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Upon the grass they lay. Tiring of games and idle jests, As swdpt the hours along. They called to one who mused spart, "Come, friend give us a song."

"I fear I cannot please," he said; "The only songs I know Are those my mother used to sing For me long years ago." "Sing one of those," a rough voice cried,

"There's none but true men here: To every mother's son of us A mother's songs are dear." Then sweetly rose the singer's voice Amid unwonted calm,

"Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb! "And shall I foar to own His cause?"-The very stream was stilled, And hearts that never throbbed with fear

With tender thoughts were filled. Ended the song; the singer said, As to his feet he rose. "Thanks to you all, my friends; good night. God grant us sweet repose."

Select Family Reading.

An Experiment. John Jones was telling his wife-they had not been married long, by the wayabout a man who came home one night so drunk that he had to lie down on the floor while his wife pulled his shoes off for him. He also mentioned the fact that this man's wife did not seem to take her husband's condition to heart very badly, but made

rather a joke of it and twitted him in the morning quite good humoredly. "Such a spirit," remarked Jones, "strikes me as being very creditable to a woman. It isu't every man's wite who regards an occasional large so leniently. Now, as you they get in the car, and I want you to get know, I am not a drinking man, but if I should get drunk one of these nighte-I say if I should-how would you take it?"

And he watched her face carefully as he asked the question Mrs. Jones laughed heartily. The idea seemed to smuse her very much, but she straightened out her features and assumed a shooked expression. "I should be disgusted, John," she said, "perfectly dirgusted. Why, I shudder at the mere idea of your being intoxicated. You would lose my respect, John, right away, and whatever you do you must never forfeit that. No. John, dear, I could never stand your

being drunk!" John listened with great attention to this reply, and he came to the conclusion that she didn't mean a word of it. He had detected in the tone of her voice what he stamped in his mind as a false note. Jones was something of a reader of obaractor and in his own quiet way he had been studying the various phrases of his wife's disposition ever since they had beer married, two years ago.

how she would conduct herself if he did come home drunk one night, or, rather, if she thought him drunk, for he decided to simulate the condition in order to make his observations. "Dear me," murmured Mrs. Jones, one night or early morning, about a week after this conversation already noted, "I wonder

He therefore determined to see precisely

where John can be ! He's never been so late before out playing poker. I feel quite The hour was 2 s.m., and Mrs. Jones was seated in a chair with a book in her

hand, which she was not reading. Suddenly she heard the rattle of a key in the lock of the outer door of the flat, and in a few moments her cars noted the sound of something stumbling along the hall. She grow pale and stood up. The parlor door was opened with considerable violence, and she saw-well, she could scarcely believe her eyes at first. Was this her husband? The spectacle in the open doorway was that of a man with a battered hat, torn coat and trousers splashed with wet mud. His clothes simply reeked with whisky. He gazed at her with blinking eyes and his mouth trembled, and leered at

her. His eyeglauses were fastened on to his right ear. "Oh, John ?" was all she could say. "Lo, M'rea," he repeated. "Lo! W'ash ma'r? W'y'n jer come 'n gimme kiss, bey?" Then he chuckled. "Hey?" he said in a loud and flerce tone of voice. goodness sake, and close the door. The people in the flat above will hear you."

"Oh, John," she said approaching him with reluctance, come into the room for "D'n' care 'I they do?" he replied, still hanging on to the knob and swaying about unsteadily. "Who cares? Ha, ha, ha? She closed the door, and he immediately

Who cares? Dov'l bit!" slipped to the floor with a thump. She surveyed him as he lay there with an expression on her face that had never been there before. And then she wandered what was to be done. As she wondered he made two or three spasmodio movements as though trying to rise, but he fell back each time. Finally he kissed his hand to her in a maudlin fashion, hitting himself

in the eye. "Pull off boots !" he commanded. She turned away with a glance of aver-

"Pull off boots !" he repeated, banging his heels on the carpet. She hesitated for an instant, but obeyed him. "However did you get your clothes all over mud that way ?" she asked him: "Hub? Ob, fell 'n street-thesh how." he replied. "Ole shuit, wash odds any-

As a matter of fact it really was an old suit, and he had insisted earlier in the evening on wearing it to the poker game. somewhat to her surprise. She remembered it as he spoke.

"Come, John," she then said. "Try and

get up. See if you take hold of my arm. I'll take care of you, dear. Come. "There is a good boy!" Her tone was quite affectionate. It seemed to have some effect on him. for be rose without as much difficulty as might have been expected, through he

leaned on her heavily. She led him out to the bathroom. "Get in the bath, now, dear," she said sweetly. "Ge'n wol ?" he exclaimed. "The bathtub," he repeated. "But er got me cloze on," he objected

looking at her. l'Ob, no, you' haven't, John," she told

him. "You think you have, but you have Government not. Now, get in, like a good boy."

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Her argument seemed usanswerable to Canada under the law of 1866. in than she grabbed his land, pushed it issue. It was also provided that 20 per under the tap and turned on the water at | cent. of the notes issued should be covered full force. It took him so much by sur- by special reserve and the remainder by prise that be was at first mo'ionless; but Government debentures, so that the secur he soon commenced to struggle violently. ity was ample. . In vain. She held his head with both of

ber hands, saying: John. You would wear them, and it won't do them a bit of harm-nor you, either, At this he gave a superhuman effort and

stood up straight in the bathtub.

was very clear indeed. Mrs. Maria Jones laughed very heartily

"I was sobering you up dear," she re "But I'm not drunk !"

"Really not drunk? You don't say so !"

"Yes, dear, I know, was the reply o Maria. "Then what in the name of asterisks did you do that for? he-demanded as he shook the water out of his cars.

-just to fool you.

"To teach you not to try and deceive | fully with gold. And when she left him almo with two or three hucksback towels became to the conclusion that he would quit studying the

Ban Francisco Examiner. HOW A WOMAN DIDN'TPRACTICE

various phases of his wife's character .-

WHAT SHE PREACHED. "William," said Mrs. Twinkenham as shey stood waiting for a car, "if you get a seat, I want you to keep it. You are the biggest fool I ever saw about jumping up \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 occasionally old and giving your seat to women the minute over it. There's no sense in your standing simply to let some lezy woman sit down.

I wish you were balf as gallant around home as you are in the street cars. "Life would be one grand, sweet song if you were, but the minute you enter your manners. You never hurry to get a chair | notes. These notes are chiefly used in for me or seem to concern yourself in the settlement between the banks.

least about my comfort." "My dear," said Mr. Twickenham, "I want that you would just give me a hint. I am doing things which will make you unguaranteed debentures. glad. As for getting up in the street car

"Nonsense!" replied Mrs. Twickenham. all. It doesn't make you a bit more of a gentleman than you would be if you sat | St. John, N. B., Charlotteown and Winnistill. Of course if some lady that you peg. knew happened to stand near you, it would

be all right to offer her your coat. Other wise you only show people that you are a are you going away up there? The car will stop on the crossing."

"I know," said his wife, "but I want to fractional notes \$217,802. get in at the front end." "Why the front end?" always occupied by men, and I've noticed that when I get in at that end some man is pretty sure to have common decency

CANADA AND HER COINAGE. Brief History of the Currency of the Country and its Variousissues.

The basis of Canada's ourrency is of course gold, and it is very interesting to trace the history of our coinsge for the last bundred years. Prior to 1795 all sorts of coins were circulated in British North America. In that year, however, a step was made in the direction of a revision of Canadian currency to remedy the evils resulting from

the coins in use being reduced in weight, debased in value, and composed of every variety of pieces peculiar to all countries trading with this continent. An act was worth of the gold and silver coins of Great | kind. Britain, Portugal, Spain, France, and the these pieces at which they passed in mercantile transactions.

Province of Canada adopted dollars and cents, pounds, shillings and pence as the ed the Irishman. "Stop us I stop us I" only monles of account. The Federal Parliament in 1871 passed the act respectof the Dominion a uniform currency, the the British sovereign of the weight and fineness prescribed by the laws of the United Kingdom to pass current at \$4.86-2-3. Provision was also made that; until otherwise ordered, the gold eigle of the settled standard of fineness should be legal | was no bargain whether it should be dead | subdue than anything I ever undertook." tender in Canada. By this same act or alive!" provision was made for a gold coinage for

Canada, but special Canadian gold coinage has not been minted. BILVER AND C TPER COINS. During the receout agitation in the United States with regard to the coinage, in Toronto who thought that our currency was bi-metallio and that either gold or silver was legal tender for all debts." As a actions. A twenty-five cent piece of silver is not really worth twenty-five cents in gold, nor is a penny worth two cents in gold. But by act of Pullament silver coins are made legal tender up to \$10, and the minor coins to 25. cen's. Be that ten dollars of a debt can be l.quidated in silver should the creditor object to taking more.

AS TO GOVERNMENT NOTES. In addition to the coin used the Canadian

uses Government noter. These were first issued to the Province of him, so he laughed foolishly and slowly authority was limited to \$5,000,000 on climbed into the tub, though in a hesitat- general accounts and \$3,000,000 to replace ing kind of a way too. He was no sooner notes of banks surrending their power of

When the Dominion was formed the issue was enlarged to \$8,000,000; any "It's an old suit of clothes, you know, amount in excess of \$5,000,000 to be covered by 25 per cent. in specie or in specie and Canadian securities guaranteed by the Imperial Government and for the remainder in unguaranteed bonds issued by the authority of Parliament. In the year "Here, here!" he yelled, "what the 1870 the issue was fixed at \$9,030,000, with devil does this mean?" His enunciation a 20 per cent. specie reserve, any excess to be covered by specie. Two years later the isage in excess of \$9,000,000 were required to be covered by specie to the extent of 85

per cent. In 1875 50 per cent. specie reserve was required for \$3,000,000 above and beyond the \$0,0000,000 and excess over \$12,000,000 to be fully covered. "Certainly not! I was only pretending In 1880 the law authorized the issue o \$20,000,000, to be covered by at least 16 per cent. of gold, 10 per cent. additional-in gold or Dominion securities guaranteed by

> unguaranteed Dominion bonds; and any success above \$20,000,000 to be covered Last year an act provided that the issue may exceed \$20,000,000, provided that in addition to any amount required to be held in gold under provious acts a

Great Britain, and the remainder

further amount in gold equal to the excess of issued notes over 20 millions shall be NOTES, DIG AND LITTLE.

These notes of the Canadian Government are full legal tender, redeemable in specie on demand, and are of the following denomination; 25 cents, \$1, \$2, \$4, \$50, issues called provincial notes of \$5, \$10 and At the end of 1895 over fourteen million

dollars of the Dominion note circulation were in notes of \$500 and \$1000. These big bills are principally held by the chartered banks as part of their reserves, because under the Banking Act 40 per cent. own door you seem to forget your fine of the reserve cash must be in Dominion

GOOD SECURITY FOR THE DILLS. At the end of last year there were held am sorry that you have such a poor opinion in connection with the Dominion notes of me. I will try to do better in the future. specie to the extent of \$10,650,702, guaran-I will see that you always have a chair | teed sterling debentures \$1,946,667, and when I am around hereafter, and I wish unguaranteed debentures \$ 17,250,000. when I do not happen to see what you | The total thus held amounted to \$28,847,869. This was in excess of the amount required "I assure you my dear that it always to be held by \$5,183,868 in specie and gives me the greatest pleasure to know that guaranteed debentures and \$2,250,000 in

If at any time Dominion notes should and giving my seat to a lady, I think that be issued in excess of the amount authorized is a common act of courtesy that every gold for their redemption is required to be true gentlemun owes to himself to per- | held to the full amount of the excess. The distribution of the specie and Dominion notes to the several banks are, first, "Nothing of the kind. The women don't the controller of Carrency, at Ottawa; appreciate it, and there's no call for it at second, the Assistant Receiver-General appointed in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax,

HOW THE MONEY CIRCULATES. The average monthly circulation of Dominion notes for the year 1895 was \$13,834,666 in \$500 and \$1,000 bille. For "Here," said Mr. Twickenham, "why \$50 and \$100 notes it was \$232,300; for \$4, 85, \$10 and \$20 notes it was \$369,439 ; for \$1 and \$2 notes \$6,743.555 and for

The issue of \$500 and \$100 bills in proportion to the total of last year was 01.0 per cent; of \$2 and \$1 notes 81.5 per cent., and of all other notes 3.9 per cent. During the decades between 1884 and 1904 the issue of Dominion notes increased 26.2 per cent; the leans of notes of \$500 and \$1,000 increased from 57.8 per cent. to

denominations decreased relatively to the total issue. Notes of \$1 and \$2 show an absolute increase of \$1,160,288 or 21.5 per cont in

1894, and of \$128,507 in 1895 compared Practically the increase relatively to to the whole issue has been confined to those denominations of notes which are held by the chartered banks.

HE IRISHMAN AND THE BUF-FALO. While Kit Carson was trapping with party on the Arkaneas River, O'Nell, a green Irisman went out alone one evening to hunt for game. It was the law of therefore passed which fixed a standard of the camp that every man who went out

value founded upon the average intrinsio for game was to bring in meat of some There was a small herd of buffalofeeding United States. Subsequently various acts | about six hundred yards from camp and of the Legislatures established a value for presently those who were cooking supper heard the report of O'Neil's riflo. In a few minutes they saw O'Neil running It was not until the year 1858 that the barebeaded, without his gun, and chased by a buffalo bull. "Here we come," shout-The bull was not more than six feet behind the Irishman, who, tripping over a single gold standard adopted being that of kettles, containing the trappers' suppor. Carson jumped for his rifle and dropped

dripping with mud and water, "haven't not having been sufficiently restrained in pennyweights and 18 grains troy and of a I fetched the mate into camp? There my youth, has caused me more trouble to

FULLY REVENCED.

What-to-Eat tells a story of two young women with bright auburn hair who went to a ceatain restaurant for luncheon. very florid woman with a orimson dress it transpired that there were many people | took a seat opposite and after glanding at her neighbors and examining the menu remarked to the waiter that redhead ducks were not served that day. Then the waiter matter of fact, of course, our coinege has came around to get the young women's ing that he had no smaller coin than a a gold basis the sliver and copper coins order, whereupon one of them glanoed at being subsidary coinage for the purpose of the florid woman and then at the bill of making change and for use in small trans- | fare and said to her sister, "The boiled

lobster is not on the bill." GOOD FOR NOTHING. 'Just look at these pennies," said rogulats Dan To his sturdy companion, Roy;

"My mother gives me a panny a day, Whenever I've been a good boy." I wouldn't be paid just for being good," Said Roy with a toss of his head ; "I'd just as soon, and a little rather, He good for nothing," he said.

A SINGLE SOUL.

"Ruth, I have tickets for the concert of the Bell-Ringers on Wednesday night. Can you go ?" Alice rail to a friend, as she

stopped at her gate. "It is prayer meeting night." "I know; but they sail for Europe Friday night, and this is their last concert." "But I never stay away from prayer

meeting for anything." "But this is a sacred concert-and only once. We can worship just as well there." So, reluctantly egainst her convictions,

That night the girl dreamed that un angel in shining raiment stood beside her, and asked, gently, "Where are you going to-morrow night?"

And she answered, "I thought I would go to the concert." Then the angel said sailly, "Have you so little appreciation of the value of a single

Vividly the vision came back to Ruth the next morning, as she lay, saying softly to herself, wondering what it could mean-"Bo little appreciation of the value of a single soul.'

She decided that she must take back her promise to attend the concert, and go to the prayer meeting. Ruth sat in the house of prayer with trange joy in her soul, singing :

cover all my sln; keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee : Spring thou up within my heart, rise to al

oternity."

"Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to

As the music ceased, the girl sprang im pulsively to her feet. "I meant to hear the Bell-Ringers to night," she said, "but I decided that would rather come to prayer meeting; and I am happier here than I should have been at the concert! and I am sure no music

could be sweeter to me than the hymn we have just sung." As the hour for closing drew near, the discovering that such an experience does pastor arose, and invited any who would not set well with a young man. give themselves to Christ to come forward. As he waited, in silence, a lady in mourning walked slowly up the siele, and, kneeling, was shown the way of salvation.

came to Ruth, and said : "The lady who went forward wishes to be introduced to you." Much astonished, the girl went to receive

When the service was ended, a friend

the introduction to Mrs. Walters. "I wanted to tell you," the lady eaid, that I owe the fact of my being a christian to-night to your testimony. I have not the annoyance of refusing him, but the been inside of a church for ten years. I truth is that I never answered a word came here to please a friend, and when you | And the strangeat thing to me is that just said you would give up a concert for a as soon as he said that I would not suit I prayer meeting, and that no music could be was anxious to prove that I would. Inside

sweeter to you than the hymu, "Jesus, lover of my soul." thought to myself, "There must be something in religion, and I am going to have it." So, I wish to thank you that it is because of your testimony that I shall go home to-night a servant of the Lord Jesus

Ruth held out her hand, and pressed gratefully that of her new friend. She knew now the meaning of the angel's She could not tell Mrs. Walters how nearly she had come to proving recreans to her trust, nor of the dream that had in-

fluenced her in the true direction, so she answered simply : "I thank you for telling me this. I shall nover forget it." Yet she little guessed what cause she would have to remember it.

Ruth's home was close beside the rail-

road track. About midnight she was awakened by a horrible crashing sound: where the midnight express and the 11 30 freight had collided. The frantic ories of the frightened, and the piercing shricks of the wounded made her shudder. But she bravely put away

all thoughts of self, and, calling her father, was soon ready to go with him to the And the first face that looked in hers, as she stood beside the burning train, was

that of Mrs. Walters. Pale and peaceful it was, though showing how intensely she suffered. She was extricated and borne to Ruth's

Sho rallied a little as they laid her on Ruth's couch Taking her hand, and pressing it to her lips, she whispered, feebly : "Child, I'm going-it was my last chance -what if you had not spoken-what if I had not taken it ?"

And kneeling there, beside the dead, the

tears raining down her face, Ruth promised

her Father always to do her duty; always

to give her testimony; always to appreciate

The power of speech was almost gone;

the value of a SINGLE SOUL .- MRS. A. C. SWEETNESS OF MANNER. "I cannot forbear pointing out to you, my dearest child," said a distinguished atatesman to his daughter, "the great

advantages that will result from a temper-Diamond Dyes Solve the ate conduct and sweetness of manner to all ing the currency which gave the provinces tent rope tumbled headforement into a people on all occasions. Never forget that puddle of water, capeizing several camp | you are a woman. All your words and actions should make you gentle. I never heard your mother-your dear, good mother-say a barsh or hasty thing to any As O'Neil rose from the puddle he was person in my life, Endeavor to imitate wise and thrifty women of this country. saluted with shouts of laughter, but his her. I am quick and hasty in my temper; Irish wit saved him. "Sure," he shouted, but, my darling, it is a misfortune which,

A'WITTY BEGGARMAN.

Sir Walter Scott was riding one day with a friend in the neighborhood of Abbotsford. They came to a field gate near which an Irish boggar was standing. The beggarman, seeing the two gentlemen approach, hastened to open the gate for them. Bir Walter, desirous of rewarding the poor man's civility, took out his purse, with the shilling he gave it to him, saying: "Now, remember, you owe me a sixpence." . "God bless yer honor," said Pat, "and may yer live till I pay ye."

There would not be any absolute necessity for reserve if the world were honest; yet even then it would prove changes of temperature and expedient .- Sheustane.

separitis cures it by enriching the blood. | rills. Take it now.

THE PICTURE THAT WE TOOK We posed her there upon the lawn Beside her bigh-backed chair. The morning sunlight beaining or The wavelets of her hair ;

She clasped her dolly to her breast

Andwe, combining, tricked

Her into etillness. Then I prossed The button tillit elicked Doar God, what changes time can bring! Sometimes now, unawares, In Imyself half listoning To hear bor on the stairs;

And when I chance upon her doll, Or on her brownie men, almost think if I should call, Sho'd toddle back again. And when through mists I look upon-The little picture we

Took of her that day on the lawn She seems once more with me; Onco more as in those other days The sun gleams on her hair. And with her rubber doll she plays

In Paris, Florence, Naples, Romo. Are noble works of ait. And famed collections here at home Uplift and thrill the heart, But I shall over value best.

Boside her high-backed chair.

(Those critics' views conflict), That picture made the day I pressed The button till it clicked.

FRED KNEW HOW TO DO IT. "For several years I could see nothing very furny about it," laughed the young wife, "but I realize now that there was an amusing side to it. I was young yet, fond Let the healing streams abound, make and of company and rather infatuated with the foolish idea that I would never marry. At

any rate I proposed to have a good time before I settled down and all young men of my set were pretty much the same to me. "Before I had come to realize it Fred was at the house two evenings in the week besides taking me home from church. This was not in accordance with my plans, and I told him, more directly than I should perhaps, that he was getting too frequent. I also showed him in numerous little ways that he could not monopolize me. He took the hint, and you can leave a girl alone for

"But Fred was very matter of fact, and I soon found out that I did not understand him. After we had not seen each other for

some time he walked home from church with me one evening. "I have been thinking this thing all over," he said abraptly. "I had made up

my mind to ask you to marry me, but now I'm convinced that you won't suit." "As soon as I left him I realized how I could have told him that he was flattering bimself and that he had only spared me

of three months he had proposed."-Detroit Free Press.

THE POOR ROPE-MAKER. "What have you done to-day?" I asked twisting tow, my fingers sore, my lungs choked with dust. I did not come to the prayer-meeting last night, I was too tired ; went to sleep when I was trying to say my prayers. I sometimes think if it were

not for Mary I would end it all-nothing

but work, work, work. I am so tired, and

only make enough to keep body and soul This is one side. See the other. Ashir with cloven hundred souls on board is being driven upon the shore-a land of orags, like giant teeth, stretching up sheer and sharp. One anchorafter another is dropped, each checking the speed of the vessel's drift. The last anchor is down. Will it hold? Yes, the ship is saved! Go, tell the rope: maker not to think of the toil, and the dust, and the monotony, but of the eleven hundred men and women saved. These things are written in the Lamb's book of life-the ring of every hammer, the click of every needle, the whir of every loom. They who truly wait upon the Lord shall hear his angels strengthening thom as they

strengthened Christ, with songs of peace and goodwill to men .- REV. DR. W. BUR-RETT WRIGHT.

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