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The goodest lookin' valentine.

Au an I thought I'd send ber it. I longht it at the store an' paid A quarter for it too; but my ! I never cared, 'cause it was made With cupids all fixed up to fly A-corrying a letter tied With proff y ribbon howknots roun An' if you went an' looked inside,

I put it in the box at school An' had to wait till school was done. Cause teacher said it was ber rule That study came 'fore any fun !

So, when the box was opened, then,
I just kept still and watched to se
How Jennie Small 'ud like it, when Hhe got that valentine from me. They called her name, an' so she Hight up to teacher's dask and thek It quick-I thought she'd guess who

It to her, an she'd turn an' look atreight at me ; but, She couldn't win no guessing games, 'Cause abe just looked at the address An' went an amiled at Artie James

His folks they're rich, be weers fine An' has more things than most kid n' feet cause he's like that, I s'pose She thought 'twee blue that sent her

(lee whis! A feller can't depend

You hot I aln't a goin' to send

Nubody else no valentine!

On nothin' at all to turn out fine

Select Family Reading

Valentine

Kathleen's

TYPHEN Dick Howell's fortune took unto itself wings and flew, be knew not whither, everyone who knew Dick immediately took it upon himself to prophery, that he would either go to the dogs and die an outcast from society, or sise would warry slang in obscurity for a year or

en beart. of doing either of these things, Dick took the one small talent he possessed and put it to its most practical use; he taught music. "Which is rough enough on Dick

so and then quit this life with a brok-

grandness knows," as his one-time friend, Jack Gilligan, remarked on day, "but think what it must be on the neighbors!" Dick's music teaching was not a suc

cow. He did not make a good living at it, and he wan grew weary to death of trying to hammer the science of notes and bare loto unmusical heads and finally he stopped giving lesson and left the city.

Most people thought this was be cause Dick was not satisfied to retreach gracefully and come down in the social scale; the truth was, he was la love with a girl whom he would never dare to ask to marry blu now that he was

As has been tritely remarked before, paverty is no diagrace but it is dealdmust interested; and though Dick tried to tell bimself that his failure in a financial way was nothing, a more triffe, his beart misrave him, and be spent more than one unhappy avening curring the fate that had so rutblessly turned her back on him.

At first the surprise and excitement had deadened the pain of the real heart agony at losing the girl of his settled down to cheep lunches and of a long local waiting list; and, as I cheaper boarding house accommodation, the old longings came back upon him too strongly to be resisted. He trouble to ask where he had disappearhe short when the private pures lelika-

She was a beautiful girl and a truly worshipping ber at a distance, as he James would be sure to be an kiry had secretly done for two years, he had troublesome intruder. not sounded her heart. She always welcomed him pordially, and smiled upon blus in such a happy, windles manner that he felt sure' she did not find his society a bore. All this came to him on St. Valentine's eve. as he passed and repassed her house, tooking this office, if you will only let her ; and up at the windows, hoping to catch girls, I want you to give Alice James one glimpee of her to obser him in the a fair shance." long days to come.

One year before he had carried her the criticisms of his office girle; -but freshest violets that could be found. He remembered, too, how charming

ful distance, but at uncomfortably latest book. close quarters, and though the expect-

From teaching he had gone to play-

ing for concerts, and then for denote. the lights dimmed his eyes, and the she noty replied objetly : Acton. and though Blok was a good lamant he

did not care to die like one, if dying of blue blood's demier.

To-night as be was creahing away at | northern latitudes, the accompaniment of the latest song success, rendered by a painted, powdered young woman, with a shrill, crack- laughingly, ed, concert-hall voice, Dick began to think of a certain avening two years lecture then we get out of our ever before that very night, when he sat Ing. We didn't get home until tal near a true girl, a sweet, womanly night, and I'm so tired I can't reme girl, who were his offering of violets on ber at this moment our arnelbie thing her breast. He forgot for the moment | that was said or done." the surroundings, ble own shabby ap-"My love to you" was what yo

> With a white face Dick sprang to his feet, hardly believing his eyes, while the growling of the audience and the place told that something usex- of "filler-in" of other people's gar pected had happened.

the music stopped.

one dalaty glaved hand bold out to "Dick," she said softly, while the

other woman shrank back lastinctive will let you." ly, "Dick, you here." thee, drawing his hand hastily across his eyes, be answered !

"Kathleen! You it is I, but you-" The girl amiled gently. "Come," she said, taking his shab, bily clad arm, and leading him away, "it is all right. We are only a small

They had reached the little hallway leading to the street as she spoke, and the others of her party were already at the carriage theor.

"What does it mean?" asked Dick boareely, stopping and shaking himself to see if be dresmed or not. "It means that you have been a foolish, wicked boy," she said softly, plac-Ing her hand in his again, "and that

some time ago I determined to find you. No you remember what you told me-what your eyes told methat last night on the stairs ? Well, so the only Christian I know whose re do I, and, Dick, I couldn't stand it ligion really attracts me." when you went away. I have soough for us both, and deer, I do love you! "How did you know I was a Christ Now will you understand? I have lan? Nellie answered with strange ness. searched for you for months, Dick. Do not humiliate me by refusing to come with me, now."

Dick, still desed, stood on the walk, sure that you have something that the when a boy in threadbare clothes came rest of us have not got. You haven' down the street crying for sale the last preached your religion but you've lived remnant of his day's wares, a bunch of

"My valentine," cried Kathlese, and Dick, now thoroughly roused, dived and Alice sat alone in her little boarddeep into his pocket, found enough to ing-house room, a sharp rap-a-tap at bay the flowers and sent the boy bome laughing girls.

ALICE JAMES! THE GIRL WHO WON BEE WAY

It really seemed as though Alice James was not needed in the Registry Office. True, there was a deak made vacant when Jessie Brown's mother eickened and died and the whole Brown family moved out west, but at first sight there were pleaty of girls who might have fitted better into the ways of the office than Alice James. For it was a well-known fact that Greaville Ragistry Office had wave all its own. To begin with, the half dozen girls that way." who for long had held sway over the musty deeds and records were a sort of close corporation. They belonged to the same business club, bad frequest tickets for the same amusement hall, and were well nigh inseparable in all sorts of plans for fun and frolic. That Alice James had, strictly speaking, no business to intrude into this charged

circle was, they thought a self-evident She came from a distant city, choice, but by and by, when he had brought in by influence over the head this were not enough to aggravate the whole Registry staff of girls, she dared this unwelcome newcomer, to be went away, and no one took the the daughter of a home that had formerly stood for wealth and luxury. The ed to. The public memory is apt to fact that one great financial crash had ewept the entire James family into dire straights, did not materially lessue the ire of the situation. The opinion good one, this girl that he loved, but was frankly expressed that Allos

"She won't know how to work, and we shall have to plok up her tag ends." "And very likely abo will want to interfere in all our plans, with her uppleb ways."

"Who will be a straight blessing, in It was Superintendeut Johnson's

clear, steady voice that thus replied to

valentine to her, a bunch of the rarest, though his words brought silence, they by no means carried conviction. It was one orisp October day that the had been on that evening, and how Alloe James propped lints. Jeusle many times he had been ready to may | Brown's old place. She was a bright, the words be was glad now had been | happy-volced girl, this new employe left unsaid. Of course she cared noth- and her office companions had no just jug for him now, because he could not cause to suspect her ways; and yet, men and women, no matter to what

tentatively.

made blin sick. Yet there was no copt last week; and the lecture test | brert this unselfet love for at rat!"

And the first thing the Registry starvation embodied that idea of a Office girls knew, they were listening to the most racy account of Capt. Hernier's long voyage of discovery in far

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"I learned so much, and the memor: of it all refreshes me now," Alice sale "I guess you got more out of yo

This rather grim remark from Nellie pearance, and again studd on the Jones brought no response from Alice threshold of what seemed a happy, just then, but later on, when office useful life." Huddenly, as his thoughts | hours were over and Nellie sat detook this turn a girl stood baside him, spondently over a pile of unfinished not the girl with the shrill voice and work, it was Alice's clear, steady hand that helped to clear away the unwel come beap.

James came to be reongained as a She could always spare time to rewas, for before him, looking softly, typewriter, and when Gertle Black quietly and happliy-yes happly-into wanted to speed a day with her orusin early and stay a while after four, w that Mr. Johnson won't miss you very much. Bo go, of ouures, if he

The very lauch box which this gi opened up in the rest room of the R gistry Office was frequently suggest ive of a most persistent thought for others. Sometimes it was a new brand of cookies from home that she wanted the girls "just to try." Or perhaps was a tlay buttenhole beaquet for each office comrade. 'Home flowers the party. Yes, a slumming party if you cousin Tom sont me. I want to shar them," she would explain.

Very naturally these kindures h their telling effect on the prejudice the girls of the Registry Office, but was not until late in Nevember th Allow James had cause to know the she was winning her way. Blunt No He Jones stood before her, one storm day, as the slipped on her hat an coat, and when Allos excluimed in he cheery fashion, "My, what a fine old

storm !" Neltie said abruptly : "Miss James." I don't know whether you care to know it, but you are about And when Alice said tremplously

"Know it? No one could live a whole day is this office with you and not b

A few weeks later when the Christ mas snows were covering everything the door brought a bunch of marry.

"We've just onme to steel you." plained Gertie Black. "I cleim you for Christmas, and Nellie Jones says you are bers for New Year's, and the root are to take what they can get you for we don't intend you to be lonely three bolidays. And," continuad Gertie, "you need not be afraid come and slay with us. Maybe have not been very nice to you, maybe you think we don't care about anything good, but we like your kinof goodness first-rate, and if you don't mind, we are going to try and live

And then, while Alice was quirtly crying and never eaying a word, someone put a percel in her hands and the girls were goos.

She had known that her must we wretchedly shabby, and this beautiful one record like a veritable love token It was noft and glossy, like be dainty attire, and a card incide said : " Unet to be gentle, just to be true,

Just to be kiedly the whole day through. Mr. Chas. Cameron, of Uttoxeter. This dear Miss James la what you has returned home after a visit of ave been to us."-Ross K. Wakefield. week or so at his old home.

NOT THE ANSWER EXPECTED

Judge Rentoule, at one time an ster minister, and now one of the nown judges at the Old Balley, was compying a stand in the witness box. The cross examining ordered was an old fellow-tudent, and he was innocent enough to imagine that his old friend would way, "Well, James,

there anything you would like to tell ne about this case F Instead, however, of being as polite as be always was in the old days at college, counsel put him through a margines cross examination, and more then once he had to say, "I won't

not swear that," thundered the counsel. "what will you swear?" "I will swear," replied Rentoul "that you were ploughed at more examina

MHA HE FOARD IL

There was a minister who believed

tions than anyone else at our college."

give her position and a full allowance. for no good or sufficient treams they depths of degradation they may have He judged her from the standpoint held bereadly about. Her response to sunk. The minister began to collect that many of his friends had taken such treatment was at once diplomat- and jot down in his nove-book epecific when he had but his fortune, and in in and forceful. 'The morning office Instances which proved his theory, this way he wronged the girl as many discussion of the latest play or dance | One day he was paying a visit to a brought no comment from Alice, but condemned prisoner, and while the A year passed and poor Dick had she was pretty ours to throw into the two were engaged in sarnest converseen much of the world. He had ob- first real allence some lively sally or sation a rat stole out from his bidingserved its seamy side, not at a respect. an equally bright quotation from the place in the corner of the cell, and there that as you pass the reliway great toward the prisoner. The un-"You don't even seem to take in any happy man foodled the rat with every tween two rows of houses." ence had aged him it had also softened of the jolly thing's that are on every show of affection. "Do you love the night. Miss James." Bortha White said rat, and have you been so kind to him ! "In Paris the trains go so quickly, as to tame him completely?" asked that the telegraph poles on each side shivering violently. "Yer," oried her And all the other girls thought Alice | the minister engerly, fumbling in his look like hig bedges," and now-now, God help him!-he would say : "No, I don't believe such | pocket for his note, bank. "Lave this The Scotchman listened with a conwas pounding out songs for music hall excitement for constant late bours, frat?" repeated the prisoner. "Why temptions mile. "Once I was travel- the toothache," replied the man, holdsinger, while the smoke choked him, would belg my work," but instead, I'd share my last cruet with him any ling from Glargow to Edinburgh," he ing her close, "The toothache? What minute." "And can you tell me, my said. "At the station the railway do you mean?" "Yes, the toothace!

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Notes from the Free Press of Thurs day, February 18th, 1888 Large quantities of wood continu

come la The Bell Electric Co. are talking electric light for Acton again. Mr. James Matthews, who recently surchased from Mr. A. H. Wright th property known so "The Gore," has number of then taking off wood. It is expected to yield quites large amount

Actonian, writes from Tamps, Florida, that the weather is the coldest ever thown in that part of the south. Among the farmers who intend to out up new harns this summer we

have heard the names of Momrs James Brown, 3rd con. ; James Brown 2nd con. : Robert Brown, let con. and N. F. Lindsey. The Social Committee of Kno Church Christian Kudeavor Society at

the close of the business meeting last work-gave a programme of enlection by the Maple Leaf Quartette and readings by Mrs. McPhail, Mlos Peters, and Roy, J. W. Ray. An expellent tea served at the close. Mr. John Camer-Instead of the Glasgow House wan

erel store being under the name of Handerson, McReue & Co., It will now w Henderson & Co. Mr. John Mo Itas, who has been a prominent figure in the store since early boybood has retired, and Mr. John A. Henderson, ab replied. aldest son of Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., takes a position as partner and

Mr. Richard Hughes, a former resi dent whose death at Gravenhurst we noticed last week, had to undergo amputation of a foot which had been crushed two years ago, and gradually sank thereafter. He was a consistent Christian and a member of the Official Board of the Methodist Church. A son of one of the early ploneers of

K-quesing, Mr. Hugh McColl died last week at his home near Georgetown Rev. John McColl, of Hochester, N. Y. was a son; Hev. Angus McColl. of Chatham, a brother; Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, a son-in-law. He came to the township in 1810. He was a devout, intelligent and most consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, a man of firm convictions. sterling integrity, and great kind-

Last Sunday at Crewsons Corners Mothodist Church, the pastor, Pov. John Hart, gave a thrilling and im pressive sermon on the evils of drink and the dance. "In that night was Bolshaggar, king of the Chaldeans lost even ber well-worn smile from slain," was his text. Mothers were her thin face, the family realized that carnestly warned to ableld their daughters from association doubtful and implous characters.

Hev. Mr. Argo, Presbyterian mini ster, of Norval, had sent to him by some one an invitation to attend amonibly at Stewartown. Mr. Argo had been preaching against descing. He referred to the matter on Sunday. Mr. Colin G. Snider, of Cayuge, has been appointed County Judge for

Halton, His father was born in Trafalgar. The Government will bereinsfter ount Acton Kabibition on its list of grantees. The name will have to be Acton Hortloultural and Apricultural Bociety. President John Duff he given considerable personal attention o have matters well advanced.

Miss Ida Grindell la visiting la To Misses Lottie E. Speight and Clara Moore spent several days with friends in Forgus

Mr. William Kelly, of Buffalo, is

home this week.

doe Advertiser :

way for several weeks, is again a guest at Dr. McKeague's. Mr. John Pirt-ch's mother, who has been visiting here, has returned to bes home at Mildmey.

Mr. Alasson Moute, who has bee

Mrs. P. Thurston has returned from a visit to her mother. Mrs. Albert Hall, at Hornby. Mr. T. H. Harding has been severely III the past week, and is now confined

to his bed with a bad attack of sciation,

LORD HELSON'S "HINT" The Scotsman's conviction Soutland is the leaven and the rest the universe the lump comes pu amusingly in this story from the Dun-

'At the Battle of Trafalgar, two

Houts, messmates and cropies from the

same village, happeded to be stationed pear each other when the celebrated signal was displayed from the admir-"Look up and read, Jnck," said one to the other. " 'England expects

every man to do his duty'-not a word for pulr auld Scotland !" Youk worked his eye at the flags and turned to his erony, "Man, Geordie, is that a' your senso?' he saked. Montland kens well enough that ber

that there is something good in all hint to Englishmen." GOING BOME

balros will do their duty-that's just a

A Soutchman, a Frenchman, and an American happened to meet, and dur lug their conversation, the American boasted of his beloved "America." He twanged, "I guess we hustle. Well rather. The trains go so fast over stations you think you are going be-

Station Master at Killnitudeh."

RECHERROUL

Be cheerful in your daily work-In overything you do-It makes the beavy task seem ligh And gives you courage too. If your neighbor has had hard luc And teams to be upost,

A obserful word may brace blue up

And his troubles soon forget, Be absorful with your fellow men And strive to banish everything That brings disourd and strife. Wear a smile upon your face-Extend a beigful hand-Mr. Robt. H. Watson, a former

Be optimistic in your talk And join the "Booster's Band. -Sam'l O. Buckper in 'Office and Make."

AN UNDERSTUDY FOR HORAH

Norsh bras an inveterate optimist. fibe came to 'do for" the Wintons just after they lost their money; and when they moved to the western farm, which was all they saved out of the wreck, she went too. From the time they began their long, but jourgey half. serom the continent. Norsh took up, in addition to her specified work, the beavior task of keeping up the family

"A smile costs nothing," she would say, with her soft Irish brogue, and her face would light up into one that irradiated the whole region.

"Aren't you bomesick, North !" asked the sad-eved Mrs. Winton. "Sure I've no bome to be bomesic for. ' Isn't that a blessing now!" Nor-

If it rained it was "just the day for work in the bouse," or "fine growing weather." When the sun shore until it perched the fields. North could always say, "A bleesing on the sunshine! There's many a one in a dark city street would be envying us the light of it." When North had a toothache she declared 'it was worth the while to have the pain, it felt so good to get over it."

By and by Mrs. Winton was Ill. and t was North who told ber, "It's a loy, sure, to be sick once in a while, so that you may find out how much the childer love you. They're shy like about eayin so when you're on your feet; but let them get you once in hed and it's easy to see their beart's love brimmin' out in their eyes."

never developing into the least hit of a heroine, paving nobody's life, making no startling discoveries, having no adventure. But when she fell seriously ill with typhold fever, and for three weeks spoke scarcely a rational word, and

So for two years North lived her

bumble life, doing her plain duties,

her cheerful beart had been as precious to them as her ready bands. "Somebody's got to be an under study for Norsh la good temper," said Tom ; and every Winton rehord his word. By the time North was well again her brave example had wrought its charm, and the Wintony, big and

little, emulated her happy spirit. "If North ever falls Ill ugulo," said Tom, "we don't mean to be left without a smile to bless ourselves, with i"

-and they never were. AM OLD-TIME VALENTINE

The festival of St. Valentine is less observed nowadays by lovers than by children, but in the old times metters were otherwise. The day offered an opportunity for sentimental attentions which often emboldened timid youthe many a balting osurtable reached a happy climax on February 14th, under the apopiose of the benevolent old Roman blebop, who, after his martyrdom became so unaccountably the

canonised patron of love-making. Perhaps readers may be interested in a genuine valentine of the oldfashloned kind, which has been preserved, along with one of the identical gloves accompanying it, by the greatgreat-grandchildren of the lovely Susanna B.y to whom it was sent. Humble as seem to be the hones of her admirer-almost as humble as his ponetuation is queer - the mirried him; and doubtlessly in her eyes the valentine so carefully cherished among her treasures was a musterplece of

lyrio poetry : My Sweet young Miss refuse not A Token for To-morrow : Indeed I pray : You'll not say Nay :

Nor grieve my Harte with Bor-

Though your Desert be better.

But Gently take: for Kindnesses These givoves; and this Poore Let-And Ilim who Writes; for your Val

Hespectfully : dear maddam : your

A party of sportsmen on their way bome after a successful day's shooting passed the time in telling dog stories each one being an effort to "cap" the

Bide by side they sat, at peace , with all the world, whilst the gruel wind

A WISE DOG

pravious one. Here is the last story told. "I have got a dog that makes all yours seem fools," said a little man. "I generally feed him myself after dinner, but the other day a friend drupped in and the poor beast alloped my mind. After the meal we went into the garden. The dog scatched up a flower and laid it at my feet with the most yearning look in his eyes-it was a forget-me;not?"

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howeled outside the house, "How the "Ab." said the Frenchman proudly. wind bowls," yelled, the maiden lover. "Why does it how! ?" shouted she. "I don't know. Perhaps it has WILLIAMS owner jests and the odor of stale been "Oh, yes, I eployed such a good con- poor fellow, what has put into your porter clumsily let my valles fall, and Have you bever beard of the furth of just as the train-started, I-tried to gate?" And then the wind howled chance for him; it was this or starve night was spleedid. Let me tall you, "Sure," snewered the prisoner, "This strike him, and Great Sout, I his the with ingressed fury and the mathing