes to "No I meet a great many who

pencilattached, will be a great factor in working a reform. Let the housekeeper write down each article as its want is discovered, and lot her also put down such things as she finds herself nearly out of, not waiting to actually see the bottom of the barrel or box before making a note of their emptiness. Then teach who-

ever visits the store to always study the slate before going out. In this way, without much trouble to any one, the foolish system of running out to borrow will pass out of existence, and the neighbors with whom the friendly exchanges have been made will in time learn to feel backward about borrowing from those who never borrow from them



"No, I am nothing extra; but or by poisoning them suddeply wil gun quicker than I could. I prac press. 'Old rats know too much and often make me cross and irri- her fine figure to the utmost advan- ticed it for twenty years and always and can be caught only by kindness felt safe while talking with a man To destroy them give them a good meal every day. Do not put any style, and with a pang Edith Linten a motion I could kill him before he pare a dish for them daily, as a free lauch, composed of corn meal, moisher malicious best. She throw as . What kind of a gun do you pro- tened with milk, into which one egg with a little salt to season has been beaten. At first they may not touch it, but keep it before them, making it fresh every day. They will soon try a little, and if not injurious their suspicions will be allayed. In a week or ten days they will expect it and every rat on the place will be at the appointed spot for the treat. Give plenty of it so as to induce all the rats in the neighborhood to join in. Do not be in a harry to poison them. If they eat all the food give Blanche. Where was the pagnifi- claim to know me, but the fact is them a larger portion next time. As cent toilette ? A plain, white muslin I really knew very few people any- soon as they have thrown off all sumade very much like Alga's neither where, and fewer still knew me spicion get some phosphorus paste God and be sure to give them chough and something to spare so fiant of any one and 1 never placed as to induce all to eat. They will 'It's Cinderella reersed, isn't it perfect confidence in sny human beeither be killed or become so caspi-



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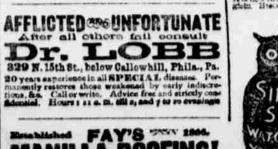
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