## MUSIC IN DARKNESS.

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I. t the dim end of day heard the great musician play: wher white hands now slow, now swiftly pass; re gleamed the polished wood, as in a

Where gleamed the polished wood, as in glass. The shadow hands repeating every motion. Then did 1 voyage forth on music's ocean, Visiting many a sad or joyful shore, Where storming breakers roar, Or singing birds made music so intense— So intimate of happiness or sorrow— I scarce could courage horrow To hear those strains; well-migh I hurried thence

thence To escape the intolerable weight That on my spirit fell when sobbed the

music: Late, too late, too late, While slow withdrew the light And, on the lyric tide, came in the night.

So grew the dark, enshrouding all the

So grew the dark, ensurousing at the room
In a melodious gloom,
Her face growing viewless; line by line
Her swaying form did momently decline
And was in darkness lost.
Then white hands ghostly turned, though still they tost
From tone to tone; pauseless and sure as if in perfect light;
With blind, instinctive, most miraculous

On, on they sounded in that world of night.

Ah, dearest one; was this thy thought, as mine, As still the music stayed? "So shall the loved ones fade— Feature by feature. Ince on lovely line; For all our love, a.as, From twilight into darkness shall they

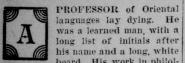
We in that dark shall see them never

more, But from our spirits they shall not he hanished

banished... For on and on shall the sweet music pour That was the soul of them, the loved, t...e vanquished: And we who listen shall not lose them

In that mysterious ......





was a learned man, with a long list of initials after his name and a long, white beard. His work in philol-

ogy is to this day spoken of with great respect. His studies in Elizabethan, titerature were profound, and his clear and authoritative essays on the sub-ject inve just been collected from the learned reviews and published. The 'Athenaeum's speaks very well of

"Doctor." he said to his medical attendant, "am I dying?"

Nonsense!" said the doctor, irritably. "You've got a good chance of pulling through all right if you do what you're told and don't worry. And you've been worrying.'

"How do you know that?" "Never mind. It must be so. Your mind is not at ease."

"No," said the professor, wearily, "far from it; very far from it."

said the doctor, cheerfully, "you must get over that. It cannot be a money matter."

'No," said the professor, "my affairs are in good order: I leave enough behind me; Jane is amply provided for." "Of course, if it is in any way con nected with religion---

The professor smiled with tired sueriority. "The few generalities which serve me for religion-all that my reason permits me to accept-are not enough to trouble me. And yet I own that it is by my conscience that I am

to hide the ignorance than would be needed to acquire the information. But my own case is black indeed. am esteemed to be a man of learning. A volume written by me is a great event in the world of scholarship. I have been presented with the honorary degree of a great university, and was on that occasion complimented at considerable length in a Latin oration,

'Dead Sea Fruit. "Come," said the doctor, "ignorance of some little thing which everyone is supposed to know about cannot be regarded as an unpardonable crime.

There is nothing to worry about." "You do not know how black my case is. Listen." His voice sank to a hoarse whisper. "I do not know-I never have known for more than a moment at a time-how to spell the word, 'seize.' "

"But, really," said the doctor, "one earns that' kind of thing in the learns nursery.

"Some do," said the professor. never did. I never could. For the last thirty years I have never even looked the word up in a dictionary. It is of no use. The knowledge will not stop. Two minutes after I have seen places where trade and shipping have it I have forgotten it; and I, sir, am necessitated harbor defensive works, a professor of languages! As I look the sea has for ages been allowed to back all my life seems to have been work its own will on our coasts, unfilled with mean, cunning and dis interrupted to any extent by man, ungraceful subterfuges to avoid spelling til within the last few years. Where

the word 'seize.' I have written other the sea has given up some land, and I really wanted. My bitterest experi-bold enough to "reclaim" the gift, buy ence was with Jane. I was explain- the birth of active successful measures ing to her one day that she did not un towards compelling it to cease erosions

derstand anything about anything and that it would be a good thing if she were better educated. She was writing a letter at the time, and perhaps not paying sufficient attention to what I was saying. At any rate, she looked up from her letter, suddenly, and said 'How do you spell 'seized,' George?'"

"What did you do? Get out of the oom in a fit of coughing?" of cases of erosion. The most obvious remedies to be applied are those of the oom in a fit of coughing?" "No; she might have suspected. told her. I told her definitely and firm been multiplied in all conceivable forms ly, and it is extremely probable that l and shapes. It was early recognized told her wrong. I knew that the peot that to oppose a vertical face to the ple who received the letter would be too delicate to speak of her mistake. But it is not the way to treat a wife," storm, exerts a most serious scouring action at the bottom of such a wall,

His wife was with him when he died and quickly bares it foundations, after PROFESSOR of Oriental tially conscious. His last words to her To minimize scour, aprofis l "It's either 'se-i' or 'si-e.' "were, The Spherg

# OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND

Little Baldheaded Man Gets the Story

Tellers in Kansas City Guessing. . "Yes," said one of the traveling men who were telling stories in front of the hotel. "I was once out of sight of land on the Atlantic Ocean twenty-one days.

"On the Pacific one time I didn't see land for twenty-nine days," said another.

A little bald headed man tilted his chair against a post and knocked the ashes from his cigar.

"I started across the Kaw River, near Lawrence, in a skift once when I was a kid," he said, "and was out of sight cf land befor I reached the other side."

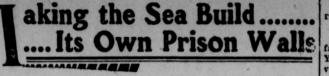
"Aw, come off!" came from one of the crowd. "The Kaw isn't more than 300 vards wide anywhere along near Lawrence.

"I didn': say it was," said the little man quietly. "The skiff turned over and I sank twice." - Kansas City Times.

### Some Advantages of Poverty.

If you are reasonably poor you will benefit in the following way: The chance is remote that you will be killed in an automobile accidentunless you are an unlucky pedestrian. You will never be the defendant in

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NE of the most interesting | wood, and in some places the terede phases of modern engineer-ing is that dealing with the in order to combat its ravages it is now proposed to construct them of re protection of our shores from the encroachments of inforced concrete after the design of the sea. It is a matter of Dr. J. S. Owens. In order to reap the

common knowledge that in many places on the coastline valuable land utmost benefit from groyning, it seems advisable that the groynes should be is yearly swallowed by the sea, and carried out as far as possible beyond that the limit of high water mark is low-water level, so as to intercept to steadily creeping inland. Most people the greatest extent the off-shore cur also know that there are many other rents, although every coastline will be places where the reverse of this is a law unto itself.

It is remarkable how much solid happening, and the land is actually gaining upon the sea. It is reserved, however, to very few, even among enmatter the sea will carry in suspension and how much also it may be made to gineers, to know the methods which have been and are being taken, in the deposit in this manner, though it must be understood that shingle and quite large pebbles are just as readily one case, to counteract these encroach ments, and, in the other, to retain pos-session of the accumulated accretions. rested as is fine sand. Not the least advantage due to the use of groynes is With the exception of a very few their action in causing an accumulation at the base of sea walls from which

they run. Formerly all groynes were placed at right angles to the beach, and the Case system has attained to success by adhering to this plan; there is, how ever, a movement now in favor of placing them at an acute angle under cer tain circumstances. It is beginning to be recognized that to secure the best advantages, every local condition-the here and to give accretions there/ direction and play of the shore cur longs only to the last decade of the last century. rents, the prevailing winds, the slope of the coast, the rise of the tide, the

Experiments made with the many direction of the coast, the nature of systems advocated at various times its constituents, its position with re gard to neighboring coast and the by different experts have served to prove a few general principles which seem fairly applicable in the majority of the tides-must be properly taken into consideration.

Excellent as low groynes have proved to be, they have failed in cer tain places-St. Margaret's Bay, Kent sea-wall and the dyke, and these have and Glenbeigh, County Kerry, may be cited-and it is probable that this is in ome measure due to an incomplete ap progress of the sea was to invite disas-ter. The water, especially during a preciation of every factor. Anyhow it seems highly probable that given favorable conditions, acute-angle groynes may very well be the best, and action at the bottom of such a wall one instance, at least-at Lowestoft, where the low water mark has

To minimize scour, aprons have been been driven back some 150 feet-they have proved to be so. The erection of constructed at their bases, consisting of stone, brick or cement beds laid against the toe of the wall and extend-O. Williams, R. N., who is consistent O. Williams, R. N., who is consistent ed at a greater or less angle outwards in advocating the theory that acute angled groynes are generally prefertowards the sea, and so protecting their foundations. The process of trial able to those at right-angles.

Practically speaking, Lieutenant and error has, however, shown that vertical walls are unsuited for these Williams takes advantage of the Case purposes, and that the greater slope or system of low groynes, but he puts them at an acute instead of a right batter than can be given to their face, the more successful they are. angle, and in places throws out spur Prob grovnes from them. Certainly success ably the best form of face that can be has attended his first experiments, but given is elliptical, as flat as possible arranged so as to minimize all batteran equal or even greater success has been accomplished with the Case righting action of the waves, and protected by a substantial apron at the toe. Even angled groynes in other places, leading to the belief that there may be a best under the most favorable conditions, however, scour will in time result, angle, varying from a right angle down and constant attention is required to to a very acute angle, for every coast, see that extensive denudation at the and that the conclusion reached by some experts that there is no advanbase does not take place. Sea walls at their best are, however, tage in departing from the former is

mly a passive agency, and means have not justified by facts. seen sought to combat more actively It is quite probable that the theory, the ceaseless action of the tides. Up advanced by Mr. R. G. Allanson-Winn, to the present, the greatest success has of groynes partly at right angles (from een attained by the use of groynes. low-water level up to mean-water Observation has shown that the sand level), and then curving into the land and shingle of the coast are constantly in an elliptical curve, would be found very advantageous in places, combin changing their position and are uning as it does both the Case and the easingly drifting in directions pecuiar to every separate place. A groyne s merely an obstruction designed to Williams methods. A "compromise groyne of this description, with posarrest in the best known manner the sibly one or two spur groynes, might very well prove exactly what is wantsolid matter washed up or carried in ed under easily imagined circumsuspension by the waves, so that the cost may become gradually built up stances. It can, however, be accepted nstead of denuded. When groynes that low groyning of whatever form were first built they were of what is has so far proved the best agent (and, in most cases, a thoroughly reliable type, in contraone) for inducing accretion, and so you to testify in proceedings against ared "low" type. High groynes, such stopping or retarding corrosion.-Lon-gamblers and life insurance officials. Is those of Hastings, usually placed at don Times. ight angles to the shore line, undoubt-A Great Change. He entered timidly. He stood beout it is only on one side, the other fore the editor, twisting the brim of side not only not arresting matter, but his soft black hat with long, white, n most cases being so subject to scour poetic fingers. that there often appears to be as much

### HOW SALT COOLS COFFEE. This Trick of Putting Cellar in Cup It Worth Knowing

Between bites of the simple breakfast he had ordered, says the New York Mail, the young clerk gazed nervously at the restaurant clock. It was plain he had overslept himself, and was paying the way to future indiges tion by bolting his food. The coffee was the stumbling block. It was hot, very hot, but the clerk needed it badly and he sipped it carefully, having due regard for his mouth and tongue But time pressed, and with a parting glance at the clock he reached for his glass of ice water and prepared to pour me of the frigid fluid into his cup "Don't spoil your coffee, young man," said an elderly gentleman who was eating his breakfast on the other side of the table. "You take all the good

out of it by putting ice or ice water in it. The clerk was at first inclined to re

sent the interference, but the patriar-chal appearance of the other man tempered his resentment

"What am I to do?" he asked. am late for the office, and I want this coffee badly."

"Let me show you a little scheme," said the elderly man. Taking the cylindrical salt cellar from the table, he wiped it carefully with a napkin then reaching over deposited the glass vessel in the cup of coffee.

"Salt, you know, has peculiar cooling properties," he said, meanwhile holding the receptacle firmly in position "They put it with ice to intensify the cold when making ice cream. It is used extensively in cold storage ware houses for cooling purposes, and being incased in glass does not affect its pow er to any great extent.'

As he spoke he withdrew the salt cellar from the coffee and motioned to the younger man to drink. He raised the cup to his lips, and to his surpris found the liquid cooled to such an extent that he could drink it without inconvenience.

"The uses of salt are manifold," said the elderly man with the air of one beginning a lecture. "I remember once when I was in Mexico-But the clerk, with another glance at

the clock, thanked him profusely and dashed out of the restaurant.-

### According to the Letter

There are some literal-mindea per sons who are never satisfied with the spirit of the law, but who consider i necessary to enter into compromise with the letter. Of such was an old citizen of Hopkinton, N. H., a good many years ago, and his juggling with his conscience is recorded by Mr. Lord in the records of the town.

The old man used to boast that he went back on his exact word. but had no compunction in going round

it. Once he wished to buy a certain tract of land, and when the owner named the price he exclaimed: "I won't give it! I tell you I will

never give it!" The owner did not yield, nevertheless. A few days afterward the old man called again. He said nothing about the land, but stepped into the owner's barn and picked up a flail, "What's that?" he asked

"That? Oh, that's a flail." "So you call that a flail, do you? Well, what would you take for it?" mitted yesterday. The owner named a very small sum "Now, I'll tell you what I'll do," any progress toward apprehending the continued the old man. "I'll give you guilty parties?" the price you mentioned for your land and this flail. And you mustn't forget newspapers to take the matter up.' the flail. It must be included in the

So the legal instrument was duly made out, signed and delivered, re cording the purchase of a certain tract of land situated thus and so, and bounded as follows, and also a certain flail .- Youth's Companion. replied Newitt, "but how much do you



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LOVE AS IT IS GRAMMARED. I yow I'm caught by Cupid's ruses, (If not by his'n, why then by whoses?) When on thy bosom rest red roses; Oh, how I wish that I were thoses; And when thy check is kissed by breezes Tis then that I would fain be theses. E'en when I reach my last long bourne I'll wish my chance might be like yourn. —Lippincott's Magazine.

REPORTERS AT THE DOOR. The Czar-"Count, what shall I give

Witte-"Oh, that you have given in." And thus the Czar's inflexible will became a flexible constitution.-Milwaukee Sentinel.

GOT IT BETWEEN THE EYES. "It will be soon enough, Miss Gwinm ple, if I return this book the next

time I call, won't it?" "Why, certainly, Mr. Feathertop. There's no hurry about it. Any time within the next six months will do."-Chicago Tribune.

SO THERE, NOW.

"Jack, that old friend of yours told me he remembered me when I wore lresses up to my knees.

"He did, eh? What did you say to that?" asked her husband. "Why, I told him I didn't care if he

did."-Detroit Free Press.

SATISFIED.

"Did you read my novel, Criticus?" "Well, I read as far as the chapter where the hero was shot, and then I quit.

"Oh, but the hero recovers in the next chapter.'

"I was afraid he would. That's why quit."-Cleveland Leader.

MANY THANKS.



Roy (who has been out to tea)-Mrs. Freeman's cake is better than ours, mama.

Mama-"I hope you said 'Thank rou,' nicely.

Roy-"Oh, yes, mama. I said it five

Mama-"You need only have said it nce, dear. Roy-"But I had five pieces of cake. mama!"-Punch.

IN NEW YORK.

"It was so. Have the police made

"Oh, yes. They've persuaded the

THAT'S THE QUESTION.

started in with our firm at \$5 a week.

"It was only five years ago that I

said Bragg, "and now I earn \$50 a

"That's so; it's easy to earn that,"

"That was a terrible crime com-

tured. There has been something hidden in my life."

"I am not curious," said the doctor, "hut if you think it would ease your mind to speak of it I should strongly recommend you to do so. Could you not talk to your wife about it?"

The professor shock his head. "No, no," he said, "it is one of the thingsone of the many, many things-that Jane could never by any possible chance understand. Perhaps, just at the last, I may tell you. You will regard it as a secret?'

"There is no need to put such a question to a doctor. You may depend upon me absolutely."

"Am I dving?" he asked again the

next morning. "No no." said the doctor, as he put

down his thermometer. "But you're not so well. Of course, you haven't slept properly." "No," said the professor, "I've slept

very little. How can I sleep with this burden on my mind?"

The doctor shrugged his shoulders and said nothing.

said the professor, quickly "I will tell you. The door is locked?" The doctor turned the key and returned to the bedside.

"Once," said the professor, "I knew a woman-

"It's always a woman," thought the doctor to himself.

"A woman of the highest character -a good mother, an excellent manage of a household. She gave away the prize at a girl's school. I was there and saw her. In conversation some thing aroused my suspicions, and I Chancellor of the Exchequer?' She said she did, but she did not tell me the name, and she blushed crimson."

well," said the doctor, im- stocking. patiently. "what has all this got to do

and that more time is spent in trying parasol is to flirt with."

subpoena-server when the courts wish listinction to the now much more fav-You wife will never plead with you thus: "Buy me some Russian sable edly collect a lot of sand and shingle, carriage robes and a stomacher of dia!

onds and emeralds." You will never hear people say of you: "I knew him when he didn't have a dollar to his name, and look at him now. He's not been in a street car for two years."

No practical doctor will find that you are afflicted with appendicitis and other luxurious diseases.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Happy Thought.

#### There is a very pretty girl in Syrause who, with the best of motives and most kind intent, is generally, as she herself expresses it, "in a mess."

To a chum she recently said: "I seem to have offended Mr. de Lancey, and I can't imagine how. sent him a little token on his birthday; and he acknowledged it in the cooles "What did he send?" her friend in

quired. "Well," she explained, "I wanted to give something that would have some onnection with his lovely verses, you know, and by what was almost an in spiration I thought of a rhyming dic-

tionary."-Harper's Weekly.

Could See Too Far Down.

The story is told by the Brockton Enterprise of a throat specialist who was exhibiting his laryngoscope to a nervous woman patient and remarked: "You would be surprised to know how said 'Do you know the name of the far down you can see with this instrument." And then, as he was about to place the laryngoscope in her throat she apologized for having a hole in her

#### The Distinction,

"I always thought," remarked an

"I am sorry," said the editor. abstracted from the one side as is am very sorry. But we cannot use rained to the other. The manifold disyour poem. This is final." advantages of high groynes have led Tears welled up in the young man's

to a very general trial of the low, or eves. He swallowed. "Why?" he said.

The fundamental principle of this system is that of constructing the "Well, to be caudid." the editor re olied. "neither in prosedy nor in con at a slight elevation only struction is this poem meritorious, The idea is old. The sentiment is bove the beach-this being claimed to prevent scour on the lee side-and maudlin. The expression is atrocious. to gradually raise their height as the The rhymes are vile." peach accumulates, so building up a

But now a light, as of great joy, new and much raised beach level. illumined the poet's face, and he cried such groynes were first tried at Dym eagerly: The sea wall here has the

"Give me back the manuscript. Give luty of protecting Roamney Marsh, it back to me."

and in the twenty years prior to 1894 "Very well," said the editor; "but ow water mark had advanced 320 feet I don't see what you can do with it." andward, and the wall was in a very "Set it to music," cried the po precarious condition, due to the cause "Make a popular song of it. With the just outlined. In that year Mr. Case qualifications you ascribe to it un constructed his groynes, and by 1899 doubtedly it will be the hit of the he had succeeded in raising the shore season."-Philadelphia Record. level on a frontage of nearly two and

Encouraging.

one-half inches, the accumulation amounting to about one and one-half A friend of his was lying ill, and nillion tons, and low-water mark being he went to see him to cheer him up. "You look uncommon bad, Joe," driven seaward about 400 feet. Such results as these have never been shown "Made said. "Yes," said the sufferer. by high groyning, and the success atyour will?" inquired the consoler, "be tending the experiment has led to the cause I should if I were you." There adoption of the plan at Youghal (where was an awkward pause, during which the visitor left. A moment later he re-turned. "I say, Joe," he observed; the low-water mark has been driven back from 200 feet to 500 feet), at "yours is awkward stairs to get a Blackpool, Bray, Sheringham, Beeston, Mariakerke and Middlekirk (Östend), coffin down. Good-bye, Joe; good-bye, Deal and elsewhere

It is evident that one of the chief ecommendations of the system will be

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A Funny Mistake. A policeman, going his rounds in the

early morning in Bath, England, saw its low cost, since, as the average height of the groynes above beach leva clock standing on the doorstep of a is much worse. There are a certain English Judge, "that a parasol and a el is not more than two feet, they can house. He rang the bell and found is much worse. There are a certain number of things which everybody is supposed to know. I sometimes think that nobody really knows all of them, sunshade is to keep the sun off; a and that more time is spent in trying parasol is to firt with."

A Walk in Chancery Lane Those who love to bait a rod, who

can handle a frog as though they loved him, and those who think that though God could doubtless have made a bet ter berry than the strawberry "doubtless God never did"-all these should take a walk down Chancery lane, London, and look at "what was then the seventh house on the left hand as you walk from Fleet street into Holborn." For there lived Izaak Walton, who died in 1683; and an appropriate dwelling place it was for him, since nearly opposite, "in St. Dunstan's Churchyard, under the Diall," the first edition of the "Complete Angler" was pub-lished. And a good example of an early publisher's "puff" was that in the "Mercurius Politicus" for May 1658: "There is newly extant a book o 18d. price, called the 'Compleat An gler;' being a Discourse of Fish and Fishing, not unworthy the perusal of most Anglers, Printed for Richard Marriot, in St. Dunstan's Churchyard Fleet street."

Born That Way. 'A member of the House from New England tells Harper's Weekly of an occasion when he overheard the amusing colloquy between the late Thomas B. Reed and a barber.

The "tonsorial artist" was inclined to be talkative, but all his efforts at conversation the big man from Maine re turned only a monosyllabe or a grunt. Finally, the barber patted the cran ium of the Speaker, whereupon re posed one or two stray locks, saying "The hair's gettin' pretty thin. Been

"I was born that way," dryly re

When the leaves of the rubber tree turn black or brown it is an indica, tion of too little sun and too much wa ter and low temperature. These conditions should be remedied, the plant turned out of the pot and examined and good drainage supplied to the soil it."-Chicago Tribune.

cet?"-Philadelphia Ledger

week without trouble."

SHOES IN STYLE. ANYHOW. Saymold Storey (eyeing him with stern disapproval)-"W'y don't ye pay little more 'tention to yer clothes?" Badleigh Mildude-"If ye don't like t 'cause I ain't wearin' a pair o' open work socks, let me call yer pertick'ler 'tention to me open work shoes, ole man."-Chicago Tribune.

THEY KNEW THE ANSWER. "You never can tell how children are going to apply things," said a public school teacher.

"The other day I asked the class what a fort was. One boy answered, 'A place to put men in.'

"Then what's a fortress?' said I. "A place to put women in!" exclaimed the class in unison."

IN WHICH THEY DON'T SPEAK. Gerald-"Grace and Gladys are such dear girl friends.

George-"Yes, but like other dear girl friends their friendship reminds me of an old-fashioned drama." Gerald—"In what way?"

George-"There are so many inter-missions."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

A NATURAL INFERENCE.

Six-year-old Fanny, just returned from Sunday-school, seemed to have something on her mind. "Mother," she said, after a while, "they must have had very large beds in Bible times."

"Why?" asked her mother. "Well, our teacher told us to-day that Abraham slept with his four fathers."-Harper's Weekly.

OUTSIDE HELP.

Devlin-"All you got for that mig azine story was \$10? You didn't mike days' wages on it."

Tomwalker-"Oh, I don't know. The manufacturers of the particular nake of automobile that figured in that story have sent me a check for ahun-dred in token of their appreciation of

Rubber Tree Ills.

turned Reed.

that way long?'