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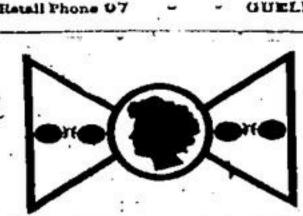
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ere from my house by the side of the

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The men who press with the ardor The mon who are faint with the dtrife : But I turn not away from their amiles or their tears. Both part of an infinite plan-

et me live in my house by the side of And be a friend to man.

Relect Jamily Reading

and second A Pupil in a Costly School By Harriot Lumes Smith

MARLEY MCLANE Young man who hever asked advice, because he thought it becomeny. He had lived eighteen years on this planet and had put in his time to such good advantage that no one could teach him any thing. A certain amount of self-con-

fidence is a necessary andowment for the young nian who hopes to succeed Charley McLane had all that he need ed, and then a surplus, which so fa from being an advantage stood in his Charley was a good-natured young fellow and soldom lost his temper with people not as wise as bimself. bligingly pointed out to his grandfather where he was mistaken, and I corrected his father's blunders without even a show of impatience. But the person whom he patronized more per elatently was his sister Alice.

one thing. Alice was almost two years younger than himself, and that differ ence gave him a sense of superiority rather strange, considering that he never allowed his olders credit for any additional wisdom. Moreover, she wa girl, and Charley was one of youths who are willing to make a orts of allowance for feminine infer ority. He was constantly explaining a Alice that "a girl could not be ax ected to understand" this thing that. Strange to say, Alice instead of being grateful for lile forbearance, sometimes displayed a very unbecom ing impatience. As a matter of fact Alice way a clear-minded little woman whose opinions were far more ant

carry weight in the family councils than Charley's positive assertions. The brother and sister were alone on the ranch one afternoon, when stranger rode up to the door, and drow rein. He was a man not far from forty, with the bronzed kin which told of long exposure, and something in his manner which indicated that he doing ?" know cities, as well as the open Catching sight of Alice as she stood, at the ranch-house door, he removed his hat with a sweeping gesture Charley mentally resolved to practice at first opportunity. He hurried dow to meet the new arrival, who sat wit bared head awaiting him:

"Can you put me up here for night? My horse is tired out." "Sure," Charley answered with the ranchman's easy hospitality. Indein a region distitute of hotels, an with stretches of many miles frequent ly intervening between neighbors, hospitality becomes an almost necessar virtue, for to turn the wayfarer fro one's door might mean his death "Light and go up to the house, Obarley continued. "I'll see to your

When he returned the stranger was ingaged in conversation with Allo who community the and constrained like many girls who live outside town and villages, made short answers t ble remarks. Charley felt rather mor tilled by his slater's lack of responsiveness. He entered into the converse tion with such good will that so Alice was relieved from the Decesity of saying anything. The stranger, who told them ble name was Jewett. seemed to flad his talkative you number of questions stant himself which Charley was very glad to answer. "You run this ranch yourlongth. ~

Charles heeltsted. together," he replied. He heard slater's gove of autonishment, and hastened to add, "My father and grandfather, live here. But grandfather's too old to do anything, and father's getting on in years." "I see," said Mr. Jewett understand

ingly, while Alice, her indignation getting the better of her timidity, ex-"Father's only fifty-two his next hirthday, How you do talk, Char-

"Hut you will have to acknowledge," Charles, who in turn talked freely of which adjoined his, he started up with, of those old copper cents of grand- collar and cuff sets.

the stranger said so often, "I see, I see," that Charles became convinced he called. that the stranger was a man of realoof, and more than once, not believ-

what lay behind it. As she busied not destined to a quiet night. Later herself with the supper she heard Mr. Jawett relate some experiences which | clapsed he did not know-he was rousindicated that he was a man of re- ed, by the sound of wheels. Then sources, and Charles, swidently trying Alice knocked at his door, crying, baste to depart Jewett had left behind to match blin, told some ventures of "Wake up, Charley; the folks have the ring which he had entrusted to ble own, but so artistically touched up | come." that the straightforward Alice had Ily the time Charles was sufficiently some difficulty in recognizing them as awake to get into his clothes, the actual occurrences. Charles was so room below was humming with voices well aware of the disapproval which and some of them unfamiliar. 'Charles' he should remember the events of the

direction of his sister. night, I suppose," Mr Jawett observed and already the fragrance of coffee would seem to indicate that Charles as he atretched himself in his chair. and looked across to the mountain peaks standing out vividly against the Charles," the father said. "They tried golden background of the sunset.

and it uses him up to cover more than | we're so late." forty or fifty miles a day. So they take it many. Of course," Charley added with expansive modesty, "father fuels perfectly safe about everything

while I'm bere." "Of course he would," agreed Mr.

"Sometimes Alice gets it into her head that she's nervous when father's www," continued Charles. know how girls are. Don't use good had fied at the sight of this misery souse. I'd risk a suspicious character "You need to go to bed. You'd bet getting over-near the house while I am | ter give them your room, Charley,

'It's no wonder your father feels aloop with Mr. Jawett." safe leaving the ranch with you to continued, leaning confidentially in ingrooms for the accommodation of

Charley's chest distended visibly. pompously. "I'll show where it will more loudly. be safe enough." . He led the way to the front room

and approached the big fireplace night's tire showed black sgainst the bricks. Though the sun was hot at mid-day, the nights were frequently chilly, so that a fire was welcome. At the hearth Charley paused with a triumphant air, while his great looked at

rI thought you were going to show me-" he began, when Churley's laugh interrupted him. "I am going to show you," the boy replied. 'This was an idea of mine. Father didn't think much of it at first, but he had to own up that I was

Dropping to ble knees he drew a knife from his mocket, and with its aid pried one of the bricks of the hearth rom its resting place. When lifted, a good-sized cavity was disclosed, in one corner of which reposed a tin box. carefully tied. As Charley pushed clinking. The stranger drew a peuch from

under his whirt, and handed it over Then he pulled a ring from his little finger. "Might as well give you the whole thing," he said. "That's a great place surely. Anybody could pull At this moment Alice entered the room, and at the sight of her brother's

kneeling figure, she halted ughast. "Charles McLane what are you "Committing burglary," brother, and laughed softly. But the girl did not unile. Her face was flushed and she resolutely refused to

meet her brother's eye. Charles replaced the brick, and leav ing Mr. Jewett to return to the porch followed his slater to the kitchen. "See here. Allie," he exclaimed indig-"I think you've done that, Charley,

we keep our money !" Charles reddened angrily. "I know what I'm about, Allie. I'm in charge of the ranch while father is away. You don't need to bother your head about things. As far as Jowett's conperned," he continued, loftly, all right. I can read him like's book "I suppose even you might some

imes be mistaken, Charley." If there was saroasm in the retor Oharles did not recognize it. course I piake mistakes," he acknow ledged generously. "Hut Jewett's a her head to sneeze. fine fellow."

The evening meal was an animate me, lu spite of Alice's vilence. almost before it was over, the guest showed signs of fatigue. He acknowledged to a long, exhausting ride, and declared his intention of retiring early. Oharles was disappointed, for he found the stranger must entertainng, and he would have been glad-to Keep later hours than are observed as a rule on ranches where an early start provails. After Mr. Jewett had taken his candle and gone to his room, Charles put up the shutters and bolted the door. Then he stretched his arms above his head and yawned.

"I suppose I might as well turn too," he said regretfully. lewett had felt like sitting up and talking, though. Are you coming, Allon P "I'll come before long," Alloe replied.

"I've got a fow little things to d The few duties must have multiplied as they so often do under the busy

things undertaken on the ranch. And a confused notion that it must be the middle of the night. "Who's there?" "Go to sloop. Charley," his sister | that that it would look so secure that markable intelligence. But Alice held answered southingly, "I've just come upstairs." And Charles obeyed, with | was at a safe distance. And I im-

ing in the deference this news mer a promptness which showed that the showed her brother, she wondered command was welcome. But he was -though how long or short a time had

shope back of her silence, that he curiosity helped to hurry his tollet. often lowered his voice a trifle, giving He got downstairs after a time to find his confidence in his infallibility, withnow and then a heaty glance in the a tired-looking man and woman in "You expect your father back to- grandfather. Alice was in the kitchen novel respect for the opinion of others. was diffusing itself through the house. "This is Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard. to ford the Pine River, and the wagon "Not till to-morrow. You see," upeet, and one of the horses was explained Charley, "grandfather's drowned. We've been working to along, and the roads are pretty rough, save what we could, and that's why

"Seeins like we're always having had luck," said the woman in a weary monotonous voice. Apparently the man was too crushed by this stroke of Ill-fortune to bpeak. He sat staring blankly before him and hardly moved when Alice brought him coffee and

andwiches. "You're tired to death, aren't you? the girl said kindly, for her shymes she continued, turning to her brother "Quita right," said Jewett, nodding. "And you can go across the hall and

The occupants of the ranch house look after it. And by the way," he were used to surrendering their sleep-Charley's direction, "I've a little weary strangers. Charles took the money about me. Wouldn't it be well | couple to his room, and was sure that for me to hand it over to you for safe | they threw themselves upon the bed dround as they were, the instant h closed the door. He crossed the hal "It wouldn't be a had idea," he replied and knocked, knocked again, knocked

He relead the latch of the door entered. The room was still. rumpled bed-clothes did not cover any where the cherrod remains of last rectining figure. The indented pillow showed where Mr. Jewett's head had rested, but the head Itself was no long-Charley's descent of the stairs was rapid enough to be almost, a fall. He

> family were will discussing the exciting events of the afternoon. "He gone," he cried. "Who's gone?" his father demand

flung himself into the room where th

"Jewett!" Charles' dilated eyes met those of Alice and his face blanch "I wonder," said the girl in an eve voice, "If anything hise is gone." The boy's face was white and h father looked up anxiously. "Whis do you mean, Alice P"

"Our money, for instance." There was a general movement of the part of the family. All eyes turn this to one side, there was a suggestive | ad to the hearth. "It's hardly likely that anyone could discover that," said Mr. McLane beneath his breath, bu no one moved to disprove the suspl cion or to prove its truth, till Alice sald quietly, "Look and see, Charley. The wretched boy obeyed. He pull ed the brick from the hearth with a your whole house down before dis- seeming effort, as if it weighed a hundred pounds or over, and then gave

low cry. The peach Mr. Jewett had entrusted to his care had disappeared and so had the tin box. Charley heard the excited voices asking the same question over and over, while Alice stood allent, waiting for him to speak. His chost heaved with great sobs. "I did it." he explained. "Yes. did it. I showed him the place we but his money away for him. I-

thought he was all right." Charley's abject misory was disarming. His father looked at him, and the words which his natural indignanantly, "there's no resson for you to tion had brought to his lips, were never spoken. "Well, Charles," he said at length dryly, "they call experithe idea of showing a stranger where | ence a dear school, but it len't often fellow paye so much cash down for his

"Come out into the kitchen; I've concething to show you," It was Alloe's voice, startling in it matter of fact cheeriness. They a stared at her. Charley representfully but he stumbled after the others. The girl led the way to the kitchen, whirl ed the flour barrel out into the and raised the cover. Then she plunged her arm down into its dusty contents, and immediately turned away

"What in the world are you dolog. Allog T cried her mother, wondering if the events of the day were to reach a climax in an outbroak of insanity in | us, in order that we may find out how Alice snerged again without reply- never be our duty to do what we ing. Then her groping hand found cannot do; but it is often our duty to what it was working and draw it to attempt tasks to which we are conthe light, a stout pillow-case whose spiciously inadequate, in the conf

ed. "Oh, Alice, way it's the money." The girl explained. She had been who have learned that it is their task uneasy, knowing that the stranger shared the secret of the hiding-place in the hearth, and she had removed pillow-case and concealed them in the sufficient supply. - Alexander Macflour barrel. "I thought he wouldn't think of looking there," Alice explained, "even if he discovered my trick."

"What trick ?" asked four voices in "Why, that was the best part of it. hands of housekeepers, for Charles felt The girl's face orinkled into lines of T. Statham & Son "that, it's young blood that tells," on the stairs. When he was roused with sand and publics to make it After this he gave his attention to by a creaking of the floor of the room heavy, and then I sprinkled in a few very simply and worn with lingurie time had been stoppered merely by

father's to make a clinking if he shook it around. And then I tied it up in million knots, more or less, hoping he wouldn't bother to open it till

agine that he didn't." The vacant space under the beart was not again utilized as a safety de twelt vault by the McLane family. Hut when they restored the brick to its place they discovered that in blu Charley's keeping. It was a rather handsome stone, and Alice suggested her brother's wearing it. Charles declined, however. He falt quite sure memorable day which had so shaken out any such reminder. And: a cercompany with his parents and his tain new modesty of demeanor, a

#### TWENTY-YEARS AGO Few Notes From the Free Press of

was not mistaken.

Ottaws, June 8th-"Gentlemen, Sir John A. Macdonald is dead.". The Premier's private secretary. place was the gate of Karnselff, the time 10.25, and the parties addressed a group of correspondents. 'He added still in a busky voice, "Ife died at 10.15

without pain and in peace." The representatives of the press turned to the adjacent tent in which the telegraph instruments were already clicking off the fatal news, and they flashed it by land and sea to newspapers in all parts of the English-

peaking world. The brief announcement, "Sir John A. Macdonald is dead," meant so much that the words kept ringing in the pare of those who heard It, and the nind seemed hardly capable of realising that the most prominent figure in the public life of Canada for forty years had disappeared for ever.

Upon receipt of the news of death of Sir John A. Macdonald the flage to town were helsted at halfmast and still remain. As a further mark of respect to the dead Premier all the stores and business places in town will close this afternoon between the hours of one and two-the time for the final services in connection with the funeral-and the town bell will be tolled.

Speaking of the Hemstreet-Moss wedding, noted elsewhere, the Goderich Signal says: "Like many a love match, there is a pretty but serrowful incident connected with this uniting of two hearts. 'The lovers had been ong promised, but the bride's father suffering from an almost locurable complaint, seemed to preclude an early realization of married joys. Mr. Moss, however, refusing further postponment on his account, the ceremony was arranged to take place in Goderich for fear of unduly exciting the bride's father.

Rev. Joseph Edge, of Clinton, has been appointed to succeed Rev. Dr. Gifford in the Methodist pastorate here. Rev. Mr. Edge is one of the nost noted and successful ministers in the Conference, and is highly retreen

ed by his brethren. Rev. Dr. Gifford has been appointed to Fergus. Mears, I. Francis and Geo. Hynds eft yesterday morning for Kingston to attend the funeral of the late Sir John A. Macdonald as representatives I the local Conservative association-Mr. A. W. Nixon, Kaquesing, Miss Lottis Moade, Nassagaweys have passed their final examinations at the Toronto Medical College.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mclam, Mrs. H. P. Moore and Miss Mary Brown spens several days at Berlin during Conference. Boun-In Acton, on June 6th! t

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kenney, a son. Boun-At Rockwood, on June 7th. to Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Dryden, a son. Houn-At the Methodist Parsonses. Cilfford, on May 20th, to Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Phillips, formerly of Acton. a daughter. MARKEN-In Goderich, on June

3rd, at the residence of Dr. Hichard

on, brother-in-law of the bride, by

Rev. Austin Potter, E. A. Hemstreet

of Gloversville, N. Y., son of Wm

Hemstreet, Acton, to Minnie Moss, of Avlmer, Ont.

OUR DEPENDENCY ON GOD Our Lord leads up to the mirscle feeding the five thousand by forcing home on the minds of the disciples the extent of the mend, and the utter inadequacy of their resources to meet it, by calling on them and the crowd for an active obedience, which must have seemed ludlorous to many of

Thoroin liegrestlessons. Commande are given and apparent duties laid on impotent we are to do them. It can mon and was ried with twine." She dance that Howald gives them has laid them on us to drive us to Himself told the story before she herself had and there to find sufficiency. The best preparation of His servants for their work in the world is the discovery that their own stores are small. Those to feed the multitude, and who have said, "We have no more than such and such scanty resources," are prepared to be the distributors of His all laren, D. D.

#### SHIRT WAISTS

Waists of challis, foulard, pongee or messaline matching the suit in color are very good looking, and are more practical in many ways than washing | called in question, but it is certain that

went to be an editor

And with him take my stand. iome thoughts within my forehead And a pen within my hand. It's great to be an editor.

To read and write the news To voice one's mind on politics, And advertise one's views. To ait in a sanctorum

And hold the public rein : To manufacture sentiment And otherwise raise-Cain. To most the great and nearly great As they pass by in review ; To canonise or "Cannonise,"

Whiche'er I choose to do. some day I'll be an editor. And deep red thoughts I'll think ; 'Il righten wrong and write an' write Though it raise the price of ink .----Thomas H. Stark.

> WHAT IS BEST. It's wiser being good than bad: It's unfer being meek -than

It's fitter being wane than mad. My own hone is a sun will The thickest cloud earth ever

That after last returns the

Though a wide company round be fetched: That what began best con't end worst. Not what God blessed once

prove accurat.

-Itobert Browning

THINGS WORTH KNOWING Whan cleaning spots from a garment with gasoline or benzine, put blotting paper underneath to absorb the fluid and keep it from spreading and carrying the liberated dirt further. Do not begin on the spot Itself; but first moisten a ring around the outside, to prevent the dissolved dirt from

A good method of cleaning soiled pieces of paint is to rub the surface over lightly with a damp flannel dipped in whiting t this is less injurious to the paint than the use of somp and When lines becomes scorched from

too hot an Iron, damp the spot and lay it in the oun. This is efficacious, and, of course, should be done before the article is put away. A pair of scissors, kept for the pur pose in the drawer of the kitchen table, will be found more convenient than a

knife in preparing certain fruits and regatables that are to be out into small pieces. If a white linen or cotton garment becomes ameared with all from the sowing machine, try rubbing the spots with a bit of rag dipped in ammonia

to obliterate it. ... Pieces of old kid gloves can be utilixed to advantage in many ways. They may be made into fron-holders. Layers of the kid between coverings of gingham or any other weshing materlal are not as clumay as most holders, and it is a long time before the heat

#### penetrates them.

ENVIRONMENT If, in one province alone, the heads of families introduced into their homes perfect physical and mental ouvironmente for the next twolve years, there would be laid the foundation of such an army of strong men and women that we would need no Canadian navy at all, and if in addition to the physical and mental there should be added the perfect moral environment. would be the most perfect array of men and women any age or any nation has produced. I tell you there would never have been in this world such a people as would come from this province. To come from a godly home, the foundation of which is planted in righteousness, is the en vironment that gives to the world such women and men as Queen Victoria. Florence Nightingale, John Bright Ewart Gladstone, John Ruskin, Francle Willard and the present Bishop Ingram, of London; men and women not only ready to do the individual duty, but to suffer and die for a prinbiple if necessary.

#### the boastings? How can such environment produce great mon and

THE CAPTIVE

Oh, the pettiness of life in so many

homes, the narrow interests, the

avaridous graspings, the gossin and

At the coming of the "sultay" the women flee precipitately, with little shricks of simulated terror. With audden sharp movement he selece bis "proy" by the wrist, and holds her back. She struggles; but he succeeds in lifting the veil with which, at his entry, she had quickly covered her hond, and by the glow of a terra cotta lamp, he gazes for the first time upon the features of his wife.

discharges his gun into the air, that the detonation may proclaim the joyful news to all his friends and to the village at large. Such is the picturesque marriage coremony obtaining in that plotus sone country of which the Arabian

Then, half opening the window, he

#### poet has said: "If the Earth is a peacook, Morocco is its tail !"

THE FIRST CHAMPAGNE When champagne, which is now causing a ferment in France, was first introduced into England it"was still red wine. How to make it sparkling and effervescent was the invention of Dom Perignon, a Benedictine monk of the Abbey of Hautvillers, who died in

The secret was discovered about 1003 and revolutionized the trade of the district. Whether it was entirely the old monk's own invention has been