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I met her at a country place, Where she was spending her vaca-

And much admired her form and face Likewise her sparkling conversa-

tion. She was a Boston girl, but were Nor spectacles nor goggle glasses, Though she of learning had a store As rich as other Boston lasses.

The maiden was of beauty rare,

As Aphrodite she was fair, Or Helen, spouse of Menelaus, But colder than Diana far, Who made a stag of poor Actson,

And distant as the farthest star That glitters in the empyrean. I loved her, and I think she knew That much from my admiring glan-

For sheins we acquainted grew, Somewhat unbent to my advances But when my love I would have told, I felt a dread, a terror seize me; I feared if I became so bold, E The maiden with a look would freeze

At length a firm resolve I made-For I was bordering on distraction, That the proposal, long delayed, I'd make, whate'er might be her

action. And having thus made up my mind, That evening when alone I found

Before she my intent divined, I boldly threw my arms around her.

I felt her tresses brush my face, Theirfaint, sweet perfume thrilled

my senses, I clasped her in a fond embrace, Regardless of the consequences; I kissed her lips-oh, honeyed bliss! I gave her hand a thousand squeezes, And all she said to me was this; "John, are you sure that no one

sees us?"

Boston Courser

## A KISS IN THE DARK

'Is that you, my dear?' and two audible salute echoed through the dark hall. 'I am so glad! I was afraid you were not coming to night-Did you get wet, dearie? Let me help-O-h!' And the two feet fairly flew up the stairs again and an upper door closed emphatically, just man dash out and almost pitch in the middle of an excited crowd, that to collect himself and then tried to and its owner cried:

Come police and take him.'

en over to him.

tried to explain to the officer, but a found a gold bracelet." threatened flourish of the ever-ready 'My good gracious!' And Law- with visible rage, which took all the Dark." club cut him short, and recognizing rence saw his wife's month and lips pursuasion of his counsel to keep or,' he sank into acquiescence and quickly from red to white. was led away to the station house.

Mr. Lawrence Garnet and his pret- nie ?" ty wife, Annie, sat at the dinner table in their cozy rooms a week af- Lawrence, this is dreadful!' ter the episode told above. The dialawyer, (as all young lawyers are) had been engaged on an important be dreaming !" case, which he had considered so surely his that he had made partail my bracelet, the one that was mamthe fees that he would earn in a lit- baven't it on,' and then, with many a hard blow to both of them, and stored her composure and aroused Annie had spent most of the day in her temper. forced up a smile, and said: 'Come. anything funny !' Lawrence, cheor np. Don't fret any 'No, 1 suppose not, and I don't us all rich. You will get plenty more she has hugged another man. cases any way.'

bad habit of his, but as Annie spoke busines."

ONLY A WOMAN AFTER ALL ross one to-day that I don't exactly there was a method'know what to think of it.'

> the hope of a romanos and big fees 'ls it about a woman?'

'Oh, no! Only a man; a grumpy old fellow, and poor too, I take it.' 'Umph,' in a tone of injured dis-

gust intended to 'squash' both tal-(Tis that, not learning, that doeth so absorbed in the mental contemplation of his client, that he did not this, keep silent and let the poor notice it, and continued half to him- man go to prison ?"

Annie's interest revived, but she rence kept on :

can't see the slightest show for ordeal.

she burst out with :

Lawrence, and not keep tantalizing the average. The morning was cold and praised her courage, till a knock and the close of his official term his one by your wandering suggestions!' and dark and the place damp and sounded on the door.

the point If any one-'

terious woman, I think a stern, her, but she caught his arm. grumpy old man has the most pos-

'A plain, simple, and, I must confess, very vulgar one-pocket pick-

'I beg pardon again, but some him.' thing both new and interesting has little feminine feet pattered swiftly developed in this case. A minute's down the stairs, and two soft arms patience, and I will tell the whole isn't his fault, and you must face the frightened at Lawrence, who replied enough to square up the salary, and clasped a mascaline neck, while an thing. The man calls himself Peter music. Perkins, which I know is not his name. He was arrested a week ago, yes, Lawrence, I'll try. I will!' right opposite this house, for pick- 'I knew it. That's a good girl ing a pocket in a Sixth avenue car; Now keep your vail down and your and handed it to him. said to have been clearly tracked pluck up till you are called, and then here. He resisted the arrest vio- march up with a brave front.' And ly, noted every mark and line upon ontpouring of the country for miles lently, and, at the station-house, Lawrence left her. Annie obeyed it, and then asked: "How came you around, each one bearing a bundle as the ball one opened to let a tall protested his innocence, and claim- orders, by drawing her vail tightly by this? Did you buy it ?" rooms here, and had just come out into the wall as lath and plaster longed to my dear mother who val- ter the services were over and the was gathered on the sidewalk. The of the house. When asked for would permit. And thus an hour ned it very highly as a gift of a fav- good deacons had settled the finanman stood for a moment, as if trying proof, he could give none; said he passed, during which time a dozen orite but long lost brother." work his way out of the mass; but a the dark. Very lame story, of that number of desecrated temples white, and a mist seemed to gather good sister volunteered to undo the hand suddenly clutched his collar course. Also said he had just ar- sent where they could harm neither before his eyes, for he brushed his collection, and it was soon discover-'Here he is! I've caught the rascal! one in the city. This might be true, brief time. After this there was a stretching them out to Annie he muslin—shirt muslin—enough to for he is foreign both in looks and short pause, and then the case of cried; The man turned indignantly, and dress. They searched his pockets, 'Peter Perkins' was called, and a tried to throw off his captor, but the and found nothing suspicious-only tall, foreign-looking man, some time grip was like iron, and before he some foreign money, which was in passed the meridian of life, stepped could lift his arm to strike at him a his favor, and he was about being to the bar. policeman appeared and be was giv. discharged, when it was suggested to take off his overcoat. It was was a strong chain of suspicious cir-

'discretien" as 'the better part of val- open wide, while her cheeks changed from bursting bonds. The State

'Nothing. Yes, something. Oh and the first witness, 'Annie Garnet,'

ner had been good and well served, does look serious, but not enough to but neither had enjoyed it much; in feel so badly about. At the worst and her ears seemed bursting from fact they had scarcely tasted it, for a he can only get—' 'It isu't that! disappointment had come to them But-but-Oh, Lawrence-that is that day, which was yet too heavy my bracelet!' And Annie burst into and fresh for them to face philosophi- tears. Lawrence looked at his wife cally. Lawrence, a promising young in amazement. Had she gone crazy? She would go! And shutting her grain now fed will make all the pork

'No, Lawrance, I am not. It is witness stand. arrangements for the investment of ma's. See, holding up her arm, I she was being sworn, but a stern tle cottage home of their own, But, tears, she told the story of the unfortunately for him, justice was on meeting in the hall. Lawrence heard the courage crawling into her veins. his side, and as justice and law sel- her through and then burst into a dom agree, he lost the case. It was hearty laugh, which, of course, re-

tears. But as usual she rallied first 'I'd like to know what you are and when the coffee came in she laughing at? I'm sure I don't see

more over the old case. Something know that it is just the thing for me will turn up for us yet. Who knows! to see any thing of that color in my Uncle Joe may come home and make wife's shamelessly confessing that

'Lawrence, I won't stand it!' Lawrence had been tapping his 'Stand what ? I've done nothing, required he should commit both for oup reflectively with his spoon, a my dear. You managed the whole contempt. But Lawrence undaunt-

as they are. By the way, I came ac- Really this is beginning to look as if saw this before ?"

'There, do bush. Be still for tion in the crowd. 'What is it?' asked Annie: curios- pity's sake,' and Annie began to cry ity at once coming to the front, with again. Lawrence's tone changed at

to clear this poor fellow.'

'I clear him ! Oh, Lawrence, 'I ker and subject. But Lawrence was pever can go to court and tell this !' 'Annie, you would not, knowing

'No, no; of course not. But 'Yes, be is grumpy and plucky, couldn't you tell it for me? Say I too, but I'm afraid be is in a bad told you, you know. The judge the dark!" And then suddenly the name, birth and death of Rev. would never doubt you !"

remembered the snub, and merely would be safer not to give him the ty told her story. uttered a discreet 'Oh,' while Law- chance, all the same. And now, Of course the prisoner was acquit- and other neighboring charges. He 'Yes, a bad, tight box. I declare will take a little recreation after this till the court compelled order. In vanced in years, and was liked by

'Why can't you tell your story out above conversation was even below hysterics. He soothed, and petted, ner, wherever he was known. Tow-'I beg pardon ; but I have neither dirty, and a lot of particularly disre- "Come," said be, thinking it was considerably indepted to him, and wandered nor suggested. I have putable prisoners were huddled in the carriage, but instead of an at-modest hints for liquidation went tice' that would be meted out to l'erkins.

never can do it !

He sat down beside ber.

'The horrid wretch ! I don't want white feather just as the battle be- greater service than you dreamed of on my back;' to bear another word. Nothing new gins, Brace up! I know you don't and that has brought me here. God | Kesthen pronounced the benedicor interesting to be found in that want this poor fellow to go to the grant I have not come in vain. You tion and the congregation scattered penitentiary just because you kissed have that bracelet?" There was a to their homes among the Shamokin

'It is so awful !'

ed that he had been looking for over her face and shrinking as far had only seen a servant and that in petty cases were disposed of, and rived from Calcutta and knew no themselves nor their fellows for a

The State made out its case. It He now ceased his resistance and done, and right under the collar they cumstances, told by very positive witnesses. The accused listened rested, and justice smiled upon h v-

'What on earth is the matter, An- ing secured an unusually fine rascal Lawrence rose for the defense,

was called. For the man ? Yes, it certainly Poor Annie! her heart jumped to or cannon boom crashed half so loud. She felt glued to her seat, She couldn't rise. What would she do ?

A buzz ran through the room as

Lawrence began the examiation. 'Look at the prisoner.' Annie did so.

'Have you ever seen him before? Yes-that is, I mean no.'

A titter went around, and Lawence looked very stern, to keep

'No, that is never in the light.' sel, as if not sure that his dignity

and then held up the bracelet. "Ab ? he kissed back ; 'did be ! 'Now, can you tell me if you ever stead.

'Ob, yes. It is mine.' A sensa-

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'Are you sure !'

'Certainly, and you know it, too Lawrence.' An audible titter, and 'There, little girl, don't take it so poor Annie was nearly upset again, to heart. There is no harm done, and but Lawrence plunged mercilessly wandered off amid the solemn silence ought to feel thankful that you are shead like the surgeon with his of an old cemetery and collided with

knife. the prisoner's collar ?'

'Yes, sir.' 'How !' "I-I-lost it there !"

'When ?'

tremble of eagerness in his voice hills. During the week a self-constithat startled poor Annie's shattered tuted committee went smong the 'Yes, I know it is, very. But it nerves again, and she looked half faithful and succeeded in collecting "Certainly, she has, Perkins, what of in addition thereto, gave out word

"May I see it?"

Mr. Perkins' bronzed face grew led to the huge pile of parcels. A bands over them, and then enddenly ed that the entire lot consisted of

spirit has led you here! I am that when he said: 'My kind friends, I lost brother!"

rich, and Annie and Lawrence have was the truth; the other balf I had a preity bome of their own, and on in front!'-Sunbury American. Lawrence solemnly tells his friends it was all bought for a "Kiss in the

In a pertinent article on swine food, such as turnips, beets, carrots, potatoes, cooked clover hay or grass. ber throat and stuck there in a lump the last being the natural food of the don't by hittin' him? pig, and in summer always at hand the sound. Never had thunder clap If we take all the hogs fattened in will try to make up either in ridicule the United States in a year, and or buildozin'. change the time of fattening from cold to warm weather, one-half the Your bracelet, Annie? You must teeth firm and hard, she drew hers This would be a saving of food, at admiration for half a century on self up and walked to the terrible least, to the amount of \$75,000 000 general principles, an' yet lose all in

she was being sworn, but a stern if country newspaper proprietors side, an' moas' of us except deldrunkand Annie took her seat with a lit- subscribers who take, read and enjoy and are gratified by, and yet refuse to pay for their home papes, the reputahonesty would depreciate 20 per cent. heated term mus' be powerfully afraid mated. [A lawyer will give, you five be tempted now an' den. minutes' advice on a topic and charge you \$5 for it. An editor will give you advice on a hundred topics and charge you three cents a copy back a smile. 'Will you kindly say, for his paper. And very often five reads. cents given to an editor would save \$5 given to a lawyer. . In fact no oth-The Court looked in disgust, first or business men are so universally at the witness and then at the coun- robbed and swindled out of their labor and capital as the county newspaper publisher .- New York Sun.

A little more care for the ornamen ed, merely coughed significantly, tal trees would add greatly to the beauty and value of the farm home-

### A SHREWD PREACHER

THE MANNER IN WHICH HE COLLECT-AD HIS SALARY AND SECURED SHIRTS.

While playing in the role of the ciclancholy Dane recently, 'Becaway' a marble slab bearing the name of 'Can you tell how it came under Kev. John Anderson, He began digging after history with the following result: 'A few days ago while wandering"through Sunbury's old cemetery, I came across a rather appretentions slab near one corner "When-when-I kissed him in of the sacred city on which was cut gaining conange Annie turned to John Anderson. Twenty odd years 'Oh, no, certainly not; but it His Honor, and with a gentle digni- ago Anderson preached for the Methodists of Supbary, Snydertown dear, get your bat and cloak, and we ed, and the room rang with cheers was a short, thick-set man, well adthe confusion Lawrence took Annie everybody. His common ways bim, but he stands to it like a Re- Police courts are not attractive out to a side room till a carriage foundness of joke, good nature and resorts under any circumstances, and could be called. Poor Annie. Her inborn desire to make everyone This was too much for Annie, and the one into which pretty Annie dignity had wilted, and it took all around him happy, rendered him Garnet walked the morning after the Lawrence's firmness to keep her from very popular with both saint and sin-Snydertown flock was found to be made positive statements, and all to the 'dock' waiting the prompt 'jus- tendant there appeared Mr. Peter comparatively unbeeded. Time was drawing near for his departure to 'Ob, pshaw .- Stop your non- them with generous liberality. Law- "I beg pardon for intruding," said other fields of usefulness and still sence, and tell your story! I'm rence led his wife to a seat in a re- be, "but they told me you were the deficit stood on Snydertown's getting interested. Next to a mys- tired corner and turned to leave here, and I came at once for I must page of the ledger. The crisis finally see you before you leave. Madame came. At the close of one of his last 'Oh, Lawrence ! don't go ! Take (to Annie) it is hardly necessary for sermons he took occassion to refer to sibilities about him. What's his me out of this dreadful place! I me to say how grateful I am for the matter in rather strong terms that service you rendered me, for 'Brethern and sisters.' said be. '! you must know that yourself, but in am poor in person and depressed in 'Why, Annie! I'm disappointed! your action of to day, it is possible spirit; the fact is, as I stand before My plucky little wife to show the that you have done us both a still you to-day I have but half a shirt

> as they went along that Brother Anderson would be given a donation at Annie unclasped it from her arm the church on the coming Sabbath. The sisters took hold of the matter, He took it and scrutenized it close- and when the day came there was an or package. These were deposited Annie shook her head. "It bes in one corner of the church, and afcial part of their trust, Anderson was make a circus tent! The good "Child! child! Your mother's preacher was equal to the occassion told you on last Sabbath that I had And so Uncle Joe did come home but a half a shirt to my back, It

# Brother Gardner's Wisdom.

"Dar' am sartin things I should ike you to remember," said Brether Gardner as State Rights Smith finally feeding the National Live Stock got over his fits of coughing and the Journal says: "Now the true way hall became quiet. 'In de fust place to fatten pigs, at any serson of the de man who lies will knock a man year, is to give a portion of coarse down fur callin' him a liar jis as soon as a man who tells de troof. In de nex' place, if a man says you lie, an' you doan' lie, how do you prove you

"What men lack in argyment dey

"When you h'ar of a pusson wid a confidential friend you hav found somebody to be sorry fur.

"A man may hav your respect an half a day by refusin' to indorse your bank note. "Moas' ebery man has his weak

weakness, while he exhibits his. "A religun which can't shet up a church fur six Sundays doorin' de

An editor's labors are seldom esti- of its strength. I like my religun to "I like to believe all men honest. but I nebber take de same patent medicine fur liver complaint an' de

toothache, no matter how de label "If leber open a bank I shan't hunt fur a cashler without any small vices. I hav seen de time when a chaw of plug terbacker stopped my hunger fur my naybur's new partaters.

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