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"When did he destroy it? Who seen 'm

"He destroyed it in my presence last-

Though affecting to recall a date promis-

cuously, Silas had been careful to prepare

this story beforehand. On the day named

he had sat with his father alone for more

than an hour during the afternoon while

will he would probably have got the woman

out of the way on a similar pretence, and

the suggestion was plausible enough. The

housekeeper gave a palpable start, and was

evidently impressed by the coincidence,

but among the rest of the audience there

was a general impression of incredulty,

with a good deal of head-shaking and some

"Well, gentlemen, I must say that Mr.

Smith's account is perfectly straightfor-

ver his private opinions might have been,

gentlemen, I may mention that as far as

you are concerned, the existence of the will

"Will you tell us Mr. Lawyer, who will

get the money, supposing what Mr. Silas

would have made no difference to you."

normurs of dissatisfaction.

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POETRY

A HILL WITHOUT A VALLEY. Twas a moon-night of the autumn,

And two loving hearts were near, But they thought of solemn parting -With many a falling tear. Lay the ripe peach bud of beauty. On each wet and burning check, And beat each heart with a sorror Such as neither lip could speak. Oh! they whispered low, and bitter, As they kissed their last adieu-There's no hill without a valley

In the land we're passing through. Still the world kept growing older, And our friend has lost his bloom; He was steam and strong in manifood But his love was in the tomb. He had put his faith in keeping To some brother weak and vain ;

Of long heart consuming pain. By the years so sad and weary, His oft-saddened spirit knew-There's no hill without a valley In the land we're passing through. In the snows of life's white winter

Ah! it bore the common fruitage

He could feel that all was right -The cool valley gave the shadow, If the mountain owned the light. Then his faith looked up to Zion, And a ray came from the throne Where his advocate was pleading For the heart now all his own. So he died, but whispered, smiling, And he passed the portals through, There's a hill without a valley In the land I'm going to.

OUR STORY.

OLD SMITH'S WILL.

bequesthed two thousand pounds to his i nation of the old man's property. regard his attendant with calm indifferit left everything to Silas Smith, and ap- | should take the opportunity to give pointed him sole executor. Considering ances to unpleasant suspicion. that old Joseph Smith was reputed to be a wealthy man, most persons in Silos' position would not have suffered the unexpected fireplace in the sitting-room conversing tor, turning to Silas, who stood aghast with legacy to disturb their equanimity. But | with a prim, professional looking gentle- | horror and amazement, "If this-lady can Silas Smith was one of those mean, grasping, avaricious individuals who cannot bear the thought of loosing anything. He considered that he was both legally and morally entitled to the whole of his father's property, and regarded the legacy to Mrs. Draycott as a fraud upou his just rights. He was, therefore, overwhelined with rage

and disappointment, and worked himself into a perfect fever of virtuous indegnation. In the midst of his tribulations it suddeply occurred to him that but for the sheet of paper which he held in his hand he would be a richer man by two thousand pounds sterling. This eminently practical view of the situation aroused his worst passions, and he soon found himself wondering what would probably happen if the will was not forthcoming. Supposing, for instance, he was to leave the document where he found it and say nothing to anybody! The chances were, he thought, that the housekeeper would believe the testator had revoked it, assuming she had ever been aware of its existence; while if was quite possible, considering his father's habitual reticence concerning his affairs, that the woman suspected nothing. If the worst happened, and a hue and cry were raised, the will could be conteniently found or better still, who could gainsay him if he was to declare boldly that his father had deliberately destroyed the will in his pres-

Such insidious reflections as these are ant to blunt a man's moral perceptions, especially when he is laboring under a keen sense of injustice. Silas Smith's standard of morality was not a high one and he'd rather have a shabby trick done than loose sixpence. The consequence was that after a little hesitation he yielded to an uncontrollable impulse, and consigned the obnoxions will to the flames.

Silas suddenly awoke to the fact that he had committed a felony and rendered him self liable to penal servitude. He turned deadly pale when he thought of this disagreeable contingency, and for a moment was inclined to repent what he had done. But when he reflected that this wicked act. had not been witnessed by any mortal eyes, while the only evidence of his guilt-the

When the paper was reduced to sakes,

up the chimney, he soon recovered his keeper, excitedly. "Why, I saw it with spirits. Having waited patiently until my own eyes not a month ago." there was no longer any trace left even of the ashes of the will he locked up the strong box in which he had found it and left the room, feeling tolerably easy in his mind.

Nothing occurred during the next few days to arouse Silas Smith's apprehensions, and as he was not troubled with a conscience, he began to congratulate himself on | Silas, lying glibly. the decisive step he had taken. The housekeeper went about her duties as usual, and did not seem to trouble her head whether her master left a will or not, from which Silas gathered with heartfelt satisfaction that she knew nothing about her legacy. He could not refrain, however, from watch- If the deceased had intended to destroy the ing her furtively, knowing what he did of his father's intentions toward her. She was a vulgar, illiterate, elderly woman singularly devoid of personal attractions, and apparently possessed not of much in telligence. While striving in vain to ac count for his father's extraordinary prediction of her, as manifested by his will, Silas was struck by an expression of determination on the woman's face which seemed to indicate a desperate character. He began to suspect that she had forged the will by the aid of accomplices, and was awaiting with calmness the issue, of her machinations. If so, she was doomed to

at the notion of having frustrated such an infamous scheme. When the day of the funeral arrived, Silas felt strangely nervous and uncomfortable. He was very much upset by the unexpected number of mourners, the mere fact of having to provide gloves and crape on such an extensive scale being sufficient

disappointment, thought Silss, he chuckled

to cause him serious veration. Old Joseph Smith was a man of very humble origin, having, in fact, commenced life as a common laborer, and Silas scarce- lawyer. ly knew any of his father's relatives. Several of these turned up, however, without | of indignation, and many insulting epithets being invited, and Silas resented their were levelled at the head of the luckless presence very much, not only because he Silas, who, pale and trembling, realized was not anxious to claim kinship with that his triumph was dearly bought, even It was a great shock to the feelings of them, but because they would, no doubt, at the price of two thousand pounds. Bud-

Mr. Silas Smith to find that his father had make particular enquiries about the desti- denly the strident tones of Mrs. Draycott housekeeper, a certain Mrs. Draycott. The It is leared that Silas suffered his mind | pelled attention. woman had cutered the old man's service to wander a good deal from his father's "The old villain has broke faith with only a year before his death, and if there | obsequies. He may have had a soft corner | had been anything remarkable in her de- in his heart for the old man's memory, but menor toward him, it consisted rather of i nervousness and apprehension rendered it scant courtesy and want of attention. She | inaccessible on this occasion. The solemn had never apparently; made the slightest | words of the burial service fell unheeded attempt to ingratiate herself with her mas- on his ear, for his mind was disturbed by ter who, on his part, had always seemed to the prospect of having to explain to his relatives that his father had died intestate. ence. But Silas felt doubly aggriered be- His newly-discovered kinsmen were a paincause his father had scrupulously concealed | fully vulgar and coarse-minded set, and from him that he had made a will, leaving | several fragments of conversation referring him to believe that he was bound to inherit | to his father's supposed testamentary ineverything as next of kin and heir-at-law. tentions had already reached him. The Silas Smith came across the will quite | idea that the old man had left a will seemquexpectedly while going through the old | ed as general as the extravagant idea that man's papers a few hours after his decease. | each mourner was mentioned in it. Though The document appeared to be perfectly he was guiltless as far as they were all legal, and had evidently been prepared by concerned, Silas Smith being agitated and a solicitor, whose name was appended as | unnerved, shrank from the task of answerone of the witnesses to a testator's signa- ing their inquiries, while he was seized with ture. Except the legac; to the housekeeper, the sudden terror lest the housekeeper

> When the mourners returned to the keep silent any longer." house, Mrs. Draycott was standing by the man, who, on perceiving Silas, advanced to meet him, rubbing his hands.

"Mr. Smith, I believe," he said with a rather slight bow. " Yes," replied Silas, uneasily.

mention It," replied the other; " I am Mr. Reeves, of Grays' Inn Square." trembled, for Mr. Beeves was the solicitor who had witnessed the execution of his

quaintance.

slightly enterrassed and glaucing at Mrs. roman, looking toward Silas, defiantly. He wished the will to be read at the pears to be incontestible evidence."

"Will! what will?" exclaimed Silas. with feigued surprise; and then he added, as though bracing his nerves for the ordeal,

glass of wine and biscuit." Each person selected a chair and subsid- ing whatever," replied Mr. Reeves. "The ed tuto it with a good deal of shutiling of feet and coughing, but to one accepted the proffered hospitality. The dead silence which ensued indicated breathless interest

Silas, taking up his position on the hearthrug and endeavoring to speak calmly.

"I think you are mistaken, Mr. Smith, said Mr. Reeves, politely but firmly. "Your father executed a will in my presence, which I prepared for him about a year ago. He certainly has left a will-unless, of course, he has destroyed or otherwise re-

"The will is locked up in the iron box in

will," gred Siles, angrily. "Any one is at liberty to search the iron box if he likes.

THE HONEST MAN.

A song, a lusty-hearted song, Come join me as I sing, Though Might be Right and Right

Wrong, Still Honesty is King; The sovereign of a monarchy, Built on the good old plan. That to be strong we must be free And every one a MAN. All round, Heart-sound

Base managures scorning Upright And down-straight, Like six o'clock i' th' morning

The offspring of an erring race.
Some blemish you may find.
But with a joy-illumin'd face.
And pity for his kind; With soul to succor the distress'd The charity to scan The failings of the worst and best, Each one should play the mau;

Heart-sound Base manœuvres scorning Upright And down-straight,

do it?" enquired a voice from among the Like six o'clock i' th' morning True, one may lack the golden store Which Avarine will hoard, let me see-last Thursday week. I fetched But none must dare to call him poor it at his request from the iron box, and he Who feels himself a lord; Who from his little gives his mite put it in the fire of his own free will," said Gaunt misery to ban, And boldly stands up for the right

> Base manœuvres scorning, Upright, And down-straight, Like six o'clock i' th' morning such men at times we now behold Majestic in their mien, Two and twenty-carat gold, Of sterling worth are seen;

Heart cound,

Cold, cheerless, mute and wan, "He lived and died a man, All round, Heart-sound. Base manœuvres scorning. Upright

And when that we are carried hence, ward," interposed the lawyer who, what-To moulder in the dust, Be this our labours' recompense, probably thought it prudent as a matter of The honor of the just. business to side with Silas. "Testators Some sorrow-pearls we too would carve Shed only as love can. frequently revoke their wills in the manner and this to mark our humble grave, described. If it is any consolation to you

> Heart-sound Base manœuvres scorning, Upright And down straight,

savs is true," inquired a voice in a grave (The Deronshire Postman Poet.) "Mr. Smith will inherit everything as

next-of-kin and heir-at-law," replied the Production. This information elicited a loud chorus finally said:

The other agreed with him, and a farbecame audible above the uproar, and comme, and a sueaking scoundrel he always was. But I'm no longer bound to keep his secret, and I wont. I say, Bill Allen ! she exclaimed, appealing to one of the mourners, "you ought to know me, though it's thirty years and more since I was supposed

to have died. You recollect Paul Saunders that old Joe Smith married when he was working at the railway down at Liverpool?" "Why, surely!" ejaculated the individual referred to. "Ay, it's Pell, sure

enough!" he added, shading his eyes with his hand. "I was his lawful wife, Mr. Reeves and e knew it," she explained, turning to the setonished solicitor. "He deserted me years ago and married a lady-Mr. Silas's mother. I found him out by accident quite recently, and promised to keep his secret on condition that he would provide for me by his will. But he has been false to me as he was ten years ago, and now I won't

"This is most serious," said the solici-

prove her marriage." "Oh! I have proofs. I took care of that," interposed Mrs. Draycott, drawing an oblong slip of paper from her bosour and handing it to the lawyer. "Read that and "You will doubtless know my name when ! look at what I made him sign on the

"It is a marriage certificate," said Mr. Silas turned very white and his knees | Reeves, glancing at it; and turning it over

"I, Joseph Smith do acknowledge that my housekeeper. Mrs. Dravcott, is my law-"I-I beg your pardon," he said fulter. ful wedded wife, which I married under ingly; "I think there must be some mis- | the name of Mary Saunders in 18-, and I, take; I have not the pleasure of your ac- | Mary Smith or Draycott do hereby swear that if my husband, Joseph Smith, leaves "I imagined your housekeeper wrote to | me two thousand pounds by his will, I will

me by your instructions," said the solicitor | keep his marriage secret." "This extraordinary document purports to be signed by both parties," added the "I wrote because the late Mr. Smith lawyer, handling the paper reverently, "and told me so in case you did not," said the I must say that upon the face of it, taken in conjunction with the certificate, it ap-"Who gets the money now, then?" de-

manded the same person who asked question before. "Well, gentlemen, I am sorry to say that Pray be seated, gentlemen, and take a Mr. Silas Popplewell being, unfortunately for himself, illegitimate, can inherit noth-

estate will therefore be divided between the

lawful widow of the deceased and his next

of kin, according to the statute." The excitement found vent in a hoarse cheer, in the midst of which poor Silas "My father has left no will," asservated sank into a chair in a half-fainting condition. He now understood-too late, alas ! -what had caused his father suddenly to make a will, and he was also keenly conscious of the fact, that having borne witness torits alleged revocation, it was out of the question to set it up again. He was aroused from his bitter reflections by the

"Cheer up my lad," she said roughly, but not unkindly, " I did not know that it the study," interposed Mrs. Draycott, with would be as bad for you as this, and I don't pity you less because I suspect you "I repeat that my father has left no | brought it on yourself. Now, I won't make any rash promises, because I don't know how much money I am going to get. But As Mr. Boeves suggests, my father destroy- you shall, have the two shousand pounds you gradged to ma, even if I do not receive

touch of the housekeeper upon his shoulder.

A brave and dauntless man. All round,

While some we loved are now at rest.

Where Truth has written on their breast, and down-straight, Like six o'clock i' th' morning.'

"Here lies on bonest man."

Like six o'clock i' th' morning.

Convert to the Theory of Over-They were conversing on the present hard mes and future prospects, and one of them

" I tell you, sir, it is over-production that as brought us to this pinch. We produce too much and too fast."

mer-looking man across the aisle speke up "Gents, that strikes me hard, and I believe you are right; over-production is the evil, and I know it. I'm the father of thirteen children, and I know your theory is correct quite correct. Hanged if I can ever git shoes enough for the crowd! Count me a

Hints For Hot Weather.

Don't shake the hornet's nest to see if my of the family are at home. Don't go near a draft. If a draft comes owards you run away. A sight draft is

most dangerous.

carried in the war of 1812. It is more dangerous now than'it was then. Don't hold a wasp by the other end when ou throw it out in front of the stove to see if it is alive. It is generally alive.

Don't try to persuade a bull-dog to give

ip a yard of which it is in possession. Pos-

Don't blow in the gun your grandfather

session to a bull-dog is ten points of the

Waiting for the Country to Catch

David W. Judd, of the American Agriculturist, who is making his annual tour through the far Western States and Territories, writes in the September issue : When a new-country experiences a boom in emigration, it brings along with it doctors. lawyers, bankers, dry goods merchants, grocers, and mechanics generally. They ocate at the nucleus of a village, and the andbuyers at first have generally to employ all of them in one way or another. Business is consequently brisk for them. When, nowever, the tide of emigration recedes, and the land-buyers have scattered to their various prairie homes and become settled, the demand for the services of professional, business and trades-people diminishes. The village becomes dull; the hurly-burly and excitement which characterized the boom, are gone, and the villagers who rely. on the farmers, complain of very duli times, and begin to question whether the Far West is such a great place after all. As the surrounding country, however, begins to develop, and the virgin soil yields crops to the tillers, money begins to flow into the villages. At first it was the money brought by the land-buyers from the older States : now it is the money made there " on the spot;" - domestic money, so to speak, as contrasted with imported. It continues to increase with the increasing agricultural development of the new region, and the villages and town regain the activity which characterized them at first; that is, such towns and villages as pull through the reactionary period and are not abandoned. Every new region experiences this transition state. The villages have to wait for the surrounding country to catch up, as it were, and during the waiting-period it is dull indeed:

An esthetic saloon-keeper in Milwankee keeps what is known as a "slate," but he calls it "rosemary," because, he says, it is

Fogg says he doesn't believe it pays in. the end to get your landlord to make extensive repairs. Politing new wood into an old building is like putting new sicth inte

old raiment. The reut is made worse, "in