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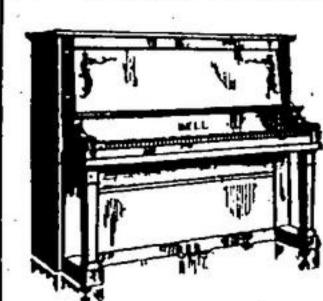
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It's sugarin'i The oxen wallow through the drifts. Breakin' tonde ; for nature's gifts Always need a tittle workin' For to get the best. No ablekin' Brings to clear, sweet maple sap ; Have to hang clean tube, and tap Trees that's wound, and lift and pour, l'ain't an easy job, outdoor. In sugarin'!

But when you're bolling, then All the fun the' le to ft. And that's come, I tell you; just Louf, and stuff yourself t' bust Katin'. Mother puts you up a soack For your dinner, and you crack But nuty, boil eggs in the pan, And just not all the sweet you can

In augarin'i Have to split a little wood. Ol conrec, and see 't the fire Keep the pany skimmed, and look That the strainer fits the smut When the gatherin' tube come up. Have to watch old Molly's pup, Too, t' see that he don't fall

Int' the holder, collar'n all, In augarin'. Rest the time you just lie round Loose, and listen to the sound Of the squirrels on the beams Makin' buch a fore it weems As if they owned the sugar place. With the firelight in your face Hit and read old Ladgers till

You wish't you was old Texas Itill In sugarin'. Don't last long, it don't somehow dap gets buddy, and the plow Haw to be attended to. But a maple faste runs through Pies and sauce and ginger cakes And everything that mother makes, Fortnight long or so, it's queer How it awestons all the year. - Doos soggrin'.



the fire crackling to the stove and prentice. rose above the hum of Aunt Charlotto's muchine and the noise of children playing in an adjoining room. It | don't always make fine birds." was spring in Olem's heart, though Clem's mother, looking lovingly at her | flushed cheeks and downcast syes. eldest born, was fond of saying the Yet, at the corner something hapfound to sing about.

captain of their little craft was born with a thirst for speculation.

tile one and to favorable seasons under road cultivation, gave la return a good become. Yet John, losthing the you? One of the loaders la our music somotony of the work, was frequently club has moved away and we have some invention when he should have you'll be able to take her place." been in the harvest field. The inventions always fell a little short of their originator's ideal and were never

worth patenting. "The gentlest, degreet, draggiost, Clem's loving characterization of him. And, although the was only fifteen. she took his piece and did a man's that her Aunt-Charlotte began work to save the crop.

noon, for opposite her sat Aunt Charslack, she gave a week to sewing for the measurements of the two girls her sister's thock of six. The sight of her partly comfortable figure, the grasp of her strong, plient fingers, all brought comfort to Olem's soul.

Malre of her little city. Hhe know a great many people and as she out and sewed and basted, the made you see thom, either with a look, a gesture or | gard had-

woven into his very woof, as you might way. So I wasn't surprised discussed styles. when he went to the bad," she was "Aunt Charlotte," Interrupted Clens, "this dress is all done when the hear

a atitahod. work and taking that which Olem "You've done a first rate job on | was ready for the first fitting. this. Clem." she said, "edges even and

instead of a gingham."

ACCOR. faster's chain lightning. Her clothes threw into prominence the clear tints When her accompaniet, began to play mained upanswared.

"You've got the linking of a good | She looked up from the bem she was you like to go back to Riverport when | pins: I do, and learn the trade while you are going to school ?" "Aunt Charley, I'd love it, if mother | mind when we pick you out a new

Clem, quickly. grow up, not a drammaker, for ever Charlotte's heart to generosity. stitching away on other propie's clother. Hill, she liked to sew and it your white for best this summer. would be nice to be able to out and fit | was letending to make over my green her own gowns. Then the idea of going to school to Hiverport appealed moths don't eat it up." very strongly to her girlish fancy.

"Could they manage without me?" mending backet.

of cloth, Clem, unless I know what I am going to cut out," was her aunt's puzzling reply. "I've been talking to your mother on the sly and she's willlow for you to go if you want to Twon't hunt them twing to work little harder than they do, and Sue will be all the better for a little responsibility.

Aunt Charlotte said nothing more on the subject, but bent over the muchine and stitched away as though her life depended upon her fluishing the garment she had begun that after-

A fortnight later a shy, bowildered Clem, dressed and ready for school loltered in Aunt Charlotte's sewing room, though the first bell had rung its warning note some moments be-

"Both Porter and Dorothy Morgan have just turned the corner and are coming this, way," said Miss Adams. lifting her eyes from her work. you step lively you can eatch up with them. I would'if I were you. They are as nice girls as you'll find any-

Olem picked up her books and started. Then she caught a glimper of Dorothy's school dress and hung back. It was simply made of beypen sive material, but oh, so wonderfully becoming, Clear thought, suddenly conscious of her chesp blouse and her skirt made from the best breadths I Aunt Charlotte's black henriet's.

At home it never seemed to matter YLEM BARBER'S brown head much what she wore, so long as things bent low above the work in her were clean and whole. Everybedy lap, breadths of blue gingham knew she was Clem Barber with which her doft fingers were swiftly merry heart and a voice like a meafashioning into a dress for her ten- dow thrush and loved her for herself year-old sister; but her thoughts, Clem had a feeling that these girls truent from the field of action, were would judge her by her clothes and that they might not want to be friends As she sewed, she sang a glad little with her, especially when they knew song of Maytime that kept tune with she was really Aunt Charlotte's ap-

"Coward, coward," said the little volce in Olem's heart. "Fine feathers "I'll give it all up and go home at the world butside lay frozen and cold the and of the week," was Clem's list. beneath its snowy mantle. Indeed, silent comment as she walked on with

They were a family of ups and "Good-morning," said Dorothy, with mattress."

verses; chiefly because, perhaps, the Don't your ears burn? We've been talking about you." "About me l' faltered Clem, blush-The farm which John Barber Inher- ing to the roots of her brown hair. ted from his father, was a fairly for- It was just as she had expected, her

old clothes, of course.

"Yes, we are hoping you sing.: Do seized with a passion for perfecting just had an inspiration that maybe temptation back in the closet. Clem's heart grew so light that she almost appaug from her feet, Presently she found herself talking to those new friends as though she had known them all her life. Quick, and adapt-

nost unpracticalest of fathers," was able she soon made a place for hersalf ly the school life of Riverport. Out of school she was so Industrious wonder audibly how she over ran her She had a special reason for feeling business without her. One of the fremorry and tuneful that March after- quent visitors at the shop to whom Clem took an instant liking, was a lotte Adams, who had arrived a few | wealthy Mrs. Chancy. She had an days before to make her semi-annual only daughter, about Clem's age, alvisit. Aunt Churintte had a dress | ways away at boarding school. When dressmaking simp at Riverport and she called to order some gowns made twice each year, when trails was for Hildegard, they discovered that

Were axually the same. "Well, that's a streak of luck," sale Aunt Charlotte, dropping her tape measure, "I'll fit 'em on Olem, and She took a lively interest in the then they won't need no alteration. The girls inight almost be twins." slow, and amile, "if only my . Hilde-

Turning quickly she opened the "He was out out of shoddy cloth, package she had brought, shaking out was Tom Walker. Dishonasty was the lovely folds of material, while Miss Adams got her books and the two thing, clothes and money and good

The gowns were three in number, a worn with the shoerest of blouses, and | was six years old and-" a pale blue silk for evening wear. Miss Adams laid down her own Aunt Charlotte made this first because | Aunt Charlotte never told me.

stood like a wooden Indian before the | won't be ablato sing at all to-morrow "Why," laughed Olem, beaming at mirror. Then 'a soft little "oh" of hight."

said her Aunt, reflectively. "I had dream. Homething about the color Hildegard,

looked real stylish and tasty, if you of her skin and the curving crimeon of the opening bare of her song she lookdidn't see 'em close to. I've known her lips. The Clem who were Hildeand wear it without ever working girlish sweetness and beauty. Kven Aunt Charlotte noticed it.

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"My, Clem, but that shade's become ing to you. Wa'll have to hear it in

could get along without me," answer- dress." "When will that he?' Clem asked ed praise. Then when the ethere Blue mount to be a mus'd teacher | magerly, hoping against hope that the like Miss Marcia Ashley, when she kirl in the mirror would touch Aunt "Next fall, maybe ... Vou've gut

cashipers for you, providing the the went on with her fitting while I'erhaps she could take vocal lessons Cleus shut her eyes that she might not see that girlish figure in the glass, the poor little Cinderella who could the asked, thinking what a blessed re- only masquerade in Hilderard Chen lief it would be to escape the family oy's clothes for a little while and then must go back to her old made over

A fortnight later Clem came from

school wonderfully slated and import "Aunt Charley," she began, sittle g down on the sewing table, "I'm to sing at the recital and if I do my very best, my extraordinary best, the vocal teacher's going to give me an hour's esson once a week.

"Splendid," said Aunt Charlotte, "! wish I had time to whisk you up draw for it."

"Oh," said Olem, "I've been thinking about clothes all the way home. I suppose I'll have to wear that hateful old white Hwise ?" "Old P repeated her aunt. "It's no

such thing. I'ts perfectly whole and good. Tain't two years since I first made it up for you." "The skirt's ton full and the waist too scant, and I have worn it worn it till I hate the sight of it." sob-

bed rebellious Clem. "Clementine Harber," Aunt Charlotte's mild blue eyes were dagger bright, "that will do. If I get time, I will shake up a draw for you. There's a dimity to the Economy for a shillin' a yard that would look real stylish with a dash o' blue piping and a black

quired knowledge. Charlotte had a rush of work and contained instead of \$8500 a place of three days before the recital came off, brick and a quantity of brown paper. sight. There were five children-" ready to wear, being Hildegard Chen. dary all hands would be arrested. ey's three new dresses, the pink that ! Hev. Jas. Herris, of Guelph, preachwas like the first flush of dawn, the ed the closing sermon of the gyangeliswas the blol of Clem's heart. The has been done. more she thought about it, the strong-

of its girlish owner, who had every-And then, as though to leave the went to the capital city on a business the week, trip. She often shopped for bercusto-

"I'll try to get back by to-morrow several special lines of leather at the memory. ."Have you ever tried night, for I'd like to hear you sing." Stewarttown. who wald, "but I may not. Get Beth or darker their prospects the more Clem peard. The girls stopped and walted Dorothy to stay with you and sleep Acton Tanning Co., on going his in the spare room. It's got a softer rounds a few mornings ago, about two

> in an unusual fit of tendernoss, whis- doing his best to extinguish it, he what she was about. Alone in the guest room, her fingers away a section of wall the fire was smoothing the shining folds of the subdued.

gown which lay in her lan, she fought the battle out. At last with a little sigh of relinquishment, she hung the "Aunt Charlotte sald I was hones clear through," Clean murmured to herself as she went downstairs. "I'm

glad she can't see my soul right at this present moment." Dorothy came over to spend the night with her and the two girls un dressed in the candle-lighted gloom of the guest chamber. - Just as Dorothy heat to blow out the light, Clem disappeared.

"Wait," she called, "I want to show A moment later, Dorothy looked up to see her standing in the threshold like a picture in a frame. Her arms were here, her heavy auburn braids were wound coronet fashion about herbead and all about her fall therippling

folds of the blue gown, "Why, Clem Barber," she cried 'you're the prettiest thing I've ever seen. Is that the dress you are going to wear to the recital?"

"No." said Olem, slipping quickly out of it, "it's Hildegard Obeqoy's. "Yes," sald Mrs. Chancy, with her I'm going to wear my old white innslin. I wish her mother'd come and get it. It's pretty hard to be contented with your old made over things with a dress like that under your own very roof. Some people have overy-

"Olem," Dorotby Interrupted, dear little embroidered chambray for know about Hildegard, don't you? mornings, a white linen suit to be How she's been blind ever since she

"No. Clem answered, "I didn't

there was the most work on it. She I've been envying ber, her pretty handed her, looked long and sharply began on it early one morning and by things, and to think she never can bee the time Clem came home at night it them. Oh, I'm a wicked ungrateful gang to sing, "Good be with you till the nerves disposes to sound and She pulled the glass out from the "You didn't understand," comforted on Saturday evening ?-- C. K. Straw- action of the blood, which being no threads hanging. You've made it wall, tilted it to show the quite figure Dorothy, "Come to bed, dear, and bridge, in Herald of Gospel Laberty, as nice as though it were a satin dress and slipped the gown over Clem, who stop worrying over your faults, or you

the night before sunk into her beart, can ask me a question which I cannot

ed straight into the watchful eyes of her to cut the buttonholes in a walst | gard Cheney's frock, was a dream of Aunt Charlotte who had arrived just | Whilst walking down a crowded city in time to bear ber. .. "Huppose I had worn the blue dress"

though Clem. "What would she have directinker in you, Clam. How would turning to say, with her mouth full of | said? Oh, I am giad, glad I conquer When her wing was finished, Dorothy received an armful of room ber mother had went her. Her teacher whitepered a few words of well-deserv

> drew . little saids Aunt Charlotte came and took both her hands. "I'm proud of you, Clem," she said. "Mayber you'll make a singing teacher 'stid of a demomaker." Then she added softly : "One of my strande to the city was to get you a ready made dress. I didn't find nothing to my taste, but I bought a dress pattern of Chiny silk the color of Hildegarde's

never wear a thimble afterwards. TWENTY YEARS AGO

day, March 16th, 1805

You shall have it for next time, if I

Preparatory sermons were preached in Knox Church on Saturday evening by Rev. Mr. Linton, Malton. Rev. 11. H. Christic, In charge of Everton circuit, conducted missionary services in both churches on Sunday The Brick Church shove Acton, doubl

ed last year's givings, and Everton increased theirs. Guelph Mercury : Probably through the influence of Mesers, Innes and Henderson, M. P.'s for South Wellingon and Halton respectively, a tri weekly mail service will be arranged for Armstrong's Milly, Speedaldr.

Oustic and Shilob. II. Ramshaw has purchased from Robt. Moore, the lot and dwelling on Main Street opposite Fairview Ave. Wallace Lasby has rented the farm of Mrs. A. H. Brown, just beyond the corporation limits. Mr. Edward Nicklin will move to the house now occupied by Mr. Lasby on Mill and Wellington Streets. Ass Hall, Key., will leave his residence on the old bome stead farm and occupy the house in which Mr. Nicklin is now living. The Brampton Conservator tells of

the dimity was still in the store. But They had been told that if they opened in the guest-room closet, finished and | the satchel before crossing the boun-

dear little white suit and the blue that | tie services at libenezer. Much good or grow the temptation to wear If. position in Johnstown, N. Y. just once, and the flerour her hatred ! Guelph Board of Education has increased the salary of Mr. T. James Moore, teacher, to \$500.

C. W. Hill, photo artist, Munroe, way open before her, Aunt Charlotte Mich., visited Acton friends during is ready to say be's sorry. He may Mr. Kdw. B. Nicklin has returned | must. mers, and this time she had a long with his family from Gloversville, N. Y., to Canada, and will manufacture

Daniel Smith, watchman at the o'clock found fire in the bark dust She touched Olem's forehead lightly under the conveyor chalupered, "Be a good girl," and was gone found. It smouldering beyond his father on one occasion. "Cultivate before her startled nelce could realize reach without help. Mr. Miller, manuger, was notified and by outling

DID YOU EVER a great deal more than those who are Did you ever : liave a saloon keeper invite you to stlend church on Sunday morning? Hear of a bartender or saloonkeeper

Hunday School lesson? liear of a bartonder or aaloonkeeper boneting a Christian Endeavor or Sunday Hohool convention? Hear of a saloonkeeper opening his place of business on Monday with,

. Hear of a man promoted to a higher position in the field of commercial activity because he could drink more books than any of the other employees? ng able to drink more boose than any | the bookesse."-London Tit-litta. other man in the community ?

Hen children orying for boose because the father had spent all his money for bread. Hear children complaining that their parents had spent all their money for good cluthes instead of providing them with all the boose they bould

Hos this motto hanging in a saloon. "No drunkard shall inherit the king- all lils to which flesh is helr. What ions of heaven?" Have a saloonkeeper take you by the hand and ask you to become a Obrhtian?

Hear of a saloonkeeper promoting

would be conducive to better morals in frailest systems are led into convalesa set of resolutions endorsing the acts | restoratives. It relieves those to of a mayor who attempts to "keep the whom a chronic state of morbid Ild on" on the Sabhath?

COULDN'T ANSWER At a country school in the Midlands

street the other day.

L'inke I am. The tinks I am a wonder an' she knows 'her little lad, Could never mix with nothin' that wur ugly, mean or bad. Oh, lots o' times I sit an' t'ink how

nice 'twould be, gee whis ! If a feller wux de feller dat his mud der t'inke be le !" My friend, be yours a life of tall or undiluted joy. ou still can learn a leason from this small unlettered boy, Don't alm to be an earthly saint, with

THE BONG-CURE Mrs. Reid, going out upon the shady

the lawn. "Why Imcy Maxwell," she cried, "when did you get home?" Last night. I was going to sun scross as soon as I could get a moment. Here, take this chair; that one is apt

to tip over." "Never mind chairs!" her neighbor oried warmly. "I just want to see you. You look a hundred per cent. better. What have you been doing to

chievously. "I've been taking the song-cure," she answered demurely. Mrs. Reld, the warmest hearted little body in the world, was also excitable. Her questions fairly tripped over one another. "The wong cure ! I never heard of

come to hear of it yourself?" Mrs. Maxwell laughed, and answered the last question first-the order did not matter with Mrs. Reid.

"I took it in a little town twenty miles from here. You know how tired I was. I couldn't rost days or sleep old farmhouse with no other house in

"Five children and you went there to reet !"

"It was this way. Every one of the family sings. None of them has a Robt, Section has gone to take a remarkable voice, but they all love music, and it's as much a part of their

> he is sent to his room to sing till he choose his own songs, but sing he "One of them, Jimmie, has a quick

ROMINT WAS AN

In the daily half bour confidential After father tried to give some advice. "Be observing, my son," said the

Several days later when the sutire

Willie listened in sileton.

Willie nodded and after a moment's hoeltation said f "I have seen a few things about the house. Uncle Jim's got a bottle of hair dys hid under ble bed, Aunt Jonnle's got an extra set of teeth and a lot of false hair on her dresser, tun's got some curls sewed in her hat, and

woman he thought he was in love There never was and never will be a universal panaces in one remedy for

heard a little urchin to a comrade turn and my:

"Hay, Jimmis, lemme tell youse I'd be

as happy as a clam If I only was de feller dat me

eyes fixed on a star : lust try to be the fellow that mother thinks you are.

side plazza to shell her peas, caught a glimpes of the blue behind her next. peas and bowl, ran delightedly across

Mrs. Maxwell's syrs danced mis-

such a thing ! What is it, and where do you take it, and bow did you nver

the victimizing of two Peel County nights, and finally an old friend infarmers who found that a satchel they sisted that I go to Upton and spend "I could make most all of it myself," had brought from New York State a fortnight with the Freys, She said Clem, nager to use her newly ac- with green goods for \$7500, and \$1000 wouldn't tell me much about themfor travelling expenser, for which they only that she was sure I would like Yet, alse for human hopes. Aunt paid \$500 in good Canadian money, the place. I found it a big rambling

"Five children and I went there and rested." Mrs. Maxwell corrected

life as bread and butter. "Well, when any one of the children does anything that has been forbidden

temper." Mrs. Maxwell laughed at to sing when you were mad F

the habit of seeing, and you will be a successful man. Study things and remember them. Don't go through the world blindly. Learn to use your eyes. Boys who are observant know

family, consisting of his mother, aunt discussing next Hunday morning's and uncle, were present, his father "Well, Willie, have you kept using your eyer, as I advised you to do?"

See a set of resolutions which had pa's got a pack of cards and a box of been adopted crediting a man with be- dice and a leather covered flask behind Some mon are born great, some achieve greatness, and some manage to put up a successful bluff. Every man lives to congratulate

himself that he didn't marry the first

would relieve one ill in turn would segravate the others. We have, how ever, in Quinine Wine, when obtained in a sound, unadulterated state a remedy for many and grievous like an evangelistic campaign because it By its gradual and judicious use the cence and strengh by the influence Hear of the 'saloonkeepers' adopting | which Quinine exerts on Nature's own despondency and lack of interest le Hear of a saloonkeeper asking the life is a disease, and by tranquilising we meet again," at the closing bour refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the stimulated, courses through the velus. strengthening the boalthy, animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a processary result our latest, but those shown will give you the praise, "so it is to Sur. She's rapture burst from her lips as she | So Clem wore her old gown after the head master said : "Now, boys, I strengthening the frame and giving an idea of what our stock is like. We now such a harum scarom that I have to caught the first glimpse of her reflect all. Yet so deeply had the lesson of will give a penny to the first lad who life to the digestive organs which "There's no better test of a person's The shadowy self in the mirror was that she really loved its white lengths. answer." . Heveral tried innuoceasfully |-result, improved appetite. Northnake up, to my notion, than the way a Ulem she had never seen before and Not for worlds uncounted, would she funtil one boy asked him, "Please, sir, rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have gived. WILLIAMS. they floish the mider side of things," of whose existence she did not even have changed places with poor little if you stood up to your neck in soft to the public their superior Quining. mud, and Librar a stone at your head By the opinion of moientists, the wine an apprentice once that could sew brought out the lights in her hair, The recital was a decided success. Would you dock?' The question rel approaches nearest perfection of any

on the market. All druggists sell it.