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At any price, to make room for New Goods on the way from England, France, Germany, and New York.

VASES, TOILET SETS, GLASS GOODS, LADIES SATCHELS, And Lots of Other Goods.

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DAY SELLS CHEAP.

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THE UNDERIGNED HAS JUST got in a large quantity of first-class COAL, STEAM AND CHESTNUT

COAL

which is prepared to dispose of by the car load. Parties using Coal will profit by buying in their winter's stock now.

I have also on hand a large stock of dry hardwood in store, and combined lengths.

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HAVING RE-ENGAGED

Mr. A. A. Davidson, a former watch-repairer, and knowing him to a careful workman, I can conscientiously ask the public to bring in their watches.

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Now being held at New Orleans, La., but very few can afford the luxury. However,

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Nuts of all kinds, Pure Confectionery, In Endless Variety,

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 5, 1885.

POETRY

FOREVER

These we love truly never die, Though year by year we feel the memorial breath.

For death the pure life saves, And life all pure as love, and love can reach From heaven to earth, and nobler lessons teach.

Than those by mortals read— Well blest is he who has a dear one dead: A friend he has whose face will never change— A dear communion that will not grow strange.

The anchor of love is death. The blessed sweetness of a loving breath Will reach our cheeks all fresh through weary years.

For her who died long since, ah! waste not tears. She's thine unto the end.

Thank God for one dear friend, With face still radiant with the light of truth. Whose love, comes laden with the scent of youth.

Through twenty years of death.

John Boyle O'Reilly.

OUR STORY

A Game of Cross-Purposes.

"Christal!" "Yes, dear."

Christal Wayland tosses her hat and gloves aside, after her characteristic and somewhat headlong fashion, and sinking into a low rocker, gazes into the face of the woman who confronts her, flushed and eager, a petite widow, very blonde and very pretty.

"You see," Mrs. Arden goes on, hurriedly, "I wanted to explain to you as soon as you arrived, so I came right to your room. You have come to visit us, and as your stay will be prolonged, I know you can help me. Christal, I am engaged to Hal Halstead!"

The color fades slowly from Christal Wayland's sweet face, and a look of pain draws in her soft brown eyes.

"I congratulate you," she says simply. "But I cannot imagine wherein my help is required."

Mrs. Arden's fair face flushes. "I will tell you, then. The truth is, Christal, my own family object to the match, and I—I wish the engagement to remain a secret for the present. Yet here Hal is invited to our plantation for a few weeks; mamma would insist him, and I, of course, was only too glad to have him come; but if mamma discovers the truth, she'll make me, and of trouble. There isn't a shadow of objection to Mr. Halsted himself, only that he is poor. So, Christal dear, I want to ask you—to beg you—'tis a great favor, I know; but you are so obliging. Christal, will you undertake to help me? Will you take Mr. Halstead off my hands (protem, of course—so don't look horrified), but entertain him, so that no one will suspect me of being interested in him? I haven't the courage to break the news to mamma just yet; but after the summer is over, and our guests departed, I must make full and free confession. And beside, Christal—I blush to confess it but the truth must be told—I do hate to relinquish my present flirtation with Charlie Winthrop, just when it has reached its present interesting juncture. I know I'm naughty, but I can't help it. I am asking a great favor of you, dear, too, and you engaged to Jack Trevor."

Christal Wayland's face is deathly pale now, and a startled look flashed into her brown eyes.

"I engaged to Jack Trevor?" she repeats almost in terror. "Why, Louise, why did you get that idea? I am engaged to no one."

It is Mrs. Arden's time to be astonished. She has certainly heard the rumor somewhere, and she remembers, with a good of compunction now, that she has repeated it as a fact to Hal Halstead. But no matter. She thinks it best to say nothing, so she maintains a discreet silence, and dreads not of the harm she has done.

"But you will do as I ask you, Christal," she persists; for she is a selfish little body and has small concern for other people's happiness, as long as she is permitted to go in her own gay fashion—laughing, dancing, flirting through the world. What matter though a heart or too lay in her pathway, and a careless footstep tread upon the happiness of a fellow-being she does not feel it!

So now she takes Christal's silence for consent, and kisses her affectively, and then beats a retreat from Christal's room, and the girl is alone with her own thoughts. They are not particularly enlightening to judge by the grave face, while the soft brown eyes (Christal's) are downcast and anxiously moist. She cries suddenly and dashes the tears from them.

"I will not mourn for him!" she exclaims half angrily; "he has certainly consoled himself speedily, and doubtless Louise Arden as much as he is capable of loving me! But it is strange indeed that Lou should have chosen me, out of her circle of girl friends, to accept the love-like atten-

tions of Hal Halstead, never dreaming of the quarrel which separated us when we were almost betrothed! If she did know, even protem, shall I do it? Yes; if I must believe that I refuse because I dare not—because I cannot trust myself to receive lover-like attentions from him? I would do before I would let him believe—let him know—the shameful truth that I love him—love him?"

"When Christal Wayland descended to the drawing-room an hour later, fair and sweet in her soft white muslin, her eyes were dim, with violets in her dark hair and in her corsage and belt, their rich fragrance floating all about her like unseen incense, she finds no one in the room but Hal Halstead. It has been months since they had parted in mutual anger and disgust. For a moment—only a moment—she hesitates upon the threshold; then, she moves slowly forward, and extends one white hand. Hal Halstead, tall dark and distinguished, bows over it with courteous grace.

"Such a surprise!" observes Christal. "I would have soon thought of meeting Mr. Halstead at the Antipodes."

"Indeed?" she recalls his old, supercilious glance which has angered her before, and she begins to "scent battle from afar." Then she goes on as in duty bound though, after all a little constrainedly: "I must congratulate you!"

He smiles rather quizzically. "You are very good," he responds; and then Louise floats in upon them radiant in pale blue silk and pearls, for there are a large number of guests, and Mrs. Arden is inordinately fond of dress. After that the conversation drifts into generalities, and then Christal Winthrop puts in an appearance. He is a sleepy looking, gray-eyed boy, considerably the junior of Mrs. Arden, and very much in love with her after his own sleepy fashion.

Never dreaming of her engagement, Winthrop straightway devotes himself to Louise. Christal steals a glance into Halsted's imperturbable face; to her wonder she surprises and intercepts a look of intense admiration bent upon herself from the depth of his dark eyes. For an instant she feels a little uncomfortable, then reassures herself with the recollection that it is only a portion of the faces in which she has elected to take part.

She sets her teeth hard together, and mutters under her breath: "I will die before he suspects and triumphs in the knowledge! I will carry out the foolish affair, and play my part bravely though it should kill me!"

So, when Halsted begins the siege, Christal innocently believes that Louise has already taken Hal into the plot, and that he is merely carrying out the plot assigned him—to keep matters smooth until the summer guests are gone; and then, in spite of all objections, he will claim his bride.

But the truth is, that Louise, with her usual carelessness, has neglected to say a word on the subject to her betrothed, and Hal Halsted is simply acting from the impulses of his own heart, and without much compunction of conscience, since Louise in turn is flirting desperately with Mr. Winthrop. Altogether it is a game of cross-purposes. But everybody believes that Christal Wayland and Hal Halstead are engaged. Day after day finds them in each other's society. They drive, and walk, and dance together, and everybody looks on approvingly and never dreams the truth.

Days pass. Christal is getting fearfully tired of the role that she has undertaken, and wishes heartily that she had never been so foolish. But to withdraw now would be a tacit acknowledgment of defeat, and that she cannot endure! And so the affair goes on.

One lovely day the entire party of fifteen or twenty made up an excursion to a certain picturesque point on a lovely lake, not far from the hospitable mansion. But Christal pleads a headache (heartache would be more nearly true) and slips away just before the party starts.

She hides in her own room until the last sound of wheels is heard, and she knows the carriages are gone. Then she dons a loose white wrapper, and lets all her long brown hair stream over her shoulders, and quite pale and sad she goes down to the garden to sit up. Hal Halsted is standing near, gazing into her face with wild love, mad passion in his handsome eyes. In her eyes a look which tells its own story. She loves him!

"I thought you went to the picnic," she utters go. But when I missed you I returned, Christal!" He steals to her side and possesses himself of the two cold trembling hands; "I can't bear this any longer; it is killing me! Christal! Christal! Can't you see that I love you with my whole heart? And you—God help me!—engaged to Trevor. While I am bound to that pretty utility—don't you think, Christal, if you had not promised to marry Jack Trevor, I would never have formed my own chains as I have done."

She is gazing into his face all the time—pale to the very lips.

"You mistake," she says slowly, at last. "I am not engaged to Jack Trevor—or to any one."

He bows his head in unutterable anguish. "God pity us both!" he mutters hoarsely.

"Christal, I cannot live with you. Look me in the face—if you can—Christal, Wayland—and say that you do not love me!"

But the brown eyes are drooping—and the pale face turned away. He stoops and kisses her eyelids.

"Dear brown eyes!" he murmurs softly to me long ago. I—

He does not finish. The curtain is pulled from before the window near them, and Louise Arden stands before the two.

"Hal," she says softly, "I had returned for something I had forgotten, and accidentally overheard your conversation. You are free, Hal, for—no, don't go into heroics; I do not love you—I care more for Charlie Winthrop than I ever dreamed of caring for you. You will marry Christal and be happy; and so—bless ye, my children!"

And she waves her hands over their heads in benediction and floats away laughing merrily.

And so everything is settled. The double wedding takes place at a certain time, and four hearts are made happy. A But Hal declares that but for the look in Christal's eyes, when she startled her that day in the library, he never would have confessed his love. Perhaps—who can say? But from first to last, it was a game of cross-purposes.

A Clever California Cat.

The other evening a California sportsman came home with a string of snipe. Fully satisfied and watched the snipe hang up by the kitchen door. She then climbed up and tried to break the string, but it was too stout. Disappearing for a short while, she returned in company with a large string, and their united work brought the string to the door. They were then divided, each cat taking three, and leaving one extra, which both were determined to have. Finally it resolved into a pitched battle, and the Thomas cat was knocked out in the first round. Tabby departed with the four birds, leaving them in good order at her owner's door, fully a block away from the scene of the riot.

Remarkable Restoration

Mrs. Adelaide O'Brien, of Buffalo, N. Y., was given up to die by her physicians, as incurable with consumption; it proved Liver Complaint, and was cured with Burdock Blood Bitters.

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If you have vainly tried many remedies for rheumatism it will be a wise conclusion to try Haysard's Yellow Oil. It cures all painful diseases when other medicines fail.

A Perfect Beauty

Perfect beauty is only attained by pure blood and good health. These acquirements give the possessor a pleasant expression, a fair, clear skin, and the rosy bloom of health. Burdock Blood Bitters purify the blood and tone the entire system to a healthy action.

A Double Purpose

The popular remedy, Haysard's Yellow Oil, is used both internally and externally, for aches, pains, colds, croup, rheumatism, deafness and diseases of an inflammatory nature.

A Safe Investment

Investing twenty-five cents for a bottle of Haysard's Pectoral Balm, the best throat and lung healer known. Cures coughs, bronchitis, asthma and all pulmonary complaints.

Seriously Ill

A person suffering with pain and heat over the small of the back, with a weak weary feeling and frequent headaches, is seriously ill and should look out for kidney disease. Burdock Blood Bitters regulate the kidneys, blood and liver, as well as the stomach and bowels.

Flint's Tooth Powder

Mr. J. E. McGarvin, your Druggist says Flint's Tooth Powder, the Peerless Dentifrice, surpasses any dentifrice he has ever offered for sale. Try it—best in the world. Price 25 cents.

Always insist on Having Dr. Starr's Catarrh Conqueror

Always insist on Having Dr. Starr's Catarrh Conqueror; it is prepared to meet serious cases. A wonderful discovery. Sold in Acton by J. E. McGarvin, druggist, at 50 cents.

Mrs. O'Hearn, River Street, Toronto

uses Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for her crows for cracked and sore teeth; she thinks there is nothing like it. She also used it when her horses had the Epizootic with the very best results. Do not be persuaded to take any other Oil in place of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

Bickles' Anti-Consumptive Syrup

Bickles' Anti-Consumptive Syrup is a combination of several medicinal herbs which exert a most wonderful influence in curing pulmonary consumption and all other diseases of the lungs, chest and throat. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, and gives ease even to the greatest sufferer. Coughs, colds, shortness of breath, and affections of the chest, attended with weakness of the digestive organs, or with general debility, seem to vanish under its use. No other remedy acts so readily in allaying inflammation or breaking up a severe cold, when the most obstinate cough is overcome by its penetrating and healing properties.

When children are affected with colds, coughs, inflammation of the lungs, croup, quinsy, and sore throat, this syrup is of vast importance. The number of deaths among children from these diseases is truly alarming. It is so successful that a child will not refuse it, and it just at such a price that it will not exclude the poor from its benefits.

Horsemens' Attention

When your horse is galled, scratched or cut, or has an ugly sore, bathed daily, and apply McGreggor & Parke's Carbolic Ointment. It is undoubtedly the finest healing and cleansing application for it. Be sure you get McGreggor & Parke's, Sold for 25c per box, at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, 31

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NEVER A BABY LIKE MINE

As I journeyed along by a cot in the gloom, I was charmed with the sweet lullaby. Where a young mother sat by the wide open door, softly rocking the baby to rest; and the song that she sang had this tender refrain:

As it flowed from her heart like new wine; Hush, oh, hush thee, my darling, the angels all know There was never a baby like mine.

Ab, no, no, pretty mother, I said to myself, Shouldst thou seek for the land of the sea? There'd be none such to thee, through as fair as the sun. Countless babies to others might be; There'd be none with such soft, slapping limbs and such eyes.

Such hair, with its wonderful ringlets, And this proud lips would still sing the tender refrain: "There was never a baby like mine."

Thus kind heaven had decreed, with wishes of ends, I. That the mother shall care for her young. With the strong callous love that will never grow less. While the pang of the cradle is sung.

Then fold little mother, thy bairn to thy breast, And murmur that sweet lay of thine: "Hush, oh, hush thee, my darling, the angels all know There was never a baby like mine."

There are a number of various of corns. Holloway's Corn Cure will remove any of them. Call on your druggist and get a bottle at once.

Do not delay in getting relief for the little folks. Mother Graves' Worm-Expeller is a pleasant and sure cure. If you love your child why do you let it suffer when a remedy is so near at hand?

We do not sound a needless alarm when we tell you that the taint of scrofula is in your blood. Inherited or acquired, it is there, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla alone will effectually eradicate it.

Mr. H. McGowan, Custom House, Toronto, writes: "I was troubled with Dyspepsia and Rheumatism for a long time; she tried many different medicines but did not get any relief until she used Nidrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspepsia Cure. She has taken two bottles of it and now finds herself in better health than she has been for years."

Halloway's Vegetable Hair Renewer imparts a fine gloss and freshness to the hair, and is highly recommended by physicians, clergymen, and scientists, as a preparation accomplishing wonderful results. It is a certain remedy for removing dandruff, making the scalp white and clean, and restoring gray hair to its youthful color.

Pectoria (Pectoria) Pectoria: the great remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Influenza, Hoarseness, and all affections of the Lungs, and Throat of Olfact. Pectoria loosens the phlegm and breaks up the Cough. 25 cents per Bottle. Don't give up until you have tried Pectoria, at Druggists and General Storekeepers, 32

Halloway's Ointment and Pills.—Diseases of the skin, ringworm, scurvy, scrofula, eruptions and swelling, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin disease to which the human frame is subject, cannot be treated with a more easy and reliable remedy than Halloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so peculiarly on the constitution and so purify the blood, that those diseases are at once eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure obtained. There are equally efficacious in the cure of scrofula, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, pleurisy, rheumatism, and contracted and stiffened joints. These medicines operate mildly but surely. The cure effected by them are not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent.

Flint's Lightning. There are but few that have never suffered almost intolerable pain from Toothache, Neuralgia, or like acute pains. To them such an instant relief as Flint's Lightning is an untold blessing in a time of trouble. No disgusting offensive medicines to be taken or days. One application of Flint's Lightning cures. Sold at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store. 29

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Cholera Preventative. In order to withstand Cholera, and such like epidemics, a perfect purity of blood, and the proper action of the stomach, are required. To insure that end, in the cheapest, most available and complete manner, use McGreggor's Speedy Cure for Dyspepsia and impure blood. There is no purer, safer or more reliable remedy in existence for indigestion, Dyspepsia, Constipation, etc. Ask your neighbor or any person who has used it. Sold by J. E. McGarvin. Trial bottle given free. 31

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