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Bill was allow late for school. snoozed In bed till eight, Ner started till the quarter ringin', sure as fate. Now the holldays has come. whizzinger he hurries, Fer he's goin' out with dad

nin't its tipples chilly t. Climbin' fences, crossin' fields, dad · mean' Billy, Standla'- in the blazin' sun. Jolly times we allow has -Pickin' berries.

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lamin' home most awful tired. Was serms awful long. Dad he wants to cheer, us up. Starb Maw has suppor jolly warm. Drives away our worries. l'amble inter beds dead tired .. . Pickin' berries. Many years have passed since then,

Yot it scome that botter times we have never known Since those summer holdays. Back my fancy hurries To jolly days when we went out-Pickin' berries. -Victor Lauriston, in Outdoor Life

Belect Jamily Heading

### Borrowing a Girl

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS. (England of the Control of the Contr

"I suppose you never had any house-

keeping troubles, Mrs. Marble," said her friend, Mrs. Brown, newly married and newly awakened to the possible depth of kitchen woes. "You know so much about everything that I suppose it doesn't make much difference to you whother the cook goes away or not." "It isn't so hard to get through with a dinner as it might be for you," said Mrs. Marble; "but there was a time when I was as ignorant of housekeeping affairs as a kitten. Theodore was twenty-one and I seventeen when we were married. . I had never even seen mything cooked, for I had lost my mother in lafancy, and had been actunity brought up in a fasionable boarding-school, and our whole reliance was placed upon our one servant Anne, an excultent cook, with adreadful temper, who had been bired at an intelligence- Minty. office in New York by a mutual friend, the day before we set up housekeeping. the trains ran regularly, and our the best you can.' felends came out very often to tea or dinner. I always told Anne to 'get

chatted, and took pleasant walks, and In her cars and on her bosom. and Anne, as I said before, provided lations, said I.

"Hut that was a very different sort you. I suppose you'll have the grati- "Missy,' said Minty, 'kin I go now? throwing ball which smashed glass in to hunt it up by," wishing to see of thing from having Theo's aunts fication of seeing Martha Dicks after You done with me? comb to see us. They had both been a white. I presume she'll come in that angry with him for marrying so rag of a black silk, and her old gray young, and Aunt Martha had chosen shawl. Such estentation for a rich a certain Miss Stibbs for his future wife, and was very much provoked Mrs. Theodore, I assure you. Has had that he had not chosen her also. But they had made up their minds to be told, on account of her forlorn appearreconciled at last, and had sent word ance. She is Theodore's mather's sisthat they would come to tea on Friday | ter, you know ; I am bis father's."

"Friday always was an unlucky day, and when Theodore said, as he kissed | tion me good-bye before running away to catch the train : 'Tell Anne to have a responsibility rosted upon me at last. Anart from the fact that It was nice think. to be friends with the relatives, all Theodore's expectations were from Miss Martha Dicks, his mother's cleter, who was a very communical old mulden lady, who dressed wery shabbily, and was worth ever so many hundred thousands. And his father's elster, Mrs. Agatha Dwight, though a very extravagant, drossy, dashing woman, who always overspont her Income, had a good deal of influence and was an Important friend. I had never seen either of thom, though I had Aunt Agatha's photograph, and an old black 'profile' of Aunt Marthu.

"'I'm so glad it ien t a dinner,' I said to mysulf: Tea is always an easy mont, and my china and table-linen are unexceptionable; so I have no fear of

be purchased. Everything must be made by the housekeeper or herasslatuntar and L. alas! from from a fashionable bearding-school, knew nothing about cooking. I had never even made

erving, and was sudbooding magnificently, when a good-natured volon at my car oriod :

"Doar me! What's the matter?" "I looked up. There stood my goodagents or write C.W. Cooper, A.G.P.A., natured fat neighbor, Mrs. Willis, who upper part on the table. Winnipeg; Wm. Phillips, Gen. Englero' often ran in for a chat. Her rosy face ti 'Speck 'he min't done frough was a pleasant thing to look at just neither, said Minty.

then, and I told her all my troubles. "That's the worst of living here, hanket.' hours away from any kind of stores,' said Mrs. Willis. 'Now, if this was New York, I'd run to an intelligence-

I guess I can let you have my Minty | mouth one may not look. this afternon. She's just from the Houth. She can cook, but don't let | salmon, said Minty. 'Nuffin but dom her set your tea-table; she'll get it all | plums to cook now. Missy make toa sakew and break all the dishes into herse'f? the burgain: but she carr cook! and that's your present bother. . I'll send | plums, Minty.' her over at twelve o'clock. Confe and take dinner with me, and you can tiring her home with you. Thaha'n't me of dat."

"Oh, yohare too good, Mrs. Wille," "You'd do as much for me, I know, eald my neighbor. Mind you come

If I have I can manage."

"Greatly relieved. I swept, dusted, rubbed and polished my glasses and my silver, counted my, finest napking and laid out my best table sloth fand. hot and weary, went over to my neighbor's house, glad enough to rest and cat dinner.

"'Now, Minty,' said Mrs. Willie, I'm going to lend you to Mrs. Marble things for ten for her just as nice as you can. Sho's going to have some ladles -- and she'll die of shame if thing

ain't cooked as well as possible."

"Here Mrs. Wills winked at me over Minty's shoulder. " "Ho, mind, don't disgrace us all, and yourself, too, by spoiling things. "'No'm,' said Misty. 'Ef it's posalble, I'll please de lady. I'll try my lest. . Ef she give out de things I'll cook 'em like my white folks always | tion. 'It's half-past five o'clock.' had 'em, or anyway she gives turrec-

shaking of the head. said; 'and I'm very much obliged to Mrs. Willis, and to you, too.'

"And away I went, followed by my "We had hardly got to work, when 'tinkle,' 'tinkle' went the bell. "'Oh,' said I, 'I'll have to run

dress. You open the door, Minty." "'Yas'm,' said Minty. looking despairingly at the hair which | had, in the hurry and anxiety of the falled to crimp, because of heat and

prespiration, she brought me Mrs. Dwight's card. " 'Only one lady I' said I. "There'll be another here soon,"

said I. 'And, Minty, I can't come out It was a good way out of town, but again for more than a moment. Do do at the door, "'Yae'm,' sald Minty. "It is a trying thing to a young wife something nice,' and she always did, to be introduced to her husband's re-

and protty bills we had to pay cortain- lations, and to introduce one's self is ly, although we had no idea how worse. I trembled so that I could ridiculous they were until long after- hardly fasten my bracelets or button my basque; and, finally, red and flue-"I poured the tea, and Theo helped | tered, with not a sign of crimp in my the dishes, and our girland boy friends | hair, I hurried down-stairs to offer my were delighted with the 'cunning little | greetings to Mrs. Dwight, whom I home, and declared they should marry found to be a very large, fat, handas soon as possible, for the sake of some lady, in georgeous attire, with Theo, baving one like it. And we sang and diamonds on her fingers and diamonds enjoyed our company very much; "I'm so glad to see any of Thee's re-

"'Ah I' said Mrs. Dwight. 'Thank | back from the table. charity offered her in the streets, 'I'm

"'I admiro a bandsome dress very much, said I, with a view to propitia-" 'It shows proper respect for one's poor trush now." self, said Mrs. Dwight. 'I wouldn't very nice supper.' .. I felt that a heavy | be seen in public with Martin, Dicks.

My dear, somelady wants you. I "I looked behind me. There was Minty telegraphing me with a rollingpln. I went out.

hutter P "'No butter in the tub? What shall we do Minty?' sald I.

"'Has butterat do store,' said Minty 'I'll run an' get some.' "I gave her n dollar, and went back full. It was a loss for young housekeepers; but nothing muttered just

then, if I could but please Theadore's "Oh, if I had but dared to ask her what she saw in me to stare at in such a mystified manner.

"I talked constantly, as in duty bound. I montioned the weather. alluded to the pare, the neighbors, the news, the Roy. Mr. Pulsett's sermons; but all the time my heart was with Minty in the kitchen. I had a presentiment that she would call me again. " Please excuse me, I said to Mrs.

pressing a stulrical smile, and out wont again. "Minty stood backed up into a por-" 'Clar' to gracious, 'tain't my fault nohow,' she sald. 'If white folks

wants to ent oaks de day it's laked doy's got a right to do it; but hot cake don't turn out good, nohow. "'Out with it. Minty,' said I. 'What. has happened? " Bottom done come out clar off dat

onke, said Minty. tom' of the cake was in the pan; the and said :

"'Lat it cool,' I gasped, 'and I'll try to alice it up, and put it in the cake-

"'Got de butter, and got some

" 'You, 'anid L ' 'Now flon's barn this " I never burnt numin, sald Minty offended. "No white tolks neber 'euro

about nothing. There is only one brief, resume of the chronicles for July. tealn more this afternoon. "L'Just like her to disappoint you," said Mrs. Dwight. My dear, the colored person ngalu.' .

"What left now P'. I haked, with a

"Please come here," sald Minty.

led full of glass." " Good heavens! said I. "'I's jost holdin' dat ar glass dish July 11.

"'Oh, good gracious I' sald I. 'Can't you get the glass out?'

"'Kin try,' sald Minty. " 'Dish 'om, then,' I said in despera-"Thon I made the tea after Anne's recipe, only a little stronger, to be sure "This with a long drawl and much | that it was good, set out the dishes,

" 'I'm sorry not to see Aunt Martha,'

"Then he looked at me. "'Kitty,' he whispered, 'I think your dress is somelinw wrong." "I rushed to the glass. I think the most cold-hearted of my lady readers ing in Beardmore's tannery. moment, tucked all the back breadths | lacerated and a scalp wound, four | would willingly have walted half an

basque, and buttoned it up there. "I'm so relloved, said Aunt Dwight. inflicted. Drs. Stacey and McGarvin | was at leisure, and piece after piece of " Mighty fine elligant lady! said faintly, as I pulled it down. 'I've been wondering all the afternoon whether

"I led the way to the dining-room. 12. Acton players were M. Farrish, | tiny piece of goods, On the table stood the feast. It did Juo. Kelly, A. E. Nickiln, W. Speight, not look so very bad. I filled the cups.

" 'The broad lan't on,' said Theo. " 'The bread, Minty,' said I.

ed, to change the subject. "'It has tunned my tongue,' said Aunt Agatha, and pushed her chair

"'Yes, you can go, Minty,' said I. " 'And 'fore I goes I'll just mention.' sold Minty. 'Speck she'll come and say butter, dar comes to de gate some kind

" 'Missy Marble live here?" " 'Sav I : "She do."" " 'Nava she: "Show me in." "Hays I: "I won't neither. She got

" And I fust shuts the gate; and anys she : ". "No mare'n I expected" and toted

herself off.' "'What did she look like?' sald Annt Agatha.

"'Little and squeeny oyes,' said "'Missy,' said Minty, in an awful | Minty, 'Olo green dress, and ole black kind of a bog in her hand. "'It's Martha Dicks,' said Mrs.

"It was Aunt Martha, and the fact made Mrs. Dwight guite amiable for her fortune to an almshouse. And I of the prosent day. understand that an exaggerated account of my suppor circulated in Mrs.

Dwight's family for years. "It was very hard, when Mrs. Willis asked me: 'How did Minty do?' to roply, sweetly : 'Oh, very well, thank

Just as those words escaped from his | for the minds of the boys.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. Cleanings and Biftings from the Free Press of August, 1887.

In common with several contem poraries, we propose to recall som what the days of yore, by publishin selections of interest from our fyles of twenty years ago. Some papers pub lish items from twenty-five, thirty or fifty years ago, but we believe that mistorally interested in the twenty 'year pariod. . The Fugs: Pages being then, as now, a very haway journal we comos afford space la full, but will have to give merely, in nibet bases, condensations of leading items. Vol. XIII begins with July, 1897, given us the following leading items The destruction of Orcen's kultting factory by fire and the narrow escape

-"Callagher" pic-nic. new uniform on Dominion Day.

Fyfe and residences of A. O. Beard- were thrown from their carriage and

autcher shop, July 17. Mr. Jno. Colquhown, of lot 27, Nassa- Lowry reduced the fracture, and hopes gaweya, died, aged 94.

Mr. John McGrail, of Bracebridge, sarvent. I don't take 'sponserbility. has been appointed to succeed Mr Alex. Bremmer as manager of Beard more & Co's tannery here.

> are beginning to cut their oats. This is earlier than the "oldest Inhabitant" can recollect. The Band will give a concert in the first, since I always know what I park this evening and in connection a wanted.

grand fireworks exhibition, rockets,

pyratechnics, as well as a balloon ascontion. Ten and Five cents. Hev. J. M. Rae's induction to Knox Church has been arranged by the Presbytery to take place on August Bird. A very painful accident occurred to | should receive, Mr. Robt, Morrow, on Monday mornmachine, his arm was caught and arm | you in a moment." "And as I stood before my glass, to my husband's fashionable aunt I and forehead were brought in contact. with the nulley. The arm was badly

> rendered surgical aid, saveral stitches | dress goods was displayed for our inbeing necessary in each wound. In baseball, the Pastines of Acton, " Ten is ready, missy,' said Minty. | woredefeated by John McDonald & Co's salesmen. Toronto. The score was 17-

W. Williams, John Agnew, Geo. Black, Wel. Smith, Goo. Wilds. The report anyo: "The Toronto team " White folks,' said Minty, solonin- were clearly the better players, and it

meant to make you two kinds o' hot to excell they must practice more "I want you to have this sale." regularly. cutting up unties with onch other, sample. they then assembled on Main Htrest songs and interfered with the leader. It away in my purse. When the army halted for "Knee with the aid of chief Lawson, the dis- turned to look for the other clerk, turbors were removed. The captain

his colleagues, but was ineffectual. Adv .- On and after Aug. 6, the price | per quart. Win. Gurney, John Hay, Mr. Rameny advertised for bides black folds of the goods I desired. and skins at Moore's cordovan tannery

and also robes of all kinds tunned

to order. J. E. McGarvin, clerk and treasurer. announces that the first instalment of taxes falls due on Aug. 15, and If not then pald ton percent, will be added, in accordance with by-law passed by "City Council," and adds, "Do not put off payment to the last day." "Gleanor" from Crewsons' Corners, and "X.Y.Z." from Rockwood furnish- Christian Endeavdr World.

od itoms from those communities, while "Argus the Second" kept an "Argus eyo" on current events, somewhat after the manner of "Observer" Aug 11th-The now buildings Beardmore & Co's tannery are

Cameron is the contractor. The Board of Education have put a new well in Education Lane for the use of the school. Good water has been obtained.

was about the size and shape of a flour Two unsuccessful attempts at burg- modern hat will be raised with more barrol, was elevated from the floor lary last Friday evening. The restabout four feet and was fastened to dences of Mr. James Moore and Roove lesson from America, where men raise the wall. The ascent was by narrow, Fyfe were visited but the sneaks were their hats only to-women or to-men ovidently alarmed before scouring

day. While prenching he bent for- inge, for not only they usually have to versy would die. The custom had its do a man's work, but also listening to origin with the men who took off the words of his text : "The righteous | the vite conversation often indulged | their hats when they passed a church in by men at such places is unhealthy or a roadside chapel or cross, or when Mr. J. B. Engle, allas. "Gallagher" when they met a woman whom they inge, and he fell out and rolled over on figures promontly in the summer's honored the hat was removed, which the floor before his congregation. In | issues of the Price Price Puges as a violator | implied : 'See! I raise my hat to you

I KILLED A ROBIN.

killed a robin, the little thing. With scarlet breast and glossy wing. That comes in the apple tree to sing. I flung a stone as he twittered there; only meant to give him a scare, But off it want - and hit him square.

A little flutter-a little cry-Then on the ground I saw blin lie; I didn't think he was going to die. But as I watched him I soon could see He mover would sing for you or me Any more on the apple tree. Nover more in the morning light. Nover more in the sumshing bright.

And I'm thinking every summer day How never, never can I repay As I The little life that'I took away. -Hydney Dayre, in Youth's Compar A-41- . .... . .. fers to the promotion of a club in

Acton which in Halton County parlance is known as a "Whiskey shebeen." Mr. W. H. Storey has put in a new the purpose of supplying his residence

By the ating of an insect which last, Mrs. John Stephenson, of Acton. Stephenson's little four-year-old pound fracture of the thigh. Dr. for ultimate recovery.

It was in one of Hoston's largest dry-This is the first week of August, and | goods stores the other day. In my the farmers are through with their hand was a sample of a certain piece of wheat and barley harvest, and many black dress goods which I wished to procure. The friend who was with me also wished to purchase black dress goods: so we decided to look for her's

> clerks, one of whom was busy (?) with a box of samples, and the other with invisible specks on his coat, we turned to a third clerk, rather timidly, for we

throwing off a belt from a scrubbing just what you want. I will walt on His tone was so different from what we had come to expect, that we of my overskirt into the back of my inches long, extending abiliquely from hour for him to finish what he was the centre of the forehead, was also doing. In a few seconds, however, he

"That len't one of my samples," he remarked. "I will ask the clerk who mailed this sample to wait on you." "But I don't want any other clerk to wait on me," I responded heatily, fearly, 'I'clar' to gracions, I done forgot is not to be wondered at, when it is ing that my sample might have come dat broad altogether. If it hadn't been known that they practice regularly originally from one of the discourt-

> dulge in pranks of city boys in a with a smile; "but now this sale becountry village. Parading the streets longs to the clerk who sent out the "Then I won't give you this sample

Statham's bakery and Harding's store | whether I could carry my point. "No windows. They then fell in line with | one knows except my friend, that you the Salvation Army and sang ribald have seen it," and I proceeded to tuck

In a moment he returned. The of the team did his best to dissuade other clerk was at lunch. What a sigh of relief we gave ! "I will make out the sale, and turn ! of milk will be advanced to five cents over to him when he comes in," our

conscience."-Ellen T. Maynard, in

in the military form of simply touching course of construction. Mr. John the but be substituted? Hundreds of letters have been published in one of don't mind the fall much, but I do Journed will probably geoure a con- body and the worth of the barehead viction. "Argus" also wrathfully re- salute has been destroyed."

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Winnipeg connecting with Jorthern Navigation Co, Steamer Canadian Pacific Steamers,

Laaves Port Arthur ... ...... 0.30 p. m. Connection for principal points in

making a fallow." "And down-stairs I went to consult Anne, the only servant of the estab-Heliment, who, to my constornation, demanded her wages, her month being up, and took her departure, because the house was so overron with company, leaving me with all the work of the house on my hands, and nothing She did. whatever provided for tea. We lived in a little out-of-town place. There Dwight, who seemed to me to be sur was no baker or confectioner anywhere to be found, no grower who sold preserves or cannod fruit, not a dainty to

"I sat down to comfort myself by

"I could have scotded or wept, or both t but Minty was not my Minty. office and got you some kind of a cook | She belonged to Mrs. Willis. She was,

In two hours. As it is -let's see. Why, I so to speak, the 'gift horse,' in whose

"I fear Miss Martha Dicks is not coming" Lead, after the hout of

". Well, Minty P' said I.

dreadful look, of which I was fully conscious, but in the faintest whisper. should dish 'em up or throw away dem July 4. plum 'resarves' said Minty. 'Dov's fil-

this afternoon; and you are to cook | dis ar way over de kettle,' said Minty, 'and dishin' of de hot 'resarves into um wid dat yar wooden spoon, and click very great company indeed-very rich it goes, smashes to frizzies, straightinto de bull b'ilin.' I a'n't nuffin but a I jes' comes to white folks for orders. Shill I pitch 'om out? Shill I dish'em Leaves It to you.

and burried back just in time to see flying pigeons, ple wheels, and other " 'I know you'll do very nicely,' I Theo shake hands with Aunt Agatha.

> will pity me when they hear that on the occusion of my first introduction

It really was a lump,

"'Glass in the preserves!' cried

woman to dress so! Nothing else, I sassed her. When I was gwine for of old white trush. She says i'

> company-feal first-class white folks. No time for talkin' to no low class.

whisper, 'what's I gwine to do 'hout shawl, and mighty queer bunnit, and Dwight, bursting into a laugh. It is the best thing! to the parlor. Butter was forty cents the rest of the evening; but Aunt a pound, and the tub had been half | Martha never forgave us, and left all

> AN OBJECTIONABLE CONNECTION mining towns of Pennsylvania was a on W. H. Storey's lot, and fit it up for pulpit both antique and unique. It a comfortable dwelling.

A minister from a neighboring town, a man of great vigor and volumence, preached there one Hunward and shouted out with great force shall stand but the wicked shall fall. lips the pulpit broke from its fasten-

Also, a July Summary. the Purp Pursa readors will be more Thrilling his sang to gay dolight.

of Ed, Matthews' home on July 6th .. A Canadlad Dounybrook Fair at Crewson's Corners on Dominion Day hydraulic ram at the planing mill for Acton Band turning out ja a natty and grounds with water.

A mianimous call to Rev. J. W. Rae, made the horse they were driving to "Reckoned I'd ask you whother I to become paster of Knox Church, Knatchbull, unmanageable, on Sunday Burglar at the tailor shop of Reove and Miss Langelli, of Knatchbull more and Wm. Gurney in the week of | injured, the latter especially, but Mrs. Burglary at W. H. Rutledge's daughter, Clara, sustained a com-

THE CLERK WITH A CONSCIENCE

After trying in vain to receive courtcous attention from two different

were not sure of the reception we He was making out a sale slip, but In | he turned at once. "Certainly, I have

My friend made her selection, and then I showed him my sample. At once he glanced at the elite out in the

for getting de glass in dem 'reserves, I twice a week. If the Pastimes expect cous clerks whom we first encountered, "If you liad asked for goods of that Before the McDonald team loft quality, width, and price, without Acton, after a hearty supper at the showing me the sample, I could have " 'fun't the ten rather strong?' I ask- Campbell House, they proceeded to in- found it for you at once," he replied,

> "But I know that I have seen it, and drill" at Willow and Mill streets, the my conselence knows it," and he laughonlookers decided to interfere, and ingly laid his hand on his heart as he

> > salesman said, displaying the shining As he made out his sale slip, oredit-Ing the goods to "the office." Instead of to his own number. I could not but admire the fine quality of that man's honosty. In a matter where no one whould have been the wiser, he was true to himself. He did as he would have been done by. And in making future purchases in that department, I shall always look for my "clerk with a

AS TO HAT RAISING. Vienna it struggling with the ques-

tion: High mon continue to raise their

hats in salutation of women or shall

the newspapers, and at last accounts no side seemed to have gained any advantage. A physician says: "You must change the style of head cover-Edward Dynes has purchased, the ing before you can hope for a change. lot on Church Street, next to Mr. Geo. A turban would never be raised, and In a small church in one of the Hoper. He will remove the house now the cap, helmet or shake, being a part of the uniform, will also remain on the head of the saluting man. But the or less flourish until our men learn a when in women's company, if we were as far advanced as that and had "Gleaner," Crawsons' Corners dep- disearded the everlasting hat raising recaths the sending of boys to thresh- salutation for everybody this controthey met a religious procession. Then, "I burried to the kitchen. The bot. | an instant he was on his feet again of the Bott Act at Crowsons' Corners, | as I would to a sacred one.' Gradually and in Acton. A case was tried in the number of saluted ones became "Brothron, I am not hurt, and I Acton on the ath, which although ad- larger until now it embraces every-