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PAPA'S LETTER. I was sitting in my study,

Writing letters, when I heard, "Please, dear mamma, Mary told me Mamma niusn't be 'isturbed." ' But I'se so tired of the kitty. Want some ozzer fing to do. Writing letters, is 'ou, mamma? Tan't 1 write a letter too?"

"Not now, darling, mamma's busy Run and play with kitty now." "No, no, mamma, me write letter! Tan it 'ou will show me how." I would paint my darling's portrait As his sweet eyes searched my fac-

Hair of gold and eyes of azure, Form of childish, witching grace. But the eager face was clouded, As I slowly shook my head, Till I said, "I'll make a letter Of you, darling boy, instead."

So I parted back the tresses From his forchead, high and white And a stamp in sport I pasted 'Mid its waves of golden light. Then I said, "Now, little letter,

Go away, and bear good news; And I smiled, as down the stair ca Clattered loud the little shoes. Leaving me, the darling hurried Down to Mary, in his glee, "Mamma's writing lots of letters; T'se a letter, Mary-see !"

No one heard the little prattle, As once more he climbed the stair Reaching his little cap and tippet, Standing on the entry stair. No one heard the front door open, No one saw the golden hair As it floated o'er his shoulders In the crisp October air.

Down the street the bady hastened Till he reached the office door. "I'se a letter, Mr. Postman; Is there room for any more ?" " 'Cause dis letter's doin' to papa;

Papa lives with God 'ou know. Mamma sent me for a letter ; Does 'on fink 'at I tan go ! But the clerk in wonder answered "Not to-day, my little man."

"Den I'll find anozzer office, 'Cause I must do, if I tan." Fain the clerk would have detaine

But the pleading face had gone, And the little feet were hastening-By the busy crowd swept on? Suddenly the crowd was parted, People fled to left and right, As a pair of frightened horses At the moment dashed in sight.

No one saw the baby figure-No one saw the golden hair, Till a voice of frightened sweetness Rang out on the autumn air.

Twas too late-a moment only Stood the beauteous vision there, Then the little face lay lifeless; Covered o'er with golden hair. Reverently they raised my darling. Brushed away the curls of gold

Growing now so icy cold. Not a mark the face disfigured, Showing where a hoof had trod; But the little life was ended-"Papa's letter" was with God.

Saw the stamp upon the forenead,

OF THE TOMB. A Legend of Killarney.

only child of an impoverished duke the cliff.

the direct line, and of course she himself.

but if she had a female, then the her a quarter of an ounce of hyjewels were entailed on her as a drocynanic acid. line, of the Gordons.

States. Why? Because he selfs the Lady Eva, and she, in a mo would be a responsibility to dis- unfortunate maidens who revisited

scription. He said nothing; but He handed it to her, and taking ed land bordering the elm grove. he thought a great deal, and by- out the stopper she held it for an He would have seen this spectral and by he had arranged a fine plan | instant under her nostrils. A spark approaching, steadily and to be carried out if his mistress | faint olor of oil of bitter almonds | rapidly, toward the tomb itself; But one day his usually steady and perfectly satisfied, she return- witch-lights had left him sufficient

He was waiting on his master in what he demanded without ques- he would have discovered that it his private chamber, when the tion, took it and quitted the shop gleamed from a dark lantern, borne family physician was announced, as hastily as she had entered it. by a man, indeed, but one whose who entered radiant. The family The boy went to the door and pallid visage, staring black eyes, physician begged leave to con- watched her crossing the street. | and trembling form might well gratulate Sir Frederick. If Pro- . "Ah ha! mademoiselle," said have warranted the belief that he vidence continued to smile upon he, chuckling as she disappeared, was an ancient corpse which had him there was little doubt that the " you think I don't know you? By accidentally wandered from the house of St. George would in due the powers! Frenchwomen are not tomb, when it was opened for the time be blessed with an heir! And so plenty here as all that. Won't funeral that day, and was now still radiant, the family physician you be surprised, my lady, that's endeavoring to regain its shelter, bowed himself out again, for his all!"

certain conversation that her liver sweetly dreaming of the joys that stone near the wall and producing isn't being engaged, then I don't place, but most puzzled by the held with he, in a dark corner of she had known, and, perhaps was a short crowbar, of the kind techthe great picture gallery, where no | yet to know !

when he went in.

her views considerably. "It must be done," said William Brant, " you must do it." "And, as mevious, and chere do him. What is to me your ing in at the half-opened door; by one removed the courses until future? You will not marry me;

position contents me." future, mademoiselle," hissed the ed something from a vial into This was locked, but he had hundred bales of cotton to sell-!" wolf, bending close to her ear, the cup " How would the pretty Annette

Le Strange started violently. the gallery for either to see the g'ides out into the kindred dark harsh clang. The noise appeared been, perhaps the wolf would have more closes ! started in his turn at the look she

hissed between her clinched white teeth, after a moment's pause.

Delaroche's," answered William Brant, slowly, "and I can prove, what you did with the child-"

dealy interrupting him, "I will deed is done! do your behest ! Command me." God alone knows what fea ful secret was thus stifled, but it was something that made her tremble in every limb, and crouch before

him; like a beaten hound. For The dead have come again and walked nearly an hour they remained alone in the dark gallery conversing in earnest whispers, and, at the end Only seven months before the of that time, the woman left the event we have just described, Sir house, cloaked and hooded in her Why thy canonized bones, hearsed in Frederick St. George had married meanest garments, and took the Lady Eva Gordon. She was the way to the village at the foot of Have burst their cerements!"

and the last of her race. There Doctor McDevins, as he was was but one circumstance relating popularly called, the apothecary of was wild and stormy; the lake The household poked about four. My Self next week to F—ty and pered, thank the gentleman and to her marriage that was at all Heronscliffe, was an easy going foamed beneath the scourges of the ten feet of the barrel of an old I hop that old grannie is Well She sit down.' singular, and this was the contents man who loved the mixing of unpitying winds that howled in shot-gun out of the window, and is haddan well She has Plenty of The general obeyed. of the will of her maiden aunt, poteen punch better than the com glee to see its writhings; the sturdy and backed it up with such blood. Bread Scotsh good Night Dear Another distinguished officer, on from whom she inherited the pro- pounding of drugs. Consequently clms in the park ground as if in curdling threats, that Green walked Love from Love to Love and Love a similar occasion, knowing that perty that enabled her to marry at | __as his business was by no means all—at least to marry the man of confining—the easy going doctor and the drooping willows above minutes, giving the citizen time to not Spoil you I am Sure that it is thanks for the army, instead of her choice. This aunt had herself was generally to be found in the the tomb sighed, in concert with get nicely settled in bed, when he a verry Sunny Place and give Some dining made pencil notes. He may inherited the family jewels-at one bar parlor of the Heron Inn, the time considered the finest private landledy of which was a "comfortcollection in Europe-and influence able" widow. His apprenticeed by a whim, growing from family the "boy," as he usually called pride, she had determined that they was now nearly out of his time, should never be possessed by any and the worthy apothecary felt that one save a direct descendent of her he ought to be trusted in order to

give him confidence preparatory to Eva was the last of the race in his becoming a full fledged chemist left the jewels to her, together with During the afternoon, succeedother property which enabled her ing the conversation in the gallery, to marry Frederick St. George, this young man was idly killing. then a second son and poor, but flies with a bistoury on his mester's man as soon as possible. In the zen. shortly afterward succeeding to his best pallette, or pill-tile, when a estimation of the simple inhabi accidental deaths of his parent and cloak and a large hood, entered the mansoleum on the cliff was an around the block. his brother. The conditions of the hastily, and, in a slightly foreign died unmarried the jewels were to Singularly enough she seemed be buried with her, and if she rather relieved when she was told wedded and died childless, the he was not in, and immediately same condition was to be fulfilled : requested the "boy" to put up for on the summit of the tomb.

direct descendant, in the female To the great credit of the teach. invested the place with a peculiar raised the sash a thick voice asked : ing of the easy McDeving be it solemnity, and among them were Some time after the marriage recorded that the boy really knew not wanting tales of ferocious top of my skull off?" ton, New Jersey, than any this secret become known to that this particular acid was a barons, doomed to walk the earth Annette Le Strange, the maid of deadly poison. He felt that it as penance for their cruelty, or of ment of confidence, imparted it to pense such an article in his master's the spot where they had known

money refunded and freight paid the information, and caught him- own right, and besides it would that any human being would be both ways by him if they are usatis- self reflecting upon it very often. not do to lose a cus omer. He found passing through the park, repairing, is now furnished with new factory. Send for Illustrated An- In the event of the lady's death questioned her pretty closely, but near the tomb, on such a wild and cription, and is prepared to provide read testimonials from his patrons, without children, though the jewels upparently her answers were satisturbulant night, yet the visionary first-class accommodation to the public. some of whom you may know. Ad- would be no more his than they The present proprietor has received a dress DANIEL F. BEATTY, Wash- were before, yet they would then clean vial with a glass stopper, and have had cause for his fear, more belong to nobody, for they would going to the back of the shop filled palpable than is the usual basis of tender tints on veranda chairs. You position was indignantly rejected, none of it seems to be dropping be buried with a dead woman who t with a liquor nearly colorless, such terrors. He would have seen, will please step up there for three and the discarded wife now remains JOB PRINTING of allkinds could have no use for them. It is a

I was immediately diffused about her, and, if ideas of corpse-candles and

pocket was rather more heavy than sights it had witnessed during its Midnight by the castle clock, short visit to the living world. This news, however it charmed whose hollow booming had just The ghost, or the man, which-Sir Frederick, pleased his valet not rolled away over the placid lake ever it was, advanced till he reachat all, and the wolf began to make like a knell. Midnight and utter ed the newly bricked-up entrance love to the cat with greater ardor darkness, for even the stars had to the vault, and his subsequent than over. The cat-othorwise withdrawn behind a dusky cloud, proceedings would have been a Annette le Strange-did not, at as if loth to look on the sins of still stronger justification for the first, see the matter in the same men. Darkness everywhere, save fantastic belief I have mentioned light as the more rapacious animal, in my lady's chamber, where the for he was evidently endeavoring She was quite content that her dim ray of the night light shone on to gain access to the interior of mistress should have an heir, even her fair face as she lay calmly the tomb! a female heir—it would doubtless sleeping, and, from the smile that William Brant—for it was the year or so, and we'd hugged and pounding listily away, he felt reincrease her perquisites. But a played about her pouting lips, wolf himself-set his lantern on a

look picking oakum in Dublin steadily on the small table at the conclusion of the ceremony in the head of the couch ; the lithe, dark | morning. form recrosses the floor, the white There was not sufficient light in face disappears, the dark form swung open instantly, but with a other's features. If there had ness beyond, and the door once to startle him, for he glanced

"What mean you, coquin?" she turns uneasily on the couch, a willows, and the mournful patter

Strange things, the neighbors say have happened there; Wilk shricks have issued from the hollow tombs.

et me not burst in ignorance! but

The night following the funeral the thick reply. plashed noisily on its moss-grown again called out :

Few men, who loved their ease,

ments on that tempestuous night. | window. but had any houseless wanderer "In the infernal regions!" was passed over the summit of Herons | the sober reply. uncanny spot, even in the broad would have passed a night, even a clear and moonlight night, sitting Legends, such as are common in

on from 5 to 15 days' test trial, but the valet had never forgotten already become a chemist in his It was not probable, therefore, could have no use for them. It is a could have no use for the coul perty of beasts of prey of his de- young woman demanded to see it. It came onward across the plough- away.

nerves received a violent shock. ed it, saw it rolled up, and paying courage to abide its closer coming,

having been frightened by the

nically called a "jimmy," at once one could overhear them, clanged A door slowly and noislessly attacked the upper row of bricks. opening on a well-oiled hinge; a From the fact that they had been lithe, dark form stealthily crossing so recently set, the mortar was yet the thickly carpeted floor without | soft, and, after he had broken and a sound; a white face, of which taken out the pieces of the first months ago, and didn't lose a bit tall work. We've slung this fence the most distinct feature was the brick, his task was an easy one. two startlingly staring eyes, peep- He now worked rapidly, and one a white cup raised to the level of he had opened a space sufficiently I am noting to be to you. My the light by a whiter hand, and large to enable him to unclose the min as he hitched along on the the flash of crystal, in the faint upper division of the iron door, "But you care for your own ray, as another white hand pour- which we have before described. own sixteen mules and have a clean brought the key with him-it hav-The cup is lowered and set ing been entrusted to him after the

> Applying this, the iron valve around him apprehensively; but Closes, with a slight jar that | no other sound met his ear, save disturbs the sleeper! Her form the sighing of the wind in the 13 too good to lose: half-surprised yawn breaks the of the rain. No living being, he

> > (Concluded next week.)

through the opening.

A Pilgrim. and instead of knocking on the I am Tring for a Ring a per of panic-stricken was he when standdoor he pounded on the side of the Enrings and a fine Levar watch ing on toasts at a dinner table, that

upper window and shouted. Scotia, do vou want?"

" Fire! Fire!"

cliffe shortly after midnight, fear "See here, you old flat-headed ing would have been added to his in- hyens I'll shoot the top of your centives for seeking shelter and skull off if you don't scatter out of

and a voice cried out.

"Awake Awake!" " I'll kill that man as shure's I'm a sinner !" howled the good man as M_y. the annals of every ancient family, he left his bed once more, but as he "Didn't you say you'd shoot the

"Yes, I did, and I hope to

sawed in two if I don't do it !"

me !" tenderly asked the intruder as All this was known to the Court and when Green walked out he was the money. Within two years he

"What is your business?" "Good! They want you at the

House of Correction to put the soft, with ther any longer. The pro-

Circumstances Alter Cases. The other day, while a Vicks-

utter desolation about the country- of his written words as the followman that the Vicksburger drew ing :rein and inquired: " For God's sake ! what ails you,

the meek reply. " But is any one dead ?"

old Matthews and he went off two his idea of how he desired the " Are you sick i" "I feel kinder bad."

man I've seen since the close of the drove off to catch the train. "I was all right till a month two weeks, on approaching his

still more solemn. "What happened then ?" "Woman went back on me!".

" And she backed out?"

"Well, I've been through the mill myself. I had a woman go smashing in a tenpency nail with back on me in that way three one blow; 'we're doin' some pooty

of sleep over it." "You didn't ?"

" No, sir." "But then," sighed the young

A Love Epistle.

It is certainly unfair to betrav love confidences, but the following let's see the plan! And when the genuine effusion from an amorous carpenter handed it over the fence. swain in the Black Isle, which has Mr. Choate recollected that in his come into our hands by means which it is unnecessary to divulge, a note in his own handwriting.

B-Jan th: 13 1878 Notice Dear Bella I tuck the stillness, and a delicate hand is thought, could possibly be near- Pleasure of writting you this feu "I mean that I know all about stretched forth from the curtains even the toad and the owl had Lines and I hop that you are verry make a successful after-dinner and grasps the cup! Let fall the sought shelter from the furious well Pleased in your Place but my speech. It requires more wit than curtain, lily hand! Hide thy storm-and, after one shrinking Self is verry dill and ill saunce you eloquence, and an adaption to those sparkling faces still deeper in the glance into the interior of the Left us and Mind and come home who, being full of turtle and turbot, dusky gloom, O stars! Toll once vault, he took the lantern in his at the Tarm annut then I will have would, rather be pleased than in-"It is enough," she cried, sud- again, O solemn castle bell! The hand and climbed, head foremost, Bult up the New house by that structed. To listen to one who Time and be sure and dont Stop all knows how-to do it is pleasant, but winter I Lost all My Currage when to hear a wearisome man stammer you lift me Mind and come back out dislocated sentences is painful. are meant for kisses !] Dear Love dinner was asked to respond to a George Green appeared at a I have no more Experements News toast complimentary to the army.

house until the proprietor raised an | you must try and get to the Match | he said, -Raid [Masquerade, we presume] "Who in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the year 1877 is Gone and I mist are you, and what in Halifax, Nova | get Some Patent Lozengers at Long Last I did go to the Establisch "I want to be an angel!" was Church Mind and answer me and Give me some News I am going

torture as the blast swept oy them, off. He was absent about fifteen to you but Mind that the Sun Will he had been chosen to return their weeping, as the rain-drops returned, and pounded on the house, consent and now My. Dear Bella have outlined a good speech, but think well whether you can trans- what he said was,fer that affection delight as a wo- My lords and gentlemen, -my "Whoa-what-where is the man which in your girlbood was lords and gentlemen, -unexpectedwould have voluntarily encounter fire ?" shouted the citizen, as he My chiefest delight we shall meet by called, --here he looked at his ed the fury of the merciless ele- leaped out of bed and threw up the on at S. and then Prehaps your notes, - I say unexpectedly called

Lover Eagerly awaiting our Meet | island, -and -and -here he paused and now Decrest Bella Believe me I am your Turly af- remain so.' fectionate old Playmate Roderick the companionship of his fellow this !" shrieked the indignant citi- F___, B___, by M___y and new Lover to Miss R- and "I-will-scatter!" was the soft now My Bella I Must be giving father's title and estates by the young woman, enveloped in a faded tants of the barony, the vicinity of reply, and Green took a walk you good Night and good By and Mind and write us Soon Soon The citizen was beginning to SOON and dear and Dearest Bella will, however, were that if Eva accent, inquired for the apothecary. daylight, and not five men could dream when he heard that same I Have no Mare nows at Present have been found in the county who pounding on the side of the house, Time I will have the House up by. The winter And then We will To wear pumps.

Toronto on a Mariage Jant good

By and Rite Soon R. F-, B-Young men go to India! It is the custom there for parents to my men to marry their daughters. In Calcutta, a rich Hindoo pand a man who came from a family of ! 5300,000 to marry his daughter. The fellow married the young girl, they are contracted !- Debts. a mere child in years, and pocketed had gambled away all this money to tell "What we dink," whereas and was in debt besides. In this I some folks have simply to wink; at "I'm a pilgrim, sir," was the strait he sent the girl to her the barkeeper. father's home, demanding \$100. 000 more as a condition of living

An Autographic Fence.

A great many anecdotes have burger was riding toward Jackson | been told about the handwriting of in his buggy, he saw a long-haired Rufus Choate, the eloquent Boston young man sitting on a road-side lawyer, but not one is so hamorous fence. There was such an air of or so descriptive of the appearance

It seems that Mr. Choate want ed a new fente around the home lot. So be called in his carpenter, "Nothing, for God's sake !" was and had a talk with him about the work, and the next time he went to Boston, he got his architect to " Hain't heard of anybody but make him a rough sketch, showing

fence to be built. On the day appointed for the work to begin, Mr. Choate pulled "Well you look bad. In fact, the plan out of his vest pocket, you are the worst looking young | and hurriedly delivered it and

Returning after an absence of ago," said the young man looking home, he was filled with amazement, and led to doubt where helived. His home lot was surrounded by a zig-zig fence of extraordin "Did, eh? Were you engaged?" ary design.

"I'd hung around there for a! When he saw the old carpenter loved and hooked fingers. If that assured as to the identity of the marvellone fence.

Hello! he shouted. 'What are you doing f'

together in a bit less than any similar slingin' was ever done in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We're two days ahead of contract time now.1

But what sort of a fence is it? 'Don't know. Thought when you gi' me the plan it was the queerest Tence I ever heard of, but I suppose you knew what you

haste he felt in his wrong pocket, and handed him, not the plan, but

After Dinner Speeches. It is not every orator who can + × + [We presume the crosses | An English general at a public house on Third street at midnight, this Twister Till the next Time and He was a hero in the army, but so

> ' May it please your Royal Highness, I rise-the army-the British army-whose valorous-hem, hem, -I sav the army-' Here a friend pulled the gallant

soldier by the coat-tails and whis-

hart may be gladdened by a belief upon' - here the notes dropped That thire is Something in First under the table, - England is an for some time-' and long may she

Tight-money.

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