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Father, I yet am a long way off -Come quickly, Lord! Have com-At Reasonable Prices passion on me! -Kthalwyn Westherald, in Canadian

> Magazine. Yamily Reading

THE MASTER'S VIOLIN

66 DTH four o'clock, Miss Hetty." reminded the maid at the at lietty. library door. "Oh, dear yes, I suppose so !" With

in the direction of the music room still | want - to be at work." intent on the magazine she was reading. It was several minutes before she settled herself for practice at the ment, her father's gift on her last At the first stroke of five she hurried | quired.

in the daily paper met her eye. She brightening. His companion only Betty persisted. "Why do you want read it twice, so much absorbed that Cheap Planos and Organs

Just bear this! 'For Sale Cheep-A the songs from her byun book at Landsdown Upright Plane, chony case, Challens & Sons, London, Eng., up-

If I'mw it, though." "But father, I thought a Stradiver of these instruments used only a few lus was always the very best-"You but we have to take this per-

son's word that it is one. I would never think of buying anything like that without seeing it first. How did the practicing go to day ?" Betty shrugged her shoulders. forgot all about it this morning, truly, but I practised an hour this afternoon I get so tired of the plane, father; I'd

just love the violin, though ; I wouldn't got tired of that, I'm surs." "You, daughter," interrupted Mr. Carver, "you were just as sure you would never forget to practice if you could have a new plane." He looked at the Steinway Grand with a eigh,

"The violin is a much more difficult instrument to master: If you have no more perseverance, it would be money thrown away to buy an expensive violin and pay for the lessons." Betty's face flushed scarlet and tears came to her eyes. Just then the dinner bell rang and the subject was

dismissed for that evening. The next day Mr. Carver went home earlier than usual : Betty was at the plano. "That's five! keep right on," he said going into the music room.

"Oh, father! I was going to surprise you!" she cried. "You have," assured Mr. Carver. " had no idea you could play so well." "I'm going to try to do my best after thie, father," said Betty.

"That's what your mother would have liked, daughter," and after tnoment's silence; "I have a surprise for you; I'm obliged to go to Wisconsin to look at a tract of timber. It's not far, from Walnut Grove-how would you like to go along? We might stop to hunt up that wonderful violin. "Oh! oh!" Betty cried clapping be-

hands in delight. "Walt a bit," protested her father "If I should find that instrument worth purchasing, you're to keep on with your plane lessons until yournext vacation; it will be time enough then to begin on the violin. Do you

"Yes, indeed, father; when do we "The day after to-morrow," was the

It was the Spring vacation, and alroady there was a breath from the

green things pushing their way out of the mold, as father and daughter started forth that April morning. 'Along the stream beds the delicate draperies of the willows hung like soft, green mist; the emerald ourve of the hills were lost in the fleecy blue of the sky as the train sped on. Suddenly, without warning, there

was a shrick from the whietle, a feri of the bell, and the train came to s standatill. Conductor and brakeman hurried through the crowded car, mer impatiently sought the platform to learn the cause of the delay.

"What is it?" asked Betty as Mi Carrer returned to his seat, "A freight wreck ahead," he replied. "The wrecking train will be here dir-

pitch la lore we reath Walnut Grove.' It ceased abruptly. Hetty halted in the noght to be very thankful it was a you think, father Y freight and not this train that was

The frown instantly vanished from Hetty's face as she looked at it. Suppose it were her father or herself that was suffering. "And there isn't a

"Yes, they found one on the train,

wrecked. As it is, two poor fellows

them over there," pointing to a white

said Mr. Carver. "Don't you want to take a walk, Betty, It's so pleasant? The conductor says he'll whistle for us to get back before the train starts." ter stay here," said Mr. Carver as they come to life.

The girl leaned both arms on the caught at her father's arm. top rail of the fence and looked off at laway, father; don't you see that it the man trudging briskly along in the would break her heart to part with the parrow furrow behind his team. It ?" she whispered. "I could never "Hetty, Betty," called ber father beck- learn to play like that. Let us go oning to her. "Don't you want to back." come in and cheer up the poor fel- "Nonsense! That's a fine instrulows?" he saked as she came up. | ment or I'm no judge. She really

able to go back on the road." Hetty entered the house timidiy. One man lay on a couch, the other on so t in the large sitting room, while to make them comfortable. The man with the bandaged head amiled back light a lamp.

"No. I sin't hurt bad, Miss, Just a paper." Mr. Carver made haste to ex-

Betty nodded sympathetically; it your playing-" was has I to know just what to say to back to the library. An advertisement "Sure, Miss," said the man, his face

she did not bear her father's step; lowed the young girl as she seated come a fine musician." auddenly ble hand touched her hereoff at the instrument. She con-I've been wanting for ever so long. with which she was familiar except pay for lessons-" sweet-tone Stradivarius Violin. Ad- home. Mr. Carver listaned in pleased dress Rose Kohler, Walnut Grove, surprise as song after song floated out The girl shook her head. "I've been Wis.' Isn't that wonderful-a Stradi- clear and sweet on the April air. The living with Mrs. Schoder and helping "It certainly sounds that way," said her wave fixed on the young musician. here for me to do. I thought if

glad and joyous refrain : sing it again and again,

Sweet peace, the gift of God's love-" The singer ended. "That's what Mollie slage to when I come in all tired out. "Who's Mollie?" inquired Betty logly in her lap-

with a pleased look. "She's my oldest girl, Miss, a couple you think?" of years younger'n you, I reckon. We have an organ, too, but Mollie's never laughed Betty. day if I don't get tangled up in any

niore wrecks." "Where do you live?" asked Mr. too much." Carver. "At Walnut Grove."

"Oh, do you know Rose Kohler?" exclaimed lietty. "I guess so ; she lives the next street back of us."

The woman at the house had dis- A week later the young Germs appeared; now she returned with a girlalighted at Fortieth Street station plate of cookies and a pitcher of but-

"Har abe sold her violin yet?" contiqued Betty as she partock of the "She hadn't when I left this morning. The whole of Walnut Grove

would miss it dreedfully if she did When I hear the birds a singing as If the big elm in front was chock fullagoing on as though their little throats would split-I say, 'that's Rosis's violin.' I never heard her best anywhere. You ought to hear her play. "We hope to have that pleasure tonight." Mr. Carver consulted his

watch, "I think we'd better be going, Toot! to-oot! A long, shricking blast reminded the callers that the train was nearly ready to start. They look their departure hastily with the bearty thanks of the two men follow-

ing them. "I'm so glad we came, father," Betty declared as they hurried slong "It's worth a great deal to be able to help people forget their troubles." Mr. Carver answered, unilling down

at ble daughter. It was dark when the train stopped at the small station of Walnut Grove- Rose. "Play, Fraulcin; let us hear Compound. A.T. Brown, Acton, Out. remedy for many and grievous ills.

smoke and fiame of a huge bonfire could been seen at the farther end of thoughtfully, then the bow swept the village. The two went slowly toward it. "We should have inquired at the station; I haven't the least idea slumbering echoes bidden away which way to go." . Mr. Carver wild. that priceless bit of carved wood. dealy halted and looked around.

ust see it through the trees !". Halfway down the long street which ecemed to stretch out before them until it was lost in a country road, "Listen, father," whispered Betty, ber keenly. "Fraulein, did you never stopping short, Louder, fuller, yet bear your uncle speak of his old exquisitely tender, the strains came | teacher !" again.

way too." be dark as The ultivioustew them on and on, then tame gentus for interpretation and the day!

"Very likely, but then it len't as dismay. "Dear me, how provoking! genius is nothing. I will train you though we had friends to meet us who A minute ago I felt positive that it until you are ready for a better would be alarmed at the delay," an | was that little drab house over there, | teacher. The master's violin must sweepd her father cheerfully. "We now I'm not at all sure. What do speak again through you."

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"I thought it was on the other side of the street, but I may be mistaken were badly injured; they've taken | Let's enquire; that'll with it." But they had hardly taken a step forward before the violin sgain began, and Betty sprang toward the gate of

the little drab house in breathless ex oltement. - There she paused. The moonlight streamed through the win doctor around here. . Ien't it dread- dow upon the figure of a girl, her cheek reating lovingly against a violin. The watchers listened broatblessly as the raised the bow and it glided gently over the strings. This time it did not awaken a single bird note, instead was like a song the winds sing to de-The two travellers were glad to get | parting summer-sp sweet and mournout into the sunshine. The air was ful. The moonlight streamed in upon warm and moist; farmers were plow- the fair, smooth braids and face of ing in the fields. It was a short walk the player, and to the two outside abo to the farmhouse. "You would bet- seemed some quaint picture suddenly

neared the gate. "I shall not be gone Belty's eyes filled as she listened.

"They are not dangerously hurt, but wishes to sell the violin." Mr. Carver it will be some time before they are walked up to the door while lietty M. P. for Halton in the bye-election

A nest German woman an awered the knock and ushered them into the room where the young violinthe farmer's wife, a large motherly list sat. "Rosle, bere's some folks who looking woman, hovered about trying | want to see you." The girl looked up while Mrs. Schoder made haste to

"We saw your advertisement in the

cut on my boad and my back wrench plain, and my daughter here has been frown lietty rose and walked slowly ad, but it's tough lyin' here when one auxious for some time to possess a fine violin. We have been listening to "Oh, I know little about music,

these big, roughly-dressed strangers. The girl's face flushed. "I had a few plane, a beautiful and costly instru' Suddenly she caught sight of a small lessons from my uncle several years organ in the room. "Oh, would you ago and that is all, but he was always lik to have be play for you?" she in- saying that 'it's practice does it' and I have so little time." with a sigh. "But I think you play beautifully."

> muttered comething, but his eyes fol- to sell your violin? You might be-"Oh no." Ross looked incredulous sidered a moment; there was nothing "I am not a genius, besides there is so

"And is there no one to belp you Mr. Carver asked. various, cheep?" asked Betty excited. farmer's wife dropped into a chair and with the boarders, but she is going his home here again, sat with folded hands, rocking gently, laway now and there will be nothing Mr. Carver slowly. I could tell better 'There comes to my heart one sweet could only get to the city I could find work and perhaps I might be able to buy my violin back again some time.

"That would hardly be probable. Mr. Carver looked thoughtful. "Wha do you ask for it?" The girl looked down at the instrument held carees-"Would fifty dollars be too much, d

"Fifty dollars for a Stradivarius!"

had many tessons - we've been so "We can arrange it this way," said anxious to pay for our place. I think Mr. Carver. "It's time we were going. Br., has been very ill, as also Miss Cleveshe does real well, though; she I will pay you fifty dollars now, and land. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are practices every chance she gets and when you come to the city bring your ill. Mr. J U. Nelson is convalescent. she going to have more lessons some violin and I'll give you another fifty. Mrs. Abram Matthews and Mrs. You'll be coming soon, I suppose !" "Oh yes air, but I'm-I'm afraid it"

"Not at all, and when you come you'd better let lietty meet you at the station and go right home with her "You are very kind," said Rose "and thank you so much for letting too keep the violin a little longer."

She looked with timid blue vyee at the bustling throng around her and chap ed ber violin case closer. . "Here she is, father!" And Hetty

Carver sprang out of the crowd fol lowed more slowly by ber father. The three were mon seated in a car. "W you be too tired after we have had lunch to play for a friend of ours ? Mr. Carver asked. "I want to get bis opinion of the violin." "I'm not at all tired," answered

Hose modestly. An hour later the three were in beautifully furnished studio where were two great planes besides a numof other musical instruments. The white-haired professor examined the violin carefully. "It's a Stradivarius," he said at last, "and a remarkably fine

one. Where did you get it, Frau-"My uncle, Max Engberg, gave it to me when he died. Herr Waldemar Devrice left it to him." -Waldemar Davrice P repeated the

professor. "Why Fraulela, be was one of the few really great artists. your uncle has bequeathed you his talent with this instrument you are Lights shone here and there from what message the master's violin has

> Rose ruled the instrument to her shoulder. She paused a moment across the strings with a masterly touch. It seemed to awaken all the the ambition and longing which had seemed to have made her own. faithfully did she interpret them.

There was allence for a few mo-

Betty Carver has a violin, but It not a Strandivalrus after all. Mean while Betty and her foster sister, Hose practice so diligently that their father laughingly calls their home the Carver Conservatory.

TWENTY YEARS AGO Heme From Our Issue of Thursday

February 4th, 1808 Mr. Thomas Millar has moved into de new bouse on Lake Avenue. Mr. W. P. Brown, who occupies responsible position with The T. Eator Co., Toronto, was presented at the fire of the month by the office satff with

handsome bair of gold spectacies. Capt, Davies and Ligut. Nichol of the Salvation Army farewelled last week and are succeeded by Capt. Cooks and Lieut. Whetstone.

The School Board met on Monday evening to talk over the proposed new school, but were unable to arrive at laion, and are to meet to-day at th property to look matters over and confor with architect Cameron. Mosars. McLam and Wallace favored renovation of the old building and addition of two new rooms, while Messre. Harding and Rev. Oooke favored a new school and chairman Hynds and Mr. H. Holmes wished further consideration Mr. David Henderson was re-elected

last week by a unstority of 410 over Mr. J. D. McGregor, who ran as nominee of the l'airons of Industry. in the county-4851 votes. Mr. Henderson received congratulatory telegrams from Hon, J. J. C. to be smoking, aren't you?"

Abbott Fremler, and Mr. J. D. Thomson. Conservative leader in the Com-The farming community actually and was not his whole ambition just increased Mr. Henderson's unjority of to be a man?" I'm eleven," said he.

a year ago in their districts. The Liberals felt rather sore at the Patrone virtually forcing them out ing. of the field at a time when confident they could win.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the great Bap- | ifest. tist preacher in London, England, died on the night of January 31st. In 1861 a chapel to accommodate 5000 to 6000 persons was built for his congregation. He has received more than "Oh, daddy, I've found exactly what witt. In the compass of the little organ | much to learn and I have no money to 43,000 persons into the church and erected 47 chapele in London supplied

> ble own founding. Mr. John T. Brown has returned to Acton from Toronto and will make

Mr. W. H. Rutledge and family have removed to Toronto. Mr. W. H. Storey is able to be in his office again, and Will Storey is improving. Mr. John Lawson, Sr., is understand, the evils of the eigerette some better, and Mr. John Arthurs ex- habit, how it defeated the very end the boy was alming at-attainment to pects soon to be la his store. Rev. Charlton and Mesers. Rolst. Wallace manhood-by stunting physical, menand Thos. Perryman, Sr., are around; tal, and moral growth. - Montreal Mr. Thos. Easton is better than for a Witness. week past. Mrs. James Moore is gradually re-gaining her strength, and Mr. Samuel Johnstone expects soon to be in usual beslib. Mr. and Mrs. IL.

Agnew are loproving. Mrs. McPhail, Christie are better. Miss Cameron is

not expected to recover. Mrs. Locker, an old Nassagaweya ploneer, passed away on January-10th aged 03 years. A very large funeral showed respect to the honored dead.

DHYDEN-In Kramosa, on January 28th, George Dryden, aged 63 years. Lauren-At Campbellville, on Janu ary 24th. Samuel R. Lister, Postmaster, aged 77 years.

Coarss - At Milton, on January Sist, Elizabeth Lock, wife of Robt Coates, Town Clerk, aged 50 years, CROWE-At Guelph, on February lat Emma Raymond, wife of John Orowa, aged 41 years, 9 months:

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USELESS DOINGS

There is no use cussing when things cence and strength by the influence are going wrong, for saying things which Quinine exerts on Nature's own and fuming won't bring good luck restoratives. It relieves those to along. If fortune treats you meanly whom a chronic state of morbid you'll find that it will pay to go around | despondency and lack of interest in serenely and smile the good old May. life is a disease, and by tranquillsing There is no use repining if you have the nerves disposes to sound and got an ache; there is no use in whin- | refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the "The moon is coming up., father: fired the mester's favorite the girl ing as though your hears would break. action of the blood, which being so It's best to alt and suffer your little atimulated, copress through the veins; pain and grin, your lock might be strengthening the healthy, animal much tougher than it has ever been, functions of the system, thereby ments after the player laid down ber gometimes the gods correct you and making activity a necessary result faint, sweet sounds reached their exre. instrument. The professor was eyeing if you give no screech your neighbors strengthening the frame and giving will respect you and say you are a life to the digestive organs which peach. There is no use in ranting ; the maturally demand increased substance quiet man is best ; that mouth is most | - result, improved appetite. | North "Oh, yessir, often; but it is so long snehanting which often takes a rest, rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given ago I do not remember the name." . Just do some silent thinking while to the public their superior Quinine. Betty turned up a cross street and "It was I, Fraulein! Max Engbert jogging on your way; so many By the opinion of scientists, the winn "Two hours!" Betty repeated in Mr. Carver followed her rapid steps. was very dear to me. You have that tongues are clinking and clauking all approaches nearest perfection of any.

Three little girls are weary, Weary of books and play : Sad is the world and weary. Slowly the time slips away. Six little feet are aching. Howed is each little head, fet they are up and shaking

When their is mention of bed Bravely they laugh and chatter. Just for a minute or two. Then, when they end their chatter. Sleep comes quickly to woo. Slowly their eyes are closing, Down again drops every head,

three little maids are dozing, Though they're not ready for hat is their method ever, Night after night they protest. Never in need of their rest: odding and almost drauming. Drowelly each little head till is forever scheming.

Merely to keep out of hed.

FATE. Full many a gem of purest ray

The dark unfathogical caves of Full many a flower is born to blush unseen. And waste its watertucks on

the desert nir.

STOPPED BOY SMOKER

-Thomas Gray.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon little eleven-year-old lad with the baby blush still on his cheeks, and with great, lustrous eyes, was trudging sturdly along Ontarlo Street. The vote was the largest over polled | rast, puffing manfully at a cigarette, when a gentleman stopped him with a cheery, "Hello, sonny, pretty young

> The little chap looked up, and his face was glowing with pride, for was he not doing something that men did, "Where did you get that digarotte?" "At that store," said the lad, point-

"No you know," continued the gentleman, "that boys under 16 years of For the first time in many years age are not allowed to smoke cigarthere seems to be no talk of protest- ettes?" the question was hardly necessary, for the boys' innocence was man-

"No," said be, "I didn't know," and

with that he threw away the cigarette be had been smoking. "Have you any more," persisted his interrogator. "One more," said the boy, taking it

from his pocket, "and you can have with ministers trained in a college of it." "Just the two?" he was asked.

"Just the two."

"How much did you pay for them?" "Two couts." "A cent apiece, sh ?" Then the gentleman explained briefly, in language which the child could

THE CRUELEST WOUNDS We can always burt most those whom we love and who love us most: for even a little wound is a great wound when inflicted on a loved one. And it is perilously easy to pass from the inflicting of little wounds to those that a year ago we would have thought very lil, and Mr. Duhcan Kennedy is too cruel to tolerate. Every bitter word spoken to a dear one makes ! probable that the next time the word

will be more bitter and the hurt deeper. Our love for one another, no matter how great, is saily overmustered by sarcasm, anger and even hatred, when once these demons have been permitted to have their own way in our life. Indeed, we are likely to vent these passions on those we love best more readily than on any others. taking refuge behind the cowardly thought that our love is really great enough to stand the strain. Bolt is in the innermost circles of our most loving relationships that we need to be most on our guard. If we are in the bondage of the babit of constantly wounding our dear ones only God can break the bondage for us. He will do so when we fight with him to make love the guardian of our lips, -Sunday School Tinies.

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