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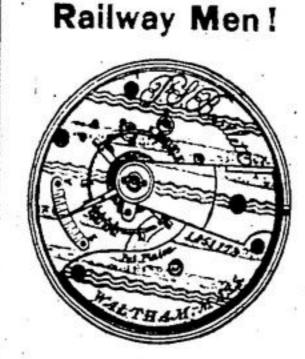
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POETRY

THE MORTGAGE.

We worked through spring and winter, through summer and through fall. But the mortgage worked the hardest and steadicat of us all: It worked on nights and Sundays: it worked

It tettled down among us, and AWAY. Whatever we kept from it seemed a most as bad as theft:

each holiday :

It watched us every minute, and it ruled us right and left The rust and blight were with us sometimes, and The dark-browed scowling mortgage was forever

The weevil and the cut-worm, they went as well the mortgage stayed forever, eating hearty sil It nailed up every window, stood guard at every

And happiness and sunshine made their home Till with failing crop and sickness we got stalled

upon the grade. And there came a dark day on us when the interest wasn't paid : And there came a sharp forcelosure, and I kind o' lost my hold.

And grew weary and discouraged, and the farm was chosply sold The children left and scattered, when they hardly yet were grown; My wife she pined and periahed, an' I found my-

What she died of was "a mystery," an' the doc tore never knew: But I knew she died of mortgage-just as well as ! I wanted to. If to trace a hidden sorrow were within doctors' art.

They'd ha' found a mortgage lying on that wo Norm or beetle, drought or tempest, on a farmer's land may fall. But for first-class ruination, trust a mortgage

PUR STORY.

A BUSINESS JOURNEY

"Not going away again, Royal?" Mrs. Lexington said, perturbedly. "Yes, my dear, going away 'again' if that is the way you choose to put my peremptory business trip."

"But you only came back from a business tour last week." And then Mr. Royal Lexington took his cigar from his mouth, and looked contemplatively at the end of it, while he spoke,

in his most impressive manner : "Marion, you seem not to understand that women should not be bothering themselves continually about the why and wherefore of their husband's movements. lieve me is very much interested in you. Let it suffice you, my dear, that affairs of importance call me from home. I leave you to the society of your children, and

what more should a woman desire?" And Mariou actually pouted. "Money isn't everything, and one does once in a dom from society." while tire of the society of a boy of four and a baby of three."

"My dear, you shock me!" and the lofty reproof in his tone was something simply wonderful. "But mayn't I go this time, Royal?"

Mrs. Lexington pleaded, lifting a pair of ovely blue eyes, and gently patting her husband's hand-a very handsome hand, too, with a cameo ring on its shapely little

"My dear, no, you can't." "And how long will you be gone this time, Royal ?" "Impossible to say-not longer than a

month; anyhow. However, it will depend upon circumstances." "And where are you going?" she asked, sighing at his answer. "To Armitage, now, Marion."

"But where is Armitage, Royal?" "A beastly little place on the Delaware Road. See here, Marion, don't tease me any more, but go on with your sewing, or your reading, like a good little girl. I'm awfully sleepy, and this steamer chair is just the thing for a pap." And Mr. Lexington adjusted his handsome head com- the room, whose only light came from the fortably on the pillow of the chair and swinging lamp in the hall. At the pisno betook himself to slumber, while Marion that occupied the duskiest corner sat a sat solitary and grave, and wrought some slender white-robed figure, and as Mr. marvellously pretty garment for baby Lexington approached, she arose and

according to his orders, and at high noon lightreceived his good bye kiss and his parting He began, but stopped short, staring at

"Be as economical as you can, my dear," | evidence of his senses. he said as he drew on his gloves. "Times ! Is complete, and we can give you are hard, and the money market grows tighter every day. Especially keep your perfect composure. eyes on the grocer' bills, Marion, and see machinery, varying in price ac- while I'm away if you can't cut it down. There might be a saving in desserts, might ! there not, while I am gone? However, I For instance, Miss Lils Clifford tells me leave it entirely to your conscience, so you are gay young bachelor." good-bye, Marion. Take good care of the youngsters, and enjoy yourself all you look on Royal Lexington's face was simply

bossibly can, my dear." "Yes, Royal, I certainly shall-goodbye." And she kissed him, and watched him off, and then went straight up to her own room, and sent the nursery-maid post haste to Mrs. Andrews, the dear little old | ness' is all transacted." lady who had had all the care of the young Lexington's the first six wooks of their av

"I want you to stay here and take care

course you'll do it, won't you?" Of course, Mrs. Andrews would. "But what in the world takes you away

my dear child?" she asked, in surpise. And Marion answered in one word-"Business"-and set to work to pack her trunk. And in four hours after Mr. Lexsame place.

little lady declared.

"Only one hotel in Armitage? Then long. drive me there," she ordered the hackman at the quiet little station. "Only one, ma'am, and a first-class one, too. Several New York ladies and gentle-

men stoppin' there fur August-high up, plenty o' pure air, cool nights, no mu "And a lively place for 'business," Mrs. Marion thought, as she was driving year ?" my the picturesque side of Halliday's mountain. But no one-not even Royal Lexington himself, swinging in a hammock on the wide, breezy piazza, saw the quiet

noticed with admiration-Mr. Lexington "Who is she?" he asked Captain Miller

the next day. "Who? Oh, the little woman in gray silk? Mrs. Kenneth, I believe, and my wife says the sweetest little thing she ever | said :

For Marion had registered as "Mrs. Kenneth," and had taken the best vacant room in the house, and ordered her meals served in her spartment, and only joined the other guests when she was positive the coast was clear. The ladies at the hotel all fell in love

with her, and the gentlemen became interested in her, simply because they never "Who is that gentleman in the white flannel suit and broad-brimmed hat?" Mrs. Kenneth asked one morning, as, com-

ing on the piazza, she looked at the party of departing horsemen. Miss Delrymple, a black-eyed, beautiful girl, laughed lightly. " Isn't he handsome He is Mr. Lexington, who is so very devoted to Lila Clifford-not the faintest chance for you or I, Mrs. Kenneth."

" Is he's widower ?" "No-what makes you think so ?" "A bachelor, then?" "Of course," Miss Delrymple laughed. "Oh!" Mrs. Kenneth said dryly. "A

bachelor. And quite nice-looking, too." "Why, he's handsome, Mrs. Kennethhandsome as an Adonis. We are all wild about him-Lila Clifford particularly. And she'll get him, you see if she don't. I betoo, Mrs. Kenneth," Miss Delrymple went on gayly. "It was only this morning he you a fair sum of money to spend; I leave | begged me to make an introduction. What

shall I say to him ?" "Thanks for your kindness, Miss Delrymple, but I came out for absolute free-

"He'll send you a bouquet though-he told me he should." And, as Miss Delrymple had said, so it transpired. That very evening a servant brought to Mrs. Kenneth's room an exquisite bouquet to which Mr. Royal Lexington's card was attached-a borqut. every flower of which expressed its sentiment. And Mrs. Kenneth smiled to herself, and sent back a cluster of daisies, and flirtation, which, before the week was out colminated in a note full of exaggerated sentiment, harmless enough as far as any actual wrong saying went, but neverthe-

less ludicrously absurd in the recipient's "There must a stop be put to it, for ! want to see Rob and Marion again," Mrs. Kenneth decided. And so she sat down and wrote a delicious little note, in backhand, saying she would meet Mr. Lexington that evening in the parlor at half-past eight, an hour which found the parlor de-

serted for the piazza and promenades. And precisely on time Er. Lexington made his appearance in the duskiness of

And the next day she packed his valise "I cannot say how grateful and deher as though he could not believe the

> "Yes, Royal, it is I," she answered, with "But-what-how-why - people told me that Mrs. Kenneth was a widow !" "People say very extraordinary things. A moment's silence follows, and the

"M-Marion!" he stammered.

indescribable. "See here, Marion!" 'Let's go home.'

Clifford with such cruel-"

"Buppose we do-that is if your 'busi-"We'll take the first train, shall we?"

of Robbie and Mariou, and look after the grew crimson. "You've outgeneraled me. house for a little while-a week, perhaps | Marion, fairly and squarely, and I'll give two, possibly three. I have to go away, up. The first train in the morning, Marion, and Mr. Lexington's is absent too. Of for my sake! You can afford to be magnanimous."

And as she felt she could, the boarders at the hotel were not a little electrified learn at eight o'clock breakfast, that Mr Lexington and Mrs. Kenneth had left be

the 6:20 train-together ! "It's too bad," Lila Clifford declared ington left by train for Armitage, Mrs. | confidentially to Miss Delrymple, "he used Royal Lexington also left by train for the | me too shabbily for anything." But a Captain Miller's brother put in an appear-"For I mean to know for myself just ance the next day, and Miss Lila's eyes exactly what these business trips are," the i made direct havoc with his masculine heart, she did not wear the willow very

And hereafter when Mr. Royal Lexington goes on a "business" trip to the country in the summer time Marion and the tots go too.

> ----Most as Good.

First Boy-" Had any ice-cream thi

Second Boy -" Not quite." " Maybe they let you lick the dish." " Maybe they didn't neither! I git but termilk and put in ice, and though it ain't smile on her lips as she passed into the | quite ice-cream it comes so close that dad hotel-closely veiled in soft gray tissue-a gins me a licking for spending my money. slender graceful little figure that every one

----Who Was at Fault.

Mrs. Samuelson sent her little boy, Billy to the store after some spool cotton. Billy spent the money on himself, in the shape of Taffy, and on his return his mother

the cotton ?" "I didn't bring any cotton-but that's not my fault." "Whose fault is it?"

"What kept you so long, and where is

sent such a little boy as me for cotton." ----Very "Forward Play."

"It's your fault. You should not hav

Foud mamma (to juvenile bateman)-"I'm afraid you play cricket too much, Algy, and neglect your arithmetic and such things." Algy-"Oh, no, ma! I've learned some 'rithmetic by it. You used to say a score' was twenty, you know; but it isn't always. I made ten runs to-day, and that's a 'score'-a good one for me." Mamma-" You stupid boy, I ought to scold you-" Algy-" If you do, ma dear, it might be eleven, for I should try to

make another run-out of your way." A correspondent of the Buffalo Commercial Adrertiser sent that paper the following: In the churchyard at Actor Somersetshire, England, may be read on a lichen covered stone this warning to

amateur chiropodists :--Here lyeth the body of Richard Morton, Whose death, alas! was strangely brought on. Prying one day his corns to mow off,

Which took, alas! to mortifying. And was the cause of Richard's dying.

His razor slipped and cut his toe off.

This toe, or rather what it grew to,

An inflammation quickly flew to;

Odds and Ends The stool of repentence has no cushion. Something that every man turns his back on-his bed.

Doctors say you mustn't go in bathing

when you're hungry or when you are full of grub, so when in the dickens is a fellow going to learn to swim. Some young men have developed the bad habit of clutching a young lady by the arm that was the beginning of a desperate floral | when walking with her. The fashion origjusted with the belpless dude who must be

When a young man says his girl is worth her "weight in gold," he is not putting s very high valuation upon her unless she is a very heavy girl. At this rate 120 pounds f girl would be worth only about \$30,000.

An Opinion. There were eight or ten of them soated on the grocery steps as the stranger came up, and one of them led off with : "Yes, gentlemen, this village needs cap-

ital, and needs it bad." your mouth once. Now shut it real tight "That's so," added a second, "What we want here is money." "Yes, we want capital to develop things," sighed a third, and so it went down the line until every one of the lot had expressed his opinion that the capital was wanted

The last man looked up at the stranger and added : "Don't it seem that way to you?" "It does, sir," was the prompt reply. "What would be your opinion of the way capital ought to be invested here?"

"Well, my plan would be to lay out the first \$5,000 in bar-soap, crash towels, barber's shears, and kicking machines!" was the firm reply, as he prepared for a run of half a mile to the depot.

Cisterns should be immediately cleaned out on the first discovery of any unpleasant How many of your family-including wife and young folks-are to exhibit, as

well as observe, at the fair? Give the horses that are working hard an occasional pail of water in which large handful of oatmeal has been stirred. A Hollander's maxims: When you see a cow keep her. When you find you have a out west. This was probably the biggest ! "Blame Miss Clifford!" and his face bad cow sell her.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS. No doubt she firted-all girls do: But then, you know, she didn't mean it To me in all things she was true-A blind man even could have seen But thorns are found near every rose. And after some few months we parted

A score of years have passed away Since then; I lately heard about her Her hair had turned a trifle grey, Her figure grown a great deal stouter. And I since then have married twice. My heart no longer reaches toward her, For she has been a widow thrice And lately's gone to taking boarders.

And I for days was broken-hearted.

A tear drop glistened on her nose.

He Believed in Temperance.

"Fact is," said Mr. Swiller, sitting down t the round table with his friend, "Fact s-two beers, Tony !- there's just as much intemperance in eating as there is in drink. ing, and that's what puts me-ly George, that's refreshing, isn't it? Co'd as ice. Fill 'em up again, Touy-out of patience with these total abstinence fanatics. A man can be temperance in his eating and he can be temperance in his drinking, and go-light a cigar !-- in for temperance in all things. Now I like to-think you, yes, I believe I will repeat-sit down with a friend and enjoy a glass of beer in a quiet way just as we do now. It's cool, refreshing, mildly stimulant-have another with me; -and does me good. I know when I have enough and-once more, Tony-when I have enough I know enough to quit. How do I look-hello, there's Johnson; sit down here with us, Johnson; three beers, Tony -I was just Bletter here if I looked like a victim of dyspepsia. I don't drink much water this weather; I believe it's the worst-this time with me, fellows-thing a' man can put into his system such weather as this. delieve beer is the best thing for any man, and I know it is the best thing for me. But I-don't hurry, have another before you go; here, Tony! don't gorge myself; I don't sit around and get full every time I take a drink, I like tothree more, Tony-sit down quietly with a friend and enjoy a glass of beer and a bite of lunch, but I don't like to gorge myself. I don't eat myself into a-fill these up again-dyspepsia either, and then claim to be a temperate man. Temperance in all things is my mozzer-mozzo-motto. Thatsh me Now I don-donk-donkall I donkall myself a drinking man-once more wiz me, fellows-I like to sit down quieshly wish few frens and 'joy glass beer-just becaush does me good; good. But I dontest myshelf to death-oncesh more all roun'like these temperals falatics-oncesh in a while I like glass of beer-jush in quiet way oncesh in while, but you don'see-you don'fee me gettin' full ev'y time-" (Talks temperance in all things and undue indulgence in nothing over twelve more glasses and succumbe.)

Health Alphabet. The Ladies' Sanitary Association, of London, gives the following simple rules for keeping health, which we find copied in the

As soon as you are up shake blanket and Better be without shoes than sit with wet Children, if healthy, are active, not still ; Damp beds and damp clothes will both

make you ill ; / Eat slowly and always chew your food Freshen the air in the house where you Garments must hever be made too tight : Homes should be healthy, airy, and light; If you wish to be well, as you do I've no

Just open the windows before you go out Keep the rooms always tidy and clean ; Let dust on the furniture nover be seen ; Much illness is caused by the want of pure

Now, to open the windows be ever your Old rags and old rubbish should never be People should see that their floors are well Quick movements in children are healthy and right; Remember the young cannot thrive with

out light;

wisdom must keep;

Take care that your dress is all tidy and Use your nose to find if there is a had ery sad are the fevers that come in its Walk as much as you can without feeling Xerxes could walk full many a league.

our health is your wealth, which your

Zeal will help a good cause, and the good

See that the cistern is clean to the brim;

you will reap. Entertaining His Sister's Beau. Little tommy was entertaining one of

his sister's callers until she appeared.

'Yes, Tommy, that's what I come for.' 'You like her a good deal, don't you?' "Of course. I admire her very much Don't you think she is nice?" 'Well, I reckon I have to, 'cause she's my sister, but she thumps me pretty tough

! Don't you come to see my sister?' he

till I count ten. There I knowed you could 'Why, Tommy, who said I couldn't?' 'Qh, nobody much, but sister.'

sometimes. But, say, les see you open

to keep your mouth shut, and I bet her two big oranges you had, and you have, ain't you, and you'll make her duff up the oranges, won't you?" The young man didn't wait to see wheth.

er she 'duffed up' or not.

If you hear a man say there is very little gambling going on at present you can safely infer that he knows no better, Bunker Hill Monument is a chesp adver-

tising medium. It only costs twenty-five cents to go to the top of the column. Young Muggins recently became a party to a very interesting slight-of-hand performance. His girl gave him the mitten.

L. remarked to his wife that a friend

had plenty of grit." "Well, yes," she replied, "he looks as if he needed a bath." It is reported that an angry passenger Miss | good dow buy her. When you have a good | threw a porter from a Pullman parior car

'What did she say?' Well, she said you hadn't sense enough