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And golden pumpkins and ripe corn, And all the ruddy overflow.

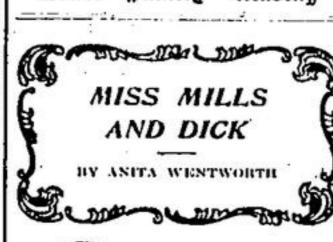
About her orchards and her field ... The treamire that the Hammer yields A singing heart, a laughing road, With saturations all the way .-The goasin dog, the hidden bird. The plg that grunts a gruff good-

The apple-ladder in the-trees, A friendly voice amid the bought The farmer driving home his team, The ducks, the goese, the uddered The allver bubble of the creek.

The willow-whisper the day's cod, With murmur of the village street, good-night, an

-Richard Le Gallionne in the Della

Relect Family Reading



HE name of the firm was Brownlow & Son, but every one who knew Dick Brownlow knew that the "old man" had taken blm in without too many hopes of making a businoss man of him. Dick was twentythree years old. He had been squeezed through college and made many tries abroad. He was a member of three clubs, and it lind cost his father

ious smashup in an auto and was feel- altogether too attractive to you:" ing a bit reportent when his father announced the partnership and induced him to make certain resolver. the business world to the point where she's a mighty nice girl." he could acknowledge an order by

manager and other employees. up his mind which applicant to take. He had five of them call at his office

argument into the partnership that long deep breath and hegan : might strain the young man's brain. "Miss Mills, would it do any good to "Mother won't be here till evening : So Miss Mills appeared on a certain sak you to go to the theater with me you surely won't go out again to-Monday morning and began her work. some night toward the last of the night?" Although he was the junior partner, Dick determined at once to prove to her that he not only acknowledged her right to live, but that he was rather glad she was alive.

That afternoon the Son of Brownlow & Son dictated two letters and spent why this la P' the rest of the time in patronizing his stonographer. He asked many questions and related some of his adven

It was thus that he sought to con- for both of us. vey the idea that stonography, while had a social side, to his mind

eyes and refused him politely. There the same reason." had been an expression in her face for a moment, however, as if she intended Dick's frank, honest face overcame tone not at all angry, she replied : this idea, if she had it.

pant, but he was planed.

newed and as promptly refused, and mo P then he observed : "Of course not if you don't wish to,

"I am here as stenographer and something is that I must seem to you second; but it was too late; he had gian rallways and in return contracts ypowritor, am I not P" she neked. "Cortainly."

"And have you any fault to with my work thus far ?" "Not a bit, but, you see-youknow-Invited you to lunch."

"And I preferred to go by myself." That was another setback for Dick, the problem. He was not accustomed to being refused anything by anybudy. It was a real relief to him

seemed to him only kind that he should dissipate that awe. At the end of another week he made | she appeared Dick Brownlow did not it his business to overtake her on the attempt to help her off with her vell street as she was going home. How- and coat, as he had tried before: Ining with the utmost respect, he said: "Miss Mills, a friend of mine who ! was going to the theater to-night with

given me the tickets. Wouldn't you be lesitated and said: like to accompany me?" "I-I have another engagement, she replied, blushing both because it sonal matter ?"

was false and because he know it was

"Oh-ah-I see, It's a great play." "I thank you just the same." That was another surprise for Me Dick Brownlow, but he didn't turn on ble hoof with the montal threat to discharge the "uppy" stenographer in the

Showas a new kind of girl to him but he was playing fair. He would have wagered 10 to 5 that she would jump at the chance, and why she didn't jump puzzled him. He could she. only lay it to her feeling of awo. He hadn't broken that down yet. From Autumn's apron, as she goes . Miss Mills wont to her duties nex norning wondering if she would

> told that her services were no longer required, but nothing of that sort awaited her. On the contrary, about uldforenoon, when she had written several letters, the junior partner remarked: "Miss Mills, I want to say that your

work given the greatest satisfaction, and from this time on your adary will be advanced from \$12 to \$10 a week. "But I can't earn \$16 a week-not now," she replied. "I'm only a beginter, and I'm glad to earn \$12." "You refuse a raise of salary !" he

xclaimed, as he looked at her in as "If you please-until I can earn very ponny of it."

"But len't it for me to say ?"

"Not altogother. Please say more about it." Dick came down with another thu It was no use trying to puzzle it out He ladn't the brain power to do I instead of puzzling he went to his father and said :

"Governor, I wanted to raise m stenographer's sklary and she wouldn' have it. What do you think of that?" "Dear me, Dick, but I hope you plied the father, as he rubbed his himself : hands together and looked ver anxious. . "If you think she is trying to get a hold on you, you'd better dis-

charge her." "Oh, see here, dad," said Die promptly, "I know that she len't anything of that kind, but I can't make stope. her out. She won't go to the theatro with me or accept any other favore.' "You shouldn't have asked her. Dick," said Mr. Brownlow sternly is a most slugular young woman-He was just recovering from a hilarmost singular. I'm afraid that she is

"Now, dad," said Mr. Son Brownlow promptly, "that's not fair to her. simply wanted to make her feel commonths and bad at last advanced in good looking as she is, but because and one day only, a drunkard.

Some junior partners might have muit and almost bluff the old office given it up, but Dick wouldn't. . Ho with me are flowing against the puryle Then the older Brownlow decided and humiliated, and he wanted to thricks out against the clamor of the that the son ought to have a steno- know why. He had sunk his dignity bur-room. These are apparently of grapher all to blosself, and an adver- to be patronizing, and he had been small avail; but little Grace and tisement was accordingly inserted. rebuffed. He had broken a tradition | must save our leved one. I depended There were forty-nine answers, and it of the house in seeking to increase a was for Dick to peruse them and make new-comer's salary and received no know. But God must sometimes use thanks for It.

So one evening he presented himand chose Miss Mills because she was self at Miss Mills' boarding house and basis of stonography and typewriting. no other idea than that he had come stay at home that day. His father didn't ogree with him, but with bad news. He hommed and he did not wish to introduce any hawed for a time and then drew a you take care of Grace," he assured

wook ?" "I'm afraid not," she answered.

"But I can't make you out. You refore to go to lunch with me; you refuse a raise of splary; you refuse to go to the theater. Will you toll me "I will. Mr. Brownlow. I am from

small town in the interior of the state. My mother is a widow, and wo are poor. I am here to make a living looked at in a business way by some, you, but I had to give them up be- famble at the window. I started for

When noon came he felt that he had bestowed upon me. They were not my heart forbade me; then I went made matters so pleasant that he do- satisfied to let me do as good work as I boldly to the window and raised the olded to ask Miss Mills to lunch with could for a fixed sum per week. I blind; there he was, I went out and him. She looked him sedately in the must give up my place with you for helped him in. "But I don't see it." replied Dick.

Miss Mills looked at the young man

two days before the invitation was re- to injure you socially, but how about cot.

"Miss Mills," said Dick, getting up doing ?" and preparing to go, "I see now. thought only of patronizing you." Without walting for a reply he bade

her a ceremonions "Good night" and hurried away. The girl watched him go with an expressionless face, but when the door and it naturally set him to studying closed behind him she hurrled to her

room and sobbed bitterly. That she could not romain with the when finally he decided that the girl without argument. Indeed, she healstood in awe of him because he was tated next morning as to whether she should go to the office at all or merely | him

write surrendering her post. Her sense of duty conquered. When stend he merely said "Good morning" couldn't find it in my heart to cry out politely and turned to his deak ugain. against him, to arouse the servant or in the whatstone unceasingly the sels- months. The records of the same po-Presently he stepped to her side and | out the neighbors. Those two awful | sors would soon be useless. The grind | lice court show that for the first four his wife has been disappointed and has began to dictate. When he was done hours in a home of every comfort that dolls women is not daily house- months of last year 100 arrests were

"Will you pardon me if I reour once more and for the last time to a per-

bravely, "I will ask you not to resign, to be done; I took care of Joe. They as I know you intended to do. I could | asked fow questions; just left us slone see it in your face this morning. If it in our sorrow. They little knew how | She druv the cows from the field an will make you more comfortable, I will | great that sorrow was; no one but arrange to have you transferred to my myself knew ; Joe didn't know ; how father's office, but if you would for | could he? He was drunk, but the give me and do me the honor of trust- effect of the liquor were off, and Joe

ing in my own office.". The girl looked at him with eyes | was all that he and I could bear ; to I moist with tours. "I will stay," said kept the terrible secret alone during Hix months afterward the Son of Brownlow & Son ontered the private office of the head of the firm and said : | in our little sitting-room. The others

"I couldn't want a better partner," sald the head of the firm.

WHAT A THEMENDOUS PRICE For two terrible days I was a drunkard's wife. Yes, Joe was drunk once ; and that for so brief a space that could easily be blotted out of the years; but with one swing of the black scythe, Joe wrought more than some do in a life of drinking.

We had been married about four years when it all happened. During those years there had been no intoxicants in our home, nor had Joe partaken of them clowbore : but I didn't know that his grandfather died victim of drinking, nor that his father, through life, fought an inherited ap

attended his club since his recovery. seen that the little fellow was blind. I remember little Grace held out her He had a pale wan face, but was smilhands and cried to go with him. He ling. are not going to get into a scrape," re- gazed at her a minute, then said to

> I knew afterwords that the temptaon was upon him. When Joe came home that night he was-drunk, my husband drunk. Old Mr. Symons helped him up the

"I wish I could take her with me."

"Just be patient, Mrs. Hunter," he said to me; "he'll be all right, he's too good for this. I'd a kept out o' sight only I thought you'd feel better if you \$50,000 to get blm to bis present point "At the same time I must say that she knew it was only me; I'll keep what I knew, and immediatly drew out a playing as second-base man in a game with my drunken busband.

I "Jue must be saved, by God's morey | play softly, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." and help, he must. He must stop, and Tears came into the eyes of the old Dick had been using the office as a fortable, because - because - well, hang at once, and little Grace must never sort of "hangout" for two or three it, not because she's so confoundedly know that her father was one day, and as the little fellow played on, Rockwood on Friday evening. How can it be done?

The crystal tears of wives before and felt that he had been thrown down tide of woe. The cry of little children much on Grace, how much I did not

Jue didn't go down to his office till afternoon next day. Grace had been the best looking of the lot. It was naked for her. He was received in the very sick with the croup, and I took Dick's idea that good looks formed the parlor, and Miss Mills came down with | that as an excuse for begging him to "Your mother will be over and help

"I'm very busy, Mary." "Well, kiss Grace good-bye," My heart sank, but I thought Grace in her muto appeals could do more than I could by argument.

"I'd like to take her with me." Again I know how hard it was fo him to resist the temptation to drink Joe didn't come home for tea as nanal. My mother came and went, and I was left waiting, waiting far into the midnight hour. Then I heard "I had two places before I came to someone come into the yard and cause of just such flattery as you have the servant's room to arouse her, but

He slept heavily for two or three honrs. I listened to his broken breathing, then to the soft slumbers of to give notice and resign her place on and perceived that he really did not Grace, in her little cot, interrupted the spot. But evidently her glance at "see it." Very patiently and in a occasionally by her croupy cough, for which I administered her cough medi-"You are the junior partner in the cine. Toward morning my nerves The junior partner was astonished, house. I am your stenographer. You became so exhausted that I fell asleep. To do him justice, he was not ladig- want me to go to the theater with Grace had a severe attack of coughing. you. We should see many people but it did not suffice to arouse my The setback made him assume more there that know you. Who am 17 weary senses till I heard Jos speaking tal, has just secured on behalf of the dignity in the afternoon, and if he was Your stenographer. What would In a thick voice, and, in the grey dawn not glad of it, Miss Mills was. It was they think and say ? Perhaps nothing I could see him standing houlde Grace's

"Joo!" I orled, "what are you In the same thick tones he replied but I must confess that I can't make Thank you for the lesson. You have that he was giving her some medicine made me realize something, and that for her cough. I was at his side in a scription left in the carriages on Bellike a pompour fool. And I am a given her the medicine, and her little pompous fool, for I confess that I body was already beginning to writhe under its effects. I took the bottle from his hands. To my horror, it was not a modicine bottle, but a small far containing a carbolic disenfectant that | will make a profit of from 12 to 15 per I kept on a table remote from the cont. a year.

I did everything I could for Grace and, being a trained nurse, I felt that ! nothing more could be done. But in her mother one day that her elster she would know what her father had prayer, "But how do you know?" askdone, and what she had done to save od her mother. Katherine began to re-

hours! I felt paralyzed. Joo's stupor | ing. "I-I heard her wink."-Delineswas wearing off the know that some- tor. thing was wrong with Grace, but ho was ignorant of his terrible orime. himself, had committed a crime.

"Thon," said Mr. Dick Brownlow came; they did everything that was ing me I think I can prove to you that was bimself, as he always had been, She paster wear made-over clothes you will not make a mistake by stay- except for those two days. Still, I didn't tell bim; as it was, his remorse But now her drokes every one must

Grace lay there. "Father, that Miss Mills didn't ex- were around the house somewhere, actly try to get a hold on me, but she doing what they could; it mattered has one for all thist, and I really think not to de what they did. Then the wo'll have to take her into the firm barden of my secret came upon me; it and make it Brownlow, Son & Daugh- | crushed me.

> "Yes, Mary." Then I told him

It was not for Joe only that the price was paid. In the lonely years that have followed, Joe has gone into the thickest of the fight against drink, and has sayed many a poor, innocent child from the clutches of a drunken father.-Maine Temperatice Record.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT The following incident happened re-

cently on an elevated train in New York city. The train had just left an uptown | Epiron | station when the passengers saw entering the car a little boy about six years old, half carried by an older boy, evidently his brother. Hoth were It was the second time Joe had well dressed, but at first glance it was

> A quick look of sympathy passed over the faces of the passengers, and ettas," was the verdict by Justice an old gray-haired gentleman got up Duffy, of New York, in the case of a and gave his sent to the two. The pale-faced young man found wander-"blg brother," who was about cloven years old, tenderly lifted up the little blind boy and placed him on his knee. "How's that ?" he asked.

"Nice." said the little chap. "Where's my 'monica ?" This nuzzled some of the passengers and several turned to see what the know," and with that assurance, the small mouth harmonica and placed it of base ball, was run against by the good old soul went away and left me in the little fellow's hands. He took base runner, and had his collar bone the instrument into his thin hands, broken. The injury will interfere I cried out in my strange despair : ran it across his lips, and began to with his usefulness in the harvest field gentleman who had given up his seat, running into "Rock of Ages" and

molet eyes in the car. Sweet Home." Finally the "blg owing to the internal injuries. brother" leaned down and told the little one to get ready to leave, as the bert, Erin, had a leg broken near the train was nearing the station. Then, ankle, caused by the appetting of a load of friends, the blind boy quickly come from his place of service for a changed "The Suwance River" into day to help his father with the hay, "Auld Lang Syne," and with one ac- and will have to remain for some cord the passengers burst into a round | weeks. Dr. Lowry reduced the fracof applause, while the "big brother" ture.

carried the little one out of the car. POULTICED WITH MUD

A noted explorer, recently returned from Contral Africa, tolle of a unique method employed by his companions and bimself to alleviate the dreadful

agony of prolonged thirst. In part of the "Dark" continent there are great stretches of country where no water fit to drink is to be found, although there are here and there pools of thick, staggant mud. threshing machine. In such country the party wandered for five days without water, and

might have perished but for an idea that occurred to their leader. Following his advice and example, they collected the stagnant mud, in Toronto on Tuesday, returning in wherever it was to be found, and made it into long poultices, which they fastoned round their bodles next the skin. . This simple process they found to give great relief; and no doubt the hint will be welcomed by all who are likely at any time to find themselves in a similar predicament.

GERMAN BUSINESS WOMAN'S

One of the cleverest young business women in Germany, well-known in Berlin society and considered one of the prottiest girls in the German canlcompany of which she is chalrwoman a contract from the Belgian State railwave which marks the latest thing in railway economy affected by a foreign goverment. Miss Stoote's syndicate has received permission to collect all newspapers and paper of every deto manufacture and supply free of churge from the paper thus obtained as many cardboard tickets as the railway may require.

It le cetimated that the company

SHE WINKED OUT LOUD

Six-year-old Katherine confided to firm was a decision that she made ten minutes she was gone; gone where Jean did not close her eyes during present year, and the published staply promptly. "Well, I sa"-but saved | The report states: "The total arrests The awfulness of the next two herself in time and finished by assert- for drunkenness the first four months

THE GRIND THAT DULLS

If the seissons grinder kept his blade and with the tenderest of husbands- hold duties, but never letting up on | made for all causes, while for the corbut he was drunk, and, unknown to those duties. The housewife who is responding months this year, without knowing keeps herself sharpened with | saloons, the whole number of arrests Then I sent for my people; they frequent change and recreation.

THE CHANGE

Refere she went to beardin' school she -useter romp an' play, . helped take in the hay, But she don't do that any more, because of this you seo-Hio went away as Mary Jane, but

come back Jeanne Marle.

nn' always with a smile. be the latest style. She don't ride bareback any more, not climb the apple treethe days that all that was mortal of She went away as Mary Jane, but

come back Jennus Marlo. Joe and I were along that evening Her hale is all to minkles new-she calls em Marshal waves ; She's up to all the otiquette, rea stylish she behaves. fer ma and me are mighty proud of all she learned -but gee, We sometimes wish for Mary Jane

Instid o' Jeanne Marie ! .

Home Companion.

TWENTY YEAYS AGO

Mrs. Elsie Duncan Yale in Woman's

Cleanings and Biftings from Our Issue of August 8th, 1880 FIRE PRESS, upon the third year of this department in consecutive issue,

there having been no interruption in our "Twenty Years Ago" items since August 1st, 1007. The assurances of appreciation received from time to time, both written and oral, encourage us to continue their publication .-

The brickwork on the new Manso and Mr. I. Francis' new residence are being pushed to completion. Ground has been broken for the now upper leather tannery on Queen Ht A contract for 1000 loads of stone for

foundations has been let. "Insane through smoking cigar ing on Grand Street.

A curloulty in the shape of a branch

of an apple tree bearing apples an inch in diameter and new blossoms within a few inches of each other, has been left us by Mr. John Watson, On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Dan child meant. But the "big brother" | Whitley, of Nassagaweya, who was

Lightning did much damage in a

very heavy storm which passed over On Monday, Mr. Graham McDonald. "Abide with Me," there were many of Nassagaweya, slipped from a ladder and fell about six feet to the barn floor. The train rushed along, the passon- Some tibe were broken and a lung gers listened, and the little fellow | punctured by the displaced bone. As played on tirelessly, nover missing a Mr. McDonald is advanced in years note of "Annie Laurie" or "Home, the accident is not without danger,

Last week a son of Mr. Wm. Lamas if he know he had won a whole car- load of hay he was loading. He had

Acton's annual Civic Hollday had bright and beautiful weather. A large number of citizens went to outside points of interest. About 230 went to Brampton to see the championship Acton-Ilrampton lacrosse match Brampton won, although Acton playere have high encontoms from both Hrampton papers, the Conservator

speaking of the "number of gentlemanly young fellows." John Anderson and D. Agnew, of Nausagawoya, have purchased a new

The Young Mon's lee cream social and concert in connection with the Methodist Church was quito success-Mrs. George Hynds visited friends

the evening with her little girle who have been helldaying in the city. Miss Gertrude Cookman, of Flamboro', has been visiting her grandfather, Asa Hall, Esq. Miss Hella Hill has been visiting for

month.in Detroit. Mr. George Thurston is spending week with friends at Hornby. Mr. Joe Perkins, of Berlin, has been visiting his parents here. Miss Cella Stafford, Toronto, was

home on Hunday.

We find a splendld trip down by the sounding ses, in connection with the Pross Excursion to St. John and Frederigton, N. B. We left the party for a time after reaching St. John and went on to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lollage. at Charlottetown, P. E. I. Bonn-At Limehouse, on August

Boun-In Acton, on August 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, a son. MARRIED-On August let, at the residence of the bride, Mill St., Acton, by Rav. J. W. Rue, Mr. Forgus James Travers, Hollolter, Toronto, to Mary

3rd. to Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, a

GOOD RESULTS UNDER PROHIBI-

McMaster, (Minnie) Ewan, of Acton.

Probition went into force in Stoubonville, Ohio, on January 1st, of the tistics speak well for the result of the first few months of the new system. of 1000, with open saloons, were 105. For the corresponding months in 1900, without saloons, the number of arrosts for drunkenness was 184-a difference of 207 in favor of the four dry

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