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till Why, no, there's a great deal There's an arm that's weak and head that's sore : Thore's a home that's filled with grief And a wife that's felled with

savage blow. All? Why, no, there's job that's lost . There's an empty purse that car meet no cost i There's a watch to pawn and a chale to sell : There's money to borrow and a thirst

to quell ; There's un curpty glass and a fight or And a fine to pay for an eye that's

There's a child to kick and a wound to nurse : bere's home to break and a wife to And the song of her life is rub, tul There's a free-lunch served in a sample-And some chores to do with a reg or

l'here's the price to beg for a burning And a place to sleep where drunk All? Why, no, there is half untold :

There's a heart grown sick and linb grown cold ; That is half a flond and half a brute hore's a place to rob and a man t There's a prison-cell for a man to fill here's a consciouce seared with a wile

For the bright red drink has ar awful course There's a speedy trial, and a verdict And a wife that weeps as the door is said :

here's a curse and a prayer while the gallows fall : And as for your whilskey, why -By OLIVER ALLSTORY

Relect Family Mending



the parish of Melkle Towle, somewhere in the north. I de not mention the actual county, because, John being still alive and his name well known, it might give said county a notoriety which would be displeasing to it. Meikle Towie made a mistako about John Hellars, the kind of mistake not uncommon, since the first days when the prophet had honor in his own country. John was the son of a ploughman.

terrible, quiet, dour man, who-e words at kirk or market would never be difficult to coun'. His mother had some character, but was equally chary of speech. John was born in a gulet house, and nurtured, so to speak, in silence, which is no bad thing. For sheer lack of other occupation, the person so environed is obliged to think. John thought desperately. He began quite early, even before he went to the village school, and though the natural bent of his mind was to ask questions, there being nobedy to mewer them, he was forced back upon his own conclusions. But after he found his way into the world of books the dusire to nuk questions passed away, because they taught him all he wished to know. He read ounivoronaly, though in a limited area, the works of Josphus, Bunyan's "Holy War," an old copy of Chaucor's Tales which he carried in his pocket till it fell to rage and had to be mended surceptitionaly with flour pasts supplied by his mother when in an unusually amlable mood. At fourteen John went to work on the farm where his father was employed, and for two years seemed happy enough. His wages, six pounds in the half year, went chiefly in bloke, of which he be gan to accumulate a goodly store When he was sixteen there was a wonderful upheaval in his life. One day he wasnt the plough making the long, fine even furrows which proved him an expert ploughman as well as a student. The field was close to the woods of Fantowie, which was the big house of the parish. John had often walked in these woods of a Sonday afternoon with his book, and had once come quite clove to the house and had been amazed at Ite size and magnificence. At the same time he had wondered what folk | University of Edinburgh, and never were like who fived in such a house. also-and this was the greatest problem of all-how many books were in-

gruffly. "And how old are you?"

alde of it. John knew the Laird by sight only ; a tall, bent figure of a man.



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"And what are these books you have in your packets? The ploughboy's munual, ch ?" Then indeed did John look desperste, agif bis last hour had come.

"you're well grown for your age.

"Fantowie's; Little Fantowie's, I

"And what are you?"

"I'm orra man."

"They're, they're mothing," he anawored themelacedly. "An I'll hae to be gettin' on. Gee up Jennet." But Jen'et; the shaggy old more refused to gee up at the required

moment, mobably being wiser than be who hold the reins. . "Show me the books," said the Laird, with an air of quiet authority that was difficult to resist. John dropped the reins and shame-

facedly drew them forth. One was the old Chaucer, on the back of which had been pasted a piece of brown holland to keep it together; the other, and this amazed the Laird more than the and was well paid. The money part of first, a Latin Grammar.

the thin, clear, supbrowned face, and the big, defiant grey eyes. "Aye, whiles," replied John guard "Who taught you?"

"Nachody." "Have you ever been to school?" "Aye, at Melkle Fantowie; but the mistress there disna ken Latin." "And you want to learn it." "I am learnin' it."

"Without a teacher?" John nodded, and the expression of pity and interest deepened in the Laird's kindly eyes.

John Sellars, come up to the house look at you, John Sellars, I am prouder this evening at eight o'clock. I want of my share in you than I can tell. to talk to you.' "The big hoose?" said John scratching his head amazedly.

"Fastowio: you don't know me, John, ch F' "Oh, I ken yo fine : but I wad be

feared to come in there." "Nover mind, As you go through well; there are not many like him life, John Bellars, you'll find you have this world, more's the pity for the to stand up to a good many things you | world. My granddaughter. John, Etta are mortally afraul of. Eight o'clock | Cadwarding," sharp, and don't you forget it. If you make as good a bookman as you are a slim white hand. ploughman, you'll go far." He sauntered off, and John, with his

heart all a-flutter, induced the leisurely | ten, rushed into bls eyes, lennat to proceed. That evening dressed in his bost homespun and a clean shirt, John Sellars proceeded to the big house, and there was interviewed at great length by the Laird. Something about the sail, gentle, scholarly man opened the heart of the lad, and after some judicions questioning, he unbardened his soul of some of its aspirations. Next evening, about halfpast six, as David Sellars was smoking a comfortable pipe after the labours of the day, the Lard rode up on horse-

back and alighted. John was not far off, and at a signal from the Laird he took the bridle and walked the horse away. "Evening, Sollars; I've come to

speak to you about this lad of yours. Lauppose be has told you I was coming "No: that he didna, sir. John has nae onnecessary speech."

"He said he would tell you; but it is of no consequence. I saw blur last night at Fantowie". "Oh, was that his airt? Me and the mistress was wonderin'," said David

"I suppose you don't need me to tell and off to the lock-up they you you have a very clover - son, "Ho's not that ill, an' he's a guld

dooman forby." "You, he can draw a straight farrow, ing. but there's more in him than that." "It take a mon to ploo strecht, I sird. Look at some o' them! They should be whuppet at a calct's tall."

The Laird smiled. "Wo'll leave them meanwhile. Something has got to be done for the lad. I will do it. He shall go to the University at Edinburgh in October." "Morey me !" was David's comment. "That'll tak a heap o' siller." "It will be paid back, every penny of

That is the condition. Do you and his mother agree that he should be "O ay, if there's onybody payin' I've semetimes said to Leceboth what terrible chap for book lare, and

steady wi' it. He micht be a minister. oh? .His mither wad like that." "The niche will present itself in good time," answered the Laird, and though David did not rightly understand him, he supposed it was all right.

John romained for five years at the

more distinguished student. Everything he touched seemed to spring to suspecting cop to dupe, and far down slmply hauled them in by the score. | vell ; with a sad, somewhat careworn face. After the third year he took no more and eyes which had a strange deep, money from the Laird, and when he came out at last with his degree and started out again on his beat, and a look, as if they had long since looked half a dozon posts waiting for his no- friend at his aldo asked him the cause lifto the heart of things and beheld contance, he journeyed out to Pantowie of his mertiment. the bottom of the field when John Sel- Before he visited his father's house he | the way through and wanted me to lars with his team arrived at the turn- colled upon the Laird. It was a July hold the sign. He had rented it all Rac, a son. ing point. He stood still to watch the evening, one of the levellest he had right, but he said that was the third had skillfully guiding the willing ever soon, and after the air of the city time he had been called out of bed tohorses, and, as it happened, he observed | the benison of these pure latitudes was | night, for the boys had been pulled in the books sticking out of his pocket, grateful to him. He had grown very three other precincts, but as long as I

beneath the tun, and he wished blosmil a hundred miles away. For the A kingly soul dwelt in the plougman Laird's look was one of intentness. and John was mortally afraid lest he

"What's your name?" said the Land "My name's, Jook Sallars, and I'm he felt inclined to turn back, but when Vegetable Pills. They revive the as often as a priest was hanged a don- |-result, improved appetite. Northsixteen," replied John, with a mo- the Laird saw blm he bookened to blm digestive processes, not beneficially on key was hanged at the same time, rop & Lyman of Toronto have given mont's hesitation, only hoping that all kindly, and came forward smilling, to the nerves and restore the spirits as The victim of the joke replied in his to the public their superior Quinine

said the Laird, slowly; his quiet, pleasant manner. "I can lasting.

come again. I have only just arrived from the station, and have not been home yet."

"It was good of you to take Fantowie on the road, John ; and I am pleased to see you. Well, and are your college "Yes," said John, and gave a little sigh. "I have been offered an assistant

professorable abroad, and I think will go in October, if my father and mother are willing. I should like now to see samething of the world." The Laird's eyes smiled, though hi lips were grave. Heholding ble hand work, his soul glowed within him.

"John, do you remember the da you and I first met in the plough for rows of Little Fantowie?" he asked. "I have not forgotten. I never will replied John, and then fambled in h pocket and drew forth an envelope. "What le this?' fundired the Laird,

when he would have offered it to blu "It is what I have earned. I have been teaching the most of the winter the bargain is now paid off. "Do you read them ?" he asked, with Robert ; the liber will be a debt to the a singular look of pity and interest at day of my death."

His voice took a full note, and his loo eyes, clear mirrors of the soul, had ips trembled.

The Laird was equally moved. "John, I can't take this: I will not io, I will not ! Givelt to your mother. "I have enough, and my father and mother will not want. Hir Rubert They need not work another hand's turn. I have been writing things, too and it is astonishing what they will

pay for the things a man can write Please take it." "I will on one condition only, that ! "This interests me rather. See here goes to help someons else. When

Etta, come here f" He called to a slim young girl feed ng the peacocks at the far end of the terrace, and she, a radiant vision, camo at his bidding.

"Etta, let me introduce you to Jol Sellars, an honest man. Look at hi

Hio laughed, and offered a frank John took it, and his face reddens and the desperate look, almost forgot As he walked home in the silver

gleaming, he took another vow, mighty one, that some day, if stupend ous effort should avail him, he would come back and seek further speec with the vision in white. And that, too, came to pass, and

now John Sellars is as a son at hom: In the old house of Fantowie, when he can be spared from the high position to which he has been called. It is the John Selfars that make his tory, and who knows but that you, fol lowing at the "plough-tall," as old but dropped without any definite

David Sellars had it, may be one, too. But it is only to some that the gift has been given .- British Weekly.

BTEALING A SIGN Stealthily the policeman stole or from bohind the side door of the saloor and quickly pounced on some Colum bia college boys who were carrying long board sign that had hung over some tobacconist's shop. The youths protested against the officer's interferforence, but he told them that they would find it a hard job to turn little old New York into a college town,

lege lays, elgo and all. "What's the charge ?" asked the ser geant as he looked out at the aggregation of the coming great men of learn

"Stealing a sign," answered the coas some of the boys bumped it int the station house, where it reposed against the wall.

"We did not steal it," spoke up on of the youths, "we borrowed it." The sorgeant turned to the cop and told him to call up the owner and find out what the true state of the case was. The policeman read the sign slowly and then turned to the telephone book to look up the owner.

"Hello ! Did you lose a sign ?" And the answer made the policeman scratch his head. "What did he say ?" asked the wait ing sorgeant. The reserves were be ginning to grin, and the policeman looked very uncomfortable.

"It is all right," he said, scowling at the youths. . "The owner says they rented the sign for the night and are to return it to-morrow morning when he is ready to do business again." A shout went up from the vonths as they were ordered out of the station. in all the annals of its bletory had it a and they took up their triumphal march and sought out some other un-

The cop laughed to himself as he

with a small package in his pocket. "The owner of the sign was mad all one on olther side. John did not wait | tall and slim, and his face was beauti- | was a goat for him I thought I would even to pull his forelook to the Laird : ful, with the beauty of the upright | let the rab-rab boys have some more nobody had instructed him to that life; of a soul that had all its commun- fun with some other cop and sent them sounty courtesy, but his face reddened | ion with things levely and of good on their way."-New York Press.

> lad, and he was fit company for kings, and mental depression usually have boy-hot another word. I got it." because of his native modesty and their origin in a disordered state of the stomach and liver, as when these When he drew near to the house, are deranged in their action the whole | the same apartment with aclergyman, there was a party on the terrace, and system is affected. Try Parmelee's asked him If he ever heard that in Paris, no other pills will. They are cheap, blandest manner: "Well, then, let us By the opinion of scientists, the wine "You are busy, sir," said John, in simple and sure, and the effects are both be thankful that we were not in approaches nearest perfection of any

TWENTY YEARS AGO Selected From Our Issue of Thursday, July 18th, 1880

Mrs. P. Thurston has added a ner verandah to the Church St. alde of be The foundation for the new Knox

Manse is completed and the brick

work will soon be proceeded with. An enterprising young man in town was going at a rapid pace toward the G. T. IL station the other morning whom a friend accosted him : "Hello, Charlie, what's up? Training for race?" "No, racing for a train."

The Methodist Helmol Room has been undergoing decorative improve ments: the walls and celling have been nicely tinted, appropriate borderings have been added, and it now presents a very inviting appearance. Mr. Duncan McDonald, of Esquestog,

dled last week and his death marks the passing of one of the oldest resi-Through envy, through malice, through ballog? dents, he having sottled in 1812. He was HI years of age. For many years be was a member of Knox Church, Acton. and was for a number of years Gaetle

Mr. James Honderson, of Lot 31 off, 5, Esquesing, who has fived many mist before them, while his grave | yours in the township and enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who know him, died on July the 9th. His remains were interred at Ballinafad. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

The Young Men of the Young Pooples' Union of the Mathedist Church propose to give on Tuesday evening, August 0, an icocream featival and male concert. Everything in connection therewith is to be prepared by the young men themselves, and will

be of first-class character. Two Lidles' Ald socials were held during the week-on Friday evening on Mr. D. Henderson's lawn, and on Monday evening at Dr. Gifford's, under the auspices of Knox Church and Methodist Church societies respectively. Both were very success-

The Rambler Advance reports a con versation with Mr. Daniel Holmes, who claims to be the oldest passenger conductor in Canada. In its years o conductor's life he has never lost or injured a passenger, Mr. H. Holmes, of the G. T. R. Station here, is son of the gentleman referred to and judging from his careful attention to business and courteous treatment of G, T. R. patrons, Harry is a chip off

the old block. In the Municipal Council, letters were read from J. I. Warren, clerk of the Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Gifford, J. M. Warren, R. T. of T., asking the Council to give better protection from lawless conduct such as occurred in connection with the visit of a Toronto Base Ball Club, whereby church proporty and private property was tampered with. The matter was discussed, tion.

Municipal salaries were fixed as fol lows :- Assessor, \$10; Collector, \$10; Clerk and Treasurer, \$100; Auditors, ench, \$5; Belectors of Jurors, each, \$1; Chief Constable, \$20; Collector of

Statute Labor, 15 per cent. The matter of the purchase of the Exhibition Park by the municipality was discussed, and we understand that a potition from the ratepayers in favor thereof would result in the Council taking steps to secure the property. The Secretary of the Altna B. H. Club, Toronto, has written a letter of apology, which was demanded by the Mothodist Church Trustees, which legal proceedings would be in stituted. The letter expresses gratitude for the lenlancy shown, and

sincorely asks pardon for the depre-Johnstown, Pa., and Johnstown, N. Y., have each, within a very few weeks,

Where local option is introduced every been visited by serious floods. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore, and Eddie, leave this morning to join the Press Association on their trip to Ht. John, N. D., and Charlottetown, P. E. I. Mr. John Thompson is going on rip to Scotland, and will likely re-

main over the winter. Mrs. L. G. Matthows has returned from visiting friends at Kilbride. Mrs. John Lambert, of Toronto. visiting at her parents' home here. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, of San Francisco, are visiting at Pairview Place, the home of Mr. Smith's mother Mrs. O. S. Smith. Mr. Smith, some four years ago, left for Australia, and after travelling pretty well through

the antipodes came to Ban Francisco, ongoging there in business, and taking a partner in life. Mr. John Matthews has purchased the dwelling and lots on Mill Street.

from Councillor Harvey. Rov's. Dr. Gifford, and J. W. Itao and the Methodist Chair contributed nowness of life, and as for prizes, he | the street came back their trimmphal to the enjoyment of a Crowson's a universal panaces in one remedy Corners Sunday School pic-nic last for all ills to which flosh is helr.

> and reports wheat cut on July 12th. in Norfolk County. Bonn-At Knox Manse, Acton, on grievous ills. Hy its gradual and July 14th, to Roy, and Mrs. J. W.

> > SPARKLES

"I deeply regret it, sir, but honour and my altered efroumstances compel me to release your daughter from her ongagement. I cannot enter your family a begger. In the recent deal in vigor to the action of the blood, which the North End stocks I lost my entire being stimulated, courses through the Rollef for the Depressed .- Physical fortune." "Not another word, my voins, strongthoning the healthy, and-

NOBILITY

True worth is in being, not seeming In doing, each day that goes by, Home little good—not in the dreaming Of great things to do by and by. For wintever mon say in blindness, And spite of the fancies of youth. There's nothing so kingly as kindness, And nothlog so royal as troth.

We get back our mete as we measure: We cannot do wrong and feel right; Nor can we give pain and gain pleas-For justice avenges each slight, The air for the wing of the sparrow. The lush for the robin and wren, Hot always the path that is narrow

And straight for the children of then We cannot make bargains for blisses. Nor catch them like fishes in nets, And sometimes the thing our life milusen,

Helps more than the things which i or good lieth not in pursuing, Norgaining of great nor of small; But just in the doing—and doing As we would be done by, is all.

Against the world early and late, No jot of our courage atiating. Our part is to work and to walt. And alight is the sting of his trouble Whose winnings are less than his

Whatever his fortunes or birth.

THE QUESTION OF COMPENSA-

The Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Cooke's Church, Kingston, makes effective reply to Bishop Williams, who recently announced himself in favor of compensation to liquor dealers who may be deprived of their licenses. Dr. Mac-

Tavish writes: Let us suppose a case. A man dedos to spend \$10,000 in erecting a pullding which he intends to use for hotel purposes. He has no assurance that he will receive a license, for no man has authority to give him such assurance. He simply takes chances. If he falls to receive a license, should he be given componention? Assuredly not.' The state has done him no wrong; why should it compensate him? The state did not ask bim to

invest life money in that way; he took the risk and-lost. Suppose a somowhat different case. I man creets a house and secures a license. Ilnt the license is good for only one year, and it is perfectly understood that it is renewable only, at the option of the commissioners. If they refuse to renew, is he more entitled to compensation then than if he had nover received a license? Surely not. By parity of reasoning, he is not entitled to compensation whether the for the Mothodist Trustee Board, and | Ilcense has been hold for ten years or one year, or never received at all. The state gives him, in his license, just what he pays for; and if, at the and of the license period the state declines to renew the bargain, it is surely under no obligation to grant him compensa-

Moreover, the men who are in the quor business should read the signs of the times, and if they read, they must see that the demand for their goods is growing less year by year. If they full to recognize these signs they have no more right to compenia: tion than has the milliner who happens to have on hand a large stock of last year's buts and bonnets. In no branch of trade do we componente nion who have unsaleable goods on hand.

Another thing: I am not personally acquainted with many of those engaged in the liquor business, but some whom I know are able to maintain iorses and carriages. If the barrooms should be closed, then why, should I who have to walk, he taxed to compensate those who to-day are driving around with handsome equippage? There is still another consideration which should not be overlooked.

real hotel is still valuable property. The only room put out of business is the barroom. Every other room is just as valuable as it was before. Travellers and boarders must be accommodated, and they would probably not complain if asked to pay a little more for, moals for they would feel that It was better to spend money wisely in the dining-room than to wante it in the The question of compensation has not yet entered the sphere of practical

against any compensation. - Dominion Prochyterian. Skilful men usually know how to disguise their skill. As a rule, 100 acres of land offers

sustenance for 300 sheep and 33 horned

politics. . Should it over reach that

stage, we apprehend the voice of the

electorate will be overwhelmingly

There never was and never will be What would relieve one ill in turn Mr. Adam Laing liss been travelling would aggravate the others. We In the southern part of the Province, have, however, in Quinine Wine, when obtained in a sound, unadulterated state a remedy for many and judicious use the frailest systems are led into convaloscence and strongth by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relloves those to whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a diasone, and by tranquillaing the nerves disposes to sound and refreshing sleep-imparts mal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result A commercial traveller who occupied strongthening the frame and giving life to the digostive organs which naturally demand increased substance