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Need a lassic cry.

MY WIFE.

She who sleeps upon my heart Was the first to win it; She who dreams upon my breast Ever reigns within it. She who ki ses oft my lips Wakes their warmest blessing : She who rests within my arms

Feels their closest pressing. Other days than these shall come-Days that may be dreary— Other hours shall greet us yet, Hours that may be weary : Still this heart shall be thy throne,

Still this breast my pillow ; Still these lips shall meet thine own As billow meeteth billow. Sleep, then, on my happy heart,

Since thine love nath won it; Dream, then, on my loyal breast, None but thou hast done it; And when age your bloom shall change With its wintry weather, May we in the self-same grave Sleep and dream together.

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## BEATRICE CENCI.

Beatrice Cenei seem scarcely to be. long to history. The mind connects her with the poet and the artist. Shelley and Guido scem to have given her im. mortality and to have been historians. The stern facts of reality are thrust aside. and the ideal romance we read in the wondrous face on the walls of the Barbarini palace is a fit embodiment of the beautiful, noble and resigned victim drawn by the inspired hand of the English poet.

The life of Beatrice contains elements sufficient on which to found a romance. She was beautiful, of noble birth, young, and she suffered death.

The intervening circumstances of her life history writes with a sterner pen, Planos, Mclodeons, Organs and Sheet and tradition—the impartial tradition of her cotemporaries-proves that there the more resolute she became. were darker shades in her characterand that she was, no matter by what incentives brought to it, the murderer of her father.

In the sixteenth century, Rome, atter a long succession of depraved Popes, had grown to be the most lawless and deprayed city in Europe. The ancient vices of the Casars, he lawless violence of the Borgias, were united in the manners of those times. The Roman Pontiff governed only the poor and wretched, who were but slaves and beggars, whilst every noble in the halv city held a court of his own, obeying no will but his own, submitting to no authority, and prepared to resist all invasion of his preregative, having an army of retainers about him who shared his fortunes and fought his battles-without scrupie or agxiety as to the justice of the quarrel. Amongst the nobles of that day in Rome, the most conspicuous for lawless violence, extravagance and debauchery, was Nicola Cenci, His cruelties had

startled even the seared imagination of all accustomed to lawless deeds. Young girls were "snatched from their homes, carried into the Cenci palace and never heard of again. Peaceful citizens were arrested by the followers of the Cenei and robbed of their money, glad to es- due. cape with life, whilst the usurers and jewelers were often compelled to save their lives by forced contributions to the ficrce and relentless nobleman. This Nicola Cenci was one of the

haadsomest men of his day. He had married in early life, and was the father ter, and Bernardo, but a year younger than his sister.

Notwithstanding his evil reputation and his being advanced in years, Nicola Cenci, when he became a widower, found a young and beautiful woman. who consented to be his wife.

Donna Lucrezia was, however, not the woman to have undertaken such a task. She possessed the Italian listless ness and love of luxury, but no energy, She was voluptuous without passion, and had married Nicola without one serious reflection of what her fate would be, ex. murder of the ruthless Nicola. Of the barrels of flour, and a small quantity of cepting that she would lead a fistless and title life.

She elder sons of the Cenci had all followed in their father's footsteps, faith ful to the lessons he had given them. Often they were away from the palace, returning to it with some wretched victim, whose cries thrilled all who heard Seenes of horrible violence and blood- Roman ladies, forgettul of their come himself with state affairs-

shed would follow the noisy banqueis, and it was no unusual thing for two or three of the guests to be thrown dead into the street from the portals of the

Donna Lucrezia found consolation and support only in the society of her hus-

band's daughter, Beatrice. Between these two women there sprung up a fast friendship. Lucrezia, although the elder by ten years, and by her position calculated to be her protector, was, however, the weakest of the two Young Beatrice Cenei, brought up in the midst of all this vice and car. nage, imbaed naturally with a woman's purity, high souled and high minded, was steeled to any dued of endurance and courage. She it was who sustained, consoled and cherished her stepmother. giving her power to endure the life of

continual apprehension that Cenei and his habits made for them. He seems to have eared little for Luerezia, for, after the first year of his marriage, he neglected her, nay, seemed wholly to have forgotten her, leaving ber for days and weeks in the retired refuge. Bernardo, the youngest son, a timid, gentle boy, was their only society, and this period passed with his brother and his stepmother, their employment music, poetry, and the tapestry work in which Lucrezia excelled, seems to have

been the only happy period of her life. But an unlucky expression of admiration from one of Cenci's companions, as he obtained a glimpse of Bentrice passing along the galleries of the palace changed all.

Nicola Cenci himself for the first time looked at his daughter, and saw that she had grown up into a girl of extraordinary beauty. He determined that she should grace his festivals, and issged his commands that she should deck berself in magnificent garments and appear among his guests.

Beatrice and Donna Lucrezia remon. strated. They both knew full well that the banquests were orgies at which a modest woman was exposed to foulest insult, but Cenei imperative. Donna Lucrezia wept and trembled, but Bea trice peremtorily refused to obey her father.

Then began the struggle between the father and daughter-a struggle for subut lead to misery and death.

Donna Lucrazia advised submission, but Beatrice, the more she was opposed

She barricaded herself in her cham ber, whence her father would have dragged her with violence, and amid the hreats and yells of her father and broth. Bernardo, her young brother, alone defended her, bringing on himself ill-usage and violence, even to blows from

his father and brothers. Sometimes, however, in the interest of some lawless incursion, or during the wassail of some deep orgies, these victims of tyranny would be forgotten. Then they would sit listening to the shouts of the drunken crew with a stolid despair in their hearts, wondering when liberty would come, thinking, no doubt, often of Nicola's great age, and trusting that death might one day free

But Nicola and his party one wild night exceeded even the license of the times. There was a public outery a gainst him even in degraded Rome, and the Pope advised him to retire for some

time—to leave the city.

Nicola had a desolate stronghold in the darkest garge of the Sabine Hills. To this he resolved to go, taking with him Lucrezia, Bernardo, and Beatrice, whose spirit he had determined to sub-

But hard was the task that he had set himself. Beatrice, who had defiled him in his palace in Rome surrounded by his followers, now utterly set his author. ty at naught.

The life he made for these two poor women was full of terrors and torture, of a numerous family, the two youngest and it is here Beatrice and Lucrezia children being Beartrice his only daugh- formed the plan to free themselves from their tyrant.

The Sabine Hills were the refuge of braves and desperadoes too obscure and indigent to purchase immunity from the police of Rome. Many of them claimed the hospitality of the Castle of Petrella.

Watching their opportunity Beatrice and Lucrezia fixed upon two bravi on whom they thought they could rely. Donna Lucrezia possessed jewels of great value, with these she tempted the bravi, and a plan was conceived for the bravi, knowing the desperate straight exceed fifteen thousand dollars. in which they were, presumed to insist on another reward beside the jewels. Beatrice and Lucrezia had inspired his views about his future state, and

plicity with these wretches in crime, treated them with the utmost contempt.

The bravi revenged themselves by

betraying all to Nicola Cenci. Then in that dark, isolated keep in he hills, where the human voice found no response but the wailing ceho, a deed of horror was perpetrated at which nature stself shudders,

Nicola Cenci sought his daughter in the dead of night, struck Bernardo the case must be desperate, or also from her threshold, expelled Lucrezia there is no case at all. Anything they from her chamber, and then harring her can save is not likely to be worth savedoor, swore that he would conquer her ing

or kill her at his feet. What the deadly struggle was, not even Beatrice in her confession revealed, has escaped corruption. But her heart though she accused her father of an at-had grown stern and bitter; her soul tempt from which our very nature tempt from which our very nature

shrinks. Certair, however, it is that the tremp ling woman and the half-fainting boy who watched, beheld at length the door open and Beatrice, pale, her woudrous golden hair streaming over her, come away. He seems to have recovered forth alone.

On her bed lay Nicola Cenci with a

dagger in his heart-dead. Tradition and poetry have firmly be. lieved in the outrage offered by Nicola instantly to the bar of judical doom. apartments in which Beatrice had taken to his daughter as the justification of her deed; but nothing has confirmed her confession, and this horrible crime was probably invented by the defenders of Beatrice when a petition for pardon was presented to Clement VIII.

all arrested and taken to Rome. They lot speculations, Andrew Johnson, had attempted to flight, and offered no resis ance.

Now that Nicola was dead his vices

She bore berself with calmness and dignity. Her great beauty and serenity astonishing the Judges. She submitted without a murmur of pain to the application of the torture, weeping only unother, As Ashley descends to his when the sufferings and condemnation native nothingness, Wentworth rises

Unmoved she heard her sentence of

death.

what has life been to me?" Her youth, her beauty, her high birth, however, at last infused some in. terest among the Roman nobility. A premacy between two Cencis could not it, and Beatrice was condemned to the ings were whispered-bargains, coali. scaffold

> present at ber trial, and struck with her of the Pope to paint her portrait.

He was admitted to the cell, and produced that portrait whose wondrous eyes er, preserved her courage and serenity. look down on us, now with depths of courage, sadness and resignation, that about the head was a portion of the white penetectial garment worn by barrieides at the scaffold. He has thrown it from the shoulders over the head evidently to display the hair like burnished gold, for which bentrice was renoun The picture is in the Barbarini Palace at Rome, but is popular everywhere, from the frequent copies made

of it in all forms. On the 15th of September, 1599, Beatrice Cenci was led to the scaffold-a mere block of wood where her head was to be literally chopped off by the Man. naia, or the butcher's age.

She was not only serene, but cheerful. The world had nothing in it for her to mourn No love had ever made her heart beat; even the natural affections had been denied her. She had lived midst strife, bloodshed, vice and violence; and living among it with a pure sensitive nature capable of feeling all the borrors of such a life.

No wonder that she smiled a smile of scorn on earth, and looked up with gleaming eyes to the world above her. She trusted in God; but even had she not posessed that faith, the utter repose of the grave was preferable to the fate

she had endured while living. They bound her hands, and the exeentioner's axe glittered baside her. Then turning to the two sbirri who were tying her bands, she exclaimed : "You bind my body for destruction, but you give to my soul immortality."

These were the last words of the beautiful' keroie and unhappy Beatrice

Condi. In Athany, Sunday morning, a fire occured on the pier which destroyed the flour and grain warehouse of John W. Russell, The warehouse contained only

one cargo of barley, one or juo hundred existence of this plot tradition, well an oats. The barley was insured in the thenticated in the Papal archives, has London and Liverpool Company, and to the beauty of the two women. The office of Albany. The total loss will not

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## THE GOLDEN AGE

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The impenelment process slumbers Whether Mr. Ashley has become fatigued with his unwented efforts in the cause of virtue, or whether he finds the nation incredulous of his sincerity and rather inclined to sucer than appland, his efforts of late have sensibly relaxed-The fine frenzy, the offspring of startled and indignant honor, which marked the ferver of his early outbursts, has died from the shock with which his sensitive soul caught the first whispers of official delinquency, and which fired him with a noble ambition to drag the great ofiender Since that notable day, celebrated especially by the inventive detter writers of Washington, when he rose, with lofty mien and grave aspect, to impeach on personal responsibility as a member of Congress, and full partner with the Beatrice, Lucrezia and Bernardo were Surveyor of Colorado in all his town-President of the United States, of sun. dry high crimes and misdemeanors, the Honorable Mr. Ashley has wholly subwere all forgotten in the great crime of ided. He and his impeachment seem parricide, which Beatrice had committe alike to have disappeared from public

view. But the cause of virtue is not wholly lost. Truth and political purity are not to be left without defenders. When one champion falls, Providence raises up of her young brother were made known from his. Thus the balance of the

moral world is preserved. Wentworth, it seems, had beard that somebody had been "conspiring" with "You can take away but my life, thu the President. He had even read in a newspaper that some members of Congress had proposed to the President that he should do something which he had never done before, and that he should mitigation of the sentence was asked stop doing somethings which he had for from Clement VIII., but he refused always done hitherto. Midnight meettions, plots, all sorts of corrupt transac-Guido Reni, then painting in the tions, conversations and conspiraces, Vatican, was, fortunately for posterity, danced before the bewildered eyes of "Long John," and beckoned him on to extraordinary beauty, asked permission the championship of the virtue of Congress. He was seized with sudden horror lest some member should be bribedand that member not himself! Such a possibility must be averted. So John moved a committee of investigation, and tell her history at one glauce. The the House, fearful of inferences if it strange heavy drapery Guido has wound should refuse, made haste to vote itand the virtons Wentworth sets forth, in humble imitation of the illustrous Ashley, in pursuit of Congressional corrup-

tion and delinquency. Happy is that nation whose political gates are guarded, night and day, by two such dragons of official virtue! -N. Y. Times.

An editor in Illinois recently saw a patent clothes washer. It was in the shape of a wheelbarrow The revolutions of the wheel put in motion a erank that moved the plunger that pounded the clothes. The body of the box was mounted where the load is in a wheelbarrow. On the top of the box was a wringer. A lady can put her clothes in the machine, pick it up and go out calling; the longer her list of friends the further she will have to wheel her burden and the better her clothes will be washed. Calling will then be of some use, and an eternal gadabout will become a first rate washerwoma#.

THE Bishop of Carlisle, who thinks that every boy and girl should learn to repeat the Thirty nine Articals as well as the catechism, recently asked a youth ful scholar if he had read the Thirtynine Articles. "No," said the boy "but I have read 'The Forty Thieves."
"You may stand down, sir," said the Bishop.

The Secretary of War has decided that eyery bounty claimant shall be regarded as having served to the end of the war who enlisted for three years and was mustered out with his organization because the services of the latter were no longer required by the Government, and therefore entitled to additional bounty

The French Blue Book says the Goverrment of France sincerely applauds the activity of the United States in repairing the evils of the civil war. There left no doubt. The plot failed, owing the building in the Commerce Insurance France and the United States. Everyis now no subject of dissension between thing tends to the assimilation of their policies.

JOSH BILLINGSSRAYS "I am ardently A CLEBGYMAN asked a sea captain opposed tew ardens speerits as a bevthem, but who dared not interfere. them with a lawless passion, but the was answered that he did not meddle ridge, but, for manufacturing purposes, I think a listle of it tastes good and

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