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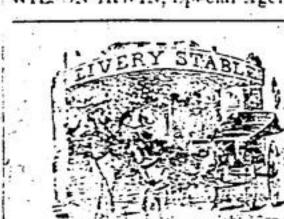
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THE RIVER TIME.

Oh, a wonderful stream is the River come out and "spread himself." And it flows through the realm of With a faultless rhythm and a musical their tedious work long enough to And a broadening sweep and a surge | get a Bible, and so the delivery of

And the summer like buds between; every scholar's heart was fired with And the cars and the sheaves how they a fresh ambition, that often lasted On the river's breast with its ebb and

As they glide in the shadow and There's a magical isle up the River his entire being had for many a by the school. It would have been

A call is solicited and you will be There's a cloudless sky and a tropical And a voice as sweet as a vesper chime, dent stood up in front of the pulpit, And the Junes with the roses are with a closed hymn book in his hand, his forefinger inserted be-

And the name of that isle is the " Long | tween its leaves, and commanded And we bury our treasures there ; There are brows of beauty and bosoms

There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

And a part of an infant's prayer : There's a harp unswept and a lute without string : There are broken yows and pieces of And the garments that she used to

There are hands which are waved with that fairy shore By the mirage is lifted in air. And sometimes we hear, through th turbulent roar,

Sweet voices we've heard in the days mouth-a fence that compelled a .gone before, When the wind down the river is fair Oh remembered for aye bo that blessed

All the day of life till night and when evening comes with its beautiful smile. nd our eyes are closed in slumber

May that greenwood of spul be in sight -Lord Lytton. TOM SAWYER.

accident policy costs but a trifle. No How he Won a Prize Bible at Sunday School.

Sabbath school hours were from 10 intil half past 10; and ther church service. Two of the child ren always remained for the sermon voluntarily, and others always remained too -- for stronger reasons. persons; the edifice was but a small. plain affair, with a sort of pinebourd | There -that is the way good little / the door Tom dropped back a step one little girl who is looking out forward with nine yellow tickets, and accosted a Sunday dressed com- of the window. I am afraid she nine red tickets, and ten blue ones,

Say, Billy, got a yaller ticket ?" "What'll you take for her?"

"What'll you give ?" "Let's see 'em." satisfactory and the property necessary to set down the rest of and the other elect, and the greatnews | The speed of light is 192,000 miles

public generally that he is prepared to a couple of white alleys for the which does not vary, and it is It was the most stunning surprise fears to reach the collector, beginning three red tickets and some trifle or familiar to us all. The latter part of the decade, and so profound was at the farthest wagon on both sides, other for a couple of blue ones. of the speech was marred by the the sensation that it lifted the new himself stationed in the centre of the came, and went on buying tickets creations, among certain of the bad and the school had two marvels to mitted on the hindermost wagon which can be had, and he is determined not to minutes longer. He entered the perings which extended far and boys were all eaten up with envy_ erations of tax collectors had come and church now with a swarm of clean; wide, washing even to the bases of but those who suffered the bitterest | gone, moment and Tom pulled a boy's speech was received with a burst whitewashing privileges. These each one of its 1,000,000,000 of inhabitory and aid in its pro- the races : "1'H bet \$50 I can hair in the next bench, and was of silent gratitude. turned around; stuck a pin in had been occasioned by an event snake in the grass.

new reprimand from his teacher. it; each blue ticket was to pay for | gaze. But when he saw this small | capacity without a doubt. two verses of the recitation. Ten new comer, his soul was ablaze with blue tickets equalled a red one, bliss in a moment. The next moand could be exchanged for it; ten | ment he was "showing off" with red tickets equalled a yellow one; all his might-cuffing boys, pulling for ten yellow tickets the superin- hair, making faces-in a word, ustendent gave a very plainly bound ing every art that seemed likely to Bible (worth forty cents in those fascinate a girl and win her apearly times) to the pupil.

How many of my readers would one alloy-the memory of his huhave the industry and application miliation in this angel's gardento memorize 2,000 verses, even for and that record in sand was fast a Dore Bible? And yet Mary bad washing out under the waves of acquired two bibles in this way- happiness that were sweeping over it was the patient work of two it now. sleeping, but the strain upon the introduced them to the school. The greatness of the man, but mainly not let her get up. This is all from that day forth—a grievous than the county Judge—altogether ship him if it were but in the dark. more about on. inisfortune for the school, for on the most august creation these chil- The Judge put his hand on Tom's

sed it) had always made his boy | rial he was made of and they half | was. The boy stammered, gasped wanted to hear him roar, and they Only the older pupils managed were half afraid he might, too. He was from Constantinople, twelve to keep their tickets and stick to miles away-so he has travelled and

seen the world-these very eyes one of these prizes was a rare and years. | noteworthy incident ; the successful roof. The awe which these reflec- | you? pupil was so great and conspicuous tions inspired was attested by the for that day that on the very spot impressive silence and the ranks of for a couple of weeks. It is possiown lawyer. Jeff Thatcher immeble that Tom's mental stomach had diately went forward, to be familiar really never hungered for one of with the great man, and be envied those prizes, but unquestionably

> "Look at him, Jim! He's a gogoing to shake hands with 'im!

attention. When a Sunday School upper edge almost reached his ears ward abreast the corners of his of the teachers of both sexes found | the names of all the twelve discibusiness up at tht library by the plea. Won't you tell us the names was required; his chin was drop- pulpit; and it was business that of the first two that were appointed? frequently had to be done over | Tom was tugging at a button ped on a spreading cravet, which again two or three times (with hole and looking sheepish. He was as broad and as long as a back note, and had fringed ends; his much seeming vexation.) The blushed now and his eyes fell. little girls "showed off" in various Mr. Walker's heart sank within boot toes were turned sharply up, in the fashion of the day, like ways, and the little boys "showed off" with such diligence that the and laboriously produced by the air was thick with paper wads and young men sitting with their toes the murmur of scufflings. And pressed against a wall for hours above it all the great man sat and beamed a majestic smile upon all tegether. Mr. Walters was very earnest of mein, and very sincere the house and warmed himself in the sun of his own grandeur-for and honest at heart; and he held

sacred things and places in such he was "showing off" too. reverence, and so separated them There was only one thing wantfrom worldly matter, that unconsciling to make Mr. Walter's ecstacy ously to himself, his Sunday School | complete, and that was a chance to roice had acquired a peculiar in- deliver a Bible prize and exhibit a tonation which was wholly absent prodigy. Several pupils had a few on weeks days. He began after | yellow tickets, but none had enough -he had been around the star pu-"Now children, I want you all pils inquiring. He would have The church's high-backed uncush- to sit up just as straight and given worlds, now, to have that ioned pews would seat about 300 pretty as you can, and give me all German lad back again with a sound your attention for a minute or two.

And now, at this moment, when tree-box on it for a steeple. At boys and girls should do. I see hope was dead, Tom Sawyer came thinks I am out there somewhere - and demanded a bible. This was a Tom exhibited. They were And so forth and so on. It is not elevated to a place with the Judge miles. absorbed in a book when the boy A good part of the whispering dupes of a wily fraud-guileful dellars to live on, and could every sec. And there are men who take such three fingers. When the bet was

another boy, presently, in order to which was more or less rare—the The prize was delivered to Tom years without reaching the bottom of that, unless they are getting as "Anybody'll do. Here my friend, hear him say " Ouch ?" and got a entrance of visitors; lawyer Thra with as much effusion as the Supercher accompanied by a very aged intendent could pump up under the Tom's whole class were of a and feeble man; a fine portly mid- circumstances, but it lacked some pattern-restless, noisy and trouble- dle-nged gentleman with iron-gray what of the true gush, for the poor some. When they came to recite hair; a dignified lady who was fellow's instinct taught him that NEW and Choice their lessons not one know his doubtless the latter's wife. The lady there was a mystery here that could verses perfectly, but had to be was leading a child. Tom had been not well bear the light, perhaps prompted all along. However, restless and full of chaffings and re- it was simply preposterous that this they worried through, and each got pinings; conscience-smitten, too- boy had warehoused 2.000 sheaves his reward in small blue tickets, he could not meet Amy Liwrence's of Scriptural wisdom on his prem-

Amy Lawrence was proud and glad, and she tried to make Tom see it in her face-but he wouldn't look. She wondered; then she was just a grain troubled; next a dim suspicion cume and wentcame again; she watched; a furplause. His exaltation had but tive glance told her words, and come-and she hated everybody. Tom most of all, (she thought.)

great occasions, before company, dren had ever looked upon-and head and called him a fine little the superintendent (as Tom expres- they wondered what kind of mate. man, and asked him what his name population of 6,907.

and got it out-" Tom !"

" Thomas."

"Thomas Sawyer-sir."

attention to discipline-and most learn. Now, no doubt, you know

possible that the boy can aus ver the simplest question-why did the Judge ask him ! Yet he felt oblig-

ed to speak up and say : "Answerthegentleman, Thomas, don't be afraid." Tom still hung fire. "Now, I know you will tell me," said the lady. "The names of the

first two disciples were" "David and Golish." Let us draw the curtain of charity over the rost of the scene.

The Romance of Figures.

If one cent was set out at compound interest in the year I at four per cent, 32,000 of dollars. If we were to take this sum as a capital, and use its yearly learning to do right and be good." for their face. Tom was, therefore, of eight trillions 442,000 billions of

changed bands. Then Tom traded the oration. It was of a pattern was announced from headquarters. per second, and it would take 759,000

tle boy and big boy, I don't like the largest pair of boots in the box be- with a pitying expression, and then baby boy, cause he squalls and cause the price was the same as said compassionately; "Well, I kicks, and I have to rock him with the pair, much smaller, that fitted am sorry for you. You have eradle. But if the big boy or lit | him. tle boy squalls I rock him with each with a verse of Scripture on eye, Le could not brook her loving ises -a dozen would strain his stones. I like the little boy best when he has candy and gives me some. I like the big boy when it

-Chatham now bossts of

"Ah, that's it. I thought there sick, wake on my legs, but of sound | by a vehicle on Gratiot avenue and were more to it, maybe. That's head and warm heart-Glory be [fatelly injured. After he had been

"That's it ! That's a good boy, my kith and kin that have gone if no more than an apple. Last Fine boy. Fine, manly little fel. | before me and those who live after, | week, when the nurse told him low. Two thousand verses is a belonging to me, are buried, peace that Billy had no chance to get day longed for the glory and sclat music to his soul to hear the whis- great many—very, very great to their ashes, and may the sod well, the strange boy waited around many. And you can never be | rest lightly over his bones. Pur, longer than usual, and finally asked sorry for the trouble you took to me near god-father and mother, if he could go in. He had been ing up there. Say-look! he's a learn them; for knowledge is worth who lie separated all together at invited to many times before, but more than anything there is in the the other end of the chapel yard, had always refused. Billy, pale By jings, don't you wish you was world; it's what makes great men I lave the bit of ground containing and weak and emaciated, opened and good men, you'll be a great eight acres-rare old Irish acres- his eyes in wonder at sight of the Mr. Walters fell to "showing man and good man yourself, some to my eldest son Tim, after the boy, and before he realized who he off," with all sorts of official bust day, Thomas, and then you'll look death of his mother, if she lives to was, the stranger bent close to his ary little speech a hymn book in ling and activities, giving orders, back and say : It's all owing to my survive him. My daughter Mary face and sebbed : There are heaps of flust, But we love the hand is as necessary as the in- discharging directions here, there, dear old teachers who taught me and her husband, Paddy O'Reagel, "Billy, can ye forgive a feller? evitable sheet of music in the hand everywhere he could find a target. to learn-ls's all owing to the good are to have the black sow that's We was allus fighting and I was of a singer who stands forward on The librarian "showed off"-run- superintendent who encouraged me going to have twelve black bonifs. allus too much for ye, but I'm the platform and sings a solo at a ning hither and thither with his and watched over me and gave me Teddy, my second boy, that was sorry! Fore ye die won't ye tell concert -though why, is a mystery; arms full of books, making a deal a beautiful bible, to keep and to killed in the war in Ameriky, me ye havn't any grudge agin me?" for neither the hymn book nor the of the splutter and fuss that insect have it all my own, always it's might have got his pick of poultry, The young lad, then almost in sheet of music is ever referred to authority delights in. The young all owing to right bringing up. but as he has gone I'll leave them the shadow of death, reached up lady teachers "showed off" - bend. That's what you will say Thomas - to his wife, who died a week before his thin white arms, clasped them The Superintendent was a slim ing sweetly over pupils they were and you wouldn't take any money bim; I bequeath to all mankind around the other's neck, and replied: creature of thirty-five, with a sandy lately being boxed, lifting pretty for those two thousand verses-no the fresh air of heaven, all fishes of warning fingers at bad little boys indeed, you wouldn't. And now, the sea they can take, and all the I was ugly and mean, and I was wore a stiff standing collar, whose and patting good oneslovingly. The you wouldn't mind telling me and birds they can shoot; I lave to heaving a stone at ye when the young gentlemen teachers "showed this lady some of the things you've I them all the sun, moon, and stars. | waggon hit me. If you'll forgive off" with small scoldings and other | learned ? no, I know you wouldn't | I lave to Peter Rafferty a pint of | me I'll forgive you , and I'll pray little lisplays of authority and fine for we are proud of little boys that potheen I can't finish and may God for both o' us!"

An Alphabet of Good Council.

Go not to the society of the vici-

Join hands only with the virtuous. Keep your mind from thoughts.

on the 1st Jan. 1866 it would amount to one quintillion 201,558 quadrillions interest (four per cent), then the income ciple. tax we would have to pay at the rate perhaps in one of the trees, making thunderbolt out of a clear sky. of one per cent, would be 480 quadrill- intoxicating drinks. a speech to the little birds. (Ap- Walters was not expecting an ap- ions 583,320 trillions of dollars. If we plausive titters). I want to tell plication from this source for the paid the tax collector this sum in silver you how good it makes me feel to next ten years. But there was no he would need 3,006,345,000,000,000 "Piece of lickrish and a fish see so many bright, clean little getting around it here were the wagons for its transportation, and the of sin. faces assembled in a place like this, certified checks, and they were good line of wagons would have the length

He waylaid other boys as they resumption of fights and other re- hero up the judicial's own altitude, line. Again, a robbery could be comof various colors ten or fifteen boys, and by fidgetings and whis- look upon, in place of one. The might not be discovered till 24,780 genand noisy boys and girls, proceeded isolated and incorruptbile rocks pangs were those who perceived, too; If, on the contrary, instead of using improvements, and hundreds of to his seat and started a quarrel like Sid and Mary. But now late, that they themselves had con- the interest on the capital, (the bulk of other local matters of interest which with the first boy that came handy. every sound ceases suddenly, with tributed to the hated splendor by which by-the-bye would be equal in home papers publish without pay? The teacher, a grave, elderly man, the subsidence of Mr. Walter's trading tickets to Tom for the gold to 44 globes,) this capital was dis- Not an item. Do they ever say a desperation cried out in the crowd interfered; then turned his back a voice, and the conclusion of the wealth he had amassed selling tributed among the people of the earth, word calculated to draw attention that assembled at the hotel after

snows, 'cause he hauls me on a sled. in that town. A party of men A boy is a little man-if he be being together, one of them pro form you of the valuable contribuhaves himself and if he don't he's a posed a bet that Peter Toombs tion a local paper makes to the little devil; that's what mother said would whistle one hour without material and actual prosperity of brother Bob was t'other day, when stopping or speaking, and without the village in which it is published he told Miss Smith that he was a repeating any tune. The proposal Every intelligent person knows little boy once, but mother says was made by another of the party, that it is a messenger going out she wasn't and wishes papa was a who reduced the time to half an into the surrounding country mirthen her heart broke and she was little boy some more. Sister Julia bour. Mr. Toombs accepted the roring the characteristics, progress says she didn't like boys, and when amendment, the stakes were put and improvements identified with I saw her and Tom Brown a setting un, and Mr. Toombs began his the community. This fact has in the same rocking chair, Sunday, task. Beginning with ; "I Wont been so thoroughly demonstrated Tom was introduced to the Judge, she said she was trying to squeeze Go Home Till Morning," he men that it is no longer debatable, and years—and a boy of German par- The visitors were given the high but his tongue was tied, his breath the life out of him 'cause she didn't through his repertoire, ending with he is a skeptic lacking necessary entage had won four or five. He est seat of honor, and as soon as would hardly come, his heart quak- like him; but I don't think she was " Paddle Your Own Canee," in intelligence to be a successful one once recited 4,000 verses without Mr. Walter's speech was finished he ed-partly because of the swful hurting him any place, for he would grand style. When the half hour who pretends to doubt it. mental faculties was too great, and middle-aged man turned out to be a because he was her parent. He know about boys, and mother says ler kept it up twenty minutes long. ant duty-one brimful feelf interhe was little better than an idiet prodigious personage—no less a one would like to full down and wor. she hopes I won't never know no er, winning of course the stakes.—lest—on the part of the people to

An Irishman's Will.

In the name of God, amen! I "Oh, no; not Tom-it is-" Timothy Doelan, Barrydownderry, a gamin who seemed to have no in the county Clare, farmer, being | friends in the world, was run over had looked upon the county Court very well. But you've another one, to God !-do make this my first in the hospital for a week a boy House which was said to have a tin I daresay, and you'll tell me, won't and last will, and ould and new about his own age and size, and testament. First I give my soul looking as friendless and forlorn,

"Tell the gentleman your other to God, when it plazes him to take called to ask about him and to name," said Walters. "And say it-shure no thanks to me, for I leave an orange. He secured much staring eyes. This was the great sir-you musn't forget your man- can't help it then-and my body embarrassed and would answer no

Attend carefully to the details of Be prompt in all things. Consider well, then decide post Dare to do right ; fear to do wrong

Endure your trials patiently. Fight life's battle bravely, man-

Hold your moral integrity, sacred Injure not another's reputation of

Lie not for any consideration. Make few acquaintances.

Never try to appear what you are Observe the Sabbath day. Pay your honest debts promptly Question not the veracity of

Respect the counsels of your pa-Sacrifice money rather than prin-

Touch not, taste not, handle not Use your leisure time in improve

Venture not upon the threshold Watch carefully over your pas-

Extend to every one a kindly salu Yield not to discouragements.

Zenlously labor for the right. And success is certain.

Take your County Paper. Do the city papers say anything in regard to your own county Nothing. Do they contain notice s of your schools, meetings, churches, despised themselves for being the tants would receive about 1,200 trillions gress and enterprise ! Not a line. name two men here with twentyand use two million dollars for 38,000 contracted views of this matter taken this child of fate continued; many square inches of reading mat I'll take you. I have thirteen ter in their own as they do in a city fingers and you have ten-that A Girl's Composition on Boys. paper, they think they are not get makes twenty-three. I knew there Boys is strange things. Boys is ting the worth of their money, It was one bet I could not lose." The

A Whistling Match. A Hazardrille correspondent tells of a novel wager recently won ended, not being blown, the whish-Hartford Times.

A dentist's sign-Drawing, music and dancing.

The Hearts of the Lowly.

One day, three or four weeks ag; tg be buried in the ground at questions. After that he came Barrydownderry chapel, where all daily, always bringing something,

Bob was half an hour late the morning Billy died. When the nurse took him to the shrouded corpse he kissed the pale face tenderly and gasped:

"Dedid he say anything about-" He spoke of you just before he died-asked if you were here," eplied the nurse.

"And may I go go to the " You may. And he did. He was the only mourner. His heart was the only one that ached. No tears were

shed by others, and they left him sitting by the new-made grave with heartso big that he could not speak If, under the crust of vice and ignorance, there are such springs of pure feeling and true nobility, who shall weary of doing good ?-

Detroit Free Press.

About the Fly. When a Congress street woman answered the door-bell yesterday she found a stranger on the step. He had a bundle in his hand, a smile on his face, and "Madam, can I sell you some fly

"What do I want the flies to fly for ?" she continued. "Every fly, madam-" he was explaining when she called out : "I want you to fly! I can get along

Does the paper fly ?" she asked.

with flies better than with agents !" "But I am not on the fly," he softly "Our dog is," she grimly replied, and so he was. He flew around the corner. the agent flew for the gate, the roll of By paper flew over the curb, and a new bow climbed up a tree box to be out of the muss and shouted :

"She flew, thou flyest, he flied, and I believe the dog got a piece of meat with that coat-tail!"

A Hard Run of Luck The unhappy Kentuckian who bet on every race during the week, and lost every time, illustrates the freaks of fortune in this respect. He had just \$50 left, and in sheer hree kinds—the baby boy, the lit- reminds us of a man who took the stranger gazed at him a moment struck a hard run of luck. I had three of my fingers shot of at Chick

The Village Paper.

It is unnecessary, perhaps, to in-

It, therefore, becomes an importsanist, by a liberal passonage, the erblisher in making his paper a tair representative of he ville : and its surroundings .- Indl