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THURSDAY MORNING, Jan. 12, 1882.

SHUT THE DOOR. There's an enemy about ; Shut the door ! Keep the rash intruder out : Shat the door ! If an entrance he should win, Greater troubles would begin ;

Shut the door ! Lest temptations prove too strong, Shut the door! Lest you yield to doing wrong, Shut the door ! While inclined to virtue's way E'en her slightest hint obey ;

To encourage him is sin;

Shut the door ! 'Gainst the evils that approach, Shut the door ! That no fees may e'er encroach, Shut the door ! That around the dear fireside.

There is danger in delay ;

With its ample cheer supplied, Peace and confort may abide, Shut the door ! When your adversaries plead, Shut the door ! That you may not hear nor heed. Shut the door !

There is no escape for you But there's one thing you can do, Shut the door ! Do not wait to be advised ; Shut the door ! Do not wait to be surprised : Shut the door ! Every moment that you halt

Will encourage an assault ;

Shut the door !

That you may not be in fault,

For so closely they parese

OUR STORY.

THE HOLIDAY GIFT.

"Will you attend Mrs. Austin's party, Alice!" asked Mark Spelton, interrogatively of his wife,

"Yes." The unessy light left Alice's loving eyes, for since he was not angry with her she did not care to pry into his secrets. And yet, if he would only confide in her, she would

feel so relieved "Will you go, Mark!" "I think not." A curious smile parted

his lips. "Why!" in a tone of surprise. "I shall be otherwise engaged."

"Nonsense, Mark. You must not be such a slave to business. Few men are as prosperous in the world."

But___

"I have been prosperous," dreamily, He never finished the sentence.

"And the panic never affected you in the least," innocently remarked Alice who, knew as much about the subtle workings of the financial world as she did about the

Mr. Sheltod, jumped up, slightly flushed in the face, and was out in the cold, sunlit street before the little woman had recovered from her estonishment-his white even teeth clinched tightly together, as he hurried down to the dim, dusty office, where so many arduous duties demanded his at-

Mark was a good man, humane, charitble and generous in all things, and until a year back the world had gone well with him. But the paule swamped dozens of his debtors, his business was dead in a financial sense : and his creditors were clamorous for bills he could not meet. He had never been careless, unwise or extravagant in filling or discharging contracts, and his business difficulties had come upon him

so swiftly and imperceptibly that the blow fell heavier than if he had been expecting some catastrophe. But Alice Shelton knew nothing of this The mental turmoil going on in her husband's breast never found vent in the dis ning of a creditor, who demanded the

satisfied word or look, and until the previ ous day he had kept his face and manner free from all traces of care and anxiety But the constant worry and excitement The Culverwell Medical Co., had been too hard for him, and the dunpunctual payment of a note of four thous and that fell due on the 1st, together with unforeen debts had so upset him that he could not cover his mental distress with the mark of carelessness he had worn for

His greatest trouble was for Alice. Never ises. Hard and soft water wells, Title very strong-he had endeavored to surround her with every comfort, and had carefully kept all harassing business details or cares from her ears. He had given ber spent it like other women, for she was always well-dressed, and his home was a For no woman was more thoroughly economical than his wife. Her party toilets

the contents of the evening paper. "I have moths fluttering about its darring pleas pitality is a mighty agency to win thought fonce or twice since I commenced wrest only to have their wines staged by tract a soul

trim figure arrayed in a dark silk, trimmed show them that his wife is worthy of prevent the impure edor penetrating farther, with pale plush roses in her purplish black | him." hair, and at the white threat half veiled | Heedless of the gayety and warmth warm, and you will not have to wait for the with filmy lace. He smiled bitterly as he around her, of the blinding snowstorm that beds to air when you are ready to make saw her going out in her happy, childlike was raging without, or the long snow-bound them." among people who had no sympathy for and her busband's warehouse, she harried windows open, but do not allow the wind to failing merchants, and who would not give up to the dressing-room, and wrapping her- blow directly upon us. In the celdest this world's goods.

secchingly, lingering at the door to adjust - a face almost as ghastly as the snow that her cloak. "Mr. Austin will expect you." fell so swiftly and silently on the half-de- of fresh air gives health, strength and elesthe forbidding face of a man of whom he through me ky gas lamps with a dull, sickhad begged a loan that afternoon, whose ly glare; hacks and carriages went whiricurt "cannot spare a dollar, air," rang in ing by like sheeted ghosts, and once in a body once a week in winter and oftener in his ears yet. He rose from his seat near while some belated pedestrian almost walkthe fire, and going over to his wife's side ed over her; but Mrs. Shelton walked on, quickly and wife dry, and you will not feel

"Be careful of yourself, little woman, he said, with a forced attempt at gayety and enjoy yourself, for it is impossible

for me to go." He accompanied her to the carriage, and as he closed the door on the placid little face, he inwardly anathemized the weakness that prompted him to withhold the story of his difficulties from her, when she daily ran the risk of hearing it from lips less liable to soften the details. Yet he still hoped that the morrow would bring some chance of redeeming his lost credit although his efforts to raise the four thous and dollars due on the 1st were still up successful. He was almost worn out with physical and mental labor, yet he put on his hat and overcost and dragged himself wearily down town through the fast-fallsnow and murky darkness, to spend the this !

dreary hours of his wife's absence in poring over ledgers in his counting-room. Meanwhile Mrs. Shelton, not satisfied with Mark's strange freak, as she called he husband's refusal to attend the party, was zealously trying to feel at case among the stylish guests. For somehow she felt de pressed and ill at ease among the fashio ables who had hitherto welcomed her as the wife of a prominent young merchan who was steadily rising to eminence in the commercial world. There was an under current of coldness in their greetings that her sensitive nature detected instantly, and ency. an angry flush rose to her cheess when she

overheard a remark relating to Mrs. Shelton's old silk." She slipped out of the gay, over-crowded parlors into the library, where she found refuge in the hangings of the bay window. She dropped into a low seat and sat watching the streams of gaslight flickering across the street, ankle deep with snow, wishing Mark would remember her orders and senthe carriage early. The heavy sensuous odors of the tropical plants filled the room with fragrance that almost took her breath away, and in the distance the music of a popular waltz rose and fell, the soft, voluptuous cadence soothing her mind into a calmness that was broken by the entrance

of two ladies, whose first words chained her to her seat, and held her in the unquestionable light of an eavesdropper. Shelton out to-night," said the elder of the

two ladies, whose diamonds flashed in the "Wbv!" "Here you not heard? Why, Mrs.

Lamar, Shelton is on the verge of bank-"Mark Shelton ! Impossible ! Why, he library. At the conclusion she said :

is considered one of the stanchest merchants in the city." argent debts; and I wouldn't be surprised | thing for rainy days.". if his wife had to give up her stylish home

before the winter is over " Lamar, who had once a decided fancy for has found that the price of a good wife is family in Mitchell, I found my son

Mark herself. "Fosp chandlers are as good as other men, provided they are sober and respectable," returned the lady with diamonds, whose father had once been a peanut vender, while Mrs. Lamar's ancestors were amous for blue blood and reckless dissipa-

"I don't pity Mrs. Shelton, though,"

were always in unexceptional taste, and | and sat perfectly still, with her thin white | was offered to the two young strangers. | blood, attended with had digestion and her dress for Mrs. Austin's party was not fingers clasped tightly together. Every One of them, after helplog himself to a seat igeneral debility. A tew doses of the designed for any antisual display of aleg-faculty of her nature seemed paralyzed by directly under the pulpit, remained a few Pills taken inflims are an effectual preand although the gathering was to be one the intensity of ther emotions. Her honest moments, and then walked out, saying, The night of the twenty-ninth came a hypocracy of two of her most intimate and I'm certainly good for another two the nomerical action of which doublaned dark, stormy December night, the air filled society friends, and with the bitterness was years' absence." Are we not, as church with the operation of the Fills must with snow-flakes, and the sky overcast mingled a feeling of intense pity for Mark, members, too often guilty of this inattention Infullibly effect a cure. These Pills act "It is going to be a terrible night, Mark," she might hear it from some uncharitable weary and lonely hearts to the sanctuary, and improve. Envingonce suid sed the said Mrs. Stielton, as her husband sat be- lips; Verily, she thought, the world is a to find rost for body and spirit, and a wel-

from envy, malice and deceit.

innocence, as she might never go again | walk that lay between the Austin mansion | In bot weather we sleep with all the his wife a thought if she were not rich in self up in cloak and furs went out into the nights of winter we only leave the doors storm and bravely faced the blinding sheets "I wish you could go," she said, be- of snow that the wind dashed into her face Mr. Shelton smiled, thinking perhaps of seried pavements. The gas flared out ticity to the lungs and body.

> When she reached the warehouse the clock on a distant steeple was just chiming eleven, and Mark was standing in the dimiv-lighted office, putting on his over coat. The porter dozed in a chair before the stove in the outer room, and Alice stole softly past him and stood before her

His eyes dilated in astonishment. Alice dropped into a chair and looked up at him with a glitter in her blue even that held him spellbound.

Mark, do you think I'm a fool?" Her voice had a rapsy ring that startled 'Alice I' "what losane whim drove

you out into the street such a night as "Ob, Mark," Mrs. Shelton's temporary strength and courage was swiftly vanish-

ing, "are you going to fail ?" Mark instantly comprehended the situaion. She had heard the story of his financial troubles, probably in some distorted form, and the knowledge had almost rated her. He blamed himself severely for keeping her in ignorance of the truth. He always had a rejugnance to womanly interference in husiness matters, but felt, n justice to his wife's general worthiness, he should have trusted her in this emerg-

'Hush, Alice I' for she was beginning o sob bysterically, "you must not be alarmed. If I can raise the money to pay off a note that falls due to-morrow I may

weather the panic yet." "How much will you need ?"

Her little face uplifted eagerly.

"Four thousand dollars I" "Is that all ?" with a little hysterica laugh. "Then you won't fail ; for I hav five thousand all my own, saved out of the money you gave me to spend on the house

Alice I" Mark took the little shivering orm in his arms. "You are worth your

reight in gold !" "I know it," slyly retorted Alice: "but has taken you five years to find it out. "I was astonished to see Mrs. Mark | And, Mark, if you cannot cancel the rest of your debts we will sell the house and live in a room or two until the panic is over, for

> you shall not tail." Mark sent for a carriage, and they went is a daily visitor to that same saloon, and home through the white, noiseless streets, Alice recounting as she went the story she had heard in Mrs. Austin's perfumed

"It was cruel of you to keep me so long in the dark, Mark. And never treat me "And was. But he has lost credit some- like a fool or a child again, for if I am a replied, "but if you have any regard for how. He has been on the streets for days soap chandler's daughter I have sense and trying to raise money to cancel most of his feeling and judgment enough to save some

It is needless to say that Mark redeemed | ment. his note. to the chagrin of some of his busi-"She is nobody, anyhow. Her father ness rivals, who had secretly gloated over was only a soup chandler, and I have often his difficulties; and, although his affection wondered at Mark Shelton's choice in for his wife was never demonstrative, the choosing her for a wife," remarked Mrs. | care he took of her was wonderful, for he

Welcome The Stranger

strangers, walked its whole length to the directions, and in a few days could see pulpit, and not a door of a single pew was opened or a single seat offered to them. went on Mrs. Lamar, ignoring the elder With quiet dignity they turned and marchlady's home thrusts : " for I expect she is | ed out again, went about a mile to the has fresh color in his face and one go to just like other women in the same situs- school, and then returning with chairs school again. Whenever the old trouble tion; Mark made oceans of money, and made their appearance in church again, threatens to return relief is immediately coolly seating themselves in the broad aisle. "Doubtless. Just give any woman that | They had no trouble after that time in findmoney without stint, and he supposed she never had anything some money to splurge ing open the doors in that church, and, as St. Jacobs Oil to suffering humanity as a on, and see how fast she'll go through had been remarked by a leading lawyer of true benefactor. CHARLES METEROES, with it," laughed the elder lady as she the town, "That was the best sermon ever office of the Volksfreund, German paper model of order and good taste. Be that as glided out of the library, her rich silks presched in that church !" We remember of Stratford, Out. it may, he never thought of tracing the sweeping after her like purple billows, once in Philadelphia, going to morning sercause of his failure to home extravagance. | while Mrs. Lamar followed her like a vice with a young man who was not in the shadow, in her pale-colored taristan robes. habit of, going to, church, and although Poor Alice Shelton had heard every word, there were plenty of vacant seats; not one conscientions heart was shocked at the "I've not attended church before for years. who had kept all this from her cars, that to strangers? Many of them come with directly on the blood, which they purify

TRIP LIGHTLY.

Trip lightly overforrow,

The see may shipe to corrow.

And gaily sing the lack.

Fair hopes have not departed.

Though roses may have fled;

Then never be down bearted;

But book for joy instead.

Trip lightly over address.
Stand not to rail at doors.
We've pearls to string of gladoese, On this eide of the toub. While stars are nightly shining,

And beaven is prerioud. Encourage not repraing But look for joy instead.

How to Keep Easithy.

Do not neglect ventilating your bed-room when the weather becomes cold. In the morning heist the windows, take off the "Go by all means, Alice ; the carriage is " Mark shall not fail," she said, rising bedelothes, shake and stir the ticks, turn close," he replied, glancing up at the little up with a white, determined face. "I will the upper one over the fact roll. This will and they will escape faster while the bed in

> open connecting with other rooms. On no account sleep in fight rooms without at feast a erack to admit of pure air. Plenty

Keep the nores of the skin epen, to let imparities pass out freely, by washing the summer. Have the room warm, bathe fastened the wraps closer about her throat. her heart too hard and anxious to think of chilly if it has been some properly. If all the clothing worn by day were sired while we sleep in other garments, much bealth and comfort would be added to life. One third of our lives is spent in our sleeping-rooms. Do be particular about them. Let them be

A Pertinent Answer

large, dry and pleasant.

The man who travels on the railroad and its down by the side of long females while laboring under the impression that he recogpixes a likeness in their faces to his wife's aunt's cousin, met his match on one of the roads in this vicinity lately. He sat down in the half of a seat, the other half of which was occupied by a pleasant faced young

lady. His first question was : "Pardou me, miss, but is your name James! I have a cousin of that name!

whom you greatly resemble." "No, sir," was the reply, my name is not James. "But pardon me, is your name

"Zinc or Copper ? No ma'am ;" said the estonished man. "What led you to suppose I had such names ?"

Zinc or Copper t"

thought you must be first courin to a brass foundry." The man fell over two seats and kicked a bird cage half way down the car in his haste to get into the smoker, and while the young lady smiled a gentle smile behind her handkerchief. It was a proof of

"Excuse me," was the quiet reply, "lot

away bores.

the old sdage that a witty answer turneth

A Bule That Works Both Ways "That must be a false rule," says the interior, "requiring virtue, cleanliness, and good temper and conduct in women; while men may go on to any length almost, and society one and all wink, if not blink at our faults. Whatever degrades a woman and myself. Ah, Mark, you thought I also degrades a man. Take some of the vices and babits of the day. A man smokes a filthy cigar, or carries about half an ounce of tobacco in his cheek, and yet expects his wife to preserve a clean mouth and a sweet breath. Again, a young men starts out to spend the evening with his sdored Evelina Should he find her not at home, but in the neighboring saloon, however genteel might be, that would be his last visit. In his estimation she would have sunk below his level, and yet that young man himself

> engages in all its exercises." "Ah, dearest," sighed the young man at the feet of his ownest own, "dost thou know what of all outward things is nearest to my heart ?" "Really, I can't say," she your health in this changeable weather, I should think it was a flannel shirt." She was too practical, and it broke the engage-

Here, in Our Own Territory,

it can almost be asserted that St. Jacobs Oil works wonders. Shortly before the New Year, when I visited my Edward, a lad little more than ten years old, very sick. He suffered with rheumatism, and so terribly, that he was perfectly stiff in his limbs, could not Two law students on a certain Sabbath place to place. At once I rent for some straved into a church, where they were St. Jacobs Oil, used it seconding to evidence of considerable insprovement. Un the tenth of this month it seals emited my family and was artonished to find him well and hearty. He once more secured by the use of the celebrated Bt. Jacobs Oil. From sheer joy over this

> Holleway's Ointment and Pills -Trequent cause of gout and theumsseverity of these disrates, perseverance with the Unitment, after fomeating the

fore the library fire, evidently specified in vain show, and those whe love it are but, come smile. A kindly invitation to its hose affected library with warm brine; will spendily relax all stiffness and place any permittent formittablish