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A LESSON.

When the weary heart is sad And the days seem long, When the eyes are full of tears And life an empty song ; When the burden of the heart Grows heavier each day, Oh! tell me, is there nothing To help along the way.

Ab, yes, sad heart, there's pleasure, Not only in the air, But in the sun and rain drops, And in the flowers fair ; The kindly words oft spoken By those who daily meet, In lingering echoes whisper, Each hour has pleasusres weet.

Tis true that hearts have burdens With many doubts and fears-Have dark and lonely vigils, With many silent tears, That life, at times, and pleasure Seem but an empty song. Where weary hearts are aching, And days are sad and long.

All hearts must bear their burdens, Yet will they lighter grow If each will but endayor To share the other's woe So, weary heart, take comfort, For if you strive each day To ease your comrade's burden, Lo! yours may fall away.

DOROTHY'S LOVER

You have been to the Japanese Village!' Therese ejaculated; 'and you brought that thing !"

'Yes,' said Dorothy, unfurling a gaudy yellow fan, on which pink and blue chrysanthemums bloomed with startling exuberance, 'Isu't it pret-

Pretty !" Therese cchoed in disgust; 'it's vile !'

'Oh, wall,' Dot replied, the thing is overdone, of course Bit you can't belp seeing, Tress, that is a vice time. fine color. Indeed 1 think it is really wonderful bow t ey get such

a treasure. There you are, Dot-*Dorothy Calhoun, Lyndham-on the-Aix' Looks very well, dossn't it ?'

Tom,' Dorothy said in vexation.

I bops, Tom cried,

It looks so mean and snobbish '

that name will greatly enhance the about him ?' value of the fan. It may bring a price at a sale.' 'Give me my fau,' she cried, mak-

ing off with it. 'You are not going to make fun of it'

the beach.'

case of illness,' Tom interposed,

'I certainly shall take it,' Dorothy 'He lied;' was Tom's brusque reretorted. 'It will match my batiste joinder, and I'll tell him so ?' gown beautifully,'

everywhere after that.

the train a week later, he left her about it. Don't-don't glare at me suddenly dignity, 'my family is quite home. Somehow the place didn't saw it was money. She looked at me, fluttering it over the leaves of a new so, Tom !'

novel. Among the passengers was a tall not be is a thief.'

the world pleasantly. 'Pretty girl that !' he mused.

ordinary fan l'

tent, and was bending over now and his name really is Russel." then to sniff the white lilacs she 'Oh yes, 1 do,' said Dorothy. wore on her breast.

'I wonder where she is going ?' bim.' the young man mused. 'It's such hard work drumming up a girl down did you meet him, anyhow.' at the Point. If a fellow only knew somebody -- Ah, beg pardon. with a fresh burst of tears.' May I occupy this seat 1'

station, and the seat alongside of you were old enough to trave! Dorothy being vacant, the young alone.' man plumped into it.

Dorothy gave him a cool nod of acquiescence and went on reading. self, she suddenly left him, dashing

under the young man's eyes. He could not belp staring at it and there, quite plain to view, he

Dorothy Grant Culhoun, Lindbam-on-the-Aix.

What a bore this conventionality holding out his hand with a bright bave a jolly time of it on the way after you,' down if I only dared speak to her,

took out a bair-pin to use as a paper-knife.

came a flourish and 'Allow me-shem! Ab, I beg pardon, but I could not help seeing never forgive you,' your name on your fan; it is so handsome. I believe I n addres- grave. sing Miss Calhoup ... I not the bonor of being a classmate of a relative of yours at Amberst Col-

surprise, glancing down at her fan say that again, How did you know it? Did you recognize his writing ?"

Tom will tell you all about me, 1 heard of mehad no idea when I sat down here that you were his sister. It is so mate. You-you lied about it !' pleasant to meet someone in the down to the Point. You are going not say that- merely implied it. there, I suppose?'

cottage there,'

'llow very pleasant!' Russel proceeded quite easily.

There was nothing more natural after that on the beach, and that she should say discreetly:

So Dot invited him.

After that the Point ceased to be fine colors on these cheap things the dullest place they had both ful !" It is all laid on with the brush, you thought it. A month of boating know. Tom, what are you doing ! and strolling together had worked 'Marking it for you,' ber brother such a spell of pleasure over them matically. septied, wielding his pen deliberate- that Mrs. Seymore, in a fit of growy; 'you wouldn't want to lose such ing anxiety, sat down and wrote to Tom.

'Dorothy has met one of your old Tom !' classmates here-a Mr; Russel-who 'I wish you hadn't done that, pays her such marked devotion that ed, and Russel rose to meet her were all the other houses? We rode them sent home. After that I went 'Why, you are not ashamed of it, find out what his prospects are I rage. have already learned something of 'Is your name Russel?' Tom said casionally I saw one that was familioint was in the oven. Mother had 'I hate to have my name plastered his family-they are the Russels, of angrily. all over things that are of no value Lynn; but some of that family are rich and sons are poor, and I 'Never mind,' said Therese so the cannot find out where this young ingly; a hundred years from now fellow comes in. What do you know

> Tom did not answer this letter by post. He came down to the point manin person, very much wrought up

Be sure and take it with you such a man in our class. He is lark.' down to the shore.' Therese called some adventurer who has taken you after her, 'It may serve a hundred in. I am astonished that you enends-out sailing, you know, or on couraged him. Why didn't you ask me about bim ?'

'Or to use as a warning signal in 'He said he knew you,' Dorothy faltered.

'I-I did write you about him Perhaps it was perversity; but said Dorothy, bursting into tears. Dot carried that yellow fan with her 'That is, I wrote Therese; but you were off at Portsmoth, and I sup-When Tom stowed her away in posed she never would say anything

Well, you have made a fool of The train was crowded, as the yourself! he said savagely, 'Dear trains to the seaside usually are knows who the fellow is, Like as

slender man, with a perfectly correct Oh, he's a gentleman!' Dorothy outfit, and the air of one who takes interposed tearfully. 'Indeed he is Tom !

'How do you know ? It may all But good gracious, what an extra- be a sham. You can't expect much the thing in such an underhanded out of a man who starts out with ly- way !" Dot had it spread to its fallest ex- ing. You don't know even whether

'Aunt Mary knows people who know

'Humph!' retorted Tom, 'Where

'Well,' exclaimed her brother sav-

Some one had got out at a way- agely, 'Dorothy Calbonn, I did think 'So I am !' she cried.

And then, without explaining her The yellow fan was unfurled just around the piazza and down the beach beyond Tom's line of vision, mer-house near by where a tall good-looking fellow, in a yaching suit, was coming towards some perverse tears on George Russell's shoulder.

Why, Dorothy !' he exclaimed

s !' be mused fretfully. 'I might fond smile. 'I was just coming up

'Don't speak to me l' she cried Dorothy laid down her fan and passionately, 'You told me a big lately?" shouted a broaker the other story, George Russel. You don't evening to a portly, finely dressed "Where do you live, Jimmy ?" she The fan fell to the floor, then and—you have been deceiving me with his friend, and replied, "I've

Russel's fine face grew suddenly

'Darling,' be said quietly, 'come home, eh ?" and sit down here,

'My brother Tom !' said Dot in that I-I - Don't you ever dare to

'Dorothy,' he went on gravely, 'it and mother." is quite true that I do not know your | They sat down and the man told 'I fancy so;' the young fellow fib. brother. I graduated from Amburet his story. bed quite boldly. Excuse me. my College last year, and he is only a name is Russel. I live at Linn freehman; consequently he never

perate fancy to you from the first, there to go home, and go home I did, and go a fishing." It was the name on your fan that "In the first place I must tell you "I didn't say a word, but I went out than that Dot should recognize him first put the idea into my head; I how I came to New York. I had a to the barn, bedded down the horse, remembered that there was a Cal- tiff with my father and left home. I broke up an armful of shingles, pumpwhen her aunt asked who he was, honn among the freshman this year, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in my pocket. I got a job running and then we all went to bed. and I jumped at the conclusion that a freight elevator in the very house "Father called me at 4:39 in the A classmate of Tom's-Mr. Rus- he might be a relative. It turned in which I am now a partner. My morning, and while he was getting a out to be a brother. Don't be an- haste to get rich drove the thoughts cup of coffee I skipped over to the de Why don't you have him up to gry, Dorothy; it was all done for a of my parents from me, and when I pot across lots and got my best brass 'Why don't you have him up to gry, Dorothy; it was all done for a did think of themthe hard words that rod. Father took nothing but a trol my father last spoke to me rankled ling line and spoon hook. He rowed ing anxious her niece should have a any other particular. Can't you forgive me for it?'

The next instant she had decampit has become accessary for me to brother, who came up in a towering nearly a mile before coming to the visiting among my old schoolmates

which worked like a charm on Tom's a face in sight that I knew, and I This is where I played a joke on the manner, for it showed they were fel- started down the paltform to go old folks. Mother was in the kitchen lows of the same society 'I believe home. In the office door stood the watching the roast. Father was out I owe you an explanation?

He made it then and there, like a

'I acknowledge that I did wrong.' Russel concluded, but you would had been doing in New York, and he asked a blessing over it, and he act-'Dorothy,' he said sternly. : where is this fellow Russel? There is no do the same if you were off for a

'But you can't do it, you know,' get a bare fiving." Russel replied, with glance at Tom's inferior height and muscle.

better go quickly.

ask your father ---

thing?' Tom shouted.

Chester, of the Vulcan Iron Works

I am the junior partner there-Tom gasped. The Vulcan Iron Works were own-

men in that section of the country. But why on earth did you go about buy anything to day, sir."

Russel smiled. ng out his hand

without a sheepish look. broken up.

rashed out and seized him with a breathless exclamation.

worth three millions, and, Tom-see "George."

through the vines into a little sum-Dorothy was there, mopping away

'Well,' Tom said resignedly, 'I wash my bands of them:

VISITING THE OLD HOME.

"Hello, Jim! Where have you been know my brother Tom at all, and - man in the corridor of the St. James. asked from the very first. Oh, bow could been home to see my old father and Jimmy? you do such a thing ! I'll never, mother, the first time in sixteen years and I tell you, old man, I wouldn't have missed that visit for all my for- very high, for I hear tell o' them city

"Kinder good to visit your boyhood

"You bet. Sit down. I was just 'Don't call me that !' Dot retorted thinking about the old folks, and feel We ain't got any money now, Jimmy stamping her foot. 'Oh, to think talkative. If you have a few mone We're poorer nor Job's turkey." ents to spare, sit down, light a cigar, and listen to a story of a rich man ad with the spare ribs, and to tell the who had almost forgotten his father truth, John, I havn't eaten a meal in

finally turned up in New York with ed a pail of water, filled the woodbox, 'How can I be sorry when it led miles from Milwaukge to my home, and I never got a bite.

matically.

"At noon we went ashore and fathed to creep," I was actually worse or went home, while I went to the

There was Bill Lyman's red barn just

iar. The town had grown to ten put on her only silk dress, and father times its size when I knew it. The had donned his Sunday go to meettrain stopped and I jumped off. Not ing clothes, none too good, either. station agent. I walked up and said: to the barn, and I had a clear coast "Howdy, Mr. Collins ?"

You've got the best of me, sir."

didn't make any bones in talking to nally trembled when he stuck his me. Said he : "It's about time you knife in the roast. "We haven't had 'I ought to thrash you !' Tom said came home. You in New York rich, a piece of meat like this in five years, and your father scratching gravel to Jim," he said; and mother put in

"I tell you, John, it knocked me fee in a year, only when we went a all in a heap. I thought my father visitin'. 'Confound your impudence !' Tom had enough to live upon comfortably. "Then she poured out the coffee muttered. 'The best thing you can Then a notion struck me. Before go and lifted the cover of the sugar do is to get out of this; and you'd ing home I telegraphed to Chicago bowl, asking as she did so: "How to one of our correspondents there to many spoons, Jimmy T' 'Come now, Mr. Calboun,' said send me \$1,000 by the first mail, 'Then she struck something that Russel, 'I am sorry, upon my honor Then I went into Mr. Collins' back wasn't sugar. She picked up the I-I love your sister, and intend to office, got my trunk in there and put bowl and peered into it. "And Mason an old hand-me-down suit that I ter Jimmy, playin' your old tricks on 'How dare you think of such a used for hunting and fishing. My your manning, ch?-Well, boys will plug hat I replaced by a soft bat, be boys." equal to yours, Mr. Calbonn look right. The current bushes had then at father, and then with tremb Moreover, I am not a begger. You been dug up from the front yard and ling fingers drew the great roll of bills probably know my uncle, George the fence was gone. All the old lo- out. cust trees had been cut down and "Ha! ha! ha! I can see father young maples were planted. The now as he stood there then on tiptos, house looked smaller somehow, too, with his knife in one hand, fork in ed by the richest and most honorable But I went up to the front door and the other and his eyes fairly bulging rang the bell. Mother came to the out of his head. But it was too much

"It didn't take me a minute to sur trust in the Lord for he will provice." vey her from head to foot. Neatly dressed, John, but a patch and a John, there's not much more to tell. 'Come and see me,' he said, hold- darn here and there, her hair streak We threw water in her face and ed with gray, her face thin, drawn brought her to, and we demolished And Tora took it, though not and wrinkled. Yet over her eye that dinner, mother all the time says glasses shone those good, honest, be- ing : "My boy Jimmy ! My boy Jim-He tried to say something, but nevolent eyes. I stood staring at my !" Russel wrung his hand warmly and her, and then she began to stare at "I stayed home a month. I fixed barried off. It took Tom some me. I saw the blood rush to her up the place, paid off all debts, had a time to get back to the house, for, face, and with a great sob she threw good time and came back again to 'In-the-train!' Dorothy cried to use his swn phrase, he was 'all herself upon me, and nervously clasp- New York. I am going to send \$50 ed me about the neck, hysterically home every week. I tell you, John, When he did get there his aunt crying': "It's Jimmy, it's Jimmy."

"Then I cried, too, John. I just broke down and cried like a baby. 'Tom I' she cried, 'the Rev: Mr, She got me into the house, hugging Mr. Russel well He says he is the back door and shouted :

She drew him to one corner of the from the kitchen asked, "What you morro w." piazza where they could peep want Car'line T' "Then he came in. He knew me

in a moment. He stuck out his hand and grasped mine, and said, sternly, Well, young man, do you propose to behave yourself now !"

but he broke down. There we three sat, like whipped school children, all whimpering. At last suppor time came and mother went out to prepare it. I went into the kitchen with

"What are you working at now

"Then I suppose you don't live clerks what don't get enough money to keep body and soul tegether. So I'll just tell you Jimmy, we got nothing but roast spare ribs for supper

"I told her that I would be delight-New York that tasted as well as those crisp roasted spare ribs did. I spent the evening playing checkers with "How I came to visit my home hap father, while mother sat by telling me pened is a curious way. Six weeks all about her misfortunes, from old ago I went down to Erie Island fish- white Mooley getting drowned in the ing. I had a lunch put up at Crook pond to father's signing a note for a *But you said be was your class- & Nash's and you can imagine my as- friend and having to mortgage the tonishment when I opened the ham- place to pay it. The mortgage was 'No excuse me; I did not. If you per to find a package of crackers due inside of a week and not a cent train-it is such a long stupid rids will remember my exact words, I did wrapped up in a piece of newspaper. to meet it with just \$800. She sup-That newspaper was the little patent posed they would be turned out of inside county weekly publishe at my house and home, but in my mind I Perhaps that is just as bad, for I home in Wisconsin. I read every supposed they wouldn't. At last 9 'Yes' Dot assented quite gracions acknowledge I did it with the intent word of it, advertisements and all. o'clock came, and father said. 'Jim. ly. 'My aunt, Mrs. Seymour, has a to deceive you. But I did not think There was George Kellogg, who was go out to the barn and see if Kit is all then that our acquaintance would a school-mate of mine, advertising right. Bring in an armful of old ripen as it has done. I was off for ham and salt pork, and another boy shingles that are just justle the door was postmaster. By George, it made and fill up the water pail. Then we murmored; and conversation then a frolic; I saw you and I took a dec homesick, and I determined then and will go off to bed and get up early

in my bosom. Well, I went home, the boat with his troiling line in his I didn't see much change in Chicago, mouth, while I stood in the boat with You are not even sorry you did but the magnificent new depot in a silver shiner rigged on. Now, John, it I' she cried. 'Oh, it is too dread- Milwankee I thought was an im- I never saw a man catch fish like he provement on the old shed that they did. To make a long story short he

'You ought to be sorry,' she said than a school boy going home for postoffice. I got a letter from Chicasternly. 'I never want to see you vacation. At last we neared the go with a check for \$1,000 in it. With again, Oh, George, there comes town, Familiar sights met my eyes, some trouble I got it eashed, getting and, darn it all, they filled with tears. a roll. I then got a reast joint of the same; but, great Scott, what beef and a lot of delicacies and had depot, though houses where only oc- for two hours and went home. The I dumped the sugar out of the old "He stared at me and replied, blue bowl, put the thousand dollars in it, and placed the cover on again "I told him who I was and what I At last supper was ready. Father with, "And we haven't had any cof-

Because, Russel replied with took my valise in my hand and went "Then she gasped for breath. She

'That may be,' he said lamely door and said : "We don't wish to for mother. She raised her eyes to heaven and said slowly : "Put you

"Then she fainted away. Well,

it's mighty nice to have a home."

John was looking steadily at the head of his came. When he spoke he took Jim by the hand and said Vanderpool has come, and he knows and kissing me, and then she went to "Jim, old friend, what you have told me has affected me greatly. I haven't heard from my house way up in Maine "Father came in in a moment and for ten years. I am going home to-

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