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Of other days comes back with ochoes low, That toll remembered scenes of long ago. Yet, oh my Queen, I do not now complain, Or long to tread life's rugged path again. Still oft I sigh and wish that I had seen Thy noble face and heard thy voice, my que But now it cannot be, my darkened days Are nearly spent and soon the flickering rays Will fade and die and o'er my senses croop

The colin of death rocked by the earth to sleep, But ore the twilight deepens I would rake My humble voice to sound my povereign's praise For many songe unsung, kind words unspoken Havo just had being when life's lamp-was broken. -Beyond thy home where-billows intervene Phore lies a land that thou hast never seen. A land whose shores two mighty oceans lave

From sunny plains to Arctic's frozen wave. That spot my home fair Cauada, her name, No brighter jowel in thy crown may claim, Here have I watched for nearly three scor A General Banking Business transacted Her progress with my eyes oft dimmed For wont came to those heroes in distress, Who howed their komes from out the wilderness

But years rolled on and neath more kindly skies Was seen the forest fall, the city rise And waters that within their still ombrace The dark woods held, gave back the whiteman's Phro' all those years that have great changes

That fele beyond the sea was not forgot, When died the king and thou a maiden came To rule, we prayed God's blessing on thy name Tho' thou since then life's share of woo hath

y pulse has quickened when the new born My toars in sorrow flowed when consort died, in overy clime where'er thy true sons dwelt With thee in sympathy have sadly knot Bosido that tomb, and millions yet unborn

Shall bless his name whose absence still we But from these scenes of sadness I would ture

To breathe the thoughts that now for utterance 'lis said "some day another flag shall wave O'or this fair land while buried in the grave Shall lie the love that binds us to thy shore." 'Pis falso my Queen, old England's deeds of yor Shall ever live, her sons remain as true As those brave ones who fell at Waterloo. Whose shapes in fancy I see trooping back To cheer our lads to-guard the "Union Jack." But, noble Queen, in peace long may you reign And hold in unity thy vast domain;

And after death thy soul may angels wing To dwell in peace with Heaven's Eternal King. -J. ALKX. HOWITT,

Select Famila Reading.

Tommy's Reward. It was quite a romance in the beginning,

rather funny in the middle, and in the end positively audacious. Little Gerlie Kingston, driving a pony along a country lane that skirted a big field in which a battalion of soldiers were exercising, pulled up to watch them, when without the least provocation, down went the front rank on their knees. An officer shouted "Fire !" and off went the pony as fast as he could lay his legs to the grannd. Remembering a very steep, unprotected declivity not much more than a mile ahead the frightened girl, she was only 13, set her feet against the eplash board and

pulled desperately. She cut her gloves to ribbons, but Bobs galloped on with speed unabated, and, dashing around the corner, almost plunged into a company of soldiers. The men sprang right and left-all but one. He made a leap at the ropaway and caught hold of his bridle. Terrified anew, the pony dragged him some little distance, but, failing to shake him off, eventually gave up the struggle.

she was quite sure the danger was over So the soldier got up beside her and drove her half a mile on her way. "I've only a shilling," she said offering, the coin. "I wish it was a sovereign. If you'll tell me your name. Uncle John

Of course Gertrude burst info tears when

send you one. I thank you very much, and I shall never forget that you saved my The soldier took the shilling and eyed i comically. He was a well set up young

fellow, and he looked very handsome in his red coat. So, at least, Gertie thought. "I can't ske this, don't you know," he said, emiling. And he tossed the shilling into Gertie's "But won't you tell me your name?"

she urged thinking the smallness of the roward was the reason of non-acceptance. The soldier laughed merrily. "With pleasure. It's Tommy Atkins, Private Tommy Atkins. Now don't you

And, with another laugh off he ran, Gertie watching him, very sorry, that the despised shilling was all she had. The soldiers formed up when "Private Atkins" rejoined them, and turning the corner at the double, passed out of the girl's sight. Gertie was vieiting her uncle, John Raynor, of Balcomer. "You will send it, won't you?" she asked.

"Oh, yes, certainly, my dear," answered, laughing. "To Private Tommy Athins, of the Hortford Fusiliers. must be Dick's regiment. There's no others in the county. Wouldn't the follows roar! But it shall be sent, Gertie. I'll forward it to the canteen keeper; then your particular Tommy will be sure to get a share of the proceeds."

Nine years passed by. Gertie was now Miss Kingston, of Balcomer. She had not expected any such stroke of fortune, but two male cousins had died, and a third had offended Mr. Raynor, who, being able to dispose of his property as he thought fit, had bequeathed a few thousand to the offending nephew, and the Balcomer estate to Gertie.

The girl had nover, to her knowledge, mot this distant cousin Richard; indeed was she aware that she had displaced him. That had been kept from

During all these years she had not forgotten Tommy Atkins, the name by which she persisted in speaking of the soldier who had stopped her pony. Although only a private, he was her typical hero in Having ascertained that the Hertford

claborate gold watch and a massive chain of the same costly metal. The watch she left to be suitably ongraved. JOHN McQUEEN checkles and expenses. Position permanent. It's when all others fail. Take it now.

gratitude." LI don't suppose that is the soldier's name," explained Miss Kingston. "But I want it not on the watch. He saved my

life and that was the name he cave me." Having purchased the most expensive purse the shop contained, she placed inside it five bank notes. When the watch had been delivered, she set our alone for Pembury. To and fro before the door which led to the officer's quarters at Pembury Barracks,

Miss Kingston stopped in his path. "Can-you tell me," she usked, if there is soldier here named Tomuny-Thomas Atking?" Private Gloscop grounded his Lee-Met

"Somebody's been having you on toast,

Private Glossop was doing sentry-go."

miss," he answered, interrupting the explanation which she had concluded was Louis Republic. very necessary. Stepping aside to make room he saluted an officer who had passed in-tall and handsome, with a face bronzed to copper color. The battalion had not long return-

ed from India. "That is he!" exclaimed Miss Kington I should know him anywhere. Will you kindly tell him that a lady wishes to speak to him? Stay a moment, she went on, producing her card case. "Give him this card, and say I am the girl whose life saved near Balcomer about nine years ago. My pony ran away and he stopped it. I mined to find out why he never came when dare say he will remember."

He conducted her to an orderly gave her a chair and entered-his commandng officer's quarters. Lieut. Col. Graham, almost the youngest officer of that rank in the British army had just taken off his gloves when the

sergeant entered and saluting, gave him the card. "Lady wants to see you, sir," he said. The Colonel started. "Miss Kingston Balcomer Hall!" he exclaimed, in tones of enrorise. "What the dickens does she want with me? I won't see her. Tell her-tell her-don't tell her anything-it

wasn't let fault." This to himself .. "Did she montion her business?" "Not exactly, eir. I was to say that you saved her life about nine years ago. Stoped a runaway pony, sir. She asked for a soldier by the name of Temmy Atkinsdent lack of business intultion ; "scarcely ever sell one here." begging your pardon, sir." added the sergeant with an ill-concealed grin.

Col. Graham pondered for a moment 'By Jove! I remember," he oried at ength. "She must be the little girl in short freck who wanted to give me a shiling and begged me to tell her my name You say she asked for Tommy Atkins?" "Yes, sir. And recognized you as him-

begging your pardon again, sir." "Then she doesn't know me? I'll see her. What a coincidence! And she really thought I was a private? Did she have a good look at me'when I passed ?".

"No more than a glimpse, I should say

A smart soldier servant entered from an

"I want you to change tunics with me," said the Colonel, "or lend ine yours. You we go right past it." I followed 'em till are about my size, I think." When Miss Kingston ent red, Col. Graham was standing at attention, with his say to me that, if that man could build a thumbs prossed tightly against the seams of his trousers, in the stiffest, I've-justswallowed-a-bayonet attitude that he could assume. But bis eyes said: "Awfully pretty girl !" as plainly as oves can speak. "I am so glad to meet you again," she said. "I've never, forgotten you; and I've

brought you a little gift, if you will Col. Graham executed a half right turn and faced Private Crockett reward for doing my duty, sir?" he asked.

covered his manly breast. bronz I features wore the most wooden ex- himself together like a big dog, and said, produced the watch and chain and purse and presented them with a few graceful

"I had the name you gave me engraved n the watch," she said; "but that is not correct, I think?' "No, miss," answered the Colonel, glan-

cing at the case. "That was a joke. But Tommy Atkins will do very well. I am very much obliged." It was a rather singular coincidence that on the day following her return to Balcomer Miss Kingston should receive a visit from Miss Raynor, a spinster sister of the late squire, who had hitherto, for some reason or other, hold aloof, and this whitehaired, old lady should almost at once

introduce the subject of her nephew, Richard. "You don't know him, I think, my dear, she said. "He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, and I must tell you that he was always led to expect that he would succeed to Balcomer. Unfortunately for him he quarreled with your uncle, and, in consequence you are here."

"I never heard a word of it. Why "My brother wished him to marry certain lady, and Dick did not see

"What a shame!" exclaimed the deeply interested. I am to sorry? I feel that I have no right to Balcomer. Can't comothing_be_done?_Is_it_possible_to-

divide the property ?" Miss Raynor smiled. "Wouldn't that be rath r quixotic, dear ?" she asked. "I don't know," was the reply. "I think

ought to do it."

Miss Raynor soon afterward took her leave. But a week later she paid another visit to Balcomer. "I have heard from D.ck," she said "and he'll call on you the first time he in the neighborhord. He rays he doesn't resent your being liers in the least, and he will be very pleased to know you."

Miss Raynor had scarcely been at Bal-

comer fifteen minutes-devoted to praises of her hephaw Dick-whon that gentleman arrived and sent up his card. "Liegt.-Col. Richard Graham. Battalion, Hertfordshire Regiment!' exclaimed Miss Kingston, reading from Fusiliers were stationed at Pembury, she oard. "Why, I was at Pembury ten days visited a jeweler's shop and bought an sgo, and I saw-"

blaudly.

by Gertrude Kingston as a mark of very tunny. The Colonel looked and spoke the a private soldier, and Tommy Atkins liko a gentleman." The footman retired. Next moment the Colonel came in, and Miss Kingston stood

> waistcoat the massive chain she had given him was proudly displayed. "Why-why-" she began, blushing most as red as Private Crockett when seat ed in the officer's chair, "we are old

acquaintances!" "And couring," added the Colonel, bow

"You saved my life."

"It pleases you to say so. I have com to thank you for your offer to share the Balcomer property with ma." "It would be a pity to divide Balcomer my deare," interposed Miss Raynor, shaking her white ringlets archly. "Ign't there

A NEWSBOY'S BANK. He was very little and his, clothes were racged, and his hands were red with cold whenever he came spinning around the corner and paused before the handsome house across the way. One funny thing about it was that he never came on pleasant days, but I grew accustomed to see him take up his position and call his papers | the Journal. while the snow swirled around him, and the wind tried its best to take him off his feet .- At last I became curious, and deterthe sun was shining and everybody looked six feet tall, straight as an arrow, well bright. I had only to becken to him, and he hurried across the street with a cheer-

A moment later I had him before the grate, and his eyes resembled those of a great mastiff as the warmth penetrated his shivering body.

"It's terrible cold," I begun "Yes, rather; but I've seen it worse." was the answer. "But don't you find it hard selling papers this weather ?" I continued. "Ye-es, sometimes; then I hustle over

there as fast as I can," nodding at the ouse across the way. "Why, do your papers sell more readily n this neighborhood,?" "No!" with a disgusted an fl at my evi-

was obeying orders. One day the agent in "Why do you come, then?" "Do you want to know the real reason ?" 'Yes, indeed," I replied earnestly. "Well, one day, pretty near a year ago, was most done for, couldn't sell any papers, and was about froze, and if I'd known any place to go, would have crawled off somewhere and give it all up. While was thinking of all this a couple of fellows passed me and one of 'em says, "he's richer'n Croesus, now, an' to think he was a begger only a few years ago'

"A beggar ?" says t'other fellow. "Yes. or what amounts to pretty much the same thing-a newsboy-and I've heard him say dozens of times that nothing but but pluck and the grace of God would ever have brought him through." "An' bis house is the next street, you eay ?" "Yes; they came to that house over there; and when I stood looking at it something seemed to house like that when he'd begun being a newsboy, I could too. Then I wondered over what the men had said. They'd gone out of eight, and I said over and over for the grace of God. I didn't know just what it was, but every time I was alone I'd just say what I could remember of the Lord's prayer, and finish up with, 'an' give me the grace of God." If you'll believe it, I begun to get along right away. I'm saving money now to go to school with, and "Is it against the regulations to receive a | whenever I get discouraged-it's always on stormy days, you see-I just come in "I-I-I-don't think so," stammered front of that house and think it all over Crockett, almost as red as the tunic that and say, 'Pluck and the grace of God' over to myself a few times. Then I go back Miss Kingston looked at him in surprise, and you wouldn't believe how fast the then glauced inquiringly at her hero, whose papers sell after that." He rose, shook "I must hustle along and Evidently she suspected something, but she papers, but I'll be around whenever I'm down in the mouth, for that is my bank. and I come to draw on it when I'm hard up. l expect it's a deal more comfort to me

> shouting, "Hyer's your mornin' papers ! Tribune, Herald, and Record, yere !"

than to the man who built it," and a mom-

ent later the youthful philosopher was

DARWIN'S THEORY. Darwin's theory of the "Survival of the fittest" 13 that the weakly die and the strong and robust live. The vegetable and floral kingdoms have illustrated this grand theory to every person planting vegetable and flower seeds. It is not necessary to be familar with the writings of Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel LoCounto to prove how essential it is to plant seeds which nature, assisted by science, has evolved into the highest state of perfection. The groat seedsmen, D. M. Eorry & Co., Windsor, Ontario, have done more in the practical evolution of seeds than any other seed house in the world. They produce and send out seeds that not only grow but attain a high type of perfection; for nearly forty years they have devoted their best skill and energy in this direction. We are just in receipt of their beatiful Seed Aunual for 1807, which is full of practical information for not only the skilled gardenes but the amateur. We note, with pleasure, the entire absence in this book of exaggerated and impossible products listed by seeds men as novelties. The offer to send this expensive work free to all who apply for it. Ferry & Co's. seeds are sold by all firstclass dealers-if your merchant does not keep them, send direct ty them.

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follow after. "Dick?" interrogated Miss Raynor. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known to be an

PRESIDENT'S DAILY ROUTINE General Harrison Writes of "A Day With the Prosident at His

face to face with her hero, across whose Ex-President Harrison has written o "A Day With the President at His Desk" for the March Ladies' Home Journal. The article is said to be singularly interest ng in the detail with which it describes the wearisome routine of the President It is said that General Harrison, in this article has delivered himself with great directness and vigor, relative to the annoy ances that are visited upon a Chief Executive by persiatent office-scokers; and he sugar goits a unique plan, by which the President, s burdens in that direction could be greatly lightened, and he be enabled devote more attention to more important matters. A feature of the article that will better way to put things straight?"-St. have a timely jutercet to those ambitious to serve the country under the incoming

administration, describes very fully how the President, makes appointments to office. "A Day With the Pres dent at His Dosk" is unique in being the first time that the daily life of the President has been described by one who has filled the exalted office. Articles upon the social and domestic life of the President by General Harrison will follow in successive issues of

HE OBEYED ORDERS.

James O'Cou nor Dunn was an Irishman educated, precise in his language, and ed with a rich bass voice that readily comful "Here you are! A Record did you passed the English tongue with only the elightest perceptible trace of a brogue.

He had been a soldier in the British army, and a brave one, too, to which the vivid scar of a saber cut across the right check bore elequent testimony, and although he had retired from army life and left his native land to accept a place as foreman on a railroid pier, in New York city, he retained his soldierly instincts, and all his work was performed with martial

precision and regularity. There was no hesitating or beating about the bush with James O'Connor Dunn. When he had anything to do he went at it with the energy and directness of a bayonet charge.

If there was any one thing that Dunn

prided himself on more than another it

charge of the pier, an irascible and pompous old fellow, called him into the office and said to him :-"See here, Dunn ! Why do you allow Mr. Bagge to run all over the pier whenever he pleases, just as if he owned the

"Why, I supposed it was all right, sir," was the reply. "You have never given me any orders to the contrary, sir, and he is a big shipper over the road, so I-" "I don't care a continental if he is," in terrupted the agent, angrily. He has given us about trouble enough with snooping round and finding fault, and I give you your orders, right now, to keep him off the pier. The next time he comes

into the building all you have to do is to. collar him and run him out. Under-

"Yes, sir," meekly responded Dunn. "All right; then see that you see it." "I'll not forget it, sir," said Dunn, turn ing away and going back to his duties. One afternoon a few days later Mt. Baggs rushed into the agent's office great state of excitement and with the appearance of a man who had been fooling with a cyclone, and complained that while quietly and peaceably walking through the freight house, looking for some goods he was expecting to arrive, he had been suddenly set upon by the foreman in charge,

bustled him unceremoniously out of the The agent, who had forgotten all about his order given in the heat of passion, and in any case did not expect it to be thus literally construed and carried out, at once sent for Dunn, who presently appeared, lowering up in the doorway and gazing down upon his accuser and his employer with, the imperturbable calmuces and

majesty of the sphinx. "What in thunder did you mean by throwing this man out of the building?" roared the pompous little agent, directing what was meant for a withering glauce at the foreman. "I meant to do exactly what you told

to, sir," rejoined the foreman, who was not

withering to any perceptible extent just

"What I told you to?" "Exactly, sir. Last Monday morning sir, you gave me strict orders to keep Mr. Baggs off the pier thereafter, and said the next time he came into the building I was to collar him and ran him out; and that s precisely what I did, sir. I'm an old soldier, and I always obey orders, sir !" And gravely giving the military salute, James O'Conner Dunn, ex-soldier and dissiplinarian, "right-wheeled" and marched out, leaving his employer to explain to the indignant Mr. Buggs and smooth down his ruffled plumage as best he might. On another occasion the agent, wishing to learn if there had been any consignees inquiring for marble, of which quite a

passing the office :-"I say, there, Dunn! Have you seen my marble men around the dock to-day?" "Marble men." to the agent meant consignees of marble, but J. O'Connor Dunnhad not been brought up to that loose way of speaking English, and drawing himself up to his full heigh, he dignifiedly responded :-

number of shipments had accumulated on

the pier, called out to Dunn as he was

"I am not aware, sit, of there being any statuary there !'

GOLDSMITH'S FURNITURE

Some idea of Goldsmith's early resid-

ence in a metropolis that afterwards rang | dying. with his name, may be gathered from the following extract: "I called on Goldsmith, at his lodgings, in March, 1750, found him writing his Inquiry, in a miserable, dirty-looking room, in which there was but one chair; and when, civility, he resigned it to me, he himsel was obliged so sit in the window. While we were conversing together, someone taped gently at the door, and being desired to come in, a poor, ragged little girl, of very becoming demeanur, entered the room, and dropped a courtesy, said: "My mamma sends her complements, and begs the favor of you to lend her a pot full

PRICE THREE CENTS THE OLD THERMOMETER. Dat ole formemeter, he been a hangin' on

Foh mo'n fohty years; I nober knowed 'im ye' to prance aroun' for ev'ry change dat happen frough do day.

ou'd t'ink he'd got me' sense an' dat a-way, know he's gwine ter take it back-dat tale tolls wif gloo;

Doy kin fool dat olo quicksilvah, but dev foolin' me. hon Mistah Sunshing comes along a-gr frough do trees,

-lookin' jos' ez happy an' good-natured ez you lays a track o golden ralls across de cabi Don I laughs torgeo it risin' jet ex proud oz-

kin fool dat ole quicksilvuh, but he isn't foolin' me.

THE DAUPHIN, MAN, DISTRICT. Popular Section for Settlers, in which Several Former Reeldents of Acton are ;

at Present. The following interesting reference to his new section of Munitoba, appeared in recent issue of the Fire Press, Winnipeg -Dr. R. M. Simpson returned Thursday from a trip over the Like Dauphin railway. Relating his observations to a Free Press reporter he said : "The road starts one mile west of Gladstone and skirts the east side of the Itiding Mountains, the blue outline of which can, be seen in the dis -tauco-forming-a-pleasing-background -to the landscape. The land has a gentle slope from the mountains and is covered more and twelve miles mountain streams, run through the country, furnishing an-abandant supply of pure, fresh water. The country is not settled in the immediate neighborhood of the road, but further back there are large, sottlements. fully three hundred families having gone into the district this year. At marly every station there is from ten to twelve thousand bushels of wheat in store, and it is said that 70,000 hushels will be marketed at Dauphin town. The town of Dauphin has sprung up in a manner characteristic of the country. The townsite was only put on the market in October, and now there are thirty buildings, principally business places, in existence, and more going up. The road extends sixteen miles beyond Dauphin, and at the terminus quite a figh shipping business is done. The fish ere caught at Lake Winnip goosis by Icclanders, whose operations in this enterprice liavo been very successful. While I wig there a car load of fine white fish was shipped. At Gleucairn, a station en route,

three carloads of outtle were being shippe". "From my observations of the country, and from: information obtained from settlers. I am safe in stating that the Lake Dauphin district is unequalled by any other part of the province for diversified farming; and I am sure that the Lake. Dauphin road will prove such a paying concern that it will never cost the province cent. There will be a good traffic from the outset, and the attractions of the region are such that all available land will scon

be taken up." Speaking of the road itself, Dr. Simpson said it was one of the best examples of rapid and substantial railroad building ever known in the country. Owing to the excessive rains early in the summer, work was hardly got under way until the 1st of August, and since then 100 miles of road have been completed and equipped in every detail, station houses, telegraphs, crossings, and even mile posts being erected right to the end of the road. The roadbed is one of the finest in Canada, in smoothness being equal to old lines in the cast, which is saying a great deal, and reflects credit on the contractors, Messrs, McKenzie & Mann. and especially on Mr. Dan Mann, who who had seized him by the collar and

has had direct supervision of the work. AFTER MANY DAYS. From the New York Hera'd comes the ollowing incident of genuine gratitude :

A physician who recently moved up

town took an evening paper from a small newsboy, and dived into his pocket for the "That's all right, doctor," remarked the little fellow. "I won't take no money Don't you remember Jimmie, that you cured last winter with the fever ?"

.Then the physician recognized in the tall

and sturdy boy a little lad whom he had

pulled through a fever without payment. "But that's all right, Jimmie," ho said, and you must certainly let me pay you for the paper." "No," said the boy, "I won't. Where

are you living up here, doctor ? I want to come and see you." He has not turned up yet to see the loctor, but every morning and even'ng he slips a paper under the door, and to have a proper understanding in the beginning with the first paper he scribbled a little notice: "Please, doctor, except these

papers allus from Jimmie."

He was shot in the suburbs.

She fainted upon his departure.

and no longer wept over her absence.

She whipped him upon his return. He kissed her passionately upon her re-Mr. Jones walked in upon her invitation. We thought she sat down upon her being

He embraced her upon her restoration

SOME NEWANATOMICAL POINTS

He was injured in the fracas. He clong to her weeping. They goseiped upon his downfal PERFECT DIAMONDS

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