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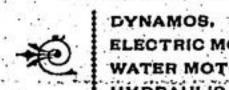
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MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD. am thinking to-night of my childhood's home And the old brown house ou the bill, Many days have passed since I played rous

the door. · Yot it's memory lingers still, Fill I fancy the years that have sped are dreams, And I live in the dear old home. . .

Whore the happlest days of my life wore passed, Ere I luft it far, far to roam. picture again each familiar scene-The cowelips that grew by the sill,

The roses that clung to the window ledge, How their rare fragrance haunts me still. The forget-me-note by the garden tence. The hellyhocks growing so tall, and perfume of pink, and the lily too

On the soft, sweet airs gently fall.

can soo the well with its supparmed ourb. And the pail that hung from the sweep; Was over there nector oue half so pure As we drow from its rocky deep? And the pobbled brook, how it rippled and sang As it splashed the rocks 'neath our feet;

Little fish from their cool retreat. We loved the sweet flowers; and the hummin And a king with his golden crown No'er felt our joy, as those buttercup wreaths

We pressed on our locks of brown.

While with bended pip, we sought oft to lure

How oft through the day as our feet grow tired, We carelessly lay down to rest Noath the applotree, while its blossoms fell, And our upturned faces pressed: The birds and flowers that we loved so well Scomed to us volcing low and clear, The sweetest of stories and fairy tales In our wondering, childish car,

The redbresst carroled unto its mate. "Dear robin, to thee I'll be true;" dalsy uplifted its gold crowned hoad From its bath in the morning dow. Another sighed faintly, "O, I love you, To me you are wooderous fair." While the clovers blushed, and the violet

As they list to the happy pair Up above, the blue arch bending. Touched the clouds that hurried by, And we thought them forms of angels As they floated through the sky.

"And we sought to find the ladder

That the dreamer Jacob viewed :

While the misty forms retreated And their upward course pursued."-Till we fell asleep, and the sun, looking down Through the trees, klased our tumbled hair, Vhile the leaves o'erhead saug soft to the

As it fanned us slumbering thefo. Oh, those bright, happy days of childhood's How their momory lingers stell, prophocy rich of heaven above, When life's journey we shall fulfill,

Select Family Reading.

-JDELAIDS HEMSON MCKENZIB

A Story of the Manse.

It is a bright morning, and I have thrown pou my study window to allow the sweet fragrance of the hawthern and new cu

grass to play about my books, for they have been defiled. The rich fumes of the Havana are no pleasant in the morning, however enjoyable at night. Elders are fond of burning leaf, and there were six of them here last evening, able-bodied and sound in lung and head were they. The ministor's curling reek need not count.

From the study window Mildonbrae is not an imposing place. Grim Calverton could not find us though he crossed the Minchmour to slay our fathers. Ho passed by our door and raw as not. It was as well for him, perhaps for us.

Benjamin Brodie envise my position "Your neighbors dinna borrow frae ye." Yet a row of tombetones gives little inspiration, if to quote Benjamin again, "you'll avo heared'expenses when ye dee; you're

Tho one or two epitaphs that I can read

The peachers, I mean the men, are very fond of reading this one, when they have nine or ten salmon up the chimney getting

"Here lies th' banes o' Jessie Grahame This stano's erected tao ber shame-She died through peachin' salmon. So mind, dear friend, whate'er ye dae Koop walkin' in the narrow way, An' leave alane th' salmon." The gravestones are nearly hidden from

ny sight this morning, for the beech and chestnut trees are in full foliage. The air is soft and calm, for the village is hardly awake. Bees lazily hum about the flowers around my windows. The larks from the hills behind the glebe mount into the doep blue, singing on their way to light. The perky oxe'e flite from bush to bush, piping, its name. That daintily dressed fellow. the chaffinch, stands eyelng my open window with suspicion, and screaming out in a high note to his mate in the pirrot hedge, "Treel-a-bol a-leela-leela-law." A hundred sparrows are judging a poor unfortunate. and have disagreed about the verdict, their

chirp is so angry. High on the pine tree the blackbird rivals the nightingale. Behind all these, I hear the mournful "hush" of the silver flowing Tweed, as mother-like, it tries to soothe the restless hearts of Mildonbrae. It is full of moods. as well as trout and salmon. It comes to us in slow march from Midpath. Not a stone breaks the glassy surface. But the laughter of the children is contagious. It forgets its solemnity before it has passed our street end, and begins to leap and sing. With a rush it skirls round the corner, and for the next mile it is a breathless race. And because there are no children to throw gowans and butteroups into its face it grows mechancholy.

Behind the silver girdle is the green gold of Minchmoor, with its oresented woods of fir, pine and beech. Here the ruby thyme blooms and scents the southwest breeze. The purple beather with its health-giving fragrance grows luxuriously. For those gifted God has poured his vials of love that bring more elation than the aged blood of the vines of Normandy. Mildonbrae is but a long street sheltered by two hills and girded by the river. Ite

honses osn be seen from my window. with their white walls and thatched roofs Over these porches grow the the issmine blushroses and honeyanckie. In each parlor window the bomely fatchis or common geranium blooms. A little garden in me that theo devils may leave me ! the you can just hunt till you and it? New front serves for the kilohem heeds. The screened, and then it an to fight and. Kork Weekly one at the back is kept afored for the though wrealies. But grant gallet as last and raised

she is as devout as her words imply, I have caught her looking out of the window during prayer. Ministers have prerogatives. . It may have been the superb view

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that we got from our window that tempted : her. She's frail like most women. Great Leepen, with its rugged sides, smoothed here and there with great natches of houtler and ferns, shotters the manee from the cold north winds. A money he had saved, £110 for his mother morass lies at its feet. Great tall flags I gave her £40 and kept the rest. He and flowing rushes grow in abundance, never wrote to his mother, for I wrote and

and water flen. Under the flage the water | he believed all' I said." lies deep and dark, and for a great . But why, Mrs. Mackintosti, should space is open to the over changing you blast both our lives ?! I asked, not hues of the sky. As the wind plays being able to solve such treachery. through the tall grasses, and the gold light wind thinks not of earth. Kirsty again I threw myself before him. Every art

Kirsty had brought in my breakfust of was feasting on this paradise, as I thought. But her eyes were on the "Cuddy's Brig," a rough structure that crosses the wild torrent that rushes down one side of Leepen. It is a quaint bridge made for the pack-horse to cross.

I saw her put her hand to her heart, and a long-drawn sigh broke the stillness of the room. The rugged features grew smooth as a child's and that sad melancholy so common to those who live upon the hills. played about her mouth. She had for. to get Tam a good place. gotten me and with face pressed close against the glass she watched eaverly the steps of a man coming up the road. had a bundle on his back and seemed an ordinary tramp on his luck.

at last and fled from the room. "Kirsty," I said, in tones of wonder and dignity, "I'll have you before the elders I ever hear-" I never finished the sen tence. In the middle of the road I say Kirsty, the village model of propriety hugging that ragged, bootless tramp. He would not enter my door. But Kiraty knew the science of warfard and attacked

"Oh! my God, it's Tan," she burst out

and I was defeated. "He's come, sir," biting the corner of her apron. "I expected him many years syne. May he have some breakfast ?" And to such an appeal man has but one

answer; woman has two. A tramp with Kirsty? My duty was to find out who he was. But she was ready for me. We had arranged to dust the books in the study on this day. As she took down, dusted, put up again, my books, learned her story.

"Twenty-four years syne I was mair than prood of Tam. Nas braver lad woosd a lassic. Reckless as the leaves in June was be. As hard to guide as a flock of sheep on the moors I found him. Mother's love was but a tow-line. Mine was as weak as water. Ambition won his soul. and tae 'Frisca gold fields he would gang. "'You'll ride in your carriago like Sir by his opponent's counsel. Charles, Kirsty, lass,' he dinned into my ears. 'Nae beggin' for a pickle wool tae spin a bit of cloth, nor goin' to bed at six

"But you'll no' sell yourself for gold Tam. We has been poor, and oft have had little bread; but we have never forgotten to live right,' I said prood like. "Tam Dobson is a name I had nad

reason to be ashamed of,' he said as proodly: 'I'll never disgrace it.' "And has ye counted the cost of leaving you once," mither and me !' I asked with choking yolce. "It's a lang way, but easier to gang that to come back.'

"I hae counted the cost, Kirsty, lass and I'm willing to pay it. "Perhaps I watered his ambition. hame meal was eas scarce that we supped whilst sitting in my study have long since from as cog and fought if and heaped up lest their wit which never compensated me bis spoon mair than the rest. Tattles for the cold shivers I have experienced as | were bad, and the salmon had been taken I have looked out at midnight and seen | from us. With father dead and mither a when she is drying her hair in the sun. oripple it was a hard life.

> but he had not another. 'Nae success means pae letters,' I said to my mither. And ten years of silence broke my spirit. "It was Mrs. Mackintosh brought us the The poverty-stricken maiden, who, last news of Tam. Yo mind her. She gowned in simile white muslin and a blue died with a thousand demons round her sash, ontehines her better-dressed sisters bed? And she deserved it. (And the and is the belle of the ball. wrinkles came back to Kirsty's face.) She had been in Frisca and know. Tam. Her a golden shower about her alabaster neck

"At first Tam sent a very cheerful letter,

husband died there, and she came the be when she takes a canter on her spirited "'Ob, lassie, I'm sorrowful for you,' she not to have told you. He courted a rich too late that he is a man of fame. bonnie lassic out vonder and 'married' her. about 'Frisca in his carriage.

"Whon I met bim firet." Mrs. Mackinam, he said, with a smile, 'It would never dae. Of course, I'll always be glad to see you at my house, Mrs. Mackintosh, for the days of auld lang syne." "She stayed at his house some weeks by a glance of her liquid eyes .- Facts.

when her husband died. He sent his mother £20 and me £10. I gave mine to his mother. Twice afterwards Mrs. Mackintosh had a letter from Tam sending money to his mother. Thank God she died in comfort. He sent me a message by her that he was married, and hoped I would be soon. Then came news that drs. Mackintosh ceased. And I b my corrow in your service, sir. I have been sour and ill-tempered, and no' cheerful as I might have been, for ye has mony crosses to carry, and need cheering I never has been bright since he deceived me, as I thought." And the tears fell down her cheeke.

"You have been a faithful servant. said, knowing not how to comfort her. "It was when Mrs. Mackintosh lay dying this corrow was taken from us for a greater," salt Kirety, drying her tears-Ple every budy not, Kirsty, she said. when I went to see her. 'Open that box there and take that bundle in the right

"It was a bundle of letters and something very heavy. My heart stood, and answer for you to learn." the room spun round and round. The hand-writing of the lotters was Tam' Marciful God, command ther the forgive mislaid your geography, you our sless oblid,

these ten years and more. I scarcely think | heart the expectation of seeing Tam. " 'He never married, Kirsty, I told him you had married, though, and had forgotten him. And for a time he lay at the door of death. I nursed him then.' " But why did he not write to bis mother?" I asked in amazement, little

knowing the depths of a woman's wicked

"When I left 'Frisco he gave me all th and give ample hiding room for wild duck | said she was dead. And he so trusted me,

" I loved him as well as you. I wanted of the sun shimmers upon the green the him to marry me when my husband died. clasps her hands in prayer-closes her used to win him, all of no avail. "I esteem you highly Mrs. Mackintosh," said he "but my heart is Kirsty's If her's is not mine." To be rebuffed, trampled upon despised, woke all that was bad in me and now hell seems let loose upon me for

"You remember how she died? She had drank herself into her grave. I wrote to Frisca and sought after Tam. Years have written. This morning there has come the answer." she said, sobbing. "Don't weep, Kirsty, I'll get him some thing to do, and the last half of your life orept from her face. The light of the sun | will be sweet," I said, having determined | by a fire the night of October 7, which

such sin.

Will you pardon a stranger and deceiver to say a word," came a voice in at the study door, and Tam stood before me respectably dressed and booted. Kirsty wiped her eyes and stood speechloss. " have deceived that worthy lassis there with my bare feet," he said laughing most heartily. "I'm not poor, Kirsty, but sich. by man. The early bursting of water I came home the moment I got your letter. I wondered how you and my friends would greet me aud, fond of a joke. I came as a tramp." And he laid out on the table four

bars of gold that meant a small fortune. "Will you speak to me now I am rich Kirsty lassic?" he said with a merry twinkle. And to save witnessing a snene I left them alone in the study. I found after an hour's interval that she had not dusted a book since I left her.

HIS GENERAL EFFECT.

During a trial which took place in a new England city some years ago the plaintiff was undergoing a rather sharp examination from the defendant's attorney. The case was one of damages claimed on account of severe bodily injuries received by the plaintiff on a railroad, due, the plaintiff claimed to the negligence of the defendant railroad company's servants. Mr. C-, the railroad company's lawyer,

was noted for his nervousness in examin-

ing witnesses, and endeavoring to discon-

cert them. This witness, however,

determined not to be equelobed or confused After becoming thoroughly provoked at the attacks of the lawyer he remonstrated. "Mr. C-," said he, "I am an invalid. I tae keep ane anither warm. I'm mad with cannot allow you to question me in this this poverty, Kirsty, and I will rather dee mapner. It is a positive injury to my than endure it all my life,' he said Dervous system, which is at its best in a shattered condition. I shall have to refuse to answer your questions unless

you putthem in a different manner.

the spinal cord. At this minute I can see you double and you know by experience it is generally enough to upset a man to see Whether out of gratitude for this tribute to his remarkable powers, or from a feeling that the general sentiment was against his method of questioning on that coossion; it

I am troubled, on account of the injury

received on the railroad, with sclerosis of

mild in his further treatment of the witness with sclerosis of the spinal cord.

WE HAVE READ ABOUT THEM. The girl who is a dream of levelingss The blacksmith's daughter in the country | before the fire, so that nearly one half village who reads Latin, Greek and them were destroyed. The value of

The beautiful little governess who

the young Lord's heart.

The girl whose wind-blown tresses fall in | the fire to brick and stone.

The proud beauty who scorns the attensaid, when first we met. 'He's a coward tion of the humble young artist, and learns The untutored maiden with the voice of He was always fond of beauty. He drives a nightingale who brings the whole audience to her feet on her first appear-

tosh said to me, 'Tam was very pleased' to |. The heiress who wanders about disguised see me. 'You must not tell them who I as a poor girl and falls in love with the fielerman's son. The girl with two or more madly jealous suitors who can keep them all at her beck

and call and induce them to do anything

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Whatever may be said for or against the departmental store, it can truthfully be said that it is an object lesson in advertising. These stores have proven beyond a peradventure that judicious; persistent advertishad lost all his money, and his letters to ing will gain trade, and the smaller dealer san learn a leason in this one direction at least. In order to gain the trade of the community, nowadays a dealer must keep before the people. If it pays the large store to advertise on the scale which it adopte, it will pay the smaller dealer to advertise in proportion. One of the greatest advantages that the departmental store has over the smaller dealer is the fact tha Kirsty, and all in the village honor you," I it persistently keeps before the people. The smaller dealer must let the people know what he has and what he will sell it

HOME HELP.

Small Daughter-'-'It's most school time. and I've mislaid my geography." Coltured Mother-"Well, tell me what the lesson is about, and I'll write out the Small Daughter-"The lakes of Africa

Cultured Mother-"Um-er-if von've

THE WORLD'S CREAT FIRES. Oxlober Oth was the twenty-sixth and versary of the great Chicago fire of 1871

The Times-Herald of that city makes the following interesting comparisons: The famous London fire, which ender the great plague, and the destruction Rome by Nero are said to have exceeded i in loss of human life. In all three fires accurate figures as to life loss have never been obtained. These are the estimates; Lives lost in Obicago fire200

Bodies recovered in Chicago lire Lives lost in great London fire, Sep-London Bridge fire, 1212 8000 Ban Francisco fire, May 8, 1851 .. 50 Brooklyn Theatro fire, December 5,

1878..... 205

The property loss compared with the roperty loss at other famous fires, was: Great London fire..... 25,000,000 New York, Dec. 16,1835 .. 20,000,000 Pitteburg, April 10, 1815. 6,000,000 Albany, September 9, 1818 15,000,000 Boston, September 9, 1872 80,000,000 The Chicago fire began October 9, about 0.80 o'clock in the evening, in the barn of Mrs. O'Leary, 137 De Koven street. A

fractions cow is supposed to have knocked

over a lighted lamp. The fire lasted twenty-eight hours. It had been preceded burned fourteen hours, with a property loss of \$276,140. Small fires raged October 8. ity that earlier in the evening had obbed The weather was very dry and southwest and west winds provailed. The fire of October 9, in one hour and fifteen minutes, had burned over eighty that comes when the noises of the town acres of the city and entailed a property loss of \$1,475,000. Buch a sweeping gale

The total acrosse swent by the Chicago fire, compared with that of other fires,

mains and pumps and the destruction of

the water tower made the fire department

Chicago fire..... 2000 Rome, 64 25 Great London fire 486 Albany 24

The duration of the Chicago fire was

nuch shorter, for its maguitude, than that

of any other known great fire. The great

are of London burned for four days. Rome

was destroyed in three days. The Boston fire lasted a day and a balf, while that of Chicago lasted twenty-eight hours. The number of buildings destroyed in the Chicago fire far surpassed anything on

record, even the ravages by armies during time of war. The figures and the comparsons are: Cornbill, March 25,1748...... 200 New York, 1835...... 600 Charleston, April 27, 18381,158 Albany, 1848 600 Boston, 1872 800

ouildings and apparatus property valued at \$146,076. The insurance on the burned Chicago property was \$00,000,000, and the loss .exgeeded that by \$100,526,500. The insurance companies acted heroically. Nearly 100 were driven out of existence by their losser, but nearly all of them made an effort to meet their policies as far as

y the Chicago fire, compared with other Gros. WAS : is said that the lawyer was noticeably

The loss to the municipality in property

The number of people rendered homeless

was \$2,415,180. The Government loss in currency and coin in the Sub-Treasury was There were 53,753 buildings in Chicago business blocks, residences, depots, warehouses, etc., destroyed was \$52,000,000.

within three years, the character of the buildings changing from the frame prior to

The entire burned district was rebuilt

The loss on other property was \$188,526,-

CONVENTION DON'TS. Don't put in half a dozen presiding officers at different senions for the sake of recognizing all the officers. The president, If he is a good one, should usually preside. He knows "the ropes." He can keep the convention on the right track better than a newcomer in the chair. A feeble or tact-

less presiding officer can easily ruin a con-

Don't take up too much precious time

in pleading for money. Cracking jokes to open pocketbooks is wearysome and undignifled. A collection at every session, with a long plea for money is useless, and a nusiance. . The city behored with the convention should usually take care of the convention expenses, and necessary money for State or County work can be raised by. voluntary pledges from societies. Don't take the best evening hour

receive these pledges. When the great

congregation is assembled, often largely

from outside the ranks of delegates, they do not want half their time taken up in -distributing blanks and collecting them, a work which might just as well be done when only Endeavorers are present. Don't lot a conceited, bumptious individual get up to instruct the pastors what they should do, how they should vote, and what sermons they should preach, and white. then go on to criticise or patronize the

POPULARITY OF THE BIBLE. Mr. Albert E. Turner, one of the wellknown book men of the United States, the representative of a mammoth publishing

"The one book whose sales go or increas-

church. If by mistake such a man gets on

your programme se that he does not get

there again. - Francis E. Clark, D. D.

concern, says :

ing year by year, and which leads all other publications by hundreds of thousands of copies," said Me. Turner, "is the Bible : Where do they go for I give it up. the demand pever slackens. Generally and money on wor

A SPELLING TEST If you can spoll every word correctly in the following rhymnes-all legitimate expressions -

you may consider yourself qualified to enter a spelling boo :-Stand up, ye spollers, now, and spoll-Spell phenakistoschpe and knell; Or take some simple word as chilly Or guager or the gardon lily. To spell such words as syllogism. and lachrymose and synchronise

Apocrypha and celadine, Jepuine and homospathy, Baralysis and chloroform, Rhinoceros and pachyderm. Metempsychosis, ghorkins, basque, s certainly no easy task; Kaleidoscope and Tenuessoo. ametchatka and orysipolar, and etiquotto and sassafras, infallible and ptyalism; Allopathy and rhoumatism, and cataciyam and beleaguer, Iwelfth, eighteenth, rendezvous, intriguer, and hosts of other words all found On English and on clarate ground. Thus, Bebring Straits and Michaelmas.

And Pentatouch and saccharing

Thormopylao, jalap, Havana, Cinquefoil and ipecacuanha, And Rappahannock, Shonandoah, And Schuylkill and a thousand more, Are words some prime good spellers miss n dictionary lands like this, Nor need one think himself a scroyle If some of these his efforts foll. Nor doom himself undone forever To miss the name of either river, The Duciper, Being or Guadalquiver.

> -Louswille Courier Journal THE DRUNKARD'S SERMON.

It was growing late. The tide of human and flowed through the streets of the great city had swept onward, loaving the strange and almost appalling sense of desolation are husbed. The electric lights flared unnoted on the corners, the street cars passed of flame had never before been witnessed at farther intervals, now and then a night worker hurried by, his footsteps ringing out loud and clear in the stillness. In front of a sulcon whose lights shone out bright, and ruddy across the pavement stood a tramp, unchorn, dirty, disgusting. He watched with envious eyes the mon who passed in and out through the swinging doors, and then he turned his eyes toward two young fellows in evening dress who were coming down the street toward him. They had been drinking deeply, and they stopped before the saloon door and looked

> curiously at him. "By jove," said one, "think of having thirst like that, and not the price of an extinguisher in your pooket. Beats old Tantalus all to pieces, oh? Liquor, liquor everywhere, and not a drop to drink." He ran his hand in his pocket and profared the tramp a dime, but before it could be accepted the other young fellow inter-

"Say," he cried, "let's do the good Samaritan, and set Hobo up to a good, The other hilarlously consented, and the tramp slouched into the saloon at the heels of the two gilded youthe. The barkeeper set before them glasses and liquors, and with a hand that shook the tramp poured out a brimming glass and raised it to his

"Stop," cried one of the young men, The Chicago fire department lost in drunkenly, "make us a speech. It is poor liquor that doesn't loosen a man's tongue." The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink, and as the rich liquor coursed through his blood he straightened himself and stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rage and dirt could not "Gentlemen," be said, "I look to-night

at you and ut myself, and it seems to me I look upon the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in and friends, and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup, and, Cleopatralike, saw it dissolve, and quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children as and I saw them fade and die under the blighting curso of a drunkard father. I had a home where love lit the fiame upon the altar and ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I bad aspirations and ambitions that source as bigh as the morning star, and I broke and bruised their boautiful wings, and, at last, strangled thom that I might be tortured with their cries no more. To-day I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All, all swallowed up in the mael-

strom of drink." The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nervoless fingers and shivered into a thousand fragmonts on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut to again, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone.

HOW SUGAR IS WHITE NED.

The way in which sugar is made perfecty white, it is said, was found out in a curious way .. A hen that had gone through a clay mud puddle went with hor maddy feet into a sugar house and it was observed by some one that wherever the tracks were the sugar, whitened. This led to some experiments with the result that the wet clay came to be used in refleing sugar." It is used in this way : The sugar is put into earthon jars, shaved as you see the sugar loaves are. The largest ends are unward. The smaller ends have a hole in them. The jar is filled with sugar and the clay is put over the lop and kept wet. The moleture goes down through the sugar and drops through the hole in the small end of

young Softleigh, "I suppose the blood would all'rush to my head, wouldn's is ?" "Of course it would," replied Miss Cut-

stand upon them?" "Really, I don't know," she replied with peculiar smile, "unless it is because your feet are not empty."

iver see the Holy Book, but nevertheless ments with medicines, colonit waste time

"Then," continued the young man, "why doesn't it rush to my fest when I

the jar. This makes the sugar perfectly HER REJOINDER. "If I was to stand on my head," said