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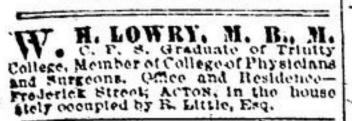
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Maybo I've been a trifle rough-A little awkward, your wife would And very likely I've missed the hint Of your city polish day by day.

But somehow, Tom, though the same Sheltered us both when we

Sharing our childish griofs and joys. Yet you are almost a stranger now;

About each other with loving heart. stock always on hand at the Bakery Yes, the concert was splendid last

The singing splendid'; but, do you My heart kept longing the evening ble notice, and satisfaction guaran-

All goods are warranted pure, as That maybe it wouldn't please the car Of one so cultured and grand as you : nothing but the best material is used. But to its music-laugh if you will-My heart and thoughts must ever be

> (For the clash of the music wearied and close to my heart the vision came, The same sweet picture 1 always see; In the vine-clad porch of a cottage Half in shadow and half in sun.

A mother chanting her hillaby, Rocking to rest her little ene. And soft and sweet as the music fell From the mother's lips I heard the

Of my baby girl, as with drowsy tongue She echoed the song with a "Goo-a-Together they sang, the mother and

The Sunday School-an essay by My wife and child, by the cottage Ah! that is the concert, brother Tom, The Child and the Book, by My ears are aching to hear once The Apostle Peter, by Samuel

So now good-bye. And I wish you You were born to be rich and gay; I am content to be poor and plain And I go back to my country home With a love that absence has strength

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most eligible of them all, in the ty, which shall hand down his wind, were unintelligible. the American forces at the Fort.

foliage of the shores, beneath which alarm to her lover, and through had by the flash recognized the fami- youthful pair found its consumation

rippled calmly by. I shut my eyes in the hall last night, however, these pleasant sails and struction.

the sanctions of duty.

But he little knew the depth and retired to rest, which was not till

calm and placed beauty than the strength to his country. George side a sick-bed.

after its dizzy plunge at the great ed fleet of vessels lay moored on bottom of the boat.

the largest Accident Insurance Com- pose. No vulgar din of trade dis | flashed in the morning sun, as they might before morning be they went. pany in the world, having written turbes its quiet grass grown streets, barge after barge transferred the drifted out of sight of land and . Late into the night burned the 436,000 policies and paid in actual the dismantled fort, the broken hostile force from the fleet to the perish miserably of cold or hunger; fires reddening the midnight heav-

swallows build their nests in the were lying in a hollow near the beasts howling for their prey. through the black embrasure the ing back the British. George, un-gan to dawn.

shore; and not unfrequently from | rest, was taken prisoner, and with object in the middle of a white or on a casual rabbit or ground feverish lips, as if they could no others sent across to the American field of now deuse ice, and the hog.

the presence of a numerous army, slang phrase of later times. At the outbreak of the war of | before the winter set in his busi-An opportunity soon occurred drowning man before trying to grapple with a victorious foe. A the dust." The titter that ran overtook the sharpers near Pinker

father of pretty Mary Lawson, a lines of attack, in order to recover | walk on wather, and this ice-slush | sign Roberts was among the slain, damsel of some eighteen summers, the Niagara frontier. General Mc- isn't much better." and as blithe and bonnie a lass as Clure, the American commander, "Unless you answer, I'll fire," destroyed.—Then followed

opinion of the village gossips, was name to infamy so long as the story "An' that same is the very It is a relief to turn away from young Ensign Roberts, attached to shall be told. In order to deprive thing I want, for it's starved wid these scenes of war and bloodshed the British troops of winter quar- the cold I am," said the shivering to the record of human affection ters, he determined to burn Nie creature, who with characteristic and heroic selfsacrifice and devothe favored of her heart was a agara, leaving the innocent and ingenuity, had failed to apprehend | tion. smart young Canadian, who for non-combatant inhabitants, help- the meaning of the menace addres- George Morton, crippled, im- quite another to welcome as much some time had acted as Clerk for less women and little children, sed to him. But a sudden flash poverished, sick at heart, and de- of it as tallies with our impression her father's store, and had shortly homeless and shelterless at the very and the dull thud of a bullet spairing ever claiming Mary as and prejudices.

BREAD, BUNS AND CAKES Your ways and mine are as far apart the river, in the thriving village of made for the transfer of his forces danger in which he stood. Niagara. Every Sunday young and material across the river, in- "The saints be betune us an' demnity from the Government Morton crossed in his own light telligence of the atrocious design harm," he exclaimed, devoutly enabled him to resume business on skiff to attend church with Mary; came to the knowledge of Mary crossing himself. "Oh! sure ye a modest scale, which by thrift and be sure to use even that which is and on summer evenings many Lawson, chiefly through the indig- wan't murder a body in cowld blood industry grew and increased with were the pleasant sails they had nant dissent and remonstrance of who's kilt entirely already. It's the gradual growth of the town. upon the shining reaches of the McClure's own officers against the half drowned and froze I am, with- Old Squire Dawson, broken by his ing what we may term, if not utter, river, watching the sun go down unsoldier-like cruelty. The intre- out being riddled like a cullender losses and exposure, gradually sunk at least mortal happiness; it is in golden glory in the bosom of pid girl's resolve was taken on the wid your bullets as well." blue Ontario, and the silver moon instant. She determined, under "Why, Mickey O'Brien," ex- voutedly to the last. After years activity for the happiness of bathe in its pale light the dusky cover of the night, to give the claimed the astonished soldier who of delay the love of the ne longer others.

> dark and heavy crouched the him to the inhabitants, that they liar features of a quandam friend; in a happy marriage, followed by a stealthy shadows, while the river might, if possible, frustrate the "why in thunder didn't you tell calmly tranquil life. infamous design, or at least rescue your name, man? I might have | "Although this cruel With the outbreak of the war, their moveable property from de- killed you as dead as a door-nail." whispered George to his bride upon should fall, if they desire to retain visits ceased. It is one of the It required no small amount of ye's too, Tomny Daily. It's not of all our own worldly wealth, has dread results of international con- courage to carry out her purpose .- | ushamed of my name I am, an' if | cost you your father, and has left | flict, that the inhabitants of the The winter had set in early and I'd know'd it was you, I'd tould me a cripple for life, yet it has nothing to do is the most miserable hostile frontiers, who had previ. severe. The river was running before. But help us out of this not taken from us the priceless of beings. If you have no regular ously dwelt in good fellowship and full of ice, which rendered crossing, an' I'll bear ye's no malice what- wealth of our affection."

> neighborly helpfulness are often especially by night, exceedingly iver." changed to deadly enemies, and perilous. To this was added the The guard had turned out at the "the long trail of our love has the field. In occupation we forget even claim for their bitter hostility, danger of being challenged, and it report of the gun, and getting such purified it from earthly dross, and our troubles, and get a respite from might be shot by the sentries of planks as was available, laid them proved it the type of love immortal sorrow. George Morton naturally espous- the American camp. But when on the floating ice; but still they in the skies." ed the cause of his native country, did true love in man or woman could not reach the boat. Tommy In after years to children, and to with which, too, all his commercial stop to calculate chances? or hear- Daily with fertile ingenuity tying children's children on his knees, on in your course, and let their with which, too, all his commercial stop to calculate chances, or hear interests were identified. This tate to encounter danger or even some twine to his ramred, fired it George used often to recount the backbiting die the death of neglect.

were interdicted. Ensign Roberts a bleak, cold, cloudy night -- that which Mick tied to the thwarts, was more pleasing to himsel, and took advantage of the absence of Mary, having secured the aid of and a dozen strong arms quickly to his youthful auditory, while the his rival to press his suit, which her father's faithful servant, drew the boat ashore. Squire Lawson favored as being Michael O'Brien, a jolly, but The benumbed form of Mary was blushed at the praise of her own And many a year of wealth and gain, likely, he thought, to warn Mary rather stupid Irishman, who knew borne to the guard-room, and En- heroism-and the episode of the workman who rises to an elevated from her ferbidden attachment to no fear, escaped from the window sign Roberts, the officer of the night fair Mary Lawson's midnight ad- position in the world. Work is, one who was now her country's foe. of her room after the family had immediately sent for. strength of a woman's affection. near midnight, and set forth upon claimed with astonishment, " to The more her royalist lover was her perilous mission of mercy. In what can we owe your presence at aspersed and maligned, the more order to avoid the American cen-such a time and place as this?"

warmly glowed her love, the more tries, they attempted to cross about "To the inhumanity of your firm was her resolve to be faithful a mile above the camp, and in the commander, and to my desire to is finer than any known in oratory. mirky darkness fearlessly launched rescue an innocent people from its He is speaking of the Armenians, Early in the war the British met | their little boat, steering by the | consequences." with a great loss in the death of lights in the town slumbering un- "I regret, Miss Lawson, that the Greeks, who resisted and broke the gallant Brock, whose name and conscious of its fate, where some my military duty prevents my per- the force of the Turkish inunda-

Niagara River from Lake Ontario | fought as a volunteer at Queenston, The dark water eddied and tained here as comfortably as our "They were like a shelving beach, to Queenston Heights. The bank the bloody conflict which avenged gurgled amid the ice-floes, from rude accommodation will allow, till which restrained the ocean. That in steep escarpments crowned with the fate of Canada's "darling here," which a ghastly gleam was reflect- the river clears, when you will be beach, it is true, is beaten by the (oak and elm and giant walnut, and as the minute guns of both ed, like that from the face of a sent safely home." with gentle turf-clad slopes, sweeps the American and British forts corpse dimly seen amid the dark. "Is this your generosity to a duces nothing; it becomes, perhaps, Jersey electrician, Mr. Edison, the graceful curves around the boomed over his grave, the gentle Occasionally a huge fragment of fallen foe, Mr. Roberts?" she ex- nothing but a mass of shingle, of sound of the human voice can be windings of the stream. In place Mary wept sympathetic tears over ice would grate, and claimed; but too proud to ask a rock, of almost useless seaweed; impressed on paper, and the tones crunch against the frail ribs of the favor for her lover from his rival, but it is a fence behind which the reproduced at any subsequent in the water like a wood nymp One morning in the spring of boat, as if eager to crush it and she relapsed into haughty silence. cultivated earth can spread and period. Thousands of years after admiring her own leveliness. The 1813-it was on the 27th of May- frustrate the generous purpose of With the early morning, messen comfortable far insteads nestle amid a brilliant but omimous spectacle its inmates. But the strong arm gers were sent through the town to was against the Turk, the resistance

their embowering peach and apple greeted the eyes of the garrison and of O'Brien pushed a passage warn the inhabitants to leave their of Bulgarians, of Servians, of Phonographic paper, the machine orchards, the very type of peace citizens of the town of Niagara, through the ice, while Mary sat houses and remove their property; and plenty. The mighty river, In the early light a crescent shap- wrapped in busy meditation in the and the soldiers proceeded forthcataract, and mad tumultuous rush the blue bosom of the late before | But they had not calculated on might be seen the women-most of and eddy at the rapids and whirl the town. The roll of drums, the the strongth of the current, and the men were away with the troops certain promises of impossible "divi- pool, smote its rugged front and blast of bugles, and the tramp of the resistance of the ice. In spite | -hastily gathering together their dends, but a reduction of the pre- restrains its impetuous stream to armed men through the streets of every effort they were being own and their children's clothing mium at the outset; equivalent to a the semblance of a placid old age, were shortly heard. The guns of rapidly borns down the stream, and a few treasured heirlooms, and "dividend" in advance. The Trav- after a wild and stormy life. fort and fleet thundered forth Another danger stared them in with tears and bitter lamentations The slumberous old town of challenge and defiance. The the face. Should they be carried leaving their roof, going forth like Mingara has also an air of calm re glittering sheen of burnished arms into the lake with the floating ice, the patriarch, knowing not whither

> stockade, the empty fosse, and the shore under cover of a heavy fire. or be dushed upon the ice-bound ens with the lurid flames of comcrumbling ramparts, where wander- | Morton, with the militia com- shore, where they could hear the fortable homesteads, well-filled ing sheep crop the herbage and the pany to which he was attached, water roar harshly like the sea- barns and stucks of grain. Herds mouth of the o'erturned and rusty shore, to check, if possible, the ad- But the bitter north wind, which over the meadow, the kine lowing canon, are all the evidence of the vance of the foe. A pound shot | proved such a source of discomfort, | piteously with extended udders for long reign of an unbroken peace. from the first struck the ground in now proved their salvation from the accustomed hands of their But at the period when our front of him, covering him with this imminent danger. Blowing milkers at eventide. One hundred story opens other sights than these dirt, and breaking the arm with fresher every moment it arrested and fifty dwellings were consumed, met the cye. On opposite sides of which he was loading his musket, the ice-draft and formed a solid only two or three escaping by accithe river grim forts frowned de- At the same moment a bullet from | barrier from shore to shore and dent, one of which still remains fiance at each other, and guarded the enemy struck his nearest com- extending far up the river. But and four hundred women and chillike stern warders the channel bo- rade, passing right through his this in turn effectually prevented dren were left to wander in the tween them. The morning 'reveille' body as he lay upon the ground; the progress of the little boat, snow, or seek the temporary shelday after day seemed the shrill A slight shiver convulsed his frame which had almost reached the ter of some remote farm house or challenge to mortal combat. Bul- and then he was at rest for ever. Canadian shore; and worse still, Indian wigwam in the woods. len and silent, like couchant lions, As the foe advanced in force, driv- the dim grey light of morning be- Some wandered for days in the ad jacent dismal "Black Swamp

> grim cannon watched the opposite able to retreat as rapidly as the Suddenly the sight of a black feeding on frost-bitten cranberries,

turned into an hospital, where in- released on parole, and returned to "Who goes, there?" repeated the miles above the American fort at "Sure, I don't go at all, that's Nemesis, shod with silence, the fourth section of the 119 Psalm spirit and in a prompt manner. Everything in fact gave indications By his skill and industry, aided by what's the matter," said the boat- column approached the slumbering and while the congregation were No 2 was then paid. In a very of military occupation, and the the fictitious prosperity, caused by man, unconsciously anticipating a garrison. Not a word was heard, looking out the portion" in their short time both strangers had dis-"Advance and give the counter | were bayoneted before they could seizing a hasty pinch with finger of them, our farmer began to see 1812-13, Squire Lawson held the mess had become again exceedingly sign," exclaimed the enraged give the alarm, and in the early and thumb, regaled his nose with things in their real aspect, and that important rural position of Justice flourishing, but only to be ruth soldier, who in martinet obedience morning watch the sleepers were the snuff; he then began the had been duped. Without de-

ever gladdened a father's heart or prepared to evacuate the town; but shouted the sentry, to whom burning of Lewiston, Manchester, busy to take care of his tools. inspired a lover's dreams. And before doing so he resolved to per- Mickey's maunderings, half drown- Black Rock and Buffalo, in terrible lovers Mary had in plenty, but the potrate an act of inhuman barbari- ed by the crashing ico and gusty retaliation for the destruction of

before opened a small establishment beginning of a Canadian winter. against the ice beside him inter- his bride, returned to the ashes of his own on the opposite side of Amid the active preparations preted to his sluggish brain the of his ruined home, to com-

"An' a purty trick it ud' be for | their wedding day, "has robbed us

over the skiff, when it was easy to perils of those fearful scenes of What is the use of lying awake at

"Why, Miss Lawson," he ex-

There are few scenes of more military skill were a tower of patient watcher kept her vigil be mitting you to carry out your gen- tions which centuries ago threaten-Grous purpose. You will be enter- ed to overthrow Europe, and says :

with to fire the buildings. Then

of affrighted cattle rushed wildly

sound of O'Brien's our striving to But a swift and bloody revenge now but a waste of blackened "Halt!" rang out sharp and embers, which the Americans had lery-not a hoof being left behind "Fuith, an' it's halted fast Six days later a strong party of

and squire Lawson's property was

mence life overgain. A partial in- says Bishop Berkeley, "cannot reand died, Mary nursing him de this, a sincore and unrelaxing

of Mary's father, and his visits It was on the 9th of December send out a strong fisherman's line, war and wasting; but no theme night, brooding over the remark of comely matron in her pure beauty

venture inthe ice on the Niagara. as a rule, at the foundation of all Mr. Gladstone's Oratory. This is the image in Mr. Gladctone's speech at Birmingham which the London Spectator says dustry.

the Bulgarians, the Serviaus, and waves; it is laid desolate; it pro-Greeks-a resistance in which one by one they succumbed, with the single exception of the ever glorious mountaineers of Montenegro, who have never succumbed. was that resistance which Europe able to claim the enjoyment of her liberty, and to develop.

her institutions and her laws."

Bird-Lime. woman's voice came dropping out West Hill, at the solemn hour of midnight. " Been out on a lark,

"Bet your life,"- replied a deep nanly voice about eighteen inches

" All right," she said, "go roost the cow shed.". "Won't do it," he persisted There's cattle linnet." Then she told him he had robin his family to pay the keeper; and he said if she aush owlin he'd whip her

when he got in the house. "You try it," she screamed, ah' I'll up an' hawk you down with a flat-iron." "Gell long," he yelled,

couldn't do it. Let me in and let's stranger was about to open a box And, if the neighbors hadn't interfered and stopped it, there is attempted to force the box open, no telling to what extremes they but appeared to have neither

There are not only many doubts,

A Minister in Glasgow recently the loan of \$50, which sum was dead of night. Like an avenging gave out as the morning lesson the given in a highly magnanimous not a sabre clarked. The centries | Bibles, he took out his mull, and appeared, and no trace being found sharp fight ensued. The garrison, round the church, and the confus. ton. On arriving here they were on the American side of the river, devotion to her lover. The winter "Bedad! and it's the same I 300 strong, were overpowered, and ion of the poor man, showed that tried the Magistrates Court and

Gems of Thought. A man too busy to take care of

his health is like a mechanic too The best dowry to advance the marriage of a young lady is when she has in her countenance mildness, in her speech wisdom, in her

behaviour modesty. It is one thing to love truth, and to seek it for its own sake, and

"The mind of a young creature," into it that which is good, it will

There is one sure way of nttain-

Too great familiarity and too evident pleasure in the society of young men are errors into which

the respect of the opposite sex. Keep busy. The man who has work, do odd jobs as farmers do "Nay, dear heart," she replied, when it rains too hard to work in

Pay no attention to slanderers

your brain like lightning. It is the honest, "plodding" true success. Brilliant parts, fine education, powerful friends, are not to be despised, but they cannot supply the place of personal

toil and patient, painstaking in-

The Phonograph. We had hardly got reconciled to us to converse with a friend in Jericho-if we had one there-when we find ourselves confronted with a still more marvellous inventionthe phonograph. By means of this instrument, invented by a New escape the incoming tide; and such a man is dead, if his words have been recorded and preserved on can be set in motion and his voice he heard again. At least, so the papers say, and they are all full of the new invention and the wonders

it will perform.

startling. To think of having a sermon by a popular preacher, a speech by a noted politician, or a song by some sweet singer stored in our libraries or cellars-we hardly know which place would be most appropriate-and then bringing them out whenever we felt disposed in the privacy of our own homes, turning the crank like an organgrinder, and taking as large or as small portion as we pleased in the very voice of the original is-well, as Artemus Ward said when thirty-five widows' of as defunct Mormon wented him to marry them : " It is too much."

The idea of thus bottling up

oratory for future use is certainly

One of our well-to-do farmer from Bruce attended the Cattle Fair on Tuesday, and, having sold some stock, received fifty dollars. Soon after a young man took him to Chambers hotel, to inspect some poultry, and on reaching there. another strunger, made his uppear-"ye since, and on seeing that No .1 No 2 bet fifty dollars that No. 1 could not open the box. No 4 might bave gone. Burlington strength or means to do so, whereupon No 2 demanded the \$50 on the spot. In vain did No 1 protest his luck of funds, and pleaded but there are redoubts, about the for time. His creditor was obdurate. He quietly asked the farmer

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at the fce the iron death. The | Personally, George Morton re- force a passage through, caught the followed the dastardly outrage. : I white tents of an army dotted the ceived every kindness from the watchful eyo and ear of the sentry two days the British re-occupied plain. The marks of recent con- officer and surgeon of the Ameri- near whose beat they had unfortu- the site of the smouldering town, list were everywhere to be seen, can hospital; and in the gentle nately drifted. and-saddest evidence of all-was ministrations of Mary Lawson, the multitude of coldiers' graves, which he shared with the rest of clear on the frosty air the challenge evacuated-horse, foot and artil whose silent sleepers no morning the wounded, he found a compen- of the sentry. drum boat should arouse forever: sation for all his sufferings. Upon The peaceful Parish church was his partial convalescence, he was enough I am," answered Mickey. the British crossed the river five stead of praise and prayer, we Niagara to look after his disorgan- sentry's voice. heard the groans of wounded men. | ized and partially ruined business.

at its mouth. But what more con- of 1813 was approaching. The would if I could," replied the be- immense military stores and com- the congregation and he felt the next morning conveyed to Walka cerns our story is, that he was the British army were closing in their wildered Irishman, "but I can't misriart supplies were taken. Eu- Ps:dmist's pinch."