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.But-gotting there's the trouble

To the Klondike. Thoy say it's very cold, In the Klondike. At least so I've been told, When its sixty below sero. You just bot it wants a hero. To raise a hearty cheer O.

In the Klondike, There are many emigrants, To the Klondike, Who wear stoves inside their pants; Up in Klondike, If they stand out in the breeze, Or even stop to sneeze, It's ton to one they freese,

In the Klondike.

In the Ktondike,

Gold's too plontiful to steal, . In the Klondiko. But you'll find the grapes are sour, And gold will loose its power, When it won't buy even flour, In the Klondike. There'll be many fortunes made. In the Kloudike And many wish they'd stayed, Away from Klondike, When they've spent their last red cent, And they are homeward bent.

You've no time to rides wheel,

They went to Klondike. You'll get no lager boor, In the Klondike. Or doctor if you're queer, Up in Klondike, Don't rush upon your fate, Just take my advice and wait. 'Till the railroad track runs straight

Into Klondike. -HARRY J. PICKERSGILI Pilot Mound, Man.

Select Family Reading.

Rufe's Lovemaking.

It was the year I built my store and got the Corners post office, which, by the good will of Providence and my friends, I've held not will depend on yourself. Good evenever eince, no matter who was "iu" at Washington, that I first took notice o Shiftless Rufe Dunning. Helived with his father and mother just across the fiats at the foot of West Hill in the edge of the Big Woods. You know, all this region was pioneered late, and although nearly every thing was cleared up on this side of the valley and the pine timber had long been cut off the flats, there was a heavy growth of mixed hardwood and hemlook to the west that stretched away back, I don't know how many miles. Here and there the little openings on the side of West Hill log houses were still to be seen and the folks living in them were sometimes rather primitive.

The Dunnings were probably the most

no-account of the lot. They lived in little shanty old Rufe had knocked together out of some slabs given him by the saw mill boss. They had only a little -patch of ground, and they lived on what they rais ed, the fish they caught and what they trapped and shot. They didn't steal as 1 know of, but they were all priortal shiftless. and young Rufe was worse than either his father or his mother. In fact, he was so all-fired lazy, if I must put it in that way, that even the old man felt discouraged about him. Young Rufe was 22 before anybody suspected that he could possibly have any ambition at all. One day he eaw Kitty Sylvester. Sho was the daughter of the first manager of the big Barkley estate. Old man Barkley-the grandlather of the present Barkley, who never comes near the estate-had just put the place in a manager's hands and moved away with his family. Now, Kitty was a real sensible. go-ahead girl. Bhe knew that the Sylves-Proprietor | ters were as good as anybody around the Corners, if not a little better, and she tried to live up to the family repulation in all ways. When a girl, her mother had been famous for the work she could do, and Kitty was not a whit behind. Every morning in the winter she was up early and got breakfast by candle light. Allday long she wove carpet, or quilted comforters, or spun stocking yarn, or did something else that counted. Every morning in the summer she was up with the con, and every day when it went down she had churned and worked more butter or made more cheese, or in some other way did more work than any other woman anywhere around could do. And she was the savingest girl in the have had assurance from all customers that | country. Everybody said she was the emartest young woman going, and, naturall, she was considered a bighty-desirable catch. But she held herself mighty shy of them all for awhile, and it was regularly given out that no young man need ever think of keeping company with Kitty Sylvester who wasn't her match both at working and saving. So when it was noised about that young Rule, of all the world, had got him a pair of fine boots, a ruffled shirt, doeskin pantaloons, and a broad-cloth coat, and had begun to shine

up to Kitty, there was a general uproar. Folks couldn't believe it as first, but it wasn't anywhere near as hard to swallow as what came afterward. You see the ontgiving that had been pade about the kind of a chap Kitty's husband would have to be had sifted the young fellows out a whole lot. Most of them were willing to work and willing to save, and they all admired Kitty, for she was as good looking as she was Industrious and frugal, but her standard was so high it

soared the boys, and beaux got to be mighty seldom on the estate. Now, as it turned out, Shiftless Rufe thought more of Kitty than any of the others, and at the very beginning she gave him a little encouragement. Not much, to be sure, but enough to reform him completely. He was naturally mighty beshful when he called at the big house, all fixed up in clothes he wasn't used to, and Kitty at first pretended she didn't understand that he had come to see her-

"I'll call my father," she said. "Perling s you want to talk about cutting some cord-"No," said Rufe, directly. "I want sto know if I can keep company wish you?" The girl was startled by his failure to

best about the bush, but the answered mito as directly

Bundays and holidays, you may come and early and began with quick carger strokes see me -just once. Here comes father, and to cut a big hickory. He had become an you'd' better make arrangements to cut for expert axman by this time. and the sun bim on shares."

ACTON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1897.

To Kitty's surprise Shiftless Rufe stood his ground, and when her father came in. started at once to discuss the proposed arrangement. "Wal, Mist' Sylvester," said Rufe, grasp-

ing the old man's band. "I ain't never been no great hand to work, but I must have a chance to keep comp'ny with Kitty; and she eas a I may come to see her after I've chopped cordwood a year. It won't be po fan, but I must have Kitty, and if I've got to work to git her, why, then I have, an that's all there is about it." Sylvester was at first inclined to be angry at Kitty for trifling with Rufe, but conclud-

ed to humor the situation, and bidding Kitty leave the room, told the young man he was ready to make a bargain with him, "You can out cordword off the estate, on shares, Rule, of course, if-you want to and I'll set aside some trece, right near your father's shanty on the other side of the flats. But you want to take off them fine boots and them doeskin pants and that there broadoloth soat, and you don't want all. to put them on again till you've worked hard a whole year. You're too shiftless to by allowed to think a single minute about

good night ?"

"Yes," said the old man, "you may, and I'll tell her we've made the bargain she suggested." that Rufe, dressed up, wasn't at all bad. looking, and that he seemed twice the man he had been before. She kept quite silent until her father had finished. Then she reached out and took Rufe's big soft paw in her own small hand-a hand that was

calloused with hard work in spite of its "Mr. Danning," she said, "I hope you'l keep your bargain as faithfully as I shall keep mine. After you have worked hard for a year you may come and see moonce. Whether you may come again or

ing, Mr. Dauning." Nobody had ever called Shiftless Rufe Mr. Dunning before, and the title scared him far more than the notion of working every day for twelve long months. From the time he left the big house that night he was fit to drop the title "chiltless." Next morning, as soon as it was light, the sharp ring of his axe was heard across the valley, blting out the chips as he chopped down the first tree of the year-long stent. Long before noon that day his big, pulpy hands were blistered and swollen and by sundown-they were a sight to behold That night his mother cried over them and urged him to stop thinking about the proud,

stuck-up girl on the other side of the "The idear !" muttered the old woman between the whiffs at her clay pipe, white she dressed Shiftless Rufe's hand. "Do you think Kitty Sylvester will look at you just because you've been fool enough to work a whole year? Why, it's puffickly ridikilis. I allus knew you was a little light in the head, Rufe, but I didn't think yon'd make a fool of yourself for no con

ceited Sylvester girl." To this and much more of the same sort. from both his father and mother. Shiftless Rafe made no reply, but while yet the next morning was grey the sound of his busy ax was again waited across the valley and this continued to the going down of the sun. And so it went on, day after day, all the how deep the snow, or how stormy the weather, Rufe toiled on unceasingly. When the days were shortest, in the middle of the winter, he sometimes began before daybroak and worked after dark, splitting the "lengths" he had chopped from the light of a tallow dip stock into a lantern of the pattern so common when the "Corners"

were new, but now rarely seen. Before spring folks got to going by Rufe's ax and lantern in beginning and leaving off work morning and evening the same as they go by the big tannery whistle down the valley now and nobody who began to work as early as Rufe did and worked till Rufe's lantern was out at night was counted lazy. And Rufe did more than chop cordwood that winter. He learned to read, and this

both his father and mother considered a far more "ridikilis" proceeding. Yet more. he went to meeting every Sanday as regularly as the most pions and thrifty of the t was a little thing indeed for the man who was chopping cordwood a whole year that sermon once a week so that he could sit for a whole hour under the same roof with

Nobody knew then how this devotion of her once shiftless, no-account lover affected Kitty Bylvester, but we loarned afterward that the sound of his ax from , morning to night echolog across the valley became as music in her sars, and that the light of his caudle shining through the trees in the mornings and ovenings was the delight of her eyes. At last the long winter, with its cold, its storms and its darkness, wore away, the spring passed and the summer with its

"Now Rufe'll weaken," said the loafers about the store. "It's all right to work hard when it's cold and the air is bracing. but he'll let up in the hot weather, sure." But they were wrong. All through the heated term Rufe's ax gave noisy notice that it was still biting out chips and spliting up lengtis. At last the year was nearly up, and old Sylventer had begun to ask bimself whether he had not made ar exceedingly bed hargain after all. For Kitly was plainly much interested in the patient lover who had toiled so long and so steadily for the privilege of calling or her 'just once' and it might be, the old man reasoned, that she might allow him to call the second time, and perhaps r third, and perhaps - But the thought was too awful to dism's it. Failing in that he questioned the Lirl, who refused to answer satisfactorily, rad the two had e "Certainly not. You're too lasy to keep vigorous quarrel in which Mrs. Sylvester AN experienced converser to travel and flashed through her mind. But, if you'll On the last day of the stipulated 12 and expenses paid. The Bradent-Canantson cut cordword a whole year, every day but months Shiftless Rule went to his work joined, taking Kitty's part most

im he opened his eyes. "I wish-you'd take me over to Sylvessome to-night-and so did her father-and | melancholy and disgusted. -maybe-if you take me home before I go

lovemaking didn't take long, for his strength was about gone, but he had time to say and acceptable lover.

FAMOUS FARMER BOYS.

There are some people foolish enough to laugh at the homely virtues of a farm life. They are fortunately few, and they are fortunately growing fewer; but it is well sometimes to look at the list of great men who came up from the farm-not all of them, for that would fill a thousand volames, but some of the most notable ones

that flash into mind in a moment. Nearly three-fourths of the men whi have been obosen by the people for the great offices of the nation are men who were early familiar with wooded hills and cultivated fields. For example, Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Hamlin, Greeley, Tilden, Hayes, Blaine, Harrison and many others almost equally conspicuous in current events of living memory. Among journalists, Henry Watterson spent his early life in rural Kentucky, and Murat Halstead was born and lived on a farm in Ohio; W. H. Vanderbilt was born in a small New Jersey town, and early engaged in the business of ship chandlery : Russell Sage was born in a New York village : Jay Gould spent his early years on his father's farm in New York state: Whittier and Howells spent their youth in villages, the former dividing his time between farm employment and his studies. Follow the list out yourself, and see how long it will

become. - Kansas City Times. ONE STEP ENOUGH FOR ME.

One who carries a lantern on a country

road at night sees only one step before him. If he takes that one step, he carries the antern forward and thus makes another step plain. At length he reaches his destination safety, without once going into darkness. The whole has been made light for him. though only a single step of it at a time. God's guidance. His word is represented as a lamp unto the feet. It is a lampnot a blazing sun, not even a lighthouse. bat a plain common lamp or lantern which one can carry about in the hand. It is a lamp "unto our feet," not throwing its beams afar, not illumining a bemisphere, but shining only on the little bit of dusty road on which the pilgrim's feet are walk. | else. ing. The duty for one moment is always.

clear we will carry the light on and it will shine upon the next moment's slep.

clear and that is as far as we need concern

ourselves : for when we do the little that is

READING GOOD BOOKS. It is not the privilege of every one to listen to the great thinkers and speakers of our time when they visit our continent. Yet we are not entirely shut out from eiting at their feet and learning their lessons. The Press with its nimble teet hoatches up their words and makes them our permanent possession. We have a few precious neighborhood. Not that he became spec- little books just issued from the press of ially religioue, as far as I know, but by Revell & Co., Toronto, which are specially going to meeting he could get a glimpse or | suitable for Endeavorers. One is F. B. two every Sunday of Kitty Sylvester, and | Meyer's "Castaway" a book on the higher life, most excellently put and as attractive | as a story. Another is A. J. Gordon's he might make one call on her, to listen to | "Yet Speaketh," which is as a week as a nut and as lucious as grapes, and delightsome to move upon. Another is "Christ reflects in Creation" by C. D. MacMillan, a suggestive little book for young people. The mind needs good food just as the body does, supply it with what is good. Do you read the Endeavor Herald ?- C. E. Budget.

A Medical Success, "Mister," said the small boy to the nemist, "give me another bottle o' them pille you sold father day before yesterday."

"Are they doing him good?" asked the hemist, looking pleased. "I d'no whether they're doin' father any good or not, but they're doin' me good. They just fit my new air gop."

BABY HAS GONE TO SCHOOL The baby has gone to school. Ah me! What will the mother do. With never a call to button or pin

Or tie a little shoe?

Another basket to fill with lunch. Another "Good-by I" to say, And mother stands at the door to see Bor baby march away .. And turns with a sigh that is balf relio And half a something akin to grief. She thinks of a possible future morn

How can she keep herself busy all day

With the little hindering thing away?

Will go from their home to the distant wo To battle with life alone And not even baby be left to obser The scattered home of that future year. She ploks up the garments here and there-Thrown down in pareless lasts, nd tries to think how it would toe f, nothing mere displaced.

If the house worp always as still as this

How could she pear the lonelines ?

When the children, one by one,

BOYS MUST BE MORE THAN

HONEST.

It is not enough to day to say that this was not jet high in the sky when the big or that boy is absolutely honest in tree came down with a crash. It so hap- order to get him a position in a shop, a pened that I was over in the big woods bank or a law office or in a leather or toy that day with a neighbor looking at the business. He must be trustworthy. It is timber. We heard the tree fall and at the taken for granted that he is honest. This same time a scream as if a strong man is not undervaluing honesty in the least were in mortal agong. In a hurry I ran | quite the reverso in fact; because if a boy in the direction of the cound, guided by is not absolutely trustworthy nobely wants low means that followed the shrick. There him, no matter how clever he may be. planed under the branch of a fallen tree But there are hosts of honest boys-in fact lay Shiftless Rufe, badly cruebed and almost all of them are straightforward. barely conscious. For the first time in the But to get a place in any establishmententire year be had miscalculated in felling much besides reliability and honesty is his tree. As quickly as we could my required, and hence the good old Sabbath neighbor and I cut away the branch and | School story type of boy who made milreleased the young man. Then we got to- lons because and only because - be was gether a stratcher of boughs on which we honest is unfair to the average boy reader, proposed to carry him home. As we lifted since it makes him think that success i

at hand if he is only honest. This is the mistake many a fine lad ter's first," he said, faintly. "I want to makes, and when after a while he does not call on his daughter. She said I might get ahead, in spite of honesty, he grows

When you get a place as a boy in a store there I won't be able to see her to night at as clerk in a banking house, or assistant in a professional office, you must take things So we carried him scross the flats to the into your own hands. Naturally, you want big house on the Barkley estate. Part of | to advance yourself ; but the quickest way. the way he was quite nuconscions and part of doing this is to let your interest drop for Kitty now, and I suppose you always will of the way he was pathetically delirious, the time, and study out what is your but when we reached the house he was employer's interest. Having found this, "You needn't say no more, Mist' Sylves- quite rational, though very weak. And so try every day in the year to see how you ence : ter," put in Shiftless Rufe. "But can't I it was that I was present when Rufe Dun-: can improve, and push forward his success." see Kitty again just long enough to say ing made love to Kitty Sylvester. His pretty soon he begins to notice you, to in a great dry goods store found himself think over your suggestions. In time side by side with a timid looking man and something comes up and he wants-a-man what he wanted to say, and to hear what | for a certain purpose. Ten to one he will be wanted to hear. Aud when, after a long | think you are the only one for it, because Then he called Kitty into the room. As look into Kitty's eyes, poor Rule peacefully you have been keeping yourself before him she enfered she noticed for the first time closed his own, his big hand, no longer soft | so much in a way that helps him. And and pulp, but sinewy and strong, clasped not long afterward you are the man he her little one in the class of an socepted relies on. That is the beginning, and like all good, thorough beginnings, it is more than half the battle.

DRANK LIKE A BEAST. The following story of the late Dr. Kidd Aberdeen and his beadle is told in the bands than they do with other men, what 'Humor of the Scot." The kirk officer, i would appear was a viotim to the pational vice. He had often ben censured, as often forgiven, and yet often would fall into his

old ways. One day the worshy doctor was confronted by Jeems so intoxicated that all his, ustomary caution and sleek humility hadflown. In a reckless mood he challenged the burly old doctor to come and drink with him. Recognizing the fatility of try- after truth, become his superior by suping to reason with a man in such a state, Dr. Kidd replied: "O, ah Joems. come wi' ye, an' I'll drink like a beast to please ye."

"Hooray I" cried the beadle.

So they entered the inn, this strangely assorted couple, the mark of observation to many a curious eye. Jeems started to order a "mutchkin," but the reverend dootor filled a glass with cold water and quaf. "Hoots!" expostulated the bacchanalian

beadle. "Ye said ye wad drink like a "Ay, Jeems, and so I have," was the dignified reply; "for ye know a beast is

wiser than a man, and drinks only what's gode for it-an' that's water."

DIDN'T LIKE PUDDING ENDS.

There was only one passenger on board certain sailing vessel, who took his meals in the after cabin with the captain and mate, and who always suspected that these worthies defrauded him of his due share of the catables when they got the chance. One day a jam roly-poly pudding appeared at dinner, just enough for three, and the stantly on the alert to see that he got his fair and proper third. "Mr. N., do you like pudding ends, sir ?"

the captein asked, with his knife poised in air ready to out the delicany. "No, I do not like ends, sir," replied the passenger, who considered that he had as much right to the middle slice as any one

was the gallant captuin's observation, as he out the pudding and deposited half on the mate's plate and half on his own.

Ab, well, then, me and my mate does!"

An old lawyer in Paris had instructed a very young client of his to weep every time he strack the desk with his hand. Unfortunately the barrieter forgot and struck the desk at the wrong moment. The client

fell to sobbing and crying.

"What is the matter with you?' saked the presiding judge. "Well, he told me to cry as often as truck the table." Here was a nice predicament, but the astate lawyer was equal to the -occasion.

Addressing the jury he said : graces of mankind. "Well, gentlemen, let me ask you how you can reconcile the idea of crime in coninnotion with such caudor and simplicity ? await your verdict with the most perfect confidence.

LOST NOTHING.

Bothern, the actor, once said he would throw an extraordinarily foolish man across the Hudson river (at a narrow part) and made a bet with him to that effect. A crowd went to see the performance, Sothern, after grasping the man with care,

When the latter reached the bank he panted out: "Youv'e lost your bet." "Not at all," cooly replied Sothern, "that s only my first attempt. I mean to keep on trying all day until I get you over."

The man paid the money. ENDEAVORERS AWAKE!

As the winter season has come should we not lay new plans for work in our societies? To work better we individually must seek to be better men and women ourselves. Paul wrote to Timothy to take hoed to himself and to his doctrius. Himsolf first his work afterwards. That is the Divine order. We must get into the epirit of our work, then it will be easy and delightsome and successful. Invite the young people to enjoy the services of the society with you. Welcome them cordially when they come, make them feel that you are glad to see them. A kindly greeting does much to draw them and make them

blood with Blood's Baran arilla.

feel as home. - C. E. Budget.

A LITTLE VISITOR. There's a busy little felloy . Who came to town last night, When all the world was fast asleep The children's oves shut tight. I cannot tell you 'how' he came, For well the secret's hid. But I 'think' upon a moonboam bright Way down to carth bo slid. He brought the Misses Maule Each a lovely party gown; It was brilliant red and yellow,

.With a dash or two of brown. And he must have had a Midas touch, For, If the truth is told. The birches all, from top to too. He dressed in cloth of gold. Then he took a glittering leicle From underneath the caves. And with it, on my window, Drow such shining silver leaves, Such fair and stately palaces,

· Such towers and temples grand, Their like I'm sure was never seen Outside of Fairyland. Who is this busy little man. Whose coming brings us joy? For I'm very sure he's welcomed By overy girl and boy; The little stars all saw bim. .Though they will not tell a soul :

But I've heard his calling card reads thus,

DISCOURAGING. Sometimes young men are deterred from ntering upon matrimony by such incidents as the following, which is of actual occur-

J. Frost, Esq. North Pole.

A young man passing through a growd exactly behind a lady. A movement of the prowd forced the young man to step upon

the hem of the lady's skirt. She turned quickly around, with a furious look, and was evidently about to address some flerce remark to him, when a change came over her face suddenly.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir," she said; I was going to get angry. I thought it was my husband." Tue timid little man smiled faintly; and the young man said to himself: "If wive

is the use of being a husband?"

get angry so much easier with their hus

TRUTH. Adhere always rigidly and undeviatingly to truth; but while you express what is true express in a pleasing manner. Truth is the picture; the manner is the frame that displays it to advantage. If a man blends his angry passions with his search pressing yours and attend only to the just ness and force his reasoning. Truth conveyed in anstere and acrimonious lauguage, soldom has a calutary effect since we reject the truth because we are prejudiced against the mode of communication. The heart must be won before the intellect can be informed. A man may betray the cause of truth by his reasonable zeal, as he destroys its salutary effects by the acrimony of his manner. Whoever

would be a successful instructor must first become a mild and affectionate friend.

MAKE THE PLUNCE. Don't be afraid to climb the hill of life remarks a contemporary. Nothing vonture, nothing have, you know, and the man who is afraid to climb will never get into a bioycle saddle or reach the top rung in the ladder-of success ! Don't be chicken hearted, and point out that "the reason why some men never fall is because they always stay at the bottom." What if you do have a fall or two, either on the wheel or inilife ! It won't hurt you, and will simply spur you on to higher deeds. Make the plunge.

Faint heart never spelled success-either in life, love, or sport.

DOES NOT ALWAYS FOLLOW. A man strolled into a fashiopable church met before the service began. The sexton followed him up; and tapping him on the shoutder and pointing him to a small our that followed him into the eaered edifice.

"Dogs are not admitted." "That's not my dog," replied the visitor. "But be follows you."

"Well, so do you." The sexton growled, and immediately emoved the dog with

ITTLE THINGS BUT HARD TO DO The person who can go without her dinner and not advertise the fact; who can laugh at little troubles; who makes light of a heavy weight; and oan wear a shoe that pinches without anyone being the wiser; who does not magnify the splinter in her finger into a log of wood, nor the mote in. her neighbor's eyes into a beam ; who swalows bitter words without letting others taste them; who can give up her own way without giving up the ghost-such a one surely carries a passport into the good

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Prosperity getteth friends, but adversity Ireth them. For nover in this world does hatred ocase

w hatred : hatred ceases by love, this is

always its nature. Mr. H. Wettstein, of Marango, 111. found that Ayer's Pills, taken when the first symptoms of la grippo appear, provent further progress of the discuse, and he has Catarrh, like scrofula, is a disease of the yet to find the first onne where thuse pille blood and may be cared by purifying the did not care the malety. Every done was

offective.