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ply of the rain souked parson.

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ments of delay, caused by the un-

He found himself in a rough

apartment, with a large fireplace at

one end, on which a log was blaz-

chairs, besides a box filled with dry

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gruffer than before. tious flowers; Oh, I long to come back, alas, could

To cull the sweet flowerets that grow what's to hinder you." by the stream, Or thy bright blooming meadows and deep; tangled wild wood;

Thy hills and valleys, and the green |

The great Falls of Niagara whose rapid ing; a rough deal table and three ithin its cold arms many hapless ones

greenest doth seem : That ever the eye of the Patroit hath

Land of the best and the brayest, grow A garland of roses to twine round

sorrowing heart. No country excells thee in verdure

hen fed with the dew drops of evenf thy groves and thy valley's embel- fered a five dollar bill.

lished with flowers, Of thy sweet mossy dells where the happy birds sing,

Iway to thy valley, bedecked with sweet llowers,

With the woodbine and wild rese would of shooting a grizzly bear." that perfumes the air. Chide then but gently the heart that is

ions where only

Tis then I would be a lone wandere

in thy fountain. I would range with delight over meadow and dale. o're thy mountain,

sweet scented gale. her beauty, And thy carroling songsters warbling their lays, ilt thou dear land then a kind wel come give me,

Who played by thy brooklets youth's early days? would leave thee no more than while frail life is given, But would toil for my country ere-

lay down to rest, he fond hope of my heart ere life's bonds shall be riven, Is to live in thy arms and to die in | whiskey and a plate of ham and thy breast. it Eramosa, May 11, 1878.

RAISING THE DEVIL.

It was a dark and tempestuot night, a night to fill the soul with fright; and the lightning flashed the wild beasts squealed, when a poor preacher of the gospel was vending his way through the dis mal intricacies of a western forest,

The poor man felt anything but comfortable, for he was wet through to the skin, and almost tired to death. He had been tramping about since morning, besides be imagine what state of mind he was in, and also appreciate the sudden transition from despair to hope

the floor to the room underneath.

He saw the woman open the door

cautiously, and after admitting a

From the mysterious actions an

whisperings that ensued, our par

son rightly concluded that the per-

After whispering together for

cloak, lock it agam.

in a loving repast.

had been asleep.

The poor parson, almost dead "It is I," was the indefinite re- with fright, clowly descended the ladder, looking as white as a ghost, "Well, who are you and what for, from the ruffian's manner, he

do you want?" asked the voice, would be a ghost soon. " Don't hurt the poor man. "A poor benighted preacher of how sickly he looks!" exclaimed the gospel, who has lost his way, the woman, pitying the poor

night," answered the preacher, in a "You shut up and mind your own business, or it will be the "Well, stay there-don't see worse for you," was the gracious reply of her lord; then turning to "But I am almost starved, and the trembling parson, he asked : I will pay you liberally for some " Are you a Methodist minister

and do you believe in hell and the

"Well, by the Eternal, I don't, and he drew his bowie knife in a ally but surely working his way up membering the rules of the office, ficulty of detecting typographical threatening manner.

The poor preacher was in anything but an enviable situation, and thoughts of another world be- book-keeper in a large Chicago his fair customer. gan to fill his mind with anxious house, surveyed the situation. "If "Ah, yes, madam, that is to say word is very apt to remain undeforeboding; for it is a remarkable I don't go into something else, and miss: ah, who is to rent the- tected. fact that however much clergymen | that pretty soon," he said to him- house? Your father?" may preach and talk of the future self, "I shall continue a bookworld, they prefer to have others keeper all my life." The prospect go on and enjoy it. This may be of a life-long servitude at the desk on the table, she turned to the

and then tramp, as it is utterly im- the davil!" possible for me to keep you here "My friend, said the pastor," parson, unxiously, "I shall perish is a well established fact, as I can you will try and give me some true; but dreadful to you will be How sweet to the laborer is thy per- place where I can be sheltered from the consequences if he does! Bet the storm of the night," and he of- ter for you had you never been born than see Setan face to face

ciously clutching the money, "if are!" dream till I'm weary of dreaming, you think you can stay in the gar- "D-p you, stop preaching an let, maybe you can stay; but hurry call the old boy! I'll stand the up, for I expect my husband home consequences, for the time is up." your life is worth if he should and took a brand, which he applied dent, exulting over the young just long enough to call himself a at multitude of blunders. The

poor devil in the box was truly ap- | dent?" There was a small trap door in the ceiling which raised of its own

was, his fatigue was such that he effective lecture on connubial duties, be, young man? had almost fallen asleep when he after which he seated himself be-

what kind of a looking man his respect, fully convinced that he had would bask in the sunshine, and bathe unknown host was, he rose and the power to raise the devil at peeped through a small crack in will.

A Chequered Carcer.

had rather a chequered career. ed to dodge all suits against him, purchased a lot of land in his

pet bagger's career in Louisann, "I was asleep and did not hear engaged in a gigantic hennery no book accounts. Every instru- quickened his flagging feet and so much, for there is a Methodist lurch that one of the partners shot wear her shoes to the circus!" himself. A rich widow and a poor "My sister will do mor'n that !" Who cares for a Methodist Irish woman at Montreal, and Allan G. Love, a wealthy Boston-

> Printing office proverb-A still tongue makes a full stick.

Which Will You Be?

"I will not learn a trade!".

honorable old age," Two years ago a young man, a residences, he began questioning have often observed that, even if self-abnegation or pure selfishness ; did not please him. He determin- does it make to you?" ed to "go West" and turn farmer, "Oh, nothing, nothing; "Are you most ready?" asked though he knew little of practical then we always like to know who were converted into nonsense by warm himself, alternately turning the ruflian, raising his knife as he farming. But he had brains, was is going to occupy the premises we the simple change of Troy into car native Canada, best do I lave theu, one side then the other to the fire. saw the other hesitates "I'll give willing to work, and his young rent." "Now, I want you to cat this you just three minutes, and if the wife heartily approved of the plan. Going to Southeasterly Kansas,

he nurchased a farm of one bundred and sixty acres of a railroad company. After he had settled hisfamily in a comfortable little house and stocked his place with tools, stock. he found himself in debt profusion of blushes).

"That was one year ago," writes the Chicago correspondent of the Troy Times. "The crops this year are not all sold yet, but, nevertheless, he has paid off all his debts, and has \$367 in cash on hand, beside enough more produce to sell to double that amount and going to marry" (cheeks carmine in the cells, as a cause of typostill leave him-ample for his own

catch you here, for he's a perfect to the box of flax. It blazed up man's success, "a hard-working qualified old fool eight or nine author, the compositor, and the devil incarnate; would think no almost like gunpowder, and the mechanic or book-keeper in any times, when he frisked back to his corrector of the press must be more of murdering you than he unearthly yell that issued from the large city who is half so independent customer and promised newly- responsible on other grounds for

With roars and howls of agony, ed strangers, owned a newspaper, the month's rent with a bow and a July 18th,' on the top of one page, ficulty he managed to squeeze he made straight for the door, but and was president of a monied cor- smile, that if the grandmother of and Tuesday, July 18, on the top of Tho warm be the welcome that's give through the aperture. After he he was not so quick as the owner poration. He was not dissipated his grandchildren had happened all the others; and in a quite rewas up, the woman told him to of the premises, for, with one look nor extravagant, but to-day he is around just then, would have cost cent, in stance in the Illustrated

These four illustrations of the When they were both gone, the "ups and downs" of life are sug-

Old! Well, it does take one's reath away! Must we all grow old? It seems so. Time will not stand still, and wrinkles and gray

nairs mark his way. Yes, physically we must growold: but mentally and emotionally need we become so? I doubt it A great deal of splendid work is done by people who have arrived at the age when the faculties are supposed to fail, and I think we

all feel that we may hope to work If we take good care of ourselves: we may be worth as much unti the endias we ever have been; and with this comforting thought comes another; the sweetness, the tenderness of youth need not depart! with its beauty. We are not compelled to grow bard and cold, to ake stern views of life, and refuse to believe in anything beautiful

pecause this is the role set down for middle-aged and elderly people Those who keep their sweetness, who hold fast the tenderness of their souls, and have ardent friendships, are young still, whatever the years that have passed over their

Proof of Affection.

They were disputing as to wh had the richest father, and the small one finally flew that track and called out: "Well, I've the best big sister.

"I guess not," replied the other "Yes, I have !" "I guess not; I've got the bost est big sister in this town. She'll stay at home any day to let me

nut in the little one. "She'll take the string out of her corset for me A pious father entered a saloon a species of I dollar try.

Humors of House-Renting.

She was very pretty and quite. Benjamin, Franklin, when a It was the exclamation of a young, nineteen or thereabouts, young man, refused to give garfast" young man to his father's and when she tripped into the real nish' or 'pay his footing,' on being suggestion that it was time for the estate office, and with a smile and placed in a room of compositors, son to think of supporting himself. a blush began making inquiries re- because he had already responded In his case learning a trade was garding a little six-room cottage, to a demand for similar black-mail merely a matter of time. Within the real estate agent looked over in another department of the printfive years that young man was his spectacles at her and thought ing-office. They took a peculiar studying harness-making in the he had not seen such a handsome method of punishing bin, by diswoman for years. Question and arranging some of the types in his There is a young man in the answer followed in rapid succession, cells when he was out of the room, Missouri Penitentiary whose pa- and at their conclusion the lady Very likely this technical tribularents; at their death left him fifty seemed delighted with the house as tion may have led him inadvertthousand dollars. "There is where," the agent was with his prospective ently to the committal of numerous bluntly remarks the journal from tenant. Then the lady's hand misprints. Several years ago Mr. which we copy the item, "bis dived into the mysterious folds of H. Martin, of Halifax, adverted to parents made a fatal mistake." If her polonaise and drew forth a a typographical error in a former they "had simply left the young dainty little purse, from which she communication of his to one of the man a jack-plane or a wood-saw, began to count forth crisp notes journals, and added: and if you believe in the devil, with printed instructions how to with which to pay her first month's Upwards of thirty years exyou'll either have to make him ap use them, the chances are that rent of her new house. At the perience in connection with the pear, or I'll cut your lying throat instead of being in the penitentiary, sight of money the agent's presence press has taught me to be very and make you appear before him," he would to-day have been gradu- of mind returned to him, and re- lenient toward misprints. The dif-

"Why, no?" "Your mother, then ?" "Why, no! What difference

"Well, I'm going to live there " Alone?"

" With your parents, I suppose?"

"N-o-o-e" (with a faint blush). "Who with, then ?" "With a-a-gentleman." "A gentleman ? A relation,

"Certainly not."

it's no use, really-

and eyes full of gentle fire). And then that real estate agent "Is there," asks the correspon- went and stayed in the back office would fail, however, to account for The same correspondent sketches ings, hot and cold water on each for stealing geraniums'; and for the "ups and downs" of a Chicago floor, bronzo gas fixtures throughout, putting a wrong date on the tops therebant. Ten years ago he was grates in the fire-places, and every- of some of the pages of a newspaperworth half a million. He endowed thing else she might want in the | _such as the Duily News in one institutions of learning, entertain- (house, and handed her a receipt for of its issues, which put 'Monday,

A Judge Answered. William Watson, a youth, stood at the bar of the general Bessions, convicted of theft.

fully, "Your face is certainly famil- | Sir Archibald Alison published the "I' don't know, your honor," Watson roplied.

"Where have I seen you before ?"

"Where have you seen nie before." his honor persisted. honor," Watson protested. "Where were you last employed?

"In the Crystal Palace Saloon, your honor," Watson answered, and the spectators laughed. Judge Gildersleeve did not pur-

next we hear of them they die with | brains."-Household. the harness on. Hatd work does not kill them; but the worrying, fretting and abuse did the job.

to spin my top with, and if I lose with a horse whip one night last . The atmosphere of Nevada it

Misprints.

to a handsome competency and an which applies to cases where un errors is much greater than the unprotected femules apply to rent initated are inclined to believe. the spelling be correct, a wrong

He notices an instance in an edition of Shakespeare's ' Merchant of Venice, where Portia's lines :. "Young Alcides when he did redeem The virgin tribute paid by howling

'In a short biographical notice of Pope which I compiled for an edition of his poons, I briefly enumerated his prose works, among which I named his Memoits of a Parish Priest; when the proof came before me, I found that the compositor had set it Memoirs of a

It is possible that this blunder may have arisen from a cause to "No, sir, he's not a relation, which we shall presently advert, obscure writing in the author's "Madame. - I must decline to manuscript; but Mir. Martin also rent the premises. No, madam, took notice of the matter mentioned above, namely, the partial dis-"But he's the gentleman I'm arrangement of some of the types

graphical bewilderment. This misplacing of types in cells papered walls, freshly whited ceil- | 'A silver medal given to a florist' London News, where on the top of one page Saturday was assigned

to a date that certainly did not be-At the Duke of Wellington's funeral, in 1852, Sir Peregrine Maitland was one of the pallbearers. A statement appeared in some of Judge Gildersleeve asked, thought the journals to the effect that when

last volume of his History of Europe, the name of Sir Peregrine Maitland appeared as Sir Peregrine Pickle, and it was marked that such a misprint could not have "I don't know, I am sure, your been otherwise than intentional, a poor attempt at a joke on the part of the compositor, or the correc-I am confidentt that I have seen I tor.' In the only copy which we your face before," Judge Gilder-I have consulted, this absurdity does sleeve continued; with the air of not appear -a negative testimony having cornered the prisoner at so far as it goes, in favor of the

"Times are bard, money is, scarce, business is dull, retrenchment is a sue his inquiries further. He sen- | duty-please stop my-" whiskey? tenced Watson to State Prison for | "O, no; times are not hard enough for that yet. But there is something else that costs me a MAKE THE HORSES WORK .- | large amount of money every year, Horses were designed as beasts of which I wish to save. Please stop burden, to relieve mankind from my-tobacco, cigars and snuff l fatiguing drudgery. It does not "No, no-not these; but I must hurt them to work hard, if they retrench somewhere; please stop are treated kindly. It is not the my-" ribbons, jewels, ornaments hard drawing and ponderous loads and trinkets? "Not at all; pride that wear out horses and make must be fostered, if times are ever them poor, balky and worthless; so hard, but believe I can see a but it is the hard driving, by way to effect quite a saring in anrough and inhuman drivers, that other direction-please stop myuses up more horse flesh, fat and tea, coffee and needless and unmuscle than all the labor a team healthy luxuries? "No, no, no; performs. Consider the ponderous not those, I cannot think of a roads that many teams are require sacrifice; I must think of someed to cart every day, and several thing else. Ah! I have it now. times a day, and yet they appear My paper costs eight cents a to grow stronger and fatter every month; one dollar a year; I must year. They are treated kindly, save that .- Please stop my paper. On the other hand, other horses, That will carry me through the that do not perform half the labor, panic easily. I believe in retrenchsoon grow poor, and give out, and ment and economy, especially in

> Money is so scarce now that most people worship a dollar with

it she'll stay home from a party week, and found his son playing said to be so dry and light that and never give me a word of sass! euchre. He tanned the young leverything shrinks in it excessive. Is your sister any bosser than man's jacket and sent him home, ly. A load of wood, left out over and then sat down and finished the night, has known to shrink one third before morning.

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Take wings, and return like a bird to and who wishes to stay here all creature's distress. Thy green flowery banks where I've wandered in childhood.

They rush to my memory - sweet enchanting dream. Dear to my heart is they verdure crowned | chattering with cold, not at all appreciating the joke.

like a charm, and after a few inc-No where in the world could I and purer Than in thee, sweet Canada, land of fastening of the door, it was opened and our pastor entered. The noblest of rivers that e'er reached How proudly they flow on thy nour-

Thy sky seems the bluest, thy flowers While thy daisy decked carpet the of the house, for she was full six by flourishing golden grained fields

Brave as thy sons, be unsuffied thy es, for Canadian scenes I am pining, The fairest of gardens thou Canada Tho' far may I wander, I'll ever be

Mount up and away, like a bird on Away to thy gardens, and ivy wreathed Array to thy hills and thy meadows

der as she spoke. That sight to return to the land o That yearns to behold the bright vis- accord on the parson's pressing it with burning flax. Joy dawns on our pathway and

Let sad is the heart of the patriot and And often the tear drop will moisten left to his own reflections. could I but rise on the wings of the And hie me away to my dear native To my dear native land that the spring | ing at the door.

in days of my youth would I roam short, thick-set man in a heavy And breathe the perfume of thy Then thou art robed like a Gueen in

son who had just entered was no the woman's husband, but he paramour, who had taken advantage of his absence to pay her a while, the woman went to the cup

issued from the only window of a

parson, who steed shivering before | Heaven knows.

grub as quick as you know bow devil is not here, you will be with into whose head a brilliaut idea "But, my good woman," said the had popped, "that there is a hell Then clad in the rich robes of summer in this inclement weather. I have prove by hundreds of writers; and labor-saving machinery and live been wandering in this fearful that the devil exists allows of no storm since morning, and if you contradiction; and that I have the for about one-half of his property. have any compassion or pity at all, power to make him appear is also

> "Well," said the woman, avara- the wicked state in which you every minute, and it's as much as The parson went to the fireplace

> The woman produced a small lad- palling. With scrobatic power, of the possession of which he himself was unaware, he leaped out of the box, covered from head to foot upward, and not-without some dif-

The kindly they give the poor wan- shut the trap, and not to make any of terror at the burning figure, he seeking employment at a moderate him a heap of domestic trouble. noise for his life, and then, taking fled out of the house, closely pur salary. the ladder away, the parson was | sued by his Satannic Majesty. Wet and uncomfortable as he parson gave his hostess a short but gestive lessons. Which will you

> was disturbed by some one knock. fore the fire. When the husband returned, he Being somewhat curious to know | treated the parson with the greatest

> > Plymouth White, now under arrest at Boston for swindling, has was on the New York Herald for while, and was a favorite of the elder Bennett till the latter began to suspect him of questionable money transactions. Then he went to manufacturing window shades in new York, made money rapidly, turned broker, bought gold dust from California miners, gained an immense credit and then ran off to Europa with \$475,000 of borrowed funds. When he returned after a tour to the Old World, he manag-

board and produced a bottle bread, which she set on a table and the twain were soon engaged While the parson was watching | native town and defrauded the the guilty couple, there came a lowners. Alderman Libby, of New thundering knock at the door, York, and Locke W. Winchester, which caused them both to jump | now treasurer of the National Exto their feet in the greatest con- press Company, were among his sternation. Without a moment's later victims, and they suffered to loss of time the woman ran to the the tune of \$200,000 and \$100,000 box of flax and emptied it on the respectively. A New York mer floor. Then she bade the man, chant named Platt was ruined, and who was almost scared to death, to | two of the sharpest lawyers in the get into the box, which he was city were bitten by his transactions, only too glad to do, and when he and then he spent a short time in was in she rapidly covered him Ludlow-street jail, where he imwith flax. The woman then ran proved his time by swindling had lost his way, so the reader can to the door and unbolted it, all the Sheriff Willett out of \$50,000. He while rubbing her eyes as if she afterwards led a disreputable car-

which he experienced on seeing the you before," whimpered the woman. scheme in !Texas, and left the ian, are his last victims, and it for wheedling the latter out of \$20,-000 that he has been arrested.

The big boy took a back seat.