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"A suicido from drink."

The chapter groweth long; so long We weary as we read and think, ... And wonder when shall cease the wrong The Herald told the tale, The same old tale from day to day;
"Whiskey," the vile word groweth

And yet it groweth in its sway.

Before the latticed bar A daughter stood ; it is a shame That innocent must go so far To plead for home, and love and name And thus she plead in tears,

'Sell not my father drink, for we

Are seven children young in years ;

When father drinks we all must flee. "He comes with storm and curse, And ever since poor mother died, He-has been drinking worse and worse Sell not my father drink !" she cried

Cry to the winds as well ; The traffic hardens human hearts, The trade goes on ; its coffers swell With gold, whoever-weeps or starts.

Ye pass there gay saloons. Your shadows fall upon these dens; What care have ye what victim swoom hat protest have ye, citizens? O, for a manly word, O, for an indignation peal;— When shall the people's voice be heard

When at your alters will yo kneel? Ye Christian hosts and pray Till Christ's own courage ye shall know and ye go forth the same royal day And shout deliverance from the foe.

For the Free Press.

ON THE DEATH OF WILLIE CRIPPS. Twas summer, and a Sabbath day, And balmy was the air, When I was called to see him go

And leave this house of clay. Fare thee well, our last and fairest ear wee Willie, fare thee well ; He who lent thee hath called theo back With him and his to dwell.

Sixteen moons their silver lustre Only o'er thy brow had shed; Then for your lost one do not weep, Your little lamb the Lord will keep Sweetly asleep, sweetly asleep.

HOW HE READ IT.

Although it was a bachelor's establishment, there were few man-

the refined taste of the owner,

Mr. Coleman did not marry.

Forty-eight found him a portly not too portly-gentleman, with a fine, frank face, adorned by a thick, drooping white moustache, bright could be, and thick luxuriant grey a long year as he folded up the to sich business, and don't you forhair-a handsome, independent letter, and put it in his pocket. gentleman who had all his life liked his bachelor life, and chis ed sister; who liked the ludies re- struggle with. markably well, but who had never been convinced he could love any son's brother, and Mrs. Anderson was one of those genuine high-bred condescend to be a warm, true friend to May Dean's mother, even feat. if Mrs. Dean did do her plain sew-

May had several times seen Mr Coleman, and once or twice he had taken especial notice of her, rather enjoying her unconscious awe him, and very much admiring her undeniable gentle sweetness of

manner, movement and voice. He had come to find himself thinking frequently about her, so frequently that he had been obliged to bring himself to account for presuming to give a second's thought to the insane probability of a little blossom like blue-eyed

enough to be her father. Mr. Coleman sat in his library alone-such a magnificent, imposing room it was, with its high ceiling, its niches where statues of tiny tables where low, pleasant

The present proprietor has received a dress DANIEL F. BEATTY, Wash - thoroughly reveling in the pro- you, May ?" he cried. spect of the long undisturbed even- But she shrank away, surprise lot! Dot makes me gry!'

> Mr. Coleman took it rather ab- ceserve more than with her little stractedly, for notes were of such letter.

common occurrances with him, With a smile on his face he and, besides, be was already im- again advanced and tried to take patient to be in the dry details of her hand. some projected improvements in "You must never call me Mr. one of his big, flourishing factories Coleman again, dear. But now -an improvement that would be let me hear how it sounds to have appreciated by the hundreds of girl Howland."

"Isn't that the dearest letter

Then he looked at her and-

May, will you be my wife?"

Boston Tramp.

richest men on this continent once

he owned more'n half the city

operatives lie employed. So he took the note rather in- Please, Mr. Cole-" subscribed in full-" May E. shy little girl! Why not now, as

Just a little look of surprise me, May, when shall it be? I am just the merest possible accelera. ice I so dreaded is broken." his hands as he read the com- paling and flushing. munication --

" DEAR MR. COLEMAN, -I have

no doubt but that you will be very much astonished when you find wards her. have taken the liberty of writing to you; but what I want to say I that ever a man received? Surely thought I had better write. Please you know there could be but one ling you all I do; but I have of a refusal from you. You have "fire! fire! fire!" in the street thought it over and over, and have asked me, so enchantingly, in this greatly disturbed the congregation come to the conclusion that I will. letter, for-" Of course, you know how poor mamma and I are-how she has to sew, and how I have been employed in Mrs. Emmett's family with the children from nine till three; but she has discharged me and sent the children to a regular letter occurring to him forcibly. school, and, Mr. Coleman, I cannot unless you will have me." happiness to despair.

He paused point blank, and read the long sentence over again, under his moustache.

it be possible she has really cared in the bargain. for me-cares enough for me to lay aside all conventionalites, and so gracefully, sensibly offer me her His eyes were tenderly solemn, clares she proposed to him, and

yet triumphantly happy, as he says he can prove it by her own went on, touched to the heart by handwriting. her artlessness .-

"I know I am very bold in daring to ask such a favor of you sions handsomer than Mr. Howland I am almost sure you will be vex-An old tramp, with his face Coleman's, and many were the ed and refuse me; but I do not shrunken with hunger, was overfeminine hearts who would not mean any hurm. I must not let turning the contents of an offal have been at all averse to trans- dear manima be weighted with me, wagon down Main-st. last Tuesday form the imposing stone front and and I know you are very good and afternoon, trying to fish out a its rows of plate glass windows, kind; and, indeed, I will try h rd lunch, when a policeman came against which the almost priceless to please you in every way. Please along and asked : lace curtains fell in foamy grace, Mr. Coleman, let me come, will "Why don't you go to work

into a paradise that should not be you not? But, if you would rather sawin' wood, or diggin' clams, or not have me, do not be afraid something', and earn enough to git Everything was faultlessly hand of burting my feelings by saying you a square meal, and not be some inside, furnished with an ex. so. Unless you really do want me stuffin' yourself with unwholesome quisite finish of detail that denoted I would rather you said no than garbage? Bamby, 'afore you know take me just because I have ven- it, you'll be dead, and the city'll People wondered -and had been tured to ask. If you will write to have to send your corpse up to the wondering for twenty years-why me just a word I will be very Brighton abattoir." much obliged.

" MAY E. DEAN." tangled whiskers, he said There were more suspicions of emotion in Howland Coleman's man hez tor git his whittles out of laughing eyes, as dark as well eyes than had been there for many er swill wagon! I hain't been used

There was no thought of the projected improvement in the huge bachelor home that was so grace- silk mills now-no thought of the fully presided over by his widow- details his very soul loved to the lap of luxury, as it were;

He walked up and down the library, his eyes on the floor, his one as he believed a wife should head dropped, his hands clasped omy; could tell ye how fur the be loved, unless we except little behind him, thinking of the May Dean, whose blue eyes had strange revelation the letter held. once or twice been lifted to look at trying to imagine the flushes that this wonderful, rich, handsome had tinged May's fair cheeks when gentleman, who was Mrs. Ander- she wrote it, and being alarmingly conscious that his heart was at last Noah's Ark on Plymouth Rock." unsealed, and that May Dean's ladies who was not ashamed to little hand had been the instrument to accomplish that magical

He knew that although all the love of his mature manhood went out to this blue-eyed girl who had never. pleaded her cause so well, unless she had pleaded it, he never would have dared presume to think she

He did not permit an hour

"She will be in no enviable state f suspense until I answer her note. I will go to her at once and tell her how I love her-how far from refusing her I am." Twenty minutes later his carriage

stopped in front of the house May Dean caring for him-old where Mrs. Dean occupied rooms, and a moment later he stood in the plain little parlor, where May stood, her sweet face alight with glad surprise and conscious flushes. " It is very good of you to take

men stood, its rows of shelves the trouble to come, Mr. Coleman, His heart fairly thrilled under looking chairs were drawn up, its her sweetness and shy gracious

. "You mean it is more than Mrs. Anderson had gone out Little girl, you have made me

He was pleased with her shy

A Bad Night.

A gentleman once dined with a

well as after we are married? Tell tion in his steady pulses not enough She looked at him in perfect few minutes was missed from the took the vacant seat beside the is master for the present voyage,"

> "I am atraid something is tell-my wife that, as it was such bad night; I should not return !" He held her letter to him to-

> > A False Alarm.

A large congregation had assemdo not be angry with me for ven- answer to it, and I've come to tell bled to hear a stranger of some turing as I have done. I am not you what I should have done long notoriety. Soon after he had insure that I am doing right in tel- before had I not been in such fear troduced his subject, the cry of and many were about to retire, She interrupted him eagerly. | when an elderly lay brother rose | you? "Yes, sir; for a place in one of and said :-

your silk mills. Please say yes !" " If the congregation will be How Mr. Coleman stood and composed, I will step out and see looked at her, all the rediculous if there is any fire near, and reconstruction he had put upon the | port."

The congregation became com-A place in the mills! His very | posed, and the minister proceeded. imagine what is to become of me soul sunk with the reaction from | Taking advantage of the occurrence, he called attention to a fire that would consume the world-a fire | went into the next car. "May, you cannot have a place | that would burn forever in the lake a curious expression coming into in any of my mills although there that was bottomle s-and had just his eyes and a smile creeping are always vacancies. But I must concluded a sentence of terrible imtell you what you can have, if you port, and not without manifest im-"Unless I will have her! Can will take it-Me, and all the mills pression on his audience, when a voice from the other end of the to his own affairs and not the afchurch, as if in flat denial of all he fairs of his neighbors.

> had said, bawled out :-Whenever Mrs. May Coleman's " It's a false alarm !" usband wishes to tease her, he de-The effect was ludicrous in the | so. extreme. The old man returned but the inopportune response spoiled the force of the eloquent appeal crying. from the pulpit, and even the preacher could scarce refrain from joining in the universal smile that your father.

> > passed over the congregation.

A Confiding Man. A solitary lady was going up on Cass avenue car yesterday, smile ing as if she believed the whole world at peace, when a man with a handkerchief bound around his head got aboard and sat opposite He doubtless felt that some

> explanation should be made for his appearance, and he suddenly said 'Madam, I was not run over by butcher-cart.' She made no reply, and he

resently continued : The old outlaw stepped down to the sidewalk, and as he wiped his

'And I didn't fall down stairs.' She looked out of the window as if she didn't care whether he had 2 to omulate. " Pretty tuff times, boss, when er one down through a bridge een blown up. He moved around measily, and then whispered : "Twas a family fight-worst git it; my father was one of the onflict you ever saw-most beat a

and pale, and I don't mind telling Boston, and I was brought up in you how the old woman always-' 'Will you mind your business? graduated at Harvard College, and called the driver, as he opened the I know'd twenty different languages; knowed all about astron-'I will !' was the soft reply, 'but want to tell this lady how she planits Saturn, Versuvious, Jupiter can wallop the old man every time and Venice was from the earth, he gets sassy and sighs for a terriand could repeat the whole Bible fic conflict, you see. When one o

'I'll put you off the car!' ex-

'Keep jawing back till you get

hold of the fire shovel ! said the

stranger. 'Then carefully sneak

'I will-I'll go; but, madam,

The driver made for him, and he

'Sh! say nothing! What

will peel clear around !'

from the first chapter of Adam these family fights occurs there is clear through to the landing of 'I want you to stop!' shoute Then the policeman looked as if he was going to drop down for a 'I will-I will, but first let me

moment, then he rallied and struck say that there is always some preacross the street, muttering : liminary jawing and sassing around. "Well, I-sware, I never heard If the woman is sharp she will anything equal that for ignorence, keep jawing as she backs for the fire shovel-keep jawing and kacking-sassing and backing-

A Dutch Victory.

claimed the driver, as he looped A crowd of young chaps about the lines over the brake. town were in one of the popular beer saloons, where they met a iolly old German, who often gets thoroughly soaked with beer and along and sneak along, and while maudlin funny. he is calling, you a byenness and 'Hello, Kaiserlicher, have vou heard the news ! suid one.

! Nein ; vas ish das?" The water works are busted ! 'Vel. dot's bad mit dem tem brance beeples, don't id, poys (Laughter all round.) 'Yes, and the rolling mill's gone

don't forget to sneak along-! He was off the car by that time. p! said another of the boys. He stood in the middle of the Vel. chust don't got skeered street, and, as the car started, he about that; it's so heffy dot it turned his bead in and hoursely goom don again, eh?' (A grand peal of laughter.) "And-and - the ice machine

has exploded !' cried a third blow that counts. If you can stun 'Ish dot bin possible? Den him on the start the victory is --dof's bad, midout mistake, und-id don't rain midout it pours - de retreated to the curbstone. When vasser oud-de rolling mill oudfirst-class accommodation to the public. some of whom you may know. Ad- that night, and Mr. Coleman was very, very happy. Let me kiss no more ize—und all you young forward and called out : shackasses broke oud of de shtable And nobudy thought it neces-

sary to laugh.

The unkindest cut of all .- A pound of steak for six persons.

An Inquisitive Man.

On a train between Toronto and friend, when a most dreadful storm Kingston, lately, was an officer of W. & Co., Boston, agents for arose. In hopes of abatement, the having in charge two convicts, de- the popular line of Australian entertainment was prolonged to signed for the Kingston Penitenti- packet ships, received a letter of the latest possible hour but at ary. The hands of the convicts inquiry from Cincinatti. Corres-"Oh, sir, I never could do that. length it was over, and the storm were free and they sat opposite pondence followed, and second-band showed no sign of ceasing, but on one another with irons on their passage was engaged for Mr. and differently until he saw the name "Yes, you can, well enough, you the contrary grew worse and worse. ankles, the officer occupying a seat Mrs. Hatfield, their son, Joseph, The host insisted upon his with one of them. Presently a Jr., and Miss Blanche, who were guest's acceptance of a lodging for gentleman came in, whose hook- politely urged to put in an appearthe night, in view of the impossi- nose, old-fashioned silk hat, and ance in Boston on or before Feb. came into his eyes, and there was an impatient lover, now that the bility of reaching his home.

[Seneral steady appearance indicated 9th, as "the good ship Daniel"] The guest complied, but in a inquisitiveness, came along and Sharp, whereof Joseph D. Cushing

to make a preceptible tremor in bewilderment, her face alternately parlor. In half an hour he reap-The convict was an intelligent fellow | weather permitting. peared, drenched with rain. 'I,' said he, quietly shaking off and eyed his fellow-passenger close- On the morning designated, a wrong. I don't know what you the water, 'I have been home to ly. Presently the stranger said: young darkey exquisite, sporting a ' Pretty slow train this?'

Convict- I suppose it is rather slow when one is in a hurry. Stranger-'Yes; are you going down the road far ?'

Convict- No, sir; I stop at Stranger-'Ah! Do you live

Convict-' I have not formerly. Stranger- But you think of taking up your residence there, do abip Daniel Sharp, and I-"

Convict-'I am thinking serious-Stranger-' What business are you in, if I may ask? Convict- I expect to be in the fodder and mudder and Miss employ of be Dominion.

Stranger, seeing the irons and the sell about the same time, ojaculated-'Oh! Ah, yes, I see, and

Who are the Blessed? Blessed is the man who minds

his own business, and attends only Blessed is the woman who never says to her husband, "I told you

Blessed is the man who can sew on his buttons when the baby is

Blessed is the woman who won't marry a widower providing he is Blessed is the mother-in-law who

neverreminds you that you are married above your station. Blessed is the rich relation who never looks up to you for money. Blessed is the old maid that don't bate old people and children.

don't hate cats and pincushions. Blessed are the married people that don't wish they were single. Blessed are the single people who are contented to remain so. Blessed is the husband who never

Blessed is the old bachelor that

than his wife's are. widow) who never calls up the the eyes, causing a bulging of the virtue of "dear departed" for No

wife ten cents, without asking her speaking eye but a speaking tongue what she is going to do with it. Blessed is the woman who don't scold when the stove pipes fall tornado! You look thin and weak down on the dinner table, and blessed is the man who can fix

them up without swearing. Blessed is the friend who never requires the loan of your umbrella. so busy with his own affairs that he has no time to pry into yours. Where are the Blessed ? Echo answers, Where?

A lively crop.—Hops. The baby's little game .- Bawl.

Why is a person who is poorly might be present. In looking a' lose his sense of touch? Because he a picture, such a person would inlon't feel well. number, grouping, attitude and The reason why some people put costume of the figures composing on airs is because they have nothing

else to put on.

Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree? Because it is furthest from the bark. Why is a mad bull an animal of convival disposition? Because he

you are calling him a savage you meets The family tree of a Texas fami 'Off with you-right off'n this ly shows a branch on which sever car !" said the driver, as he grap- al members have been hung for it, quick borrowing borses.

> If you want to teach a dog arith- | the resources of my art to give the metic, tie up one of his paws, and unfortunate sufferer relief by any

when you hit him! It's the first one every time. Three are a mob, according to practice, the wisdom of which law. That is what a young fellow | will commend itself to you at once, thinks when he and another chap are to proceed to examine the part courting the same girl.

Two Western men were discuss-I ling the strike, one condemning and quick! None of your Eyerets' have told you is in strict confidence! the other defending it. The latter orations! Ouch, I howls Hit him over the ear and the scalp | appealed to the Bible, and quoted the well-known text; "Strike till afraid, sir, that I shall have to ask the last armed foe expires," The your permission to remove it. A place for reflection. - The mir- opponent gave in, remarking that he had not thought of that.

Colored bys. Bald-Headed.

Years ago, the well-known firm

tall hat and ivory-headed cane sauntered into the elegantly appointed office and demanded : "Is dis yer de office of W. &

"Yes, it is," growled the senior W, from behind his desk, frowning over his gold-bowed spectacles at the intruder.

"Well, sab, me and my folks are gwine out to Melbourne in your "Not if I know it-you are not

going to do any such a thing." "How so, sah? Didn't I correspond wid you from Cincinatti and engage passage, for me and my

"What! is your name Hatfield?" roared the dismayed agent." "Yes, sah, my name's Hatfield,

"Why in the devil didn't you notify me that you were colored ?" "Why in the debbel didn't you notify me that you was bald-head-

The pertinent rejoinder silenced old W., and, although two or three passengers who preferred to have the colored line drawn outside a ship's cabin, gave up their berths and were refunded the r passigemoney, the Hatfields complacently sailed in the Sharp.

Size in the Eyes. Size with the eye, as with the brain, is generally conceded to be a measure of capacity. A large eye has a wider range of vision, as it unquestionably has of expression, than a small one. Generally speaking, large eyes see things in general, and small eyes things in particular. The one sees many things as a: whole, considering them in a philosophical or speculative way, often seeing through and beyond them; the other sees fewer things, but usually looks keenly into them and says his mother's pies are better is appreciative of detail. Some eyes, however, look at everything. Blessed is the wife (formerly a and yet see nothing. Fullness of

lower eyelid, is the well-known

sign of language. Persons who Blessed is the man who gives his have this sign have not only a whereof their fellows do not long rentain in ignorance. A general projection or fullness of the eye above and below, which brings the eveball forward on a line with the the face and evebrow, denotes the quality of physical conception, or the capacity to see quickly what-Blessed is the neighbor who is ever appears on the surface of things. A person with such an eye, on entering a room for the first time, would note rapidly the shape, size, arrangement and general appearance of the different articles of furniture in it, the color of the walls, curtains, etc.; take in with equal felicity the features, the color of the eves or hair, size and appearance of any person who

> it. - Annual of Phrenology and Physiognomy. The Trouble with the Tooth.

cline to examine the details of color,

This story is from a Paris journal : Enter to dentist a sufferer with offersa horn to every one he a gigantic cheek, who drops into a chair and vells

'Take it out! Take a monkeywrench-anything; only out with

Dentist, politely- Sir; in the course of my long and successful The girl who succeeds in win- career I have made it an invarining the true love of a true man, able rule never to pull a tooth unmakes a lucky hit and is herself a til I have satisfied myself by careful examination that it is beyond 'Strike for all you're worth he will put down three and carry other method of proceeding less extreme and painful. Permit me. then, sir, in conformity with this

> Sufferer - 'Here! Lok! Be Dentist (apologetically) - ' I am

A seedy occupation .- The florist