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heart that I must tell it to you.

took my hand and said gently:

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your Lord.' Room for now un' bird an' hoe, Bents yer cramped up city quarters, An' it's good enough for me. not knowing what to do or say,

Ver to hov 'on brought right to you Yes, your anto les stamper-Bpeakly when it hits a man-But I duono as I need it. That I raised myself-I hitch 'am To the old spring wagon-Goe!

How the wind goes hummin' by us ! ed of comething in myself? An' I guosa they'll do for me ! You. It cortainly is handy. When yo're needln' of a light, cat to touch a 'lectric button, Making daytime out o' night, But the lamplight's sorter meller, AVhon from toll at night you're free, Oathered 'round the table readin'

smell the amoke an' hear the racket! Queue it's time I lit for hum! est one day's enough and pleuty In the town fer me, I vum ! lew-cut hay and fresh-turned furrers-Smells that fill my heart with glee; about how delightful it would be if sible that you leave Mo out of any of lacks of hous an' cowhell's tinkle,-They're the sounds that's best to

Family Reading

Mubel Ashton's Dream.

a substanting the properties of the properties o 8 the guests came together the buildantly-lighted partors at the home of Mahel Ashton that orien winter evenion, there was nothing unusual in the appearance the rooms to indicate that the party to which they had been invited was in, in any respect, different from the round of galety to which they had been devoting themselves for the winter. Indeed, it had been the original intention of their lively young hostess that the only difference should be that her rooms should be more levely, her music more stirring, her dancing more graceful, her late supper more dellelons

than any that had gone before. She was a universal favorite, Mabel Ashton; for, in addition to great physical attractiveness, her disposition was sunshine itself. She was unselfish. tendor-hearted and sympathotic almost to a fault, and in her plane for this party she had not thought as much her own happiness as of that to

The social circle in which she moved was most select. A young ninn or woman to be invited to Join that circle must have a reputation both for integ rity and of pure morals. More than half of the forty friends who came togother that evening were members various churches, not a few of them active in various forms of church and mission work. Mabel herself was a teacher in a mission Sabbath School and gulto prominent in Christian En-

woll satisfied to see the young people invited me, and I came to night especproachable company. Burely there could be no danger where the son and daughter of the Roy, Mr. Stoddard and know. the two daughters of Elder Smith were

Some of the guests, us they greated their young hostess, noticed an unusual degree of nervousness in her mannor, but, attributing it to the exeltement of proparation and anticipation, thought no more of it, and all were soon engaged in conversation and in making up their cards for the various dances of the evening. The inusicians were in their places, and the perhaps guessing that we had been young people beginning to wonder why | made uncomfortable by the arrival of the signal was not given for the a not sltagether welcome guest. orchestra to etrike up, when Mabel Ashton, her sweet face flushed and pale by turns, took her stand near the inusiciano, and, after closing her eves for a moment, during which the room became perfectly still, in a voice at first trombling but soon clear and steady.

else I must tell you a little story. I had a dream last night which has made such an impression on my mind and droamed that to night had arrived. and you had all assembled in these question, and, looking us both square- Your gate and Susan's are just alike rooms when there came to the door. and was neliered in, a guest who seeined strangely familiar, and yet whom I his appearance which marked him as plans."

"While I was trying to think where Jesus to you all, and no one knew "You do not recognize me, Mabel?"

Your face, sir, seems familiar, yet I gramme before daylight. Will you annot recall your name. "Yet I am one whom you have in- Mahel?" vited here this evening, or, I should !.

"To say that I was startled would be | shame and confusion, when the Lore to express only a very small part of my Jesus turned to me and said: feeling. For a moment I stood still.

Jesus P With those syes looking into | with you F minb I could not say, it, for it was not awful thought, to be glad to have all the rest of you here, yet sorry to see may dance, may not I? Did you think my Saviou. Tord! Could it be that I all this winter, when you and others

smak to my parents, I am sure." tically in Ohrlatian Endeavor meetings | the pure joy of My disciples. Is it pos-

as the thought flushed through my that they take your time and strengt ed to see Him then. But why not to- in communion with Mo? You have

light on this pleasant occasion? somewhat shame faced fashlon, intro- Have you done these things for the duced Him. They both gave a start | glory of God?" of amazed surprise, but, convinced by plained to Jesus that his daughter all of the very choicest, and he felt lived in it ?" that this was a very harmless amuse-

"As my father stammered out, in byterian Record. the presence of Jenus, these words of apology which had often fallen from my own lips, I felt myself flushing orlineon with shame both for my dear father and myself. Why should be applingize at all for what he considered inquestionably right? And how hollow it all sounded in the presence of my studies were not so pressing but that proposal o' mine, Salomo? that I could keep late hours, sometimes several nights in the week, at

ny evident embarrasement, said: 'I am sure we can leave these young people safely to themselves, and nothfor a talk.'

" No,' said Jeeus, 'Mabel has often braced up to meet events. seeking their amusement in such irre- lally to be with her. Will you intro- underfoot, and he's considerate by duce me to your friends, Mabel? Some of them I know, but some I do not

"Again that miserable, uncomfortable feeling came over me. Why should I not reply: 'It will afford them and me the greatest pleasure?' Because, for some reason, I could not feel pleased, and I dared not, in that Presence, use the polite, but untrus phrase. I simply said : 'Certainly, if you wish.' "Of course all this time you, friends,

were looking much in our direction, wondering at our embarrassment, and "I led him first to some of the church thembers among you, and there was, thing I says I. 'No, you didn't. You the weak for vacation, from Alma not one of you who looked as comfor-

table after the Introduction as before. "As it became known who the guest | Well, I don't much wonder-marching was, faces changed color, and some of you looked very much as if you would like to leave the room. It really seem-"Friends, I know you will think me ed as if the church members were quite were a plumb gump for absent-mindvery quaer, but before we do anything he unwilling to meet Jesus as those who were not Ohristians. "One of you came quietly and whis-

pered to me : 'Shall I tell the musicians not to play the dance music, but to look up some sacred? Josus caught the did, but I never could have told you so ly in the face He simply asked, 'Why and I was busy screwing up my courshould you?' and we could not answer. "Some one suggested that we could could not recognize. He had a rare have a very pleasant and profitable would

face, penceful, and yet a little and in its | evening if we would change our originexpression, and biseyes more penetrat- | al plans and invite Jesus to talk to us. | but he was terrible upset ; and as t than any I had over seen before. He Again He was met by that searching going over to Susan's, he said he was dressed in nest, yet very plain look and that searching question ; couldn't; twie't in one evening was beclothing, but there was something in 'Why should My presence change your | yand what he was count to. But I

had soon him, he advanced to me, what to do next. Jesus turned to me "You were planning for dancing, front door and held the light for him "Surprised at such a form of saluta. Were you not? It is high time you beion from a stranger. I could only say: | gan, or you cannot complete your pro-

"I was at my wit's end. If my orig- pretty, I'll sccept you!" rather say, one to whom both you and ! inal plan was all right. His presence

"Then offering to my view the palms | upon the floor. This was still worse of his hands in which were scars as of | embarrasement. The orchestra played nall wounds, and looking me through once more, and two or three couples, and through with those pieroing yet | more to relieve me than for any other tender oyes, I did not need that he | reason, began to dance in a rather inshould say to me, 'I am Josus Christ formal fashion.

"I was almost beside myself wit

"Mahel, your guests do not soom be at case. Why do you not, as the "Why could I not fall at his feet and houteen, relieve their embarrasement say with all my heart; 'I ain filled I by danding yourself ? Would it help with joy at seeing you here, Lord, you at all if I should offer to dance

"My confusion gave way to an ox true. For some reason, on the instant pression almost of horror, as I looked only half comprehended by myself. I Into those tenderly sad eyes and oried was corry lie had come. It was an You dance! You cannot mean it!

"Why not, Mahel? If My disciples was ashanced of Blot, or was I asham of My disciples have gathered for the dance, or the card party, or the "At length I recovered myself in a | theatre, that you ldft Me at home-or degree and said: 'You will wish to in the phurch? You prayed for my presence in the prayer-meeting topic; "'Yes, Mabel,' as He accompanied you did not quite want it here; but me to where my father and mother | why not, My dear child? Why have sat gasing in surprise at my evident you not welcomed Me to-night, Mahel? confusion in greating the unexpected | Why has My simple presence spulled quest; But I came this evening oblefly | your pleasure? Though I am "a Man to be with you and your friends, for I of sorrows and acquainted with grief." have often heard you speak enthusias. | yet I delight to share and increase all you bould have Me visibly present with | your pleasures, Mahal? If so, is it not that you feel that they do not help you "Again the blush came to my cheeks | to become like Me and to glorify Me mind, to-morrow night is prayer-most- and thought to such an extent that ing night : I should have been delight. | you have less delight in My Word and been asking, "What is the harmy "I led Him to my parents, and, in a Have you asked, "What is the gain?"

"It was all clear to me now. Over His appearance that there was no mis- come with self-represels and profound take, my father recovered a degree of sorrow, I threw myself on the floor a self-possession, bade Him welcome, his feet and sobled out my repentance. offered Him a seat, remarked that this With a 'Daughter, go in peace, thy was an unexpected pleasure, and then, sins he forgiven thee,' He was gone after a somewhat lengthy pause, ex- I awoke and found it was all a dream.

"And now I want to ask you, friends, Mabel, being very closely occupied in shall we go on with the programme to her studies, and having little variety night, or shall we take these lists in her life, had been allowed to invite | which we have prepared and discuss a few friends in for a social evening, for a time with our partners the queswith a little quiet dancing by way of tion : "What can young people do to healthful exercise. Her friends were | make the world better for their having

As the vote was unanimous in favor ment which the church had come to of the latter plan, which was followed look upon in a somewhat different by other wholesome recreations, and light from that in which it was viewed | the social evening closing promptly at forty years ago. By removing the midnight, and was declared the most objectionable feature of had company | delightful of the winter, it is safe to it had now made this pleasant pastime | say the Loyd Jesus had sent that dream a sale indulgence for its young people. | for others healds Mabel Ashton, - Pres-

AN ABBENT-WINDED SUITOR.

"Mercy, not I don't mind," said Miss Derintha to a friend who showed trace of confusion at having spoken of old mulds la her presence. "Old maide are a comfortable lot, generally speaking; 'specially any one who's a spinster the Lord! Did not Jesus know that from choice, as I be. Ever hear about

"Well, I don't commonly approve of women telling tales about such things; tea, 100 the, granulated sugar, 50 the. "Then my father, anxious to relieve Daviss-yes, Susan's Abner. I don't 20 the rai-ins, 20 the butter, 10 the wonder you're surprised, but that's choose, 50 yds. good grey cotton at just who it was. It was Abnor Davis 10ats, and have a cash bonus of \$3.00 come knocking at my door one fine for making the change in the exing would please me so well as to take evening, starched up in his best, and penditure. you, my Lord Jesus, off into my study looking about as happy as if he was The assessor's figures are: Total

"It was an awfully muddy night natur's but he strid right over the door-mat and into the middle of the setting-room without a word or a look, and then he turned on me sudden, and

BRYS ho : "Busan, will you marry mo?" "Busan P anya I, Inquiring. I was wondering if he'd lost his mind, sooing as he'd known me twenty years. 'Susan ?'

"'Great King Agrippy I' says he,

gasping, and going different colors. Then he pulled himself together, and says be, kind o' wild and choking ; "'No-no-o' course I meant Core-"It was then I saw daylight, and I laughed right out. 'Oh, you poor! didn't mean Cerinthy. You meant College.

Susan, only you daren't tell mo so. in and nopping off a proposal at a lone woman one infinite and taking it back the next! Abner Davies, you always edness. Own up, how. Didn't you think this was next door ?" "Cerinthy, you angel, says he. You wouldn't want to hear a man more fervent when he found I understood.

age and didn't notice, and first thing I knew here I was, and I'd proposed to "Well, I consoled him best I could knew Almer, and I had an idea 'twas "After I had introduced the Lord | then or never I didn't believe he could work himself to the nopping point an other time. So first I consed and then

I scolded, and finally I flung open the and I told him plain out : " 'Ahner,' says I, 'remember, you'v proposed to me; and if you don't kite not give the word to the musicians, straight scross this instant and say your little pleas to Susan, and say if

"That sent him. What he said your parents have extended many in- | ought only to add joy to the occasion ; don't know ; but Susan took him. It's ever I am able to come. You have in myself, made wretchedly undomfor marry me, Carinthy ?" And though have come to night to just your little we most of us called our best friend, learned how things imprened,—he company." ... 'Determined to throw off this feel-didn't tell till they was safe married,— " I beg a thousand pardons,' I to ing and be myself, at His word I order. | why, Sugan has sense and Abner is a and I beg that you will relieve me by dance. The young man with whom I I'm pretty pice, if I do way so. We've gome to grain the was no pine went bose now this thirty Asses.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. Readable Records Reproduced and Heduced from the Free Press

of April 6th. 1888. The Baptlet Conventionat Quelphiast week, decided for the cetablishment of McMaster University at Toronto.

On Thursday last it was unanimous ly decided at a largely attended most ing of representatives of Actor and the four adjoining townships to hold a World's Pale in Acton. President -Joseph Lauby, Vice President John

In the Muhlelpel Council Chunckfor Kunnyy presented a petition from Rava. A. G. E. Wostmunott, J. W. Rue, R. B. Cook and Mr. Gabriel Wells, nuking that the town bell he rung on Hundays for morning service at Il a. m., Habbath Schnol at 8 p. m. al evening service. 0.30 p. m. fifteen minutes infore each service. motion of Councillors Kenney and Is mond, it was ordered that this become plied with, and that the carstaker b instructed to perform the service. Reeve Storey, Clerk McGarvin, and

Masara, H. P. Moore and W. R. met at organization meeting of Bos of Health. H. P. Moore was elected cliairman for the year. The numerous line ferreted out 53

Mr. I. Francis has purchased the corner lot on Willow Street, apposite St. Alban's Parsonage, from Mr. Thos. butty lit the residence at the corner of

Hower Ave. and John St., occupied by origins. The ring has played an im-Mr. Muck Secord. A Georgetown hotel-keeper has been munitted for the assiste for perjury it was no longer placed on the right in a Boott Act case.

on the Thor. Lamb cetate.

Lynd, J. Davidson. II-PART CLARS. - I bride to conceal her embarrament.

Treas.-J. Lawson, V.S., Directors. - of the bridgeroom" as mentioned in Rutledge, R. J. Brown, Donald Mann, services for the groom. Joseph Anderson. The Methodist Church choir gave a

programme being exclusively given by the choir. A tea store man in Renfrew adverthou in the Mercury that any man buying two glasses of whiskey for a year at 10 cents a glass, may purchase for a like amount ; 8 hage roller flour, 2 hage ontmed, 40 tha trlumphant Japan but this was different. It was Abner rice, 20 lbs. pot barley, 20 lbs. currents

going to be shot, and just about as assessment - \$190,500; Increase in

In Limehouse correspondence : John Meredith caught a fine raccon in the In putting a rope on its bind leg, it turned on him, and a souffle enuned. Gotting it under control, he started for home, with the safe and to ward him. He found out that "one

ond of that thing bitos." MARRIED. -At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Rac. Mr. Gilbert Sinclair to Annie, daughter of Mr. Donald McLean, all of Erin town-

Dign.-In Montreal, March 31, Rev. John Horland, In ble 80th year. Dinn .- At Guelph, March 20, Barah Mason, wife of Rov. Thomas Wardrope, D. D., aged 60 years. Missos Alice Henderson and Jennie and Edith Storey were home during

SWAPPING TELEPHONES. The following story comes from th Grand Rapids Pross, and has to do with a man and a woman who are employed in different offices in one of the large buildings of that city. Each office line a telephone, but as it happons one i. an instrument belonging | heard my papa tell my mammathere's to the Oltiz ne' Company, the other a a corner on ogge, and these are al Bell instrument.

One day the man had occasion to use the Oltizone' line, and stepped nerosa the half to the lady's office. "Have you's Oltisons' phone?" he asked, and she replied in the affirma-

"Well," he ventured, "I'm a citizen May Lues It P" Why, of course he might use it; bu awardly she was inclined to envy his ableity to stand up and assert his citizenship in this way, for some of ier womanly proponsition were of the 'newish" sort. An hour later she mlanced accounts with him.

asked, on stepping into his office. H did not try to deny it. "Well, I'm a bells ; may I use it P" CORN CAKE THAT MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH.

"Have you a Belt telephone?" she

Mix one cupful of sifted bread flour. one-half cunful of vellow granulated vitations to be prosent here when- yet here were all my gueste, as well as a wonder be didn't ask her. Will you corn-meat, two level teaspoonfuls of haking powder, one-half level tea- for old people, weak, slokly women This spring the homesteads of the great vited mu-to make my home here and I table by the presence of Him whom she was a mite touched up when she spoonful of salt, and one rounded table. spenuful of sugar; stir in one oupful of milk, one well-beaten egg, and two tublespoonfuls of melted butter or colds, brouchitis, and all throat and lard. Beat it thoroughly and turn lung troubles. We ask all the people telling me whom I have the pleasure of was engaged for that dance did not been the best sort o' friends and neigh. | quick oven about twenty minutes. - | return money if it falls. H. A. Rob-

DOES MA WISH SHE WAT PAY

I wish I had a lot o' cash,' Hez pa, one winter's night: "I'd go down South an' stay a while Where days are warm and bright," le sat an' watched the fire die (Seemed lost in thoughtful deze.)
Till ma brought in some fresh pine

knote An' made a cheerful blaze. I wish I had a million whares "O' winck In Standard, Otl." See par "I wauldn't do a thing."

Ma made the kettle full, An' mixed hot blequite, fried some this tes.

"I wish I was a millionaire," Ber pe ; "I'd have a mup." Next, from the lounge, we heard Pa-at his ev'nin' nap !

Benteled up, put things away, An' Yed the cat, then started up Her plane for bakin' day. She washed an' put beans to soak, An' set some brend to rise :

All ready for her ples; She brought more wood, put out the Then darned four pelve o' socks ; Pa, awake, an' sex, "It's time for had

MANY LANDS. The little customs that have come to

portant part. With the coming in of Ohrletianly

The bridal voll, says the April Dell Larne School, No. 12, E-quesing, ex- nestor originated in Bible times and amination. Firm Class.-Fred Mo. was worn until all the public cere-Lean, John Worden, J. McMillan. monles were over, so it can readily be

F. Ryder, J. Lynd. If CLASS. - Donald In the later Bible days, during the Waldle, Hilliard Lashy. Jean Mc- period between the betrothal and the wedding, the bride remained with her Spring Stallion Show, in the Park, friends and could communicate with April, 24. Pros. -- Adam Cook ; Sec'y- her affianced only through "the friend

> The bride's father gave a shee to the husband or threw it after him to signify they surrondored to him all authority over their daughter. Throwing rice symbolized fruitful-

> ness and plenty, from its general distribution over the world. Taking the husband's name originated in Roman tinres, though the date is unknown. When Julia married Pompey her name became Julia of

Pompey. Modern women omit the "ol" in the name.

SHAVED THE WRONG FACE. An officer of a certain regime was one morning inspecting his company on parade, when he came to an Irishman who had evidently not shav-

this morning. "Of have, sorr," was the reply, "How dare you tell me that," said "Well, sorr," said Paddy, "It's lolks

Halting in front of the man, he said:

Doyle, how is it you've not shaved

THE WRONG SHAPE. The searcity of eggs this winter must have developed some peculiarity in the eggs themselves. A little girl went to the grocer's and asked the salesman if he had any frost eggs.

She was viewing the eggs critically, "Please, sir," said she, "these eggs lan't fresh. "Certainly they are frosh, litt "No, they (an't," she persisted, "!

"Yes," answered the man, "How

AN OPEN LETTER

To the People of Acton To Whom It May Concern : Of late there has been a good deal of discussion in Acton in regard to advertised medicines and their value-the

papers are full of them. We want to say to every man woman and ohlld in Acton that we believe the most valuable preparation of cod liver oil-the best tonic reconstructor, health restorer and strength creator-we have over sold in our store is Vinol. Vinol is not a patent medicine, it

contains no injurious drugs, but it actually does contain all of the medicinal, curative elements taken from fresh onds' livere, without a drop of the useless oil to upset the stomach and retard it's work, and tonlo from Vinoi is recognized throughout the world as the greatest strongth creater

into greased muffin-pans and bake in a of Auton to try Vinol on our offer to

and children, nursing mothers, and

Then pa-set down an' ot !

Ma did the dishes, should the cloth,

Unstrung dried apples, soaked 'em-

Me, have you wound both clocks? -March Woman's Home Companion, WEDDING CUSTOMS COMM FROM

Mr. S. Atkins, of Hamilton, has be a part of the marriage ceremony have had diverse and interesting

foreflager, but on the left third finger. Mr. J. A. Murray, implement agent. The priest, or in some cases the groom informs us that he fast closed the sale first put it on the thumb, saying. "In of cloven different muchines to Mr. I the name of the Pather i' on the fore-Moffat, who has purchased the farm | finger, adding, "In the name of the Bon ;" on the second finger, continu-One night last week there were ling, "In the name of the Holy Chost; seven transpaledged in the cells. The then on the third finger with "Amen," provious week sixteen were lodged and -and there it remained.

FOURTH CLASS - Chas. Lauby, W. A. understood how Jacob was deceived Waldie. Thind OLASS.-W. Lynd, Into marrying Leals instead of her B. McLean, Jonnie Waldle, Annie sister Rachel. In the Anglo Saxon Lowby. SEN. SECOND OLASS. - M. wedding ceremony a square piece of Worden. Jun. SECOND CLASS. - N. vell was held over the head of the

W. Hemstreet, W. E. Smith, W. H. John ill. 20, who also performed other Throwing shoes originated in the custom of handing to the purchaser of concert on Thursday evening, the land an old shoe as a token of surrender or renunciation (see Ruth iv. 7).

ed for some days.

the officer, "with a heard on you like this. There's only one shaving glass

in our risin and nine of us were shaving at once. I must have shaved somelunty else's face."

many do you want ?"