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"Don't you think then, Jennie, lassie,

We could go together ! Through the heather, by the burn, 'Mong the plumes of lady-fern, O'er the strath, among the grass, Shall we go together, lass !" "'Deed, it's kind of lonely, Jamie."

"Then we'll go together." And the lassio's cheeks were pinker Than the bells of heather. "For 'tis lonely by one's sel', And I have a tale to tell; If you'll listen, Jenny, lass, "Every word shall come to pass."

Then she gave her hand to Samie, And they went together Up the sunny, silent hillside, Through the bells of heather. Oh ! the happy, willing feet-Oh ! the whispers low and sweet-Oh ! the tale the lover tells

Up among the heather bells ! Well might Jenny answer softly. Coming through the heather: 'Here's my hand and heart, dear Jamie We'll aye walk together: Through the heather, up the hill, Though the road be good or ill, Though the skies be dark or clear,

All the welkin heard them singing-Singing both together: "Oh! the happy, happy gloaining We came through the heather! Oh! Love's sweet and shining path, O'er the hill and o'er the strath. By our promise and our bliss-By our sweet betrothal kiss-Rain or sun, or wind, or weather,

We will walk together, dear."



CHALK YOUR OWN DOOR.

den; but he had not been in the vil- ing I will reckon it up." knows the giver of nicknames !- but her.

one idex was to get a job, and having landlord, and left the house. not possessed an iron constitution two will be a little too much for her."

large one, and his chalks stood up receipt. against him like files of soldiers; but Jerry ignored their existence-paying smile, and Jerry's wife departed.

the aforesaid Oram Arms, cried At the end of another week a second don't drink." you was three shillings, and you have gathers in clothes, and whatever neces- nothing.

paid nothing for a fortnight."

to pay you oft" Lock at them. Those marks are a and satisfaction of Mr. Rewitt, whose told my wife so, and we both joined ing shoes at night, after the days work

ought to be ashamed of yourself." against him. The inner door of the count was paid.

trembled before it. _... got into the toils, and had been well mere words and actions. -

another face and tone. have my money from you."

"Only one pint," pleaded Jerry. "Not half a pint," replied the landord. "Go home and work, and pay wife.

our debts like a man." tion, and Jerry stood back a pace or for my dropping in upon him.

made a final appeal.

it can be called, and my wife and chil- for weeks together.' dren have had to shift how they could for bread."

andlord. " Let me have one pint." "Have you the impudence to sak while you are about it." for it with that shameful lot of chalks

staring you in the face !" long and carnest look at the recording easily be spared from home. files, and drawing his hand across his

to, Richard !" inquired Mrs. Rewitt, lofty indifference. entering the bar from a room behind.

Mrs. Rewitt.

"he's tried it on and failed, and so I've | As he approached the door he heard keep yourself than to go to the parmake him."

more like a skeleton than a woman; of the Oram Arms peeped in. and as for the children, I've seen 'em Good mothing Jerry,' he said. coming from the bake-house."

it, he shouldn't drink." usual evening business. About nine that he stood still with the boots under except that Jerry Muddler has joined ment of both Mr. Rewitt and his wife, part of his mission. appeared in the bar, but not as they ' You look yery well. Jerry, he said ever touch a drop again. supposed, for drink.

"My husband tells me," she said, How much is it !"

him Jerry Marden, and within ax thankful if you will let me know at you ! months he was known as Jerry Mud- once what it is," returned the poor . Well-the fact is, sir, said Jerry, in his own favor, and the beer he has dler. But why Muddler! Who gave woman, who was indeed wan and pale, thoughtfully, rubbing his chin, 'I've not drank is everywhere around him him that name, and why was it given ! and almost justified the title of "skel- been busy working off your score." The giver is unknown-for who ever eton," which Mrs. Rewitt had given; But it is done, man, said Mr. amount in the savings bank, and a

the reason for its being bestowed was The landlord went through the clean as far as you are concerned." that Jerry was always muddled with chalks twice, and finally announced that Jerry was indebted to him to the He was a very good shoemaker, but amount of two pound, seventeen shil- the other, facetiously, but I think we door. he stood no chance with George lings and fourpence halfpenny. Jerry's could make room for you if you look us Stevens, a sober man, and so drifted wife received the announcement with up. into becoming our cobbler. Jerry's s look of quiet diemay, thanked the

done it, to invest the proceeds in drink "I suppose she is thinking of makat his favorite beer shop, "The Oram (ing an effort to pay it off," said Mr. my own." Arms." The consequence was that Rewitt, addressing his better half, Jerry was seldom sober, and had he "and I hope she will, but I fancy it years of such a life must have killed! For a whole week nothing was seen in y door half full."

him; but he dragged on, working to- or heard of Jerry, but at the end of 'It's a wise thing to keep accounts Ain't there lots of wild ones down in "Will you please take that off the takes will happen, but-

This was done with a gracious party that keeps that account." off a little now and then, and drinking Mr. Rewitt announced his having 'Nobody-1 trust myself,' replied plexion of the purest pink and white, more, each time increasing the army of hit the right nail on the head. The Jerry. 'The marks that were on your

five shillings was paid, and then harvest

then everybody will have their soling Jerry was reported to be full handed. of my waking, continued Jerry. 'No You must have a deal of money to and heeling done, and I shall be able But he did not come near the Oram | man could have lectured me better spare, to go about ordering dollars' anca "Perhaps so," returned Mr. Rewitt, | On the third week Jerry's wife from the bottom of my heart. As I | 'It's my own money, father,' cried "but you will have as much as you brought in ten shillings, and on the left your house I vowed to touch poor Mary, fairly stung to desperation. can do to square off what is up there. fourth week fitteen, to the great j.y drink no more, and I came home and I came home and I came home and I came home and

that he had lost a good customer.

and the landlord congratulated himself | With his eyes wandering to and fro letter with the dollar bill in it ? Oram Arms the landlord was very absent customer, who still owed him door, the amazed landlord remained said Mary, with a sinking heart. polite, and spoke as softly as you over a pound, but the appearance of silent. please to him. No spider courteously Jerry's wife with the balance had the Jerry went on : entreating a fly to enter into his parlor effect of making him think otherwise.

caught his custom.'

"I've been a good customer to you, Stevens works better than Jerry, 'Yes, there is a large family,' said and chickens, and mended her father's front yard, dear, mid the bridegroom, Mr. Rewitt," be said. Almost every replied her husband, 'you can always Jerry, complemently, 'and the more I shirts and stockings between times. penny I've earned has come into your trust him to do his work when it is looks at them the better I likes them. For poor Mrs. Merritt had been forth your life shall be all roses.

till. I've nigh lived on beer, if living promised, but Jerry keeps the things There is not much standing disgrace 'That's true; but I have got a pair

of boots that want new fronts, and I lord, 'but-dear me -this cold in my "That's nothing to me," said the can wait a week or two; take them." · I'll take both, said Richard Rewitt, nothing like baiting your book well pences.

Aimed for the reconquest of Jerry them off to the postoffice, replied the landlord set forth in the morning, Jerry; there is a bank there better Jerry did not reply, but he took a that being a slack time when he could than any till. 'Tills give nothing out, Outside were a couple of loafers, than you puts in. Until I began to

dry mouth, harried out of the Oram with no money and no credit, who keep my own chalks I had no idea how touched their bats to him. Mr. much your till swallowed up. You "Who is that you've been talking Rewitt favored them with a nod of would not trust me for a pint, but I

Jerry's cottage was in the middle of whenever I want it. "Jerry Muddler," was the reply, the village, standing back about fifty "I've stopped his drink till he pays feet from the road; and although its Rewitt, tartly. inside poverty had been well known, 'It is everything to a man who has "Then he will go to the Green the outside, thanks to his wife, looked a wife and children to keep,' replied Goose and get his drink there," said quito as well as its neighbors. There- Jerry. 'The best of us have sickness fore Mr. Rewitt was not in the least and trouble and rainy days, and then "They won't trust him a penny," surprised to see it look bright and gay it is a great thing to have something to returned her hurband with a grin, on that beautiful autumn morning. to fall back upon. It is better to

got bin. If he doesn't pay up I'l the sound of Jerry's hammer upon rish. There is another thing, too, the lapstone, and, to his utter amaze about these chalks of mine-yours "There's nothing to be got out of ment, the voice of Jerry carolling a went down before my wife and chilthat house," said Mrs. Rewitt, shaking cheerful ditty, as unlike the cracked dren were fed, mine go down after her head. "I've heard that's there's efforts he used occasionally to come that is done, and I think my chalks and Jerry's wife-clean and tidy as the thrush is to the hoarse note of the to all, Chalk your own door." she manages to keep berself-looks raven. Raising the latch, the laudlord Mr. Rewitt had nothing to say; he

look quite ravenous at the dinners! 'Ab, is that you, Mr. Rewitt I' re- men-in flight. With the boots under plied Jerry, looking up. 'Come in.' bis arm he hastened home and pre-"That's Jerry's lookout," replied Jerry looked wondrous clean, and sented himself before his wife in Mr. R-witt, coolly; "if he can't afford had even been shared that very morn- rather excited condition. ing. His blue shirt looked clean, too, 'What is the matter, Richard I she The subject was dismissed, and Jerry and he actually had a collar on. Mr. asked. forgotten in the noise and bustle of the Rawitt was so overcome by the change | 'Nothing particular,' he replied

o'clock Jerry's wife, to the astonish- his arm, forgetting that they formed the temperance lot, and he seems so

'Never felt better in all my life,' re- Arms was right. And Jerry, who "that he has a heavy score here. plied Jerry. 'I wish, sir, I could say bears the name of Muddler no longer,

Others have got their share, said reader is sufficient Chalk your own 'No, thanky, sir,' returned Jerry,

'Chalks on your own !

day and idling to-morrow, and drink- that time his wife appeared and put yourself, said the landlord, who hardly the swamp ! ing whenever drink could be got, and down five shillings on the counter. | knew what to think of it, 'for mis | Mary Merritt' stood crimson and

But who trusts you to do that "

"I can't go on any longer, Jerry," came on-truly a harvest to the agri land's brain, and he had a pretty good father. 'Wouldn't you like a set

is presuming that spiders do smile, the happy light in the woman's eyes as children until my debts are paid, and ing poor Mary's precious bill, but a which is just possible -- but when Jerry she took the receipt spoke more than I'll keep you and the children too. dollar will help along. Now go back So I went to work, paying right and to your milk skimming, or your breadconfined in the web, mine host put on 'I have been hasty with Jerry,' left, and when all was paid off I began | making, or whatever you're about. said Mr. Rewitt, when another whole to do what I ought to have done years And if you want any roses or posies go "If you drink," he said, " you must wonth nad claysed without Jerry's ap- | ago-feed my wife and children. I out into the fields after 'em.' expect to pay for it. My brewer would pearing; 'he promised to pay me at had enough and to spare, and I would He went out as he spoke, banging stand no nonsense from me, and I must harvest time and he did it, but I have have spent some with you. And the kitchen-door after him, and Mary | 'He is welcome to a home here if offended him, and the Green Goose has many's the time I've been tempted to sat down and cried.

'Go and see him,' suggested his when the feeling comes over me I has weeds and running white clover in the your sake, Mary." a drink of water or a cup of tea, puts doorward; she had so longed for a few But Josiah Merritt declined to stay, 'I intend to do so. Here, give me twopence into a box I has on purpose, bright spots of color there. And she nor was honest Joel very much grieved The entrance of a customer with our Tom's boots; they want a patch | and scores a chalk on the door. All of | had worked so hard to earn the money | at his decision. ready money cut short the conversa on the side, and it will be an excuse them chalks are so many temptations, that her father had so cooly confiscated. And Mary was quietly married to and so many twopences saved. two while the other was being served. That isn't too much of a job for Mr. Rewitt was still unable to make she was the patient house maid drudge. day a whole wagon lead of rose hushes When that was done, and the beer him, seeing that you give George any particular remark, but he mur. So Many washed and ironed, baked and arrived white, pink, yellow and vivid

got a lot of them."

worked out of the world years before and nothing remained of ber but a tender memory in Mary's heart, and a crooked tombstone, half huried in weeds and briars, in the village churchyard. Nor did she venture to plead that one of the confiscated roses had been for

her mother's grave ! 'lt's too End,' said Joel Harvey, who from the back shed, where he had been sharpening his tickle, had heard the whole altercation. 'Why didn't you let the poor girl have her roses, Mr.

Because I dont believe in encourage ing no such high-flown notions,' retorted the farmer, stiffly.

Yes. but-Whole No. 268 'It's my business, Joel Harvey, not yours,' said Mr. Merritt. 'And now, if that there stythe's ready, we'll go back to the ten-acre lot. - Time is money, and we've wasted enough of it already this morning."

"Old sayage !' muttered Joel, indighead is quite distressing. You must nantly, to bimself, as be followed his have a large box for all your twoemployer. 'I'd just like to derye him out, that I would! Put bim into a 'When I gets six together I takes kettle of beiling water, and fire up with greenbacks, | Money, money, money ! I believe he thinks the world is made of money.' but banks like that returns you more.

That evening, when he brought in the milking-pails, he slipped a little parcel mto Mary's hand. 'It's a sucker from mother's big. white rose bush, said be. 'Maybe you

can have my money out of the bank can make it grow; and I guess I can get you slips from Squire Abernethy's great, red 'Giant of Battlea,' that fairly makes your head ache with its

Mary's eyes brightened. 'How good you are, Jud !' said she Father thinks-

'I know,' interrupted the young man contracting his brows. 'He thinks you have no right to a pleasure or a luxury in the world-that it's your only business to grind out mount for

'There are times,' said Mary, sadly, not a chair for them to sit down upon; out with in the taproom as the song of are the better of the (wo. So I says longer. If I knew of any place where they wanted a girl to help with the

bousework, orcould not deny and he would not admit 'You'd avail yourself of it, bey ? it, but took refuge like other beaten smeered the hourse voice of Farmer Merritt, behind her. A pretty serpent I've been a nourishing of in my breast. You'll just stay at home, Mary Merritt. and do your duty as you ought. As for you. Joel Harvey, clear out of this ! Here's your wages for the month. There's hired men enough to be had, I guess, without having a fellow around who puts your own ga! up to rebellious firm in it that I don't believe he will

'Just as you please, Mr. Merritt." said independent Joel. 'I'm suited if you are. I've laid up a bit of money. and I've an idea of investing it for myself. Good bye, Mary.'

Mary burst into tests. Joet had

And he flung it at him as if he had

been ber only friend ; but Mr. Merritt frowned darkly at her. 'Go and strain the milk, girl," said he. 'Here, you'-to Joel-'Take your money and be gone.

Joel stopped to pick up the dollars that went rolling about the kitchen Verbum sat sapienti, which being freely interpreted means, A word to you my 'Much obliged to you for your politeness, Mr. Merritt, said he. 'Per-

been a dog.

haps I may be able to return it some To which the irate farmer returned

Joel stood hesitatingly at the garden gate a minute before he left the pre-'I should like to say just one word to Mary, he said to himself. 'But perhaps I'd better not. Old Merritt

offend him. And I guess she knows A month afterward Josiah Merritt strode indignantly into the room where Mary stood, pale and care-worn, mixing up sponge for the morrow's brend.

'What's the matter, father?' she 'Matter enough I roared Marritt Old Pulke has sold that mortgage of mine, and the new man is going to foreclose right off. It's a little overdue. to be sure, but how is a man to raise six thousand dollars at thirty days. notice! I can't do it no more than if it were sixty thousand."

But what are we to do, father? Mary asked, with a troubled counter-'We'll have to clear out, that's all " said Merritt, sullenly. 'You must get situation or go into a factory, and I

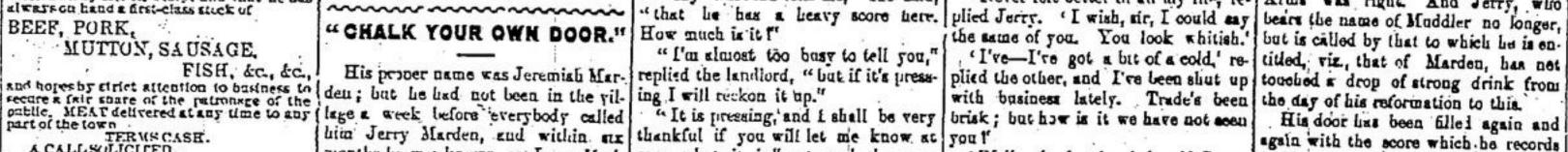
rison's handa! 'Who is the man, father I tearfull! asked Mary. "I don't know : II didn't ask .- He's coming here to morrow with Thompson.

Thompson, the lawyer, arrived in due time, and with him came-Joel Har-'Mary,' said he, 'I never could ask you to marry me while I was borneless. But now, darling, I can sak you to stay on here in your old home. I'll build out a bay window on the south end of the sitting room, and put a new piezza along the front, and a pump in the kitchen, and I'll hire a ghi to de the rough work. And I'll try and show you, dearest, that a farmer's life need not necessarily be a life of drudg-

But, hesitated Mary, 'fatherhe choses, said Joel, heartily, 'And

Josiah Merritt kept no servent, and the 'new man,' and upon the wedding

a whole colony of young turkeys, goesn 'We'll plant em right out in the



in a comfortable home, a respectable Rewitt, cheerfully, the door is quite goodly investment in a building society. 'I am glad of that'

'I've had enough of chalking on other people's doors, and now I chalas on

His score at The Uram Arms was a account, sir," she said, and give me a 'No mistakes can happen, sir,' in father's sneering words. She was a terrupted Jerry, 'for I am the only slight, pretty girl of eighteen, with bright brown eyes, hair smooth and

Mr. Richard Rewitt, the landlord of effort to clear off her husband's debt. | them marks on mine show what I ly venturing to lift her eyes from the A little light had got into the land- 'Flowers!' sarcastically echoed the

he said. "The last sum I had from cultural laborer, as at that time he idea of what was coming, but he said diamonds, or a black-velvet gown ! Or saries his harvest money will enable 'That night when you spoke to me you was such a fine lady, I'd have had "Work is slack," murmured Jerry, bim to procure. All the little trades- about the chalks on the door being a the house newly furnished with red but the harvest is coming on, and men in the village were busy, and even standing disgrace to me, was the night velvet cushions and a Brussels carpet. than you did, and I thank you for it worth of roses ! standing disgrace to any man. You joy, however, was alloyed by the fear in earnest prayer that I might have was done. strength to keep my vow. The next | 'And you're mine, ain't you-and Jerry looked at the accaring marks. He resolved to look up Jerry as morning I went over to George Ste- all that belongs to your said Josiah and really felt aghast at the long list soon as another instalment of his ac. vens and saked him how I could go Merritt, grintly. 'And if you're able

'Roses, indeed !' said Mr. Merritt with a dark frown on his countenance-

"ROSES"

'a dellar's worth of roses! I never 'Yes, sir; have the goodness to turn heard of such nonsense in my life. round and look behind you. There's What in the name of common sense do you want of roses, I'd like to know! is in such a white rage that he would visit it upon her, if I were further to confused beneath the lash of her

glossy as a chestnut rind, and a com-- I thought I'd like a few Lowers debt against him, until one evening wife of the cobbler was making an door shewed what I did drink, and in the door yard besitated Mary, scarce-

> a carriage and four! If I'd known shall have to take a place with Mor-

about signing the pledge. He helped to earn any extra money, it ought to the lawyer, worse tuck to him." bar was a regular black-book, and he Nothing was brought for a fortnight, | me like a man-and it wis done. be handed over to me. Give me that Now when Jerry first came to the impon not having hastily sought out his between Jerry and the chalks upon the 'Can't I have any roses, father!

'Not on this here farm,' said Mr Merritt. 'All the spare money we 'My wife wanted to work herself to can raise goes to payin' interest on the could have been more oily tongued, or There was no display in putting down death to keep me, he said, but I said old mortgage and keeping up buildings smiled a more persuasive smile-that the money-it was quietly done-but No; you do what you can to keep the and fences. A dollar sin't much, eye-

come and I'm tempted still; but | She was so tired of the plantain I'll try and be a good son to him, for

drank and the stranger gone, Jerry Stevens the best of the work, said Mrs. mured in a confused manner, 'You've cleaned, made cheese and butter, raised acarlet.