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POETRY.

RALLY ROUND THE SENATE Ho! ye whose hopes of fortune fail

Through Scott Act triumphs here and there Dry up your tears; Our glorious Senate grants a share Of wines and beers

Our wild and heartless temperance foes Would send us out to work like those With bleary eyes and blooming note, Whose carnings dear Have given us easy food and clothes For many a year.

Confound and blast their dark designs-The women, too, must raise their whine The little foxes spoilt the vines Of long ago; so would these our beers and |win But no! But no

The sacred claims of liberty, And help the cause that leaves men free To drink their fill, We'll soon avert the dire decree, If money will

By you great senate's power to see

And let us open wide our jaws, And grant the help of loud applause, To champions bold of such a cause And let us all On devils in their chains and woes For joy to howl

And let the coopers far and near, Whose cries and prayers have reached the Of some kind demigod of beer. Upsend a shout Their trade bids fair to struggle through

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Farmersville, Ont., July, 1885. OUR STORY.

THE IDES OF MARCH BY ALICE BUGHES.

It was the 5th of March, and a premature equinoctial raged throughout the city streets. A young man had just seated him self at his breakfast, when some fond recollection stole over him which led him to investigate the weather. He went to the window and gazed at the storm with ever-

increasing dismay. "Gracious!" he ejaculated, "here's pretty mess." He scanned the heavens in all directions, but the outlook was hopeless Catching up the Herald he eagerly sought for old Prob.'s views on the subject. But the clerk of the weather was way off .. | Old Prob. said "clear and cold." With a sniff rain fell quietly and steadily. The your of contempt at such prognostications h laid down the paper and devoted himself

his breakfast. The door presently opened and admitte small, crisp old gentleman, as Bloomis as a May morning in spite of his 66 years.

"Morning, Richard," said he. " Morning." "Seasonable weather, eh, Richard? Something electric in a day like this; sends the blood tingling through your veins, and so on. Well, what's the news? War diclared?

Pass me the paper, Dick." The old man's cheerfulness was singular ly offensive to Richard, considering his own low state, so he hastily swallowed his break fast ank straggled down town to business, numbling unpleasant things about the weather all the way. Martin Davenport, Dick's uncle, was an importer in woods for household interiors. He was wealthy and a bachelor. If one were to believe all he said he detested women, and daily declared if Dick ever married he must say good-bye to his uncle. Richard was his book-keeper on a slender salary (lest he should be led temptation), and in love with the dearest girl in the world. He had not told her so because, all thing considered, it was useless. His uncle enjoyed rude health,

there were slim possibilities in that direct The fact that connubial bliss was out o the question was not the immediate cause of his perturbed spirit. At this very moment he was pacing the office floor in a rage. He had invited his fairest fair to accompany him to the play of "Julius Gesar" at Booth's theatre. His tickets were pur J. C. HILL, MIII St. chased days since. Dick pulled them from his pocket as if hoping some miracle had changed the date. But no; March 5, clearest type, met his despairing gaze. He

"What the mischief's the matter wi you, Dick?" said his uncle, who had

dried his feet and was preparing for his morning work. The wild idea of throwing himself on his uncle's mercy crossed his mind, and without thinking of the possibility of being ridiculed he exclaimed : "I'm in a box." "Box! What kind? Now don't

financial, Richard; it's no good," and old man chuckled gleefully. "You see, it's like this, Uncle Martin Richard went on, as glibly as he could have wished. "I've asked a young lady to go to the theatre to-night, and it's raining great | bed till we drank the bride's health."

She lives in Brooklyn. Storms, you know, and I ought to take a carriage. To hire a carriage to go way over there and then wait | don't. I shall." for us and all that, would take a lot of money, and I'm strapped. Had money Dick, "I am not-"

chuckled the old gentleman, and he turned his tack on the wretched young man, and for the usual indistinct mumbling. occupied himself with the mail.

she probably wouldn't believe it. ploringly and defiantly by turns, as if he lovers instead of one. could influence the weather by one expres-

Finally in despair he was about to go to work, when a messenger boy brought him a letter, the reading of which caused a grin delight to creep over his handsome face. He heaved a tremendous sigh of relief murmured, "That was a close shave." "What are you up to now, Dick? How

man to read with you snorting like steam engine?" Dick Davenport's soul was simply ov flowing with gratitude, and he was read pour forth the sequel to his recent woe, a

so he exclaimed impulsively : "Such luck! I'ved letter from the your ady. You know-" "What young lady ?"

"Why, the young lady I asked to go Booth's to-night:" "Death in the family and begs to be cused? You're in clover, Dick."

"Oh, no, uncle; it's-but here you re

With a wry countenance the old gent man gingerly took the missive and read "Dear Mr. Davenport: In consequence me of the pleasure of this evening's enjoy ment with you, I write this to tell you to I will spend the night with my aunt, M Bentley, at No. - West Fifty-third street and you may call for me there. It w save you a wet journey to Brooklyn, a

will also be much nicer about getting hom " Don't be offended if I say that my aunt's house is so very convenient to the ho cars, that if you call for me with a and carriage, I refuse to go at all. This not a whim but a principle. I hope know me well enough to believe that mean precisely what I say. Very tru

ANNIE FIELDING. "Oh h!" exclaimed the old gentlema as the note fluttered to the floor. Dick l been furtively watching the effect of dear girl's letter upon his uncle, and whe he saw the thoughtful, softened expression of his countenance, fondly hoped his relative, in this moment of weakness, would pull out a twenty-dollar bill and say, "Go it, my boy; don't let her wet the soles of her daint feet." But no such honeyed sweetness fell

upon his ear; nothing but a soft, longdrawn whistle issued from the old man' "What do you think of her, uncle asked the young man, with an anxious

"Why-she must be unusual, Dick." Dick went to work with a lightheart, the old gentleman was busied in thought a day. He had had a new revelation of wo By evening the wind ceased and only

people went to the play most prosaically a horse car, like ordinary mortals, and en joyed it not a whit the less. "People will think we are married thought Dick, jubilantly, as with Anni tucked under his arm he hailed a car for home when Julius Cesar had been proper

ly stabbed, orated and duly disposed of in the regulation style. "How came you to write that note, An-

nie ?" asked Richard, unconsciously using her Christian name. "Well, to be candid, to take the carriage lail. all the way to Brooklyn and back, or even right here in the city, is terribly expensive and I thought it was possible you could not afford it. Not that I thought you hadn't

the money, you know "-apologetically. "Only," she continued, "I like things to consistent. And, besides, I did want to

go so badly." "Was that the only reason?" anxious eep her talking. "Well," and she smiled merrily, "perhaps I wanted to show that I was 'fast

Dick wanted to hug her. She was adorable. Nothing but his impecuniosity strained him from popping the question the spot. But if his lips were silent, his eyes were unquenchable, and slie-well, she Herald. was a woman, and consequently this species of communication was quite intelligible to | The Sea Captain and the "Fiery

When Richard finally let himself into his incle's gloomy, old-fashioned house, he was surprised to see a light burning in the old gentleman's sitting-room. Thinking he might be ill, he hastily mounted the stairs | sands. His wife was very anxious to have and entered the room.

on the table was a dusty bottle of old wine finally won her point, and got her horse. that was the pride of his life and only used | The steed was of playful disposition, and on the rarest occasions.

"What on earth are you sitting up for,

"For you. What do you mean by keepng me out of my bed till this hour?" thing to be expected in a wife, but in an uncle it was so supremely absurd that Rich- | ind the end of the line around the axle, and ard almost doubted his uncle's sanity.

I have stuck it out determined not to go to "What bride?" asked Richard, convinced of his uncle's delirium "Why, yours," roared the old "Aren't you going to marry her? If you

"Dick," said the old man, solemnly

" this has been an awfully long evening, but

THE undersigned has for sale a splendid stock of First-Class Shingles. No. I Cedar, \$1.75 enough yesterday, but I forgot all about toper square. No. 1 Pine, 81.90 per square. No. 2 inight's engagement and paid a bill, and this Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of wood of all kinds, from \$1.25 a load up, to \$4.00 miserable little \$2 bill is every blessed cent a cord, prime short. Staves and Heading to the live got. What shall I do, uncle?"

I've got. What shall I do, uncle?" "Richard," said his uncle, pouring out ed-paused so suddenly that the phaeton who beholds them. madam and keep her out of mischief." condition. - Eng. Ex. "Beware the ides of March, Richard,"

The wine was drunk in silence, except

The old man's eyes softened, his thoughts Dick felt suicidal. He might send word | went back a generation, while Dick con that sudden illness prevented him, etc. but | jured up visions of passionate bliss, in which He a pair of blue eyes and a golden head figured plunged his hands into the depths of his extensively. When Annie Fielding came trousers pockets; he stared at the rain im- to be mistress of the old house she had two

Remembrance.

A man never feels more lonesome at orgotten anywhere on the face of the earth than in the land of his bey hood after an absence of fifteen or twenty years. He goes back with a sort of half belief that he. will find everything just about as he has left it, and is startled to see the little reheaded girl he was wont to help at mud pie. Then the little cheeks dimpled-my heart baking, the mother of a growing family, and the cherry tree of his childhood's happy

About a year ago I went over to the land of my boyhood, where I was wont to chase The height and depth of a mother's woe. the bright hours hunting the amusing bumble bee in his native lair. I had been away from the locality about 18 years, and was half a day's work to find a person I could call by name. It seemed to me that in the country? The young man's mothereverybody I knew when a boy and lived in law. there, had died or moved away. The used to dam for water power to run when she comes to stay with him. coast upon, the great chestnut trees I used | printed in 1640. That accounts for the to shake till they showered down their nuts | gray hairs on the head of the mother-in-law were all there, looking very much as they joke had looked nearly a score of years before;

but the people had all changed. Near the old house in which I was a marked distaste for work between meals, I found a solitary, white-haired man leaning against a fence. He was apparently occupied with his thoughts and a large chew of tobacco. He was an old inhabitant. him by a strawberry mark-on his nose. I thought I would question him and see if he on her life. This takes away the only atremembered me, and approaching him I tractive feature which has ever pertained asked in a kindly and reverent tone of to a mother-in-law.

"My good sir, do you remember a fair, What a Little Sunday-School Boy bright youth with thoughtful, pious air, who was the light and joy of a family who lived in yonder house some 18 or 20 years

'No, I never knew any such boy in this quarter," said the old inhabitant, slowly, and in a dry, husky tone of voice. "But I used to know a tow headed freckled faced youngster who lived over there about as long ago as you spoke of. I cannot forget him well, for he was the worst boy in the community, a boy who was as frisky and chipper as he could be when there was no work to do, but who always had a bad pain when there was water to be carried to harvest hands, fire; wood to be fetched in, or the cows to be them?" hunted, or the grindstone to be turned : a boy who was always at work at a rabbittrap or a machine to hull waluuts, or a saw mill

the only boy I ever knew to live over there I saw that he hadn't entirely forgotten him in the eye, that's what I'd do."--

flutter wheel agoing at every dam. That's from you, what would you do?"

"What do you suppose that boy is doing?"

"I don't know," he answered, meditative way; "but I expect he is in He ought to be anyway, if he is still alive, and hasn't reformed."

would surprise him; " he's the editor "Well." answered the old inhabitant "Oh, of course not " exclaimed our hero | slowly, after changing his quid from his left to his right cheek, "I ain't a bit surprised to hear it. I always said he would

> ome to something bad." At this point the conversation flagged, and a sort of coolness appeared to spring up between the old inhabitant and yours truly. I decided not to surprise him by revealing to him the fact that I had once been a boy and had lived in the house referred to. I was afraid the news might shock him, if broken ever so gently. the appearance of suffering much mortifiwas a very old man and the shock might have been too much for him.-Chicago

Untamed."

A good story is told of an oldsea captain who keeps a little hotel in a northern village on the sea shore celebrated for horse, an animal in which the old man His undle was yawning over a book, and | took but little interest, but the old lady used, on the least provocation, to tear madly along the shere, and succeeded in spilling" the old lady several times. At tible accumulation, may overthrow the last the captain, who had never driven the animal, volunteerd to break him off his would have been quite the proper thing, and | "salt" to aid him, he procured a kedge anchor with a stout line attached. Fastenputting the anchor into the phaeton, the

ONLYADREAM. Desd! my baby, my beautiful one! Lying so white at the set of the sun! Like some sweet angel in strange disguise,

Waiting God's whisper to bid it rise. Then came the people and asked me where I had laid baby's linen all fragrant; nd fair, And I motioned them off with a gesture No stranger, no hireling, should robe my

I knelt low down by his dainty cot; And I prayed the dear Lord to forsake me

Did my cries and my sighing go up to His For I saw heaven open, and angels appear O spare a poor mother this anguish!"] Forgive my weak faith. I am crushed

was at rest. And I drew my baby alive to my breast. hour full of the sons of the boys he used to It was only a dream! and I sobbed with Only a terrible dream of the night! But forever and ever my soul will know,

and dismayed."

Late Mother-in-Law Jokes. Who is the most proficient housekeeper

A man cannot be altogether bad when herry trees I used to climb, the streams he can kiss his mother-in-law a welcome miniature saw mills, the hills I used to It is said that the first almanac was

"On account of the anniversary of the death of my mother in law I will take pictures at half-price to-day," was the nohappy boy with a great longing for pie and | tice posted on the door of a Greenwich. Conn., photograph gallery last week.

Talk about mysteries !- both mothers-inlaw of a young married couple have been living with the latter over a week, and yet no separation has taken place. had stolen apples from him twenty years | The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has before. I knew him at once. I recognized | decided that a man has no insurable interest in his mother-in-law and cannot gamble

Would Do. After the close of the lesson and during he review last Sniiday a superintendent was asking the school questions relating to

the lesson, which treated upon brotherly Superintendent-" What does the lesson tell us about ?"

School-" Brotherly kindness." Superintendent-"Ah, that's good. Now. doesn't this lesson teach us that we should be kind and good and love our enemies?" School-" Yes, sir."

us meanly, should we not forgive and love School-" Yes, sir.' Superintendent-" Now, then, Willie (pointing to a boy about ten years old); supor something not wanted; a boy who had a pose you were playing marbles and snother dam across every run in this section, and a boy should come up and try to take them

Superintendent-" And if any one treats

Willie, rising to his feet in view of the entire congregation- By jinks ! I'd punch

A Land without a Sunday. There is no Sunday in Peru. The shops are open on that day as usual, and in the afternoon bull-fights, cock-fights and similar public entertainments are always held. "No, he is not in jail," I said, thinking. The women always go to mass in the morning, and do up the religion for the entire family, as very few men are ever seen in the churches. Under President Prado. from 1869 to 1876, the Catholic Church was subjected to the same sort of treatment it has received in the other republics, but his successers were more hospitable toward the priests, and the church is regaining much of its ancient influence. Some of the confiscated monasteries have been restored and a bishop presides over the lower branch of the national legislature, having been elected by a popular vote in one of the interior cities. He is a jolly-looking old padre, rosy and round, and does not have

Bad Habits. Like flakes of snow, that fall unperceived upon the earth, the seemingly unimportant events of life succeed one to another. As the snow gathers together, so are our habits formed. No single flake that is its | added to the pile produces a sensible change; no single action creates, however it may 'exhibit, a man's character; but, as the tempest hurls the avalanche down the mountain and overwhelms the inhabitant and his habitation, so passion, acting upon the elements of mischief, which pernicious habits have brought together by impercep-

The reproschful expression on his face vicious habit; so, getting another old The Most Beautiful Thing in the

edifice of truth and virtue.-Bentham

The most beautiful thing in the tropics s a young palm tree; the old ones are "fiery untamed" was harnessed, and the more graceful than any of our foliage: two men started for a drive along the shore. plants, but they all show signs of the furi-Soon the vicious animal spied something ous winds which sometimes sweep the iswhich gave him an excuse to run away, lands; but the young ones, so supple as to and immediately dashed off with frightful bend before the hurricanes, are the ideal of vivacity. The captain dropped the reins, grace and loyeliness. The long, spreading and summoned all hands to let go the leaves of a vivid green bend and sway with "anchor." The anchor was let go, and the breeze and nod in the sunlight with a caught firmly in the sand. The unsuspect- | beauty one can find no words to describe. "But, financially, you know," gasped ing quadruped pranced joyonsly along un. As picturesque in repose as they are gracetil he got to the end of the rope, and paus- ful in motion, they fascinate the eye of him

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