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customers for the liberal patronage received during the past summer, and would say that he is now prepared to supply an additional number of custom-Saturdays. Parties who keep cows will | they are nothing more in such unfind it much cheaper and less trouble to practised hands as yours !" they would do well to sell their cows and buy their milk. Twenty-one quart dier's daughter !" she answered, her, I found that the door was tickets for \$1, if paid in advance, or cocking the pistol she held in her bolted on the other side. Ere twenty-one pint ticketsfor 50 cents, P. S. ARMSTRONG.

A MATCH. my honor more precious than my If love were what the rose is.

And I were like the leaf. Our lives would grow together, In sad or singing weather, Brown fields or flowerful closes Green pastures or grey grief; If love were what the rose is, And I were like the leaf.

If I were what the words are, And love were like the tune. With double sound and single Delight our lips would mingle With kisses glad as birds are. That get sweet rain at norm ; If I were what the words are, And love were like the tune. If you were life, my darling,

And I, your love, were death, We'd shine and snow together, Ere March made sweet the weather, Vith datfodil and starling, And hours of fruitful breath Lyou were life, my darling, And I, your love, were death.

f you were thrall to sorrow. And I were page to joy, Ve'd play for lives and seasons, With loving looks and treasons, And tears of might and sorrow, And laughs of maid and boy: f you were thrall to sorrow. And I were page to joy.

f you were April's lady. And I were lord in May. We'd throw with leaves for hours, And draw for leaves with flowers. Till day like night were shady, And night were bright like day, f you were April's lady, And I were lord of May.

you were queen of pleasure, And I were king of pain, Ve'd hunt down love together, Pluck out his flying feather. And teach his feet a measure, And find his mouth a vein. you were queen of pleasure. And I were king of pain.

THE WEE WIFIE.

(Concluded.)

"I see it all now!" exclaimed be young wife, when she had hast perused the paper. "The signature is mine, but the writing is father knew him to be good and miservand his own. true, and gave me to him gladly-

"Has your married life with this man ocen a very happy one,"

this exalted strain?" less man !--you have poisoned it !" she answered, with a sob. "In showing him that paper, you groaned; "yet pity me, too, for I Who is always ready to supply cust taught him to think I was not have suffered greatly! When I tomers with everything usually kept worthy his affection. - Oh, why did wedded my poor love, her own lips, each other, remembering, with in-I not knew this sooner, that I assured me she was free to give me

" Is all your pity for him? Have manded Cayley, in a fury, as he tore the letter that had misled him the girl who had promised to be

into fragments, and stamped on li-

"No," Agnes retorted; "for it was your vanity that was in fault. Only such over-whelming self-conceit as yours could have led you to think that your addresses would be acceptable to one whom your bold coarse looks and speeches terrified so greatly that she dreaded to en-

counter you!" "Do you dread me still, fair Agnes?" he asked, trying to take

"No. sir, I despise you! None but the most unworthy of men would have persecuted me as you

have done ever since I have been a "You take a peevish tone, my

beauty; but I shall soon teach you to alter it !" he told her, insolently The amiable husband is absent and so is the dragon who generally guards you when he is away, and shall have plenty of time to bring

you to your senses before anyone And other Building Requisites can interfere to prevent my tri-

IMPROVED SUCTION PUMPS him, had drawn near the table, on an old friend who was in want of a ways has, and always will have—and failed, because they have and presented them.

"Keep back, sir, or dread the consequences; for, as surely as stand here, I will shoot you if you take enother step towards me!" He grew very pale, although he

laughed at the threat. " Pooh, sweeting !- put down your dangerous toys. Believe me, their conversation: but when

brave man, who taught me to think upon his fate, and Agnes had fled." a first embrace.

fair !" he mockingly went on, that I shame and remorse !" was the unyour weapon might miss, and leave I happy hasband's reply. me unhurt! What thee !"

me from your foul touch !"

undaunted wife. "I will never give Allan Macfarlane cause for the crael doubts he centertains ! Living or dying, I am his -fondly, faithfully, his !- and, if he refuses to own it now, he shall know it when I am no more !"

Her speech ended with a shrick; for Cayley, thinking he saw an opportunity of springing upon and disarming her, bounded forward, and him. lay senseless at her feet.

She had saved her honor; had revenged herself; but she was a woman as well as a heroine, and the pain of knowing that she had shed the blood of a fellow creature well nigh maddened her.

There were voices in her ears calling her murderess; and, snatching up a cloak that lay by, she threw up the sash, leaped from the window, which was, fortunately for her, at no great height from the garden; and muffling herself in the wrapper as she went, fled into the

darkness. Far and wide they sought the fair wife of Allan Macfarlane but none could, or would, tell what had become of her.

Some times it was supposed that she had thrown herself into a pond or river; but no signs of her hav-

ing done this were discovered. Worn with grief and fatigue my father's; and never until this were the lineaments of the husband, with his last breath he craved your moment have I beheld it. Doubt- thus suddenly and strangely bereav- forgiveness and mine. Nay, so far less Annot gave your missive to ed as late one evening, he rode into from murmuring at the deed that him, as she considered it her duty the countyard of Swinton House stretched him on a dying bed; he to do; and he, then dying, and and craved the hospitality of itsown- learned to feel that it was well for dreading to leave his children quite er for one night, more on account him a life so given over to evil friendless, answered evasively, bid- of his horse, which was dead beat, ding you win me if you could. My than his own excessive, fatigue.

poor father must have thought you | Sir John received him with his an honorable man, else had he not customary condiality; but Lady you," Le presently added, when called me to his side to sign a paper | Swinton's welcome was constrained. which gave you a right to ask me She had loved and pitied Agnes too tion. "It was not by your hand to be yours. But with the coming sincerely to have much sympathy this sinful man fell. I was unarmof Mr. Macfarlane all such preten- with the man who, by condemning ed, but not so my friend, and sions as yours were as naught. My her too hastily, had wrought her his righteous indignation he fired

When refreshments had been se before her guest, the Lady Swinton in somewhat stately fashion, withdrew to her own parlor; but, in a sneered Cayley, " that you talk in few minutes, Allan Macfarlane followed her thither, for his soul was No; because you - oh, heart- ill at ease within him, and he could

"Hate me if you will!" might exonerate myself in his her heart! Think, then, what I felt the mournful Christmas-tide which when a stranger burst into my had brought, them together and room, as I was dressing to hasten evoked out of the sorrow of the I not been tricked-deceived?" de- to her, and assailed me with reproaches for having robbed him of

" Had you told Agnes this-

ady Swinton began. have been well; but I was smart- "no" instead of the "yes" he hoped | responsible for mistakes in buying ing under the belief that both father for; but the remembrance that and, in fact, bear all risks. In the and daughter had decrived me and he desired a "yes" always softens, other case, all this is borne by the

itor of her interview with Cavley.' Lady Swinton started.

of that evening."

" I know already," the lady said. wife without one kind word or

f his self-reproach. "It is true I did so, although my heart yearned towards her. had not gone fifty paces from my

could hear voices within, and turn- has suffered; and when some day speculations of the Grangers. It is ing into my study. I had to draw she hears that he is married - she wiser to buy of a responsible man side the curtain of the sash door leading into my wife's sitting-room. to see that her companion was Cayley. Engrossed in themselves, they saw not the faces of those who looked in upon them; they dream-

ed not that there were auditors to would have rushed into the room right hand; "the daughter of a could force it, Cayley had rushed

"But, remember, oh, valorous | "Alas! yes, to my unutterable

"Ah, me - ah, me !" sighed

"Why, then," she bravely re- Lady Swinton, wringing her hands; sponded, "I have another, which, "if you could have known this pointed at my own breast, will save sooner; now you are parted by a curse! Even if Agnes could be "You could not do this, foolish restored to you, how could you take one!" exclaimed Cayley, uneasily, to your bosom one who, though in

> "His death be upon his own head !" exclaimed Mr. Macfarlane,

Scarcely had he spoke, when a

had made her way to this kindlicarted woman, who, in pity for her fears, hid her in a secret chamber communicating with her own

She stayed but to see the husband and wife rush into each others arms, and then ran away to confess to her own liege lord the secret she had kept even from his ears, lesthe should be tempted to divulge it.

When she did return, Agnesno longer coldly avoided, but, with her head pillowed on Allan Mac farlane's shoulder - was just ob serving, with a sigh and a shudder, There is now but one cloud mar our happiness. How can ever forget that these hands mine hastened the flight of a guilty soul to its Maker? Perchance was too hasty ! But for me, that miserable man might have lived

"He did repent, my Agnes was the consoling reply. deeds was thus brought to an end.

"But I have yet more to tell Agnes breathed a thankful ejaculaat Cayley when he sprang forward to seize you. Your pistol lodged bullet in the wall above his head it was the hand of another that

avenged you. Now is my wee wife And the burst of joyful tears with which Agnes first looked at her white hands, and then twined them about her husband's neck, an-

"And so they came to understand

She may not have loved him; she case, the farmers themselves, who "Ay, had I done so, all might may, indeed, have given him the have really gone into busines, are was too proud to tell one so fickle her thoughts of him, and would merchant

Sweet meets-two fond lovers

"But you had learned, that she! The Grangers and Business

(From the London Addertiser.) Our back numbers will bear testimony that we have always maincombined and co-operated for the legitimate interests of the farming community. We have been convinced that there were many useful ends for the accomplishment of which farmers would do well to "I could, and will!" said the self-defence, buth the death of a unite and hold periodical meetings. But we have also given expression to the fear less the Grangers might 10 per cent cheaper than his neighgo out of their legitimate sphere, bors. The farmer who does not hotly. "Foul must be the tongue and so act as to disturb and injure see fit to join a Grange, no sooner that would cast any blame on my existing business interests. It is

serve some certain indications that neighbor, then he naturally deour apprehensions were but too well mands to be dealt with on the same sliding panel in the wainscot moved founded. In many localities, there terms. It is a poor rule that will aside, and his lost wife stood before has already sprung up a very unnot work both ways, yet the Gran-shan't play no mo'. Dis party pleasant feeling between village and ger, when wheat is a dollar a bush-shan't go on. Gemmen and ladies, clutched her in his arms. But not lected that in Lady Swinton's gers. The merchants complain that to the merchant who gives him ten customers belonging to Grangers per cent off. Discrimination in de mattah wid dat niggah?" was leave their store bills unpaid, and favor of Grangers is creating illclub together to send cash to whole feeling in many localities, among of the room. "What's de mattah, sale houses for the supplies they farmers who have heretofore lived Sam, you talk like a crazy nigneed. Or they remit ready money in good fellowship. It is rendering gab. for the bulk of their goods, go to it more difficult than ever to secure the store for smaller articles, and

say to the obliging merchant, as of old; "just charge it." In some places Grangers demand a reduction of 10 per cent from ordinary prices as a condition of dealing. It is said there are cases in which country merchants are closing up business, owing to unpaid accounts and the falling off of custom result- It is a game two can play at. Old Resident" in the township of of Feb. 5, in which he shows how argues that it is an ungrateful reis apprehensive of the most serious consequences both to farmers and country merchants, if things con-

tinue to run in the present groove.

Now, we ask our Granger friends to take this matter into calm and serious consideration. There is a mutual need and dependence on the part of the various members of the body politic, which cannot be disregarded without evil results. doubt a farmer has a perfect right, if his store debts are paid, to take a trip to the city, and buy what goods he wants at wholesale. Whether it is good policy to do so, is another question. If his time is interests; to diffuse information as it is doubtless if he will save enough: to amount both to expenses and tain cheese factories; to get up dis- ment, and substituting imprisoment unite, employ an agent, and pay creasing joy, as the years rolled on, business, and the agent is their clerk. What it costs to employ an agent, is as far as it goes, the same past the happiness of the present the Granger plan of wholesale buything as the merchants' profit. On ing, the partners must take the goods, while, when they deal with A woman never quite forgets a country merchant, they only take the man who has once loved her. his goods if they suit. In the one

now bitterly I felt her perfidy!" make him were he reminded of it, Society is framed on the princi-"You do not doubt our poor Ag- a friend forever. There may be ple of a division of labor. Instead side, then," observed the tailor, as girls who make jest of discarded of the farmer making his own shoes, if to bimself, making a memoran-"No; for I was the unseen au- suitors; but they are generally he deals with the shoemaker; for very young, and the wooing has his clothes he goes to the tailor; been something that did not betok for his furniture to the cabinet young man from the suburbs was "You were! And yet went en much depth of tenderness. maker; and for merchandise, until There are mercenary offers, too, the advent of Grangerism, he went "Hear, before you comdemn me! that only awaken scorn and hate to the store keeper. The question Let me tell you all the occurrences in the woman wood for money and is whether the established princinot for herself; but really to have ples of trade are a mistake, or, in touched a man's heart is something other words, whether the plan of with bitterness, "that you left your not to be forgotten while she lives: exchange of commodities and ex- difference possible as you must see. Always she remembers how his change of work, on which society is Being unmarried you want the eyes looked into into hers; how, based, is radically unsound. Far- | pocket on the left side, so to bring his, and how her heart ached when be their own shoemakers, tailors, heart." he turned away without that which cabinet makers, &c., as their own But Agrees, in retreating from own dwelling that night ere I met has all the truth of her soul - al. Many have gone into storekeeping youth. which lay the pistols Mr. Macfar paper of importance he had given but she cannot forget the one who bought unsaleable stock, or bought where to lay my hand on it, and and came no more. She is glad living profit. There is every rea- of it." Cayley would have clasped her in turned back with him for that pur- when she hears of his success, son to believe that this will be the his arms, she snatched then up, pose. The out portal was open; we grieved when she knows that he history of many of the wholesale who has herself been married long in your locality, who has a business years, perhaps; she who, at all reputation to make or to maintain, events, would never have married and whose interest it is to sell good bim-is she glad then ? I do not goods, and secure the confidence of know. A woman's heart is a very his customers. Already we have strange thing. I do not believe heard of cases in which advantage she knows herself. Glad? Oh, has been taken of inexperience of yes! and is his wife pretty and trading farmers. In one neighbor- recently recovered \$140 damages your boot is on the other foot. I nice? And then she says to her- hood that we could name, shoddy in a breach of promise suit against shall be only too happy, but I to protect my beloved one, and self that "he has quite forgotten," peddlers have been round, sold a profidious lover. Her lawyer con afraid that is, I almost dared to "You forget that I am a sol | defy the intruder who threatened and "that, of course, is best," and worthless cloths at half the price of gratulated her on the amount, when hope in fine, I am subject to the good goods, taken notes, negotiated she exclaimed, with a ferocious seizures," and he sat down on the them, and cleared out with the pro- glance at her fingers : "I'd give coal scuttle, and said it was a went

makers undertaking to supply Grangers at low figures, and turning out worthless articles which had to be thrown away, and others bought at full prices of respectable tained a friendly attitude toward and resposible parties. Our opinthe Grangers in so far as they have ion is that there is competition

enough in most localities to guard farmers against extortionate prices, and that, sooner or later, they will find to their cost that it will not pay them to go into business on their own account. There is no reason that we know of why a Granger should get goods

heroic love for defending her with no small regret that we obco-operation among them, for the

promotion of legitimate farming in-Moreover the combination. class against class is very much & be deplored. If farmers combine against merchants, it will only be a natural act of self-defence for merchants to combine against farmers. ing from Granger wholesaling. We farmers are obliged to club together know of a village merchant who to send their own eggs, poultry, has advertised "no business done butter, and wool to a distant marwith Grangers," as his protest ket, they will discover that they against their line of action. "An have been playing with a two-edged sword. Under the operations of Bosanquet, has a sensible letter on the laws of trade, little villages this subject in the Forest Express have sprung up here and there, furnishing convenient centres of trade much the early settlers were oblig- to the adjacent farmers. Many ed to depend on country storekeep- minor products of the farm are ers when their farms were new, and thus disposed of, and the village mechanics, tradesmen, merchants turn they are making now in driv- and surrounding farmers, have ing the merchants to the wall. He traded to mutual advantage. Is it well to check the growth of these rising villages, and send all the money going to great city centres

like Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto and London! In writing thus, we have no motive but the general good. The prosperity of all classes must go hand in hand together. Society is a body; the band cannot suffer. the eye cannot be injured, the foot cannot be lamed, without loss to the entire body. Again we say by all means let farmers contrive to improve their agriculture; to consult for the promotion of rural worth anything, and it ought to be, to the best modes of culture; to

course of trade. The Difference. A young man from one of the suburdan districts was in to one of our tailor shops getting measured

for a vest, the other afternoon.

"Unmarried," said the young man, with a blush. "Inside pocket on the left hand dum to that effect.

" Married or unmarried?" quer-

ied the merchant, after taking down

After a moment's pause, the prompted to ask: "What difference does my being married or unmarried make with and he goes back to his dreary the inside pocket of a vest."

home, wretched and miserable be-"Ah, my dear sir," observed the youd description. O, those days tailor, with a bland smile, "all the

An Iowan by the name of Stea few years since. It took well and in a short time had returned go, and to-day Stevens is working

for the man to whom he sold his

patent at \$2 a day A "lovely girl" in Wisconsin swain, "if your head's level, and ceeds. In the Western States there every penny of it to have a good cold day; hadn't seen such weathere have been many cases of implement pull at his hair."

Quitting in Time.

Going up the street about 10 o'clock one night recently, a citizen, heard the sound of, a fiddle, banjo, and tamborine. As he neared the point from which they proceeded, he heard footsteps keeping time to the nusic and a voice calling out the figures of a cotillion. He soon learned it was a negro wedding frolic. Just as he arrived in front of

the house a loud, angry voice called " Stop dat music immejntly."

It stopped, and the dancing ceased in the midst of the figure. "What is the mattah, Sam !" said another voice. "What do ye mean by-stoppin' de dance ?" "I mean jes 'zectly wot I say," said Sam. "I gaged dat band

"No, Ise not crazy: Ise gwine to have a divoce! Ise gwine to have a divoce! Dat's what Ise gwine to

"Divoce! divoce?" shouted sev eral voices together. "What is dat niggah thinkin' about ? He ain't bin married more'n two hours. and now he's talkin' about gettin' a divocc f He's crazy, suah. Yo's

"I tell you Ise not crazy. Here se bin courtin' Lucinda for two years, with honorable intenshuns, and she's bin makin' me b'leve she had money-dat she was rich, and now she tells me she ain't got but a dolla-a dolla. Stop de music. Dis party is broke up. When dis chile marries a gal for her money, she's got to hab more'n a dolla or I won't lib wid her a minit.- Ise

gwine to quit in time. What's dolla to a man wid a family ?" "Dat's more'n you got, you good

for nuffin, lazy, no account niggah," houted Lucinda. "Nex' time I marry for money, t's got to be counted out befo' de reacher ties de knot. Ise gwine to git a divoce immejutly."

ing it was the shortest honeymoon of which he had ever heard. Of course Sam is pushing mate ters for a divorce.' ---

Such an uproar was made by

this speech the citizen could not

understand anymore that was said.

and he passed on homeward, think-

"What's a dolla to a man wid a The Maine Legislature has passmultiply improved stock; to sus- ed a bill abolishing capital punishwages. If a number of farmers cussions; to establish libraries; for life at hard labour. This is the and the like, but let them seriously second—if not the third—time that him to buy for them at wholesale, reconsider the consequences that Maine has changed its laws on this must fellow a crusade against the subject, and the same may be said foundation principals of society, of several other States. As they and a war upon the established seem unable to come to a settled policy on this question, it is to be

> death penalty does not materially. decrease the number of murders. A wet Sunday night affects the two classes of lovers in opposites ways. To him who is engaged it is a god send, as it enables him to snug up to her in the parlor and have the whole exening to himself, but to the other love, the one who is not engaged, a most painful episode. His footing at the house isn't sure enough to warrant his going there through the storm, and all he can do is to attend the church and stand in the vestibule, and pull up his shirt collar, in the despairing hope that she may appear. She don't, of course,

inferred that the abolition of the

of eestatic idiocy, how their memory overcomes us. A timid young man was visiting Again he groaned in the anguish perhaps, he touched her hand with mers may just as well undertake to the young lady's picture next your a beautiful and accomplished young woman on Main street last night, "But don't the married man when, after a pause, she said, lookshe could not give him. She loves merchant. It requires great skill also want his wife's picture next to ling at him closely : "Now, I want some one else Some other man and experience to buy goods well. his heart?" queried the anxious to propose to you -" "You are very kind," said the timid young "Possibly there is an instance of man between gasps and blushes. that kind," said the tailor, arching "but I am not worthy of so much lane generally carried with when into my charge. I knew precisely turned from her and went his way so high that they cannot make a his eye brows, "but I never heard happiness, and, in fact, none of our family are marrying people, besides my income is limited, and, I have to meet Mr. M and I'm afraid I'll be late." Then without waiting to put on his overcoat he tried to make his exit through the door of a cupboard. "Why," said the young woman, lifting her evebrows in surprise, "I wanted you to escort me to my sister's on Church street." "O. in that case," answered her

since last Dominion day.

Prices.

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