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president !"

angrily.

longinge.

handed him a telegram.

"Do not come home," it read.

John sank into a chair speechless

with astonishment. "Not go home-

go at once to Carrington!" Did it

There was nothing to do but obey.

antique material and out.

"fringed" yarn mitten.

"And Aunt Martha?"

dozen years yet."

with me."

comforted.

he answer with a little cackle

one to give up no more'u me.

couldn't skercely walt to see

thought. Then aloud be asked :

our checks. Master John ?

hurry to be off." .

tion,' she used to say."

Master John. If it hadn't 'a' been so

mighty cold, she'd 'a' dray down with

The lad's core heart felt comebow

"Somebody's glad to see me." h

"Any mall for me, Uncle Jonas ?"

"Never mind the trunk to night.

have all I need in my bag. I'm in

The old man laughed indulgently.

Soon they were slowly winding up

the long driveway between rows of

old brick colonial mansion shone is

new fallen snow. The observ reflec-

tion of the level sunset light illuminat-

wreaths of blue smoke, curling up-

ward from the great obluneys, be-

tokened the warmth and welcome

skeleton . Ime, at the end of which

ruddy contrast to the heavy drifts

ed the small-paned windows.

"Jest like ye, Master John !

The tone held the faintest possible

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I.dog down the gramy lane the othe Mrst I met a merry little bumble bee He was humming in a very fully way, So I said, "Your errand, petther, tell to me ;" "Going to the liles tree."

Said the fully bumble-bee, "Where there's honey stored for And he bumble-bumble-bumbled or his way.

Then a little bird I saw upon a spray, Singing deni-semi-quavers full of He so added to the brightness of the day, That I said, "Your business, prithee

tell to me." "Going to the apple-tree," Said the little bird to me, The BOND HARDWARE Co. "There to feed my neetlings three; And he twitter-twitter-twittered on

> bie way. Rippling o'er his public bed in merry Next I met a little brooklet, glad an And he whispered in a very funny so I said, "Your secret, prither, tell to

'Oh, I'm going to the ses," Said the streamlet glad and free, "Back in rain I soon will he;" and he gurgle-gurgle-gurgled

I had gone a little farther on my way When I met's weeping laddle, and to have our own Lens Grinding plant and can duplicate your broken lens in a few moments and his frown beclouded all the sunn without a prescription i if you bring some But I said, "Your trouble, prither, tel

Bring your broken Eyeglasses or Spec-"Oh, I'm going to echool," said be, "There to learn my A B C. 'Rithmetic and jography ;' And he boo-hoo-boo-boo-housed on

> his way. -Klizabeth Ruser



Sur Silver WOHN CARRINGTON left the

president's office with his sentence-suspension from college for a period of three months. "The at once to Carrington. Am writing. penalty seemed to him a very heavy Father." one for what he named "a trivial cocapade," "a mere night of mischief." He had ventured to say as much to the grave, dignified gentleman who faced | mean that he was to be exiled from him like an accusing conscience from home as well as from college? Was his seat behind the desk, but the ever punishment so out of proportion answer had not been reassuring.

"Carrington," said the president, grow as he reflected that two days at bright young men and women, who are now securely holding enviable positions in the lad's soul. "have you ever studied the the promised letter of explanation. dishonorableness of voluntarily begreat world of business and finance, began committed in the smaller world of the land housekeeper. Often in summer still, covered the four-posted seize opportunity; do it now. Come direct to the College office, 137 Upper Wyndham Street, or address Malcolm MacCormack, B.A.

"Those are hard words, Dr. Brand," "Hard, but as the truth is hard! was the quick answer. "Yet I do not mind telling you, Carrington, that this late misdemeanor of yours rather the occasion than the cause your suspension. A single infraction of the rules however inexcus might have found justice tempered with mercy. But it is your general attitude toward duty which has really decided the action of the faculty. From a lad of your natural gifts and superior advantages - mind, I am no paying you compliments !- more was to be expected than indifference to standards of scholarship, and the evident disposition to shirk your proper tasks for the pursuit of unhealthy ex-

citement and doubtful pleasures." "But I haven't flunked, Dr. Brand." "Granted, Carrington. By a skilful system of 'oramming' for tests and examinations you have managed secure passing marks, whom you and your set affect to despise, is to be respected even in a fallure to meet the requirements, than you would be if you were able to grasp boners without having deserved

"Theo, elr, there is nothing more to be wald ?" "Nothing. I have written your father. My dear old friend to proud of his son ! I am more sorry for him | tellin' that you was comin'. Where's than for you."

John turned almost rudely. 'Fur mos inherited courtesy falled him. "I will bid you good morning, sir!" he said over his shoulder, ignoring the older man's outstretched hand, As the door closed behind him Dr.

licand sighed heavily. "I have only sent him away angry," he said to himself, "but my hope is in harp medicine. Yet how lovable be le even lu life wrongheadeduses! Little he knows what it cost me to treat blus so sternly !"

Meanwhile John was crossing campus with long strides. A handsome fellow of eighteen. athietle build and fine, straight oarringe, he looked, indeed, a son whom any father might be proud. At the door of the dornitory he was

met by a group of waiting friends.

"How le it, Jack?" You look like a

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS DESTROYING 100 GALLONS BEER At the Yown Hall Acton, After the Trial on May 6th, When the Proprietor, His Sons, and Bartender of Dominion Hotel were Fined \$1,180 and Costs doctor, not if he were forty times a "Come right in out o' the cold. Master Johnny boy! I dunno when | was very low. "Three months! Whow ow! Rather Jones and I've been so pleased as when we heard you was comin'. Let 'thin' of what nort your father was as rapid pace for a Freebie! Matriculame git a good look at ye," said she, a boy, Master John. High-tempered tion, recalcitration, accusation, revelainspecting him over her gold-rimmed by natur', but breakle' himself as tion, rustication-and all in the first year! Jack, you're going some!"

suggestion of a sneer, and John turned "Yes, I'm going, and if some other | with workin' too late o' nights." sonle hadn't obested themselves out John's face flushed. of trouble I wouldn't be going alone I' He went past them up the stairs. studying, Aunt Martha." two steps at a time, satered, his own quarters, turned the key in the lock, ways ambitions. Mebbe you ain't a afraid of pobody's eyes because be ha and, with a port of flerce haste began to dismantle the attractive room.

proper judge. Anyhow, we'll feed ye nothin' to hide that was your father, up good." Pennants, badges, photographs, were "Yes," said Uncle Jones, "if there's plucked from the walls, closets and anythin' that'll put the extra flesh on chests of draws set wide open, and your bones, my boy, It'll be your with none of his accustomed careful Aunt Marthy's cookin'. 'Her hand ness, he began to pack his various beain't lost it's connin', as the good Book

There was a knock at the door "I can smell the pudding now which he answered with an impatient said the boy. "It's my favorite-the movement. A uniformed mossenger play, plummy one, len't it. At

"Right ye are, my dear! I made o' purpose. But here's your letter. sald she, taking from the mantel an envelope on which he recognised his father's familiar handwriting.

"May I go upstairs, Aunt Martha? It's my old room,"I suppose?" "You, and a good fire in it. your letter, and by that time supper'll

to offense? His feeling of bitterness be on." The lad climbed the stairs and openand his keen eyes seemed to read the least must ness before he could receive | ed the door of the long, low-coiled chamber. The blaze on the hearth The quiet old village among the flickered warmly over the walls, where couning a member of an organization New England bills to which he was quaint figures of shepherds and shepwith whose rules and regulations you directed to go, here the name of his herdesses disported themselves with are acquainted, and then deliberately family. The ancient homestead which their flocks on fields of impossible setting yourself to break or subvert | had been inhabited by successive gen- green, and brought out vividly the red them? It is a form of misdoing which | erations of Carringtons was still faith. | veining of the polished old mahogany in a citizen or soldier goes by the ugly fully cared for by a loyal old couple, furnifure, . A blue and white apread name of treason. That it has been who acted respectively as gardener kuitted by patient fingers long since college does not change the character or early autumn John had been ac- and braided rugs were apread upon the of the offense. College rules, like the customed to entertain there some spotless wood floor. The striking por laws of a nation, are made for the merry house-party, whose fresh voices | trait of a man in the prime of life. greatest good of the greatest number. and gay laughter awoke again the drossed in a style of an earlier period. They may not be perfect, but, such as slumbering echoes of the gray walls. looked from its tarnished frame with they are, every student actually Such an experience was altogether de- a strange following gaze oddly almupledges himself by his entrance to re- lightful. But to be sent by himself in lating life. John had a strange feeling spect and obey them. Failing to do so the depth of winter, like a prisoner to of having been transferred to another he is guilty of treachery and mean- solitary confinement-what an intoler- existence. Already his college life able prospect! Yet, under the dis- seemed years behind him. With nergraceful circumstances, he dared not your fingers he unfolded his father's send a message of remonstrance. letter. It was brief. His mother was not strong and the doctor had ordered The air was scintillant with frost | her to winter abroad. - They would be when, two days later, John stepped sailing that day week. His father from the rallway coach upon the plat- had not thought it best for her to be form of the little Carrington station. distressed by Dr. Brand's latter, or to

An old-fashioned sleigh attached to a know that John was not yet at school. sober-looking white horse, was walting Hence he was desired to spend his three months at Carrington, where he along aide, and near it stood the faniliar figure of the old gardener wrap- would have ample opportunity for ned to his sare in a great coat of study and reflection. The letter end-"How d've do Uncle Jonas P sald "I am saying nothing of my own sorrow and disappointment. John, as he returned the hearty grasp bnaterabnu, ot dyuone flow ou wonk of a hand encased in a blue and-white

both. You understand, too, my love -my hopes-for you. Faults, thank "Hard as nails, Master John !" was God, may be repented of, missteps retraced. It lies with your own will to laughter. "The old man's good for a

redoem yourself from this disgrace." "Uncle Jonas," said John that even ing, as the two sat before the fire while "Marthy's fair to middlin'-troubled the old wife went to and fro in the a bit with rhoumatis. But she aln't kitchen, "you have been a great while between us we get on fine. Marthy

at Carrington, have you not ?" "I was born on the place seventy five years ago, Master John. father kept the stables for the Squire, your great-grandfather that

"Do you remember him?" "Don't I!' A fine figger of a man be was, as you may see from the picture that hange in your chamber. Straight and tall as a young pine tree! I've said a many times to Marthy that you favor him, lad. A gentleman born he was-speakin' a poor stable-boy

"Yee, lad, a letter from your father; come the same day se ble'n to me fair as a king? In the days when every second man was fond of his cup your great-grandfather was an abstainer. His word was as good as his bond, and his band was open to the always bamovin'. Welt I mind how. poor. He hated nobody nor nothin' when you was a little shaver, your me but meanness and lies, and he brought used to hire we with a dime to sit still up his son to be like him." a quarter of an hour. 'Jest for prac-

"My grandfather" You, Master John. He and I were lads together. Many's the thus we've roamed these old fields and woods. We've nutted and fished and skated and coasted and rodo together. mind as 't was yesterday how I crawled away and cried -great lout that I was - the day he went away to school And I mind, too, the old Squire savin' to blin, 'John,' says he-the oldest son was always named John-'remember that every Carrington does his duty!' Four years afterwards he brought Suddenly the door opened and a back honors and prises and medals, "And well I may. Suspended for sweet faced old lady peered out with but he brought, too, something clau three mouths, and such a wigging in an exclamation of delight. John worth more-something that he'd kept the bargain as I would never have sprang from the sleigh and stooped all that time-his boy-heart strong

"And my father?" The lad's voice

"I reckon you can imagine some spectacles. "You're jest a might thin, you've seen a trainer break a colt! seems to me. Too much study. I I've seen blu when his eyes 'd flash reckon. That was the way with your like sheet lightning', but not a word father before ye. I never did hold | would be say till he could speak it low and calm. He was full as he could stick of fun and apirits and harmies "I'm afraid I haven't hurt myself mischief, but though so fond of his fling, he never wanted to take a los "I ain't so sure about that, Master | sort o' pleasure. Playlo' fair in play-Johnny. The Carringtons were al- time and workin' faithful in worktime

Master John." "And not one of them ever disgrap ed the name, Uncle Jonas ?" "Disgraced! What do you me

lad? A Carrington?" "It was left for me," said the bo speaking fast and bitterly, "for me the son of the son of the son of m great-grandfather, to do it ! It was left for me to shirk my duty, to fall to unworthy companionships and forbid den self-indulgences, and then-when I could no longer hide my double dealing-to forfelt the respect of my

teachers, and wring my father's heart !" "What do you mean, lad?" crie the old man aghast.

John felf on his knees upon the flo and laying his head upon the knee the old serving-man, sobbed out ! miserable confession. When he had finished there was a little stillness the room, while the old man's wrink led hand trembled on the dark curls

At length he spoke : "Laddle, laddle, it's a brave thing climb without fallin', but it may be braver to get up and go on again spite o' the brulses and achin'. The foot that's found out where the stum blin'-stones lie, isn't golu' to strike 'euthe next time over the ground. Hark to me, lad! I'm lookin' to see yo write the Carrington name jest a lectio

higher up than over 'twas writ afore ! The boy sprang to his feet and hi volce rang like a trumpet.

"God helping me. I'll try !" TWENTY YEARS AGO

Interesting Notes From Our leave of May 28th, 1801

The dry weather continues. Itain believe viber. Operations have been commeno or the removal of the drill shed to the park. R. Dynes has the contract. Acton never looked prettler than lors to-day. The trees up the streets and the tidy appearance of things gen erally lond an attractive appearance

did considerable damage to early vegetables and small fruits. The House of Commons debate riday evening in the R. T. of meeting was completed. The bill roduced by the member for Hannock-

The heavy frost on Saturday nigh

burn for total probibition was passed after third reading. A match carelessly dropped during hunt for eggs in Mr. D. Kennedy's stable on Friday evening had place soon in a blaze. The fire slarm

monched the flance. Officers of the Bannockburn Patrons of Industry, the new farmers' scolety, are :- Pres .- N. F. Lindsay : Pres .- Alex. Kennedy: Sec'y-John Guide-G. McDonald; Sentinel-P. not hurt, and I don't mind the fall, Kennedy ; Minerva - Miss B. C. War- but I do bate the connection." ren ; Demetur-Miss M. A. E. Gordon. Strong societies have also been organ-

ised at Lorne, Dublin and Leelle's Rev. W. E. Norton, pastor of the Saptlat Churchas of Georgetown and Acton, was ordained at Georgetown m Thursday last. Rev. O. C. S. Wal ace, of Toronto, preached. The charge to the pastor was given by Prof. Trotter: and to the congrega-

tion by Rev. J. L. Gilmour, B. A., Drangeville. Mr. D. S. McDonald, of Manotowar ing. Manitoulin, was the guest of ble brother, Mr. H. S. McDonald, this week. Mr. McDonald's oldest so

Murray, returned with him to sper Rev. Byron Laing, of Innerkip, visit-

ed friends here this week. THE CAUTIOUS TONGUE

Singing Teacher - "Now, children give us "Little Drope of Water' and put some spirit in it." Principal (whispering) - "Careful, wir. This is a temperance school. Hay

Humility is the softening shadow

TO AN APPLE BLOSSOM sweet, modest, fragrant, faded gem, Whose tinted petals incense breathe, In friendship spure and holy wreath; The rarest in that diadem. I'll twine thee now a flower more

Than over Cashmere's Valley knew, Or bathed in balm the mountain's feet That tow're o'er Oman's flood of

Precious the art for her whose hand Hath picked thee from thy parent

And sent thee odor-winged to me. Though thou art fading now, and

Thy dust, for her, Love's Fairy Queen, Shall rest in Friendship's sacred urn. Life's brightest hopes like flowers

must fade ; Fortpas is finkle and unjust ; a sunshine now, to-morrow shade ; And soon, alas, all, all is dust. -Percy A. Gaban, In Canadian Maga-

NOISE. Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, while thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cod and are allent, pray do not Imagine that these who make the polse are the only labablimits of the field; that, of course, they are many lu number, or that, ofter all, they are other than the little shriveled. meager, hopping, though loud

bour .- Edmund Burke.

and troublesome insects of the

LIFE FOR A LIVING

Is it not time we took thought a little on this business of work? I am not railing against the toll for the daily bread. I am ready to agree with all the fine things that have been and can be said of it. But I do denounce and stigmatise as contemptible and unmanly that attitude toward the work we are compelled to do which accepts it as the bo-all and end-all of human laspiration. This is not work, It is drudgery, and as such it is degrading and enalaving. As it is practised and understood to-day in the thousands of centres of modern civilization this drudgery is one of the most pernicious influences that can afflict mankind. There is nothing sacred in it, nothing beautiful, nothing worthy. Go through a modern department store and tell me if the work done there by the bundreds of young men and young women is either beautiful or sacred. Examine the factories the coal mines, the railroads, the offices of merchants and newspapers and shopkeepers, and show me there the sanctity and the beauty of labor. Oh, yee, all these creatures are carn-Ing that living. Some of them have. perhaps, found the work fitted for them and have made inventions and improvements in the unterprises with which they are associated. Some have been progressed in position and have thomselves become employers. What of it all? Have they done anything more than make a living? And If they have saved money, if even they have become millionaires, have they done anything more than work? Do they do anything more than work? Do they do anything more than go on working? If they do-then for what? For doing more work and more work? For making more money

and more money? And this is living

Departures from the old way in things educational come in for hard rape, first and last, but not often are they assailed as in this letter which a glowering boy handed to his teacher

the other day : "Madim you kepe telling my son to breeth with his dierfram Lauppor rich boys and girls all has dierframs but how about when their father only makes 2 dollers a day and theres younger I tel you its enough to make everybody socialists first its one thing and then its another and now its dierframe its to much."-Woman's Home

Companion.

TOO APT FOR THE PARSON A minister, a man of great vigor and vehemence, while preaching one the Sunday, bent forward and shouled out with great force the words of his rang and the bucket brigade soon text- The righteous shall stand, but

the wloked shall fall." Just as the words escaped from his lips, the pulpit broke from its fastenings, and he rolled out and over on the floor before his congregation. Picking M. Warren ; Treas. -J. A. Moffatt; himself up, he said -"lirethren, I am

> There hever was and never will be universal panacea in one remedy for all lils to which flesh is helr. What would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the others. We have however, in Quinine Wine, when obtained in a sound, unadulterated state a remedy for many and prievous illa. By its gradual and judicious' use the frailest systems are led into convalorcence and strength by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves those . to whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and by tranquillaing the nerves disposes to sound and refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which below stimulated, courses through the veins. arengthening the healthy, animal functions of the system, hereby making activity a necessary result strengthening the frame and giving life to the dignitive organs which naturally demand increased substance -torult, improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given. to the public their superior Quining. By the opinion of scientists, the wine approaches nearest perfection of any on the market. All drugsters will i