Off with the sighing and on with the smile. The long lane will turn at the end of the mile, And over the ridges the valleys will gleam With velvet of violets and purple of dream!

Off with the worry and on with the prayer; Life has its thorns, but the roses are there! Tolling and spinning, O true heart and strong, Off with the shadow and on with the song!

-Baltimore Sun

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Concerning the Dead

He sat down at Emily's desk to go | decided that you had considered yourpers. Now that the self entitled to read my diary...." house was sold, the servants dismissed and he himself back in bachelor quarters, there was no excuse for putting the thing off. And if Emily had known guess." a month ago, he could not help thinking as he epened the drawers that she was to be killed in a rallway accident, she

could hardly have made his task easier. "Soup Kitchen," "Sunday School," ing and laughing?" He spoke with "Book Club"-how the names recalled quiet bitterness. Emily herself. A swift pang of compunction seized him. Was it possible, then, that only after a month her image was fading from his mind? He continued absently to empty drawers and a dozen unanswered letters, and a few something, if only one thing, that you note books that was all. . . Yes, heard."

btedly Emma was already becoming to him something shadowy and vague. How was it? Rather guiltily he tried to avoid the unexplored deeps | didn't you, for instance, say that I reof his mind, but the moment of self- minded you of Matthew Arnold's defirevelation was no longer to be postponed. He had been shocked, unnerved, 'Learned science, with a strong dash of borrified by that sudden tragedy; but underneath all that, could be deny the

exacting. In a thousand ways, large colossal, unparalleled, etc. Quoted Arand small, he would be the loser. A good wife, but-yes, that was surely the she had never conquered, never even entered the kingdom of his mind. And where she had never entered, could she ever be missed? Once in that kingfom there had dwelt indeed a woman, but she was not Emily.

He turned with an impatient sigh. In the doorway stood Alison, . . Of course, it was a dream, but he was conscious of a certain admiration of himself as a dreamer. He had remembered to make her look older-oh, guite five years older.

"Poor Mark!" she said, softly. He started. Then it was not a

"I have only fust beard," she explained, gently. "We've been in fown for a day or two, and Mrs. Heritson has just told me about—Emily. I asked her for your address, and came straight sa." She held out her hands in eager exampathy. He felt her flugers cold bementh her gloves. Quite naturally be anbuttoned and drew them off, as though they had never parted in bitter effence more than five years ago.

"You must get warm," he said, gently, and led her to the fire. "Do you think," Allson asked, trem-

alously, "that—she suffered much?" He shook his head. "Not at all; the Sectors said it must have been instan-

Afteon bounded in swift relief. "Ab. I'm glad. But-ob, it's hard to realize! We were just the same age, and twenty-four is so young to die, and we used to be-to see so much of each other." Why had she stopped short of the

word "friends?" he wondered. "And to die like that!" she mur-

"There was nothing-nothfing-" he began. He wanted to explain words that Emily had been one of that death had spared Emily the last indignity of being revolting in its form, but he could find no words,

"Yes, yes, I know what you mean, It laughed, mocked, mimicked, carica would have been awful-that." He looked up with a grateful thrill.

Smily had never understood a half-finlebed sentence.

pers?" Allson asked, glancing at the by you after we were engaged." spen desk. "Tes."

She leaned forward with sudden segerness, "What is that?" "Which?"

The rose and picked up one of the netebooks. "Ah, it is!" she said, and Segan to turn the pages.

"A Heon !" my own," she said, "Your own?"

"Yes; my diary that I lest five and a half years ago." The bewilderment

"You didn't take 117" "37 Alisen, you can't seriously think

to be mistaken.

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me was silent, but they reed the mme thought in each other's eyes. "Then it must have been-" He agged. Why may what was obvious? And Allson's gesture was eloquent. Em-

He was dead the fenerald thoughtfully. "Then haven't known, Mark, all these

He shook his beed,

hen what made you change to me?" Me bit his lip. Did she think that didn't?" five years could heal such wounds? "Mare you forgotten?" he asked.

"I never knew," she said, steadily I men that you grow cold; I knew you must go, or I shall miss the train." to love sie. Could the res-T have comforted me?"

"Alison!" "And to be offended by its contents. But that, you say, was a wrong

"Yes." "Then_"

"Alison, did you never treat me my face as though you liked me-when Nest little bundles, tied up with pink we were alone and behind my back tape and clearly labeled, proclaimed her | make fun of me, caricature me, criticise various activities. "Mothers' Union," my clothes, my walk, my way of speak-

> She nodded emphatically. "Often Most of it's in the diary." "Must I repeat that I know nothin of the diary. I-heard,"

"You heard?" Her look was ques-More neat packages, half tioning. "I think you ought to tell me

He was silent. "It's only fair," she urged.

He looked up desperately. "Well nition of the Athanasian creed-

temper?" She laughed a little. "I'd forgotten, existence of a shameful undercurrent but I do believe I did." She turned the of feeling, a persistent, ever-growing leaves of the diary rapidly. "Yes, here for in freedom regained? And yet, it is: 'March 18.-Emily resumed what a good wife she had been; how cross-examination. Wanted to know if practical, careful of his interests, un- I didn't consider his scientific learning



"IT'S MY OWN," ALISON SAIR.

nold on the Athansaian creed to her Shock satisfactory." He was looking at her with startled eyes. "The date," he breathed; "what date did you say?"

She referred to the diary, "March 18 "But-that was before we were en-

"But-Emily-"

"Ah, I sometimes thought-" Their eyes met. "Don't!" she said breathlessly. "I see, I see." He began to see, too,"

"I have always wondered." mused, "why you didn't understand, even if you had read every word of the diary. I felt sure you would see if was all in self-defense. Could a girl bear to let people think she cared for a man before he had spoken? There He thought he could guess what she were girls who did it"-her momentary hesitation revealed to him as clearly as them, and he reddened-"but-but that only sent me flying to the other extreme. When people tried to-to pump She nodded in swift comprehension, me about you, I said anythingtured -- in sheer terror lest anyone

should discover how much I cared." He nodded. "I never knew." he said slowly. "I was told-I thought all the "You were going through her pa- things that came to my ears were said

"Mark!" she said, and her voice

He was walking restlessly up and down. "Our insane pride!" he grouned. "If only we had spoken asked quee tions!"

She looked up in quick sedance. "It's proved so good a judge of character, proud silence with which they had met catastrophe. And yet—she must have been in some doubt, or why had she re-Suddenly Alison arose. "I must go, Mark. I acted on a sudden impulse in coming, and my impulses are always wrong." Her smile was very sad. "Not this one," he urged, eagerly.

"Alison, not this one! You are in town? I shall see you again?" She answered his unspoken thought. "Ah, Mark, has life led you to expect such miracles?"

"Alleon !" he implored, "rou'll forgive me-some day?"

"Forgive?" She turned away with a sigh. "It would have been hard, we didn't take along with me?" wouldn't it," she mused, "If I had married five years ago?"

She shook her head. "No: I didn't: | buried in the coat pile in the hea that would have been only hard." She | ment." turned towards the door. "Rently, His roice was heavy with disappor

nest. "Then you aren't on a visit ! She stood still, "A visit in town?"

a hoarse cry. "Alison, you said you..." He pointed to one of her hands. "It wasn't five years ago,"

gasped. "Ob, Mark, if it had been, think-I could have forgiven her." His eyes questioned her passionately. With a little cry she released hands and stumbled to the door.

"Don't go, Alison," he implored. She shook her head. "I must. Don't you understand?" She turned for an instant. "Didn't I tell you it wasn't Her voice broke. "Mark Don't look at me. There are no miracles! It's a honeymoon."-Pennsylvania Grit.

DO CLEVER GIRLS MARRY?

London Thinks Education and Domesticity Do Not Go Together. "Shall we not be justified soon in asking women to produce certificates of competency as to domesticity? In not the time at hand when women should cease their unreasonable compe tition with men?"

These questions, propounded by Prof. Armstrong at the meeting of the British association recently, were taken up by several well-known people, says the London Daily Mail. Mrs. Ruth Homan, a leader of the movement for the teaching of housewifery to the girls of England, gave the following answer to the professor of chemistry:

"The more educated a woman is the more keen she is to learn. Many uni versity women after marriage come to me to learn all they can about the care of a house and of children.

"For this reason I think the educated girl makes the best housewife and the best mother. They also realize how necessary it is that other girls and women should be trained in domestic knowledge and so you find that all new organizations for training the working woman in the management of a house and the care of children are started by educated ladies and carried on by

to college," said Mrs. Luther Gulick of of four. New York. "I think girls ought to go slowly through a high school and then specialize in some branch of domestic training or in something whereby they can earn their living. I am unlike many American women in thinking so. but I believe a reaction will set in against the college or university training of girls. Only about 50 or 52 per cent of them marry after taking the higher course."

he man considers her so."

there is a rich congregation which is its arrangements, for they so adequatenot characterized by lavish liberality, 'y meet all requirements that there is says a London paper.

Time after time the minister had desired. vainly appealed to his people to coutribute more generously to the funds tirle ever have the opportunity to visit nearly always the smallest aliver coin they spend. of the realm that was placed on the

A shrewd Scotchman, who had recently come to the place and joined the church, was not long in noticing this state of affairs, and a remedy soon suggested itself to his practical

"I tell you what," he said, to one of the officials, "If you mak' me treas urer I'll engage to double the collections in three months."

His offer was prompty accepted, and, sure enough, the collections began to increase, until by the time be had stated they were nearly twice as much as formerly.

"How have you managed it, Mr. Sandyman?" said the paster to him "It's a great secret," returned the

canny Scot, "but I'll tell you in confidence. The folk, I saw, maistly gave three-penny bits. Well, when, I the money every Sabbath evening, I carefully picked oot the sma' coins and put them by. Noo' as there's only a limited number of three-penny pieces in a little place like this, and as I have maist o' them at present under lock and key, the folk maun give sixpences, at least, instead. That's the way the collections are doubled."

Defining a Native.

While visiting the South recently a "Yes," she agreed, tremulously, and traveler chanced upon a resident of a through both their minds passed a sleepy hamlet in Alabama. "Are you flash of wonder that Emily should have a native of this town?" asked the travelep. "Am I what?" languidly asked lead should have calculated on just that the one addressed. "Are you a native of the town?" "What's that?" "I saked you whether you were a native of the place?" At this juncture there moved Allson's only proof, the dlary?" appeared at the open door of the cabin the man's wife, tall, sallow and gaunt After a careful survey of the questionor she said: "Ain't you got no se Bill? He means was yo' livin' beah when yo' was born, or was yo' born before yo' begun livin' beah. Now an wer him."

Carefully Concented. The McSwats had returned from

their vacation. "where did you hide the jewelry that at the usual hour,

"You hurried me so, Lobelta," he ar swered, "that I've forgotten just where He caught his breath. "Allson! You | but I know it's either stuck behind some of the rafters in the top attic or

lately we are beginning to see

other for the Sunday School Bible Class, In the Bible Class room is a regular steel vault, in which are kept the Communion Service of the church the silverware belonging to the Ladies' Ald Society, and other valuable prop-

The two large windows of the mair room of the church are worthy of particular mention. Mere words are not capable of describing their true beauty. They contain glass of the most beautiful colors, and of many varied shades. One portrays the scene of "The Nativity," and the other that of "The Empty Tomb." They are truly magnificent and they alone are worth going miles

Back of the main auditorium is the Sunday School room, which has a pacity of about three hundred. Here are all the conveniences of a wellequipped Sunday School, including curtains to divide the classes. This room is separated from the main room of the church by a heavy canvas partition, which is the exact color of the wail. Unless one knew this to be a canvas partition it would be mistaken for a regular back wall. The arrangements for the Primary Department of the Sunday School are especially fine. There is a spacious room, adjoining the main Sunday School room, devoted exclusively to the infant classes, and atmost everything conceivable which will aid in this department is here in this room. By raising the canvas partition between the Sunday School room and he main auditorium, this additiona seating capacity is added.

In the rear of the gallery of the Sunday School room are situated the Ladies' Parlors. Here are beld Ladies' Aid Society meetings, missionary meetings, etc. The furnishings of these parlors can be characterized by the term "quiet elegance." There is a piano in these parlors, also one in three other "I would not send my four daughters places in the building, making a total

We must not overlook the Epworth League Room, which is back of the main auditorium and to the left of the Sunday School Room on the main floor. This room is splendidly furnished and well equipped in every way for this branch of the church work. There is a beautiful Epworth League emblem in the tiling of the main corridor.

The basement arrangements of the building are as fine as could be desired. Dr. Luis Simarro, professor of ex- There is a large Social Room, a spaperimental psychology at the Univer- clous dining room and a finely equipped sity of Madrid, said the question had kitchen. There are Cloak Rooms and not arisen in Spain. He almost wished rumerous other conveniences. The it would. "A woman in Spain is a heating arrangements are splendid in woman in the true sense of the word," every way and the church building is said the professor; "rather too much so large that a very great amount of so. She has but one idea and that is conl is required each winter to keep it to be doctle and obedient to her hus at a comfortable temperature. We are band. The principal prestige upon informed that Judge Gary sends a carwhich a woman depends to Spain load of coal to the church each year. is whether she is pretty and whether Nearly all of the sexton's time is required to look after this building.

In conclusion we may well say that the church building, in the opinion of in a small town in the Midlands the writer, is architecturally perfect in left no room for anything better to be

Should any of the readers of this arof the church. The members would, this place and do so, we are sure they will be many times repaid for the time

Among the Churches

German Evangelical services will be held at the Congregational church. Rev. Theo. Merbach will preach. Sunday school at 1:30.

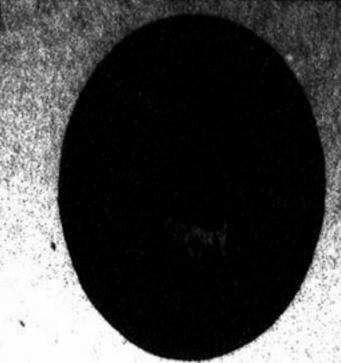
Methodist Episcopal church-Class meeting at ten o'clock, preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. F. Farmilee, at ten forty-five. Sunday school at noon, Junior Epworth league at three o'clock. Epworth league at six-thirty. Sunday school convention in the evening.

Lisie church, October 20-Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 11 a, m., subject, "Aaron the Eloquent Man." C. E. at 7:30 in the evening. The C. E. will be favored in an address on "In Darkest Africa," by Mr. H. N. Washburn, of Wheaton college, You ought to hear this able and enthusiastic speaker on this subject. H. E. Hunt, pastor,

Congregational church, Sunday, Octaber 20-Morning service at ten fortyfive, theme, "A Royal Testimony." Sunday school at twelve noon. The bible classes meet at this hour also. Vesper service at five o'clock, theme, "The Evangelism of the Apostles." The orchestra will play at this service. C. E, meeting at six o'clock as usual. Prayer meeting at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening. The pastor will

The Baptist church—At the morning service Rev. M. P. Brand, of Bloomington, will give an address on the great interests of our state of Illinois. Dr. Brand has made a special study of the great questions of population, agriculture, manufacture, finance and religion in this state and will give his hearers the benefit of this study. Those who have heard this address pronounce it very fine, All interested in the work of education should hear him. The church will join in the afternoon and evening in the sessions of the Township Sunday school conven-"Now, Billiger," said Mrs. McSwat, tion. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U

> Mr. Murray Skinner, who has been spending several months in the west, traveling, sight-seeing, working, and investigating the country generally, and who recently sphered home for a Murray seems to have reversed the old



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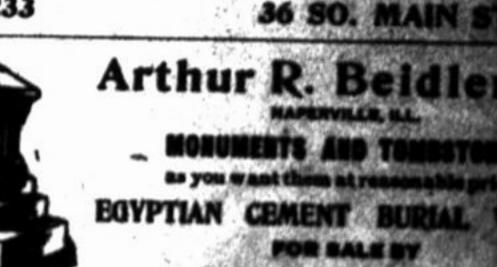
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