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POETRY.

YOURS AND MINE.

BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD. Visatever falls to mortals' lot-It is the law divine-Shall fruitful make some garden plot. Of either yours or mine; And when my heart a triffing part

Of happiness secures, 'Tis sweet to know an overflow Is granted thus to yours. And though our lives together run, There is an unseen line. As strong as any Fate has spun,

Dividing yours from mine ; And when a cloud, with gloomy shroud, My path awhile obscures, At that same hour, with wondrous power, 100 Sets Lawn Croquet May sunshine brighten yours. On your side of the garden wall

The roses may entwine, And only ivy spread its pall Of verdure over mine : And when no flowers bloom in my bowers, I'm led by fragrant lures From selt to stroll, and cheer my soul

The joy that animates your heart Will be a joy to me; And thus we'll go through weal and woe, Nor mournfully repine, For hearts must bear their load of care : And why not yours and mine?

OUR STORY.

LIZZIE WENTWORTH'S LOVE STORY.

One evening, as the sun sank low behind the western hills that bounded the prospect from my father's house, I saw Elbridge Morrill, the young Methodist minister, coming up the path between the tall rows of dahlias and artemisias. I felt inclined to run away and hide myself, but felt that that display of cowardice would in nowise serve me; so I twisted the ring I woreone that Elbridge had given me-around my finger, and kept my place among the honeysuckles. | And he walked on up the path and stopped only when he stood close beside me.

"What is this I hear about you, Lizzie Ventworth?" he asked. " How should I know?" said I.

"They tell me that Edward Grant comes to see you every evening," he said. " They tell me you have promised to marrry him.' "They are fond of telling things," said I How do they know? And who are

"I want an answer. Every one knows that you and I knew each other's minds a year ago," said he. "I do not think I knew mine," said I

oldly, " if that was so." "Then you do mean to jilt me?" he cried " to break with me ?" He flourished his hands in the air, his

face grew red; he seemed very disagreeable o me at the moment, and I said, shortly "Since we have never been engaged, Mr. Morrill, you can scarcely believe that I have 'broken with you,' as you call it." "You wear my ring," said he, breath-

"Just for fun. I have worn many a ring for a while, because some one asked the silence. Heaven help me! I found me. Why, Mr. Morrill, you know very myself in the shrubbery outside the library our ways here in Hillstown. A ring need not be an engagement ring because girl puts it on for a month or so." "You were willing to think mine so until

Edward Grant came," said he. I winced. I knew that was true. But when I thought of following a Methodist

minister from place to place -here one year there the next-and then remembered all the advantages of being Mrs.-Grant; when I saw Elbridge waving his arms about as it he was delivering a lecture, and thought of Edward Grant's soft manners and elegant dress, I drove away all thoughts that made me ready to go to Elbridge and say, "For-

"You were bound to me in honor and by feeling," he said. "Don't say you never loved me-never knew I loved you, for that would be false."

"You are most impertinent, sir," said I, "I shall go in and leave you if you are going to talk like that;" and I laid the ring I had already taken from my finger on the railing of the porch, and left him alone

He had spoken the simple truth, and had uttered falsehood; for though actual arrangements for our marriage had not been made, he had a right to think I loved him-a right to consider me engaged to him. I had thought over and over again what I should say or do to get him to give me up, and now was my chance. I had done it. It is not so wicked a thing as to

marry without love, I thought. I remembered again Elbridge's stiff coat, not too new; his hair worn longer than the fashion; his grave face, and the flush excitement gave it. Mr. Grant was smooth and elegant, and had the ways of a fashionable man.

To be sure, his cousins did not condescend to notice me, nor did he introduce them. He looked askance at the table when my father asked him to "take a bite of dinner" at noontime, and replied that he had "just breakfasted." All the young men in the place felt that he "took airs," but I only saw superior

I was quite willing to hate his cousins most heartily when our pleasure-waggon passed their fine carriage on the road, and I knew they tittered at mother's bonnet, which was old-fashioned. sometimes, but he told me that when I was

elegance, taste and discrimination; though

his wife we should return their slights with interest. 'They all want me. Lots of women will

be jealous of you, my dear."

It was the speech of a fop and a puppy, did not see that then. I thought him witty, and I felt that he was telling the

a cluster diamond, which Edward begged me to keep hidden for a while, until we told ment from my parents.

To day I blush for shame when I think swift, smart, sightly, sprightly, spirited, of it, and I promised to be married to him sturdy, shining, sure footed, sleek, smooth, privately, to give him time to "bring his spunky, well skinned, sized, and shaped mother and aunt to the idea."

called to that little church on the mountain square sided, slender-shouldered, sharproad with the four-roomed parsonage beside sighted, and steps singularly stately; free it, in which I had once thought I should be from strain, spavin, spasms, stringhalt, happy to make a home for him. He was staggers, strangles, surfeit, seams, strumous ten good miles away, but one evening I swellings, splint, scratches, squint, scurf, looked up and saw him standing near me- sores, scattering, shuffling, shambling gait, just where we had parted on the old porch. or sickness of any sort. He is neither stiff-In the moonlight he looked so pale that mouthed, shabby-coated, sinew-shrnnk, I almost thought he was a ghost.

strangest wish to throw my arms around slipped; and is sound in sword-point and his neck.

would lie?" word you said to me.' "That is right," said he. "Believe me stops, shakes, snivels, snaffles, snorts all a brother ought to be to a younger sister. stumbles, or stalks in his stall or stable,

plans." For once I was frank. "I can't tell how you learnt the fact," said. MAnd it seems wrong, but circum

are deceiving your parents. I know your

stances force us to it." Elbridge shook his head. "Refuse to be married privately," lie

said. " Insist on telling your mother, or / "Out of revenge? That is not consistent with your cloth," I said.

"No," said Elbridge; "God bless you and make you happy, but this man has no intention of marrying you. His weddingday is fixed. That dark girl with the great black eyes is to be his wife. I swear it to you. You can judge now why he you to leave home with him secretly I listened, trembling with rage and mortification, and some other feeling that I could not explain to myself.

"No one would dare use me so," said I. "And Mr. Grant told me he pretended to like Miss Oriole to deceive his cousins." "Is that her name?" asked Elbridge.

Does he say so?" I blushed in the darkness. "No," said I; "it is what he calls her

for fun, because she wears so much vellow and is from Baltimore." " The puppy !" said Elbridge. I drew myself up.

but you allow your imagination to carry school-boy flies in a rage from the taunts you away about Mr. Grant. Naturally you of his companions to find solace in his

self that what he had said was not true. has in the social life with which she is con-Alas! I felt that it was, despite of all

There was a party at Colonel Grant's when compared with hers. that night. I slipped on my waterproof cloak, pulled the hood over my face, and went across lots in the moonlight through

I saw the girl alone in the yellow brocade that became her dark beauty so well I saw Edward Grant enter.

" Little wife that is to be," he said, how charming you are to-night." He sat down beside her and took her hand I heard all they said. They spoke of next year 'and of the future; and she told him that she had heard he had affirta-

tion with Farmer Wentworth's daughter. "That girl !" cried he; "she looks like a Dutch toy milkmaid, with her red cheeks and thick waist, and she cats pork and cabbage for dinner. (They asked me to stay once.) Oh, no, I go there to talk about some mortgages with her father, and she throws herself at my head. Very bold these country girls are, and silly enough for any

thing, dearest." I felt the world's motion just then, as it seemed to 'nie; the lights turned to great blurs, and I fell down amongst the bushes When I came to myself I picked myself up. and got home. I was ill for some days before a fever set in, of which I thought should die; and once when I was at worst I was aware of Elbridge Morral at my bedside. He prayed softly for my recovery, holding my thin, hot hand in his

When he naused, I spoke. "Ask them all to go away," I said; and they left us together. "I am going to die, Elbridge, am Indt?

"Alas! I fear it is God's will," he an "Then, before I am unable to speak you, listen," said I. "I never would have told you if I had been going to live; but !

love you, Elbridge-love you from my soul.

The night you came to warn me I learn Good-bye, Elbridge." "He kissed me and we wept together. But you see I did not die; and though the wife of Methodist minister has fer trials and must leave friends as soon as she has found them, and is seldom rich, I think myself the happiest woman alive since

married Elbridge Morrill. Must Have Courage

I spoke to Edward Grant about this to be inconvenient occasionally. No min said: can always be at hand without sometimes being in the way. No man can be a skilled mechanic without first being an inquisitive said. "Yes, I'm a colored man." "I'm a catch, you know," he used to say. apprentice. A man absolutely and always harmless, is likely to be absolutely and always useless.

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price is sixty-seven pounds, sixteen shill-

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Wit and Humor.

"I wish when you are down town this afternoon you'd stop somewhere and order

gentleman woke up from a loud-sounding | cently buried, and shed a silent tear over after-dinner nap, "if you would give your | my tomb in remembrance of the happy nose a spoonful of paregoric, don't you days gone by .- Your dead George." When think you could put it to sleep, too?" of feminine wear known as a bonnet is now

called a "dream." That may be; but told me ter wait for an answer!" when the bill comes in it is no dream. It may be a nightmare, however. Ambitious amateur-"What part are you going to let me play in Hamlet?" Manager-" The skull, of course; you haven't got brains enough for anything

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> "You're a colored man, am's you!" "Oh, yes, I'm very polite. I call every nigger I see a colored man."-San Francisco

THE BROOM. To and fro moves the broom Across the room, With active grace. It seeks each place, While the guiding hand, With a firm and forceful motion, Seems to understand. And pay a true devotion To the sacred art of neatness,

To the purity and sweetness, That should reign in every room, Through the service of the broom. Earnestly the patient broom Seeks the shreds throughout the room; Gives to corners zealous care, Lest the atoms lurking there Breathe a stain upon the air. Many feet maybe have met, And their impress there have set, But the broom in circling round Makes of all one common ground, Gathered in a centred heap, Each with all communion keep, Like the thoughts of men that come and go,

Then together like a river flow. Living lessons, grand and strong, Are taught in this the house broom's song-Day by day, Prepare the way. Sweep from out the soul its selfish aiming !

Sweep away the greed of foolish gaming! Sweep from side, from corner, and from Loose the shutters, let God's sunlight enter Crowning conscience with her trusty broom As she purifies the worker's room.

A noted man once said, "Attention to trifles makes perfection, and perfection is no trifle." How many there are who exgrass. Carries sixteen stone with surpris- cuse their little faults, extravagancies and ing speed in his stroke over a six-foot sod | neglect of duties, thinking and saying they or a stone wall. His sire was the sly So- are but trifles. They do not stop to think

What make or mar the happiness of our won the sweeptakes and a subscription lives? Answer, Trifles. And yet we call plate last session at Sligo. His selling them little things. To treat little things with contempt is no mark of a superior mind. I think it quite the other way, and they who indulge in it will grow worse instead of better. It may seem to you but a trifle that you have not answered the last letter from an absent relative or friend and I am sure you might have written a letter the receiver would have thought no

will neglect us sooner or later. There are many who are always making promises, and just as constantly breaking ing its victim down to the dust in anguish. Hing. I never can think it a small thing to The husband comes home, worn out with break a promise; it seems to me it is somethe pressure of business and feeling irri- thing sacred. I think it of great importable with the world in general; but when | tance that parents should keep their prom-

Dexter Smith says of trifles: ment to the soothing influences which act "Some kindly act performed, or gentle Will oft cement a friendship once begun As mighty rivers feel their heart-strings

By little streams that down the hill-sides

"Your Dead George." A young lady living in Texas dismissed the young man to whom she was engaged because he drank. A few days after she had told him she would never speak to him again, a little negro boy brought a note from the wretched young man, whom we shall call George. The note read: "Faithless, yet still beloved Fanny,-My sufferings are more than I can bear. I cannot live without your love. I have, therefore, some fish for dinner to-night." "What just taken poison, the effects of which-I kind shall I get," mamma." "Black bass, am already beginning to feel. When you of course, child. Aren't we in mourning?" | read these lines, I shall have joined the "Grandpa," said Teddy, as the old great silent majority. See that I am dethe young lady had finished reading the According to a fashion item, the article note, she asked the little negro who brought it what he was waiting for. "De gemman

A Wise Conclusion.

One summer evening after Harry and his little sister Helen had been put to bed, a severe thunderstorm came up.

Their cribs stood side by side, and their mother, in the room, heard them as they sat up in bed and talked, in low voices, about the thunder and lightning. They told each other their fears. They

trembled afresh at each peal. But tired nature could not hold out as long as the storm. Harry became very sleepy, and at last, with renewed cheerfulness in his voice, he

said, as he laid his head on the pillow: "Well, I'm going to trust in God." Little Helen sat a minute longer thinking it over, and then laid her own little

head down, saying: "Well, I dess I will And they both went to sleep without more words .- Youth's Companion

Modern Proverbs. When hunger pinches poverty braves the

It is better to be innocent than to be It is better to live and die a mouse among mice than a fox in a palace. Mules and jackasses are as apt to kick at saints as they are to kick at sinners.

Works of art, however grand, sink into insignificance when compared with woman, that wonder of creation. He who lays a claim to true piety ought to be vigilant, because the higher the pinnacle the more fatal will be the fall.

As the odor of the rose outlives its beauty,

even so with a virtuous couple, do the tender feelings of youth outlive the decay Ayer's Sarsaparilla is designed for those

who need a medicine to purify their blood, "You're a very polite little girl," he build them up, increase their appetite, and rejuvenate their whole system. No other preparation so well meets this want. Its record of forty years is one of constant triumph over diseasc.