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The Prayer in the Snow. The snow fell thick, and the snow fell fast, -A moan from the trees where the winter wind lingers !-Jack Frost whirled by, and with icy fingers shook from his locks the wintry blast. The fre on the hearth in the cotter's home Fluttered, and out the cinders skurried,

YOUNG FOLKS.

As the wind round and round the chimney Said the cotter, " 'Tis a fearful night to roam ; "But the dog whines, and pleads with pitying rifle.

Mayhap some stranger's lost in the snow." So out the collie and cotter go, To list if the wind bears a human cry.

Not far from the door in a drift of snow Two children were lost, and bitterly crying, While the winter wind went mournfully sigh While the icy snow skurried to and fro.

"Dear God"-and the moon peeped out-pray-"Dear God, comfort our darling mamma, And don't forget our own, own papa: And watch our grave in the snow, please do!

But before the children had said. " Amen," The cotter's dog gave a joyful bark :
And soon the children were out of the dark, And soon were safe at their home again,

"But mamma," said Lulu the wise, "don't you It was God sent the dog and the man out that God heard my wee prayer, from his home in

And sent back, to comfort you, both of we." -{Myrta B. Castle.

A BEAR STORY.

Hugh Arden was 16 years old when he met with the adventure that nearly cost him his life.

age, and the best wrestler among his schoolmates. His parents moved to the north went down into a hollow several feet in woods of Ontario when Hugh was a lad in depth. Before he could move the bear

From the time he was old enough to carry crashed down upon the helpless boy. agun he was in the woods all his spare time, and perhaps more than that, since his mother often chided him for leaving ed by the shots fired by Hugh. "chores" undone to go after a deer or fox.

However, Hugh was, generally speaking, a good boy, and aided not a little, with his rifle, in keeping the home larder filled. His father being a hard working man, was but little at home, as he worked at a saw-mill six miles away, going to his work on Monday morning and not returning until Saturday night.

When Hugh was 16, his father bought him a rifle, with which the boy was more than delighted. He promised to be more faithful than ever to repay his father for so fine a present.

It was not long ere both boy and parents had cause to rejoice at the purchase.

Hugh frequented the woods more than ever now, and was quite successful in bringing down game. On one occasion he had the good fortune to shoot two large bucks, thus supplying the family with meat for a

One afternoon in autumn Hugh was returning from a hunt along the river several miles from home, with his Winchester flung An American Institution Which is Not chronic. over his arm carelessly. His face wore a grave expression, since he had met ill-luck that day, having expended several rounds of ammunition without bringing down any

As he emerged into a little settlement on the river bank he was attacted by a crowd of people gathered in front of a house, talking rapidly, and seemingly deeply excited. The lad hurried forward, anxious to learn the meaning of the excitement.

put in one of the women. "'Twas black adds the knowledge of his neighbors' busi- car that I might be brought to the scene of as ink, an' bigger 'n our cow. I tell ye, ness to what he has forgotten of its duty the occurrence, in order that a proper rewasn't me 'n Melissy scart, though! We and his debts. He absorbs caloric from a port might be made to the railway authorstreaked it fur home. I fell down twice, stove burning another man's coal, the tobac- ities. I believe I would still have been

and Hugh turned to the men, who had he pays no rent except in spots on the floor of the great merits of Dr. Williams' Pink

"If you have no objections I will accom. pany you," said Hugh, modestly. "If you ain't afear'd, you can go, of course," said one of the settlers.

Hugh laughed at the idea of fear, armed as he was with a sixteen-shooter, and at once prepared to accompany the men in the hunt for bruin.

It was only a mile to the berry patch, and the three men with Hugh soon reached it. After a short search, seeing nothing of the bear, the four came together for a short conthoroughly.

The berry patch was about half a mile in extent, composed of a dense mass of fallen ly over, and bruin was doubtless foraging for the last crop when seen by the settlers'

Hugh found himself skirting the south side of windfall, when he was brought to a nothing that can make him so excepting the list of ailments for which Dr. Williams sudden standstill by a low, angry growl. At once he dropped his Winchester to a level and peered sharply ahead. Only a white-faced hornet than a chronic loafer. It conclusion that Pink Pills have even more minute thus, when the bushes were agitat- is certainly one of the missing planks in marvellous properties than they have been ed and a black snout was poked over a fal- modern reform that store loafing should es- credited with. My case seems almost inlen tree not ten yards distant. Quickly cape criticism and slow death and be allow- credible but there are so many here who

the brute rushed away. Hugh was deeply ing of the scandal and gossip that has an any trouble with which man is afflicted. ed the bear. He felt elated at the thought tounger. There are but few evils in a coun- have the right to be enthusiastic after what mal before any of the men came up.

in hot and eager pursuit. Soon he heard a furious howling and thrashing in the bushes not far distant. Bruin seemed to have become fastened in a treetop, much to the delight of Hugh, who believed that he could now dispatch the animal without danger to

Eagerly the boy pressed forward and soon found himself upon the bear, which was thrashing about madly, in a tangle of limbs and bushes.

Standing within twenty feet of the brute, Hugh leveled his rifle. Aiming at the huge shoul ler, the boy pulled the trigger. With the report came a cry of pain and Hugh saw

would bring he men to his side, which beautiful.

made him anxious to dispatch the bear be-

fore they should arrive. Seeing the animal fall and flounder in the bushes, Hugh advanced boldly, with the hammer of his rifle raised, ready to send in another shot the moment opportunity offered. He was almost upon the bear, when the brute reared upright and confronted him, with open mouth and flaming eyes.

It was evident that the animal was severely, if not fatally wounded, and it was foolhardy in Hugh to approach so near the enraged brute. The lad, however, felt no fear with so many shots in his repeating

"I have you now, you old rascal!" exclaimed Hugh, thrusting the muzzle of his rifle almost against the head of the bear. He pulled the trigger.

No report followed, and Hugh staggered back in dismay. His gun had never missed fire before; to do so now was most unpleas-

Again he palled. No report. Hastily removing the cartridge, or at least supposing he did so, Hugh pumped in another, and again pulled the trigger. A dull metalic click alone answered. At this moment the bear seemed to take

in the situation, and moved toward Hugh. One more ineffectual attempt to fire convinced the boy that not a cartridge remained in the gun. In his excitement on seeing the bear he had neglected to refill the magazine. He stood unarmed before a wounded and enraged bear. For fully a minute Hugh Arden stood trem-

bling and faint with terrible fright before his tour-footed enemy. At length he managed to turn and flee. He staggered as he moved, and before going ten rods, his foot became entangled

in a mass of vines, and he felt himself fall. With howls that were almost human in their agony and rage, the wounded bear Hugh was a tall, muscular boy for his rushed in pursuit of his foe. Bruin was almost at his heels when Hugh fell. As he

> plunged headlong over a fallen tree, and Twenty minutes later two men, armed with rifles, appeared on the scene, attract-

> The huge form of the bear nearly covered the hollow in which Hugh lay. The animal that he was dead.

settlers, as he aided in rolling the carcass of at once interested. We were further told the bear from Hugh.

"It do look like it," replied the other. crushed, and in a short time he opened his rheumatism at intervals for years, and that eyes, apparently none the worse for his there was a time last spring and summer when fainting, although quite sore from numer- his familiar face was entirely missing from ous bruises.

and they assisted him to remove the skin, afloat as to the cure by the use of which he bore in triumph to his home late | Pink Pills. On seeing Mr. Moss and getthat night. You may be sure the toy never | ting facts from him, we found that his story forgot that day's adventure, which came so was even more surprising than the one near terminating his earthly existence.

THE STOKE LOAFER.

Worth Keeping.

The store loafer is distinctively an institution of this continent. His shingle hangs said Mr. Moss in reply to our query, "I out in every county. Times or seasons have used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with make no change in his habits. You find wonderful results. For years I had been a him in Summer ventilating his person and sufferer from rheumatism and bronchitis and opinions astride a barrel or in spinal prox- had come to look upon both as chronic. imity to the surface of a dry goods box. In Last spring I met with further trouble, Winter he is only invisible when mud or when I had the misfortune to be afflicted snow blockades the road, but when a rab- with a severe attack of sciatica. I became bit can walk or a squirrel escape interment so bad that I was laid up, and for some "My women folks seen a bear down in the foot of the loafer, after finding its sock, weeks was unable even to move. Many of the berry bushes," explained a tall settler, approaches the grocer's store. Here he the men on the line can tell you of the conwhittles and rotates tobacco, evaporates dition I was in. There was an accident on "It was the biggest critter I ever seed," what little steam is left in his anatomy and the road and I had to be carried to a hand co he reduces to ash and nicotine is largely helpless in my house, or perhaps with the The woman paused for want of breath, gratuitous, while for the corner he occupies silent majority, if a friend had not told me armed themselves, and seemed ready to start and observations made on sugar, beans and Pills and urged me to try them. All other

blockaded, that what he imbibes through spondent condition I was in when Mr. Rainey, both mediums makes him expert as a social of Grand Valley, mentioned Pink Pills to critic and a scandal artist. It is from such me. I had little hope that they would benegentlemen at ease that 90 per cent. of town | fit me, but drowning men clutch at straws, gossip finds its insidious way. He enjoys and that was my frame of mind when I the news as he does his pipe, and generally purchased the first supply of Dr. Williams' manages to leave even a newsboy or a sew. Pink Pills. I had not used the Pink Pills ing meeting in the rear when he unloads his long when I began to find relief and this ambition to wet his own skin with honest

connection with the coal house. ant of this three story fact, and we know of I say stranger still, because I notice that in With a howl of pain the bear dropped groceries to the hindrance of business and most sceptical must be convinced, and I firm from sight. The bushes were agitated as injury to the public stomach, to say noth- ly believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure actesian well in the wrinkied vest of the This may seem to be enthusiasm, but I that he might be able to kill the huge ani- sry town, except a want of sidewalks and I they have done for me, and I strongly urge lewerage, that by weight or measure can Pushing boldly forward the boy was soon discount the nuisance of store loafing.

Be thy creed or thy prayers what they may, unless thou hast truth within thee thou wilt not find the path to true happiness. The source of final happiness is in the heart, and only the fool seeks it else-

Judge none lost; but wait and see With hopeful pity, not disdain; The depth of the abyss may be The measure of the height of pain And love and glory that may raise

This soul to God in after days! The earth grows more beautiful as men

A WALDEMAR MIRACLE.

ACR.P. Man Relates His Wonderful Escape.

Helpless With Rheumatism and Sciatica-Relief Comes After Doctors had Failed -The Story Corroborated by Reliable Witnesses.

Grand Valley Star. There are few people in this vicinity who do not know Mr. Thos. Moss, of Waldemar. He has been for years the trustworthy section foreman of the C. P. R. in the division neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, in which he resides and the exemplary life the after effects of la grippe, palpitation he always led has given him a respectable of the heart, pale and sallow camplexions status in the community. He is a gentle- and the tired feeling resulting from nervman who is thoroughly reliable, and when ous prostration; all diseases depending "Tom" Moss tells you anything you can upon vitiated humors in the blood, such depend upon it every time. This by way of as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They prelude to an interesting story the Star has are also a specific for troubles peculiar to to tell. For some time past a great deal of females, such as suppressions, irregularities novel and entertaining literature has appeared in the columns of the press throughout the country, giving the particulars of cures bordering on the miraculous, in various parts of the country. Phose who have read from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of these narratives must have put them down either as clever and daring romances, or come to the conclusion that truth is indeed stranger than fiction. The Star must confess that it did not pay much attention to the reported miraculous cures until about a month ago, when it was told that a cure \$2.50. Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' quite as notable as many of those pub- Pink Pills are never sold in bulk, or by the lished had been wrought within a few dozen or hundred, and any dealer who ofmiles of Grand Valley. The fact is that fers substitutes is trying to defraud you and great cures, or accidents, or tragedies, when should be avoided. Dr. Williams' Pink they occur hundreds of miles away-no Pills may be had of all druggists or direct matter how exciting or how thrilling-or by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Comnot usually arouse more than a passing in- pany from either address. The price at terest where the actors or the central figures which these pills are sold makes a course of are entirely unknown. But let something treatment comparatively inexpensive as occur in one's own neighborhood analogous | compared with other remedies or medical to that reported from a distance, and with reatment. what different feelings is the news received. We had read of miracles wrought at Trens ton, London, Hamilton and at other places, through the use of Dr. Williams' famous Pink Pills for Pale People. But we were not acquainted with the parties restored to health; we were in the enjoyment of good health ourselves, and the mear ory of the great things done in other sections passed from our mind. When we were told, however, that we had only to drive down to the pretty was quite still, and an examination showed | village of Waldemar to get the full particulars of a miracle as striking as many that had "Both on' em dead," said one of the been reported in the news papers, we were that Mr. Thos. Moss was the man who owed his restoration to health to the use of The depth and smallness of the hollow, Dr. Williams' famed Pink Pills. Rememberhowever, had saved the boy from being ing that Mr. Moss had been laid up with the railroad, the Star determined to see him It was Hugh's bear, the settlers declared, and get a confirmation of the story which had been going the local rounds. Mr. Moss had not only been troubled with rheumatism, but sciatica of a most painful type, and had also been afflicted with bronchitis which he had come to regard as

THE PATIENT'S STORY. "What you have heard is quite true, remedies had failed, physicians were entire-It is needless to say that as his eyes are ly unable to cure me, and I had given them innocent of a bandage and his ears are not up in despair. You can imagine the de-

memory and uncorks himself on the public naturally made me hopeful, and I perseverear. It is not to be supposed that a man ed in their use until the cure was complete. sultation. After some discussion it was de- addicted to this kind of pastime has much The change wrought in me by Dr. Williams' ink Pills is as delightful as it is marvellous, perspiration. As a rule he cares more for and for the first time in years I find myself slicing watermelon than for cutting wood, free from pain. I was weak, helpless and and has a gift of grumbling when his wife hopeless-doctors and other remedies had timber, as well as a thick growth of black- fails to reconstruct the stovepipe or misses done me no good, but Pink Pills had restored me to health and strength. The sciatica In a personal and social sense the store disappeared, the rheumatism went with it, loafer is nothing less delicate than a public but stranger still, I am cured of the bronnuisance. Everybody but himself is cogniz. | chitis I had come to regard as incurable. conversion or admonitory shoe leather. Few claims his remedy beneficial, bronchitis is men in business but would rather tolerate a not mentioned, and this forces me to the ed to associate itself with dry goods and are witnesses of my cure that even the

> try Dr, Williams' Pinks Pill-the greatest of modern medicines." Mr. Moss' narrative was certainly of absorbing interest, particularly as the reporter knew he was not a man who would exaggerate facts.

The story of the case was corroborated by many neighbors, among them Mr. Wm. Lomas who had assisted in carrying Mr. Moss to the hand-car when taken to the scene of accident above mentioned and also Mr. Buchanan, the popular C. P. R. agent. The reporter returned to Grand Valley fully satisfied as to the great curative to the buyer of the picture. properties of Dr. Williams' wonderful dis-

Stucky, of Mr. Reith's establishment, told the Star they were amazed at the great and growing demand for Dr. William's Pink Pills. If the remedy is as popular in other parts as it is in and around Grand Valley great indeed must be the good accomplished

by this famous cure. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not a patent medicine in the sense in which that term is usually understood, but a scientific preparation. They contain in a condensed form al the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, and all forms of weakness. They build up floors. the blood and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising whatever nature.

These Pills are manufactured by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark on the wrapper, at 50 cts. a box or six boxes for meat.

Visions.

Whence those wonder-woven visions, Borne on Mystery's weirdest wings, Filling nightly minds of mortals With a world of phantom things?

Do they come from realms of spirits While the body lies at rest, And the spirit free to wander. Speaks to spirit unoppress'd!

As at eve the summer lightning Leaps from out the slumbering cloud; So in dreams the spirit flashes From its clay-encumber'd shroud,

And the visions of our slumber Shed a radiance richer far. Than the moonbeams ever kindled. Or the light of heaven's star.

As at dawn Aurora arising Flings her banners to the sky; So in dreams the spirit ranging Reaches hill-tops heaven-high; Scales serene, celestial mountains;

Roams where mortals never trod;

Drinks the cup of love's sweet nectar.

And in thought communes with God. Childhood Visions-Golden Visions! Bright with Joy's angelic wings; Clad with Love's ce'estial garments;

Breathing life's divinest things! Boyhood Visions-Blissful Visions! Reft of every earthly care: Roaming where the golden Morning Sheds his brightest sunbeams there!

Girlhood Visions -- Gleeful Visions! Wrought from Fancy's fairy looms, Where the flower of life unfolding, Soon to richest color blooms!

Youthful Vision-Soaring Visions! Built on Life's ascending scale Reaching to the highest station From the foot-prints in the vale! Maiden Vision's-Joyful Visions!

Webs of wonder wove above: Coming from the highest heaven To the human heart of love! J. E. POLLOCK, B.A.

Toronto, Jan. 25th, 1893.

The Flying Years. As a dream when night is done, As a shadow flees the sun ; As a ship whose white sails skim Over the horizon dim. As a life complete of days Vanisheth from mortal ways As a hope that pales to fear-Is the dying of the year.

As the first gold shaft of light Shivers through the wreck of night; As the thrill and stir that bring Promise of the budding Spring; As new thoughts of life that rise Mirrored in a sick man's eyes, As strange joys to hearts forlore. So another year is born.

Glad or sad, a dwindling span Is the little life of man. Love and hope and work and tears Fly before the flying years: Yet shall tremulous hearts grow bold All the story is not told-For around us as a sea Spreads God's great Eternity.

A White World.

I never knew the world in white So beautiful could be. As I have seen it here to-day Beside the wintry sea; A new earth, bride of a new heaven. Has been revealed to me.

The sunrise blended wave and cloud In one broad flood of gold. But touched with rose the world's white robes In every curve and fold ; While the blue air did over all Its breath in wonder hold.

Earth was a statue half awake Beneath her Sculptor's hand. How the Great Master bends with love Above the work He planned! Easy it is on such a day, To feel and understand

-[Lucy Larcom.

Among the weeds let bloom one rose, Lo, all the field with beauty glows ! So to the plainest face a smile Will lend it Beauty's mask the while. -[Frank D. Sherman.

The Roman soldiers who built such wonthose afflicted with sickness of any kind to derful roads and carried a weight of armour and luggage that would crush the fifteen thousand francs, which sum she reaverage farm hand, lived on coarse brown | ceived for each of the three concerts she bread and sour wine. They were temperate in diet and regular and constant in ex-

In France there is an unwritten but immutable law that a painting shall not be employed under her direction. When not exhibited without the artist's consent, no busy checking off loads she crochets or matter what the wishes of the owner may sews. For six months or so every year she be. And now a literary and artistic con- runs an extensive woodyard. She keeps gress in session at Milan, Italy, has decided two or three men in the forest chopping, that the right of reproduction does not pass two or three more sawing and splitting in

a red stain coursing down the shaggy coat grow better and wiser. Mark, how thesense The Star interviewed the druggists of betrothal is to be shortly announced. a swill route in the city which supplies them of bruin. Another shot will finish him, of beauty reacts upon the nature of all Grand Valley, and had the same answer Though so young, she has a more womanly with nearly all the food necessary. Every thought the boy, who trembled with excite- savage and civilized alike, disposing to from all, Pink Pills are the best selling and look than her sister the (now) Princess of year she sells many hundred deliars' worth deeds of gentleness and peace. Man treads most popular remedy in their store, and the Roumania, and her bright blue eyes get of pork. She is also an extensive chicken Hugh realized that the report of his giun more softly as the scene grows more sales are constantly increasing. Mr. Er- more winning every day. She is a capital farmer, and drives a good trade in poultry skine of Dr. Hopkings' drug store, and Mr. singer, and, like her father, loves music. and eggs.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING.

Krupp's factory has 2,222 furnaces.

Great Britain has eighty miles of tunnels. The flesh of the oyster is about 90 per ent. water.

About 2,000 daily and weekly journals are rinted in Paris.

The tashion of serving the fish before neats began in 1562. There are twenty thousand trained nurses

n England, Ireland, and Scotland. Salmon was formerly believed to promote runkenness. Old manuscripts and autographs are not

bringing the prices they used to. The agitation against theatre hats is spreading; but so are the hats, unfortunate-

Pet dogs are now furnished with shoes for the purpose of protecting the polished

Cuban barbers lather their patrons with their hands from a bowl made to fit under The profits from the sale of the works of

The coolie, fed on rice is more active and can endure more than the negro fed on fat

Charles Dickens still amounts to about £8,-

Statistics show that the chances of fatal accident in railway travel is one in every

Her Majesty is said to be sufficiently versed in Hindustani to keep a diary in that

nteresting language. The Cossacks and Circassians of the Russian Guard are mainly Mohammedans, and consequently strict teetotalers. The largest telephone centre in the world

is that in the exchange in Berlin, Germany, where 7,000 wires are connected with the main office. The newest fad in autograph books is one of cooking recipes. Each formula written

in the book has the signature of the contributing friend under it. An inmate of an American convent has recently died, after being there 98 years,

without once going outside the convent walls. Her recorded age was 115 years. A swimming tank is said to be a cure for lameness in horses. In swimming the horse exercises the same muscles as in trotting, but with no injury to his feet or legs.

So extensive are the feeding grounds and so rapid the movements of the wild ostrich that as many as fifty or sixty miles are often travelled by it between daybreak and It is said that a Spanish firm of publishers once produced a work in which one letter

only got misplaced through accident, and this is believed to have been the nearest approach to perfection that has ever been attained in a book. The salaries earned by average leading ladies and gentlemen in American companies

run from £20 to £60 a week, while the juveniles get from £15 to £20, which may also be taken as the salary of good comedians and second ladies. A person who has totally lost the sense

of hearing in one ear, although he may imagine that the defect is of little consequence, cannot locate the direction of a sound to save his life, even when the centre of disturbance is quite near him. The longest single span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph wire and is

stretched over the River Kistuah, between Bezorah and Sectanagrum, India. It is over 6,000 feet long, and is stretched from the top of one mountain to another. Although it may not generally be known, the woods of northern Canada are still infested by a queer species of bison known as

the "wood buffalo." He is much larger than the buffalo of the plains, which formerly abounded in such numbers. The Kalmucks of Astrakhan, a roving people numbering about 150,000 souls, have at last been freed from serfdom. When the other Russian serfs were freed in 1861 it was considered dangerous to extend this

privilege to these people, lest their wildness would lead to its abuse. In the British Patent Office, where of all places in the world one would expect to find things ordinarily well "up to date," the steel pen is unknown, and the antediluvian goose-quill absolute and supreme. Verily the ways of Government officials are not as

other men's. Another use has been found for electricity. In Ceylon experiments have shown that it is more economical to dry tea leaves by its agency than by the old method, and extensive plants have been erected for that

The term "tabby cat" is derived from

Atab, a famous street in Bagdad, inhabited

by the manufacturers of silken stuff called atibi or taffety. This stuff is woven with waved markings of watered silk resembling a " tabby" cat's coat. In the Roman Campagna, at the sepulchre of Metella, wife of Sulla, there is an echo which repeats five times, each being in a different key. It will also repeat a hexame-

ter line, or another sentence which can be spoken in two and a half seconds. The Shah of Persia, who has ten millions sterling stored in his palace, has been borrowing a sum from the State to defrav the cost of his summer outing to the distant provinces of his empire. His suite comprises

10,000 people, including 300 wives. Adelina Pattı was the first prima donna who demanded in Paris a nightly salary of ten thousand francs. When it was conceded to her her rivals preferred the same claims ; so that to keep her supremacy in the operatic market she persisently raised her prices to gave in one week at the Eden Theatre.

A coloured woman, named Lizzie Young. in Georgia, U.S. A., takes contracts for excavations, and sometimes has thirty carts the yard, and four or five delivering and The Princess Victoria Melita of Edin- peddling the wood. She keeps from forty