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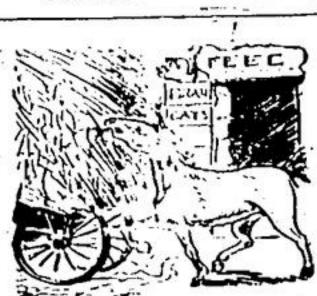


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Hefore I marculy knew it I found I was today! "And as to-day so quickly My little course was run, I had not time to finish

One half the things begun. Would I could try it over. But I can me'er go back, A yesterday forever. I now must be, wlack !

"And us, my good to-morrow, If you would make a name That bistory shall cherlah Upon its rolls of fame.

He all prepared and ready Your noblest part to play. In them few Basting hours When you shall be to-day."

> The Pride of Mary Jane

By Rose E. Wakefield

Belect Family Reading

ACOB Westman and his wife has decided to offer a corner in their pretty Canadian home to young orphaned nicce in the Old Land and one stormy March this little Kogdish maid made her first appearance 'month the Westman toof. She was a bright, well-built girl of seventers, and the plain, practical name of Mary Jane beened to suit right well her plain, common-some view of life. Kre long, a gay, happy throng of girls had found and welcomed to their midst a voluments who was every whit frank and sincere. Mary Jane was a student too, of no mean parts, and the fact that she could lead in the classroom as well as in every sort of honest whole-hearted frolic, served to make her one of the popular girls of Towns-

But there came a change to all this and the story ran along very sombre lines. About the middle of May a loon company, in which Mr. Westman had deposited much of his hard verged the thrifty old builder had time to recover his startled thought, one wet, alippery day he fell from a second story building, and was carried bome belpless oripple. Of course Mary Jane had to remain home from school, and equally, of course, there followed time of great anxiety in the Westman household. Because there was neither was nor daughter, Mrs. Westman turned in her trouble to the sturdy young Ruglish niece, and Mary

Jane was not long in facing squarely She discovered that her uncle's restloss days of suffering were not the sole reason for her aunt's worried. tired face. The fact that money was exceedingly scarce, was a very real part of the burden, and this part the

girl determined to lift. After much careful thought and planning she applied to her aunt for Mary Jane again." ituation, but this suggestion found no

"I could not spare you, child, with your uncle so sick," said her munt; board problem in Kuclid. And when "we will make the money stretch out some way, but I must have you beside

"Then, aunt, could you let me go for a couple or three hours, morning and night? I would be on hand by seven-thirty such morning, and should not need to start again unti upper was out of the way."

Mary Jane asked this question eager y, and when her aunt gave a wondering assent she added in her obsers fushlon :

"Don't you worry, auntie, doar, diall not do anything dreadful, and might as well earn a bit if I can." That very night this energetic young business woman, after using the laws mower and grass olippers in tidy

fashion upon her uncle's lawn, applied at the homes of half a dozen neighbors for permission to do likewise for their outdoor premises. Old Mr. Baunders "You indeed, my girl. My rhoumstism's that bad that I shall be right

glad to be rid of the care of my place for a while." Miss Dobson declared that, "she was run off her feet trying to attend to the

Isos to Mary Jans." At Mr. Johnson's too, it was the olty every morning," he said, "and I am not home again until seven, so it's tify the "pride of Mary Jane."

not much care my lawn gets. You may take it and welcome." Thus, with these and other similar storier, Mary June found berself, after one night's canvass, established as gardener to buil a dozen of ber neighbore. Her aunt said dublously :

"It is rather queer kind of work for a girl. I am afraid that your schoolmates will laugh at you, child." Wheresput Mary Jane responded "I can stand it if they do, aunt.

is healthy work, it is decent work, and moreover, I have beloed father to the old country with his gardens, so it's work I know how to do. Does it not Scotsman : . seem as though when I can care five our latest, but those shown will give you dollars a week by doing this little dy?" netra I ought to do it?" And Mrs. Westman could daily reply

"Yes, Mary, it does, but they won't wee it that way, I am afraid." And sure enough they did not. man, "that I saw you goln' up, an Grace Semmens declared that "It was just too bad that a nice girl like Mary | thought you wouldn's boase bank, Acton. Jane Westman, spinid demben ber so I got up and ate the quali!"

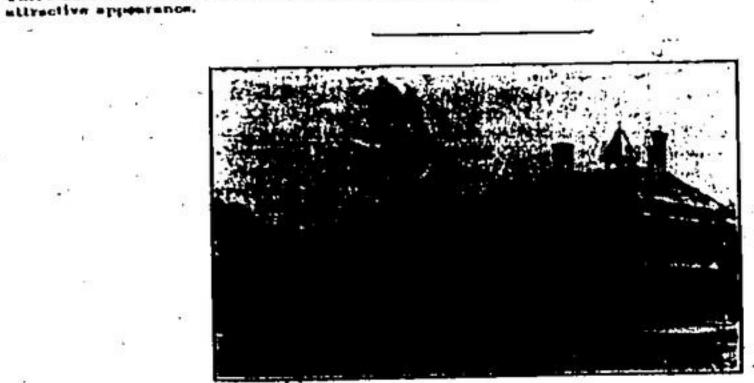
# Along the pleasant way.



ACTON PUBLIC AND HIGH BOHOOL

The By-law to be voted on on May 12th is to provide for a second story of brick on the rear stone portion.

Three additional rooms will thus be gained and the school building will assume a much more pretentions and



THE SOHOOL BUILDING AH IT IH,

self in such a fashion"-and Nellie Beamer stoutly affirmed "that a decent

girl ought to have pride snough to keep her from such work." Mary Jane, when confronted with ber ignoble deeds, said in her cleares tones, "You don't understand, girls, ! is just my pride that makes me do this savings, closed its doors, and before gardening. Do you suppose when uncle has lost money, and is so sick, that I am going to alt around and le him keep me, for one idle hour? No, Mary Jane Westman has too much pride for that. And as for the kind of work -- there is more money in gardenlog than in crocheting dollies, or mak-

ing dust cape, and that is the plain, equare reason I do it." Not many months after this declaration Widow Janson, advertised for a assistant for her school janitor's work and who should apply for the position but Mary Jane Westman !---

"There is no gardening now," she announced. "and I do not see but under some circumstances sweeping up a school floor may be just as honorable as writing off a question in

algebra." At which her former schodimates laughingly said it's the queer pride of

A week or two after beginning school duties, this brave young workwoman was discovered by the school principal eagerly gazing at a blackenquiry revealed the fact that the girl's heart was fairly longing for the old school days, Dr. Brown said surphatically, "Mary Jane, you can parn your pertificate next summer, if you will. Work bonestly at night and every day after four bring me your difficulties, and I predict that between

us we will papture nothing less than the Peters gold medal." ..-It was a daring word of prophesy,

but then it was spoken of a daring wort of girl. The following June, the Townsend high school closing was held, and of course there were certificates and prizes galore, The chief interest, however centred about the coveted l'sters

gold medal. "This trophy," said Dr. Brown, as he held aloft the splendid bit of gold, "goes to a student who has steadily dared to do with her might every bit of bonest work that her hands have found walting, and her dally life has been a demonstration of the fact that even very humble work, when necessary, may be dignified into service royal. To-day I have the rare pleasure of banding the Peters gold medal

store and the garden, too, and she to our brave young townswoman, would willingly hand over her prem- Mary Jane Westman." It was noted that as this stords English girl walked to the front, that closing day, ber eyes shone and her "I take the seven c'clock car for the bead was very erect, but the plaudits of her fellow-students, seemed to jus-

PATE DREAM THE BEST

An Irishman and a Soutsman were travelling across a western prairie. It happened that one afternoon they shot a slogie quall, which would serv for breakfast for one of them on the following morning. Knowing the the bird was not enough for the two. they agreed that it should be saten by the one who had the best dream dur ing the night.

morning the Irlshman said to the "An' phwat did you dr'ream, Handreamed I saw a beautiful banket | fast table sheremarked to her young descend from braven, and then I got brother ! " luto it and was borne up to Paradise ! "And I dragamed," said the Irish-

#### THE TWO APPLE TREES

I have been looking at these two troos, boys," said Mr. Moore ogs bright Saturday morning, "and as there

Billy and the light waggon to draw them to town this afternoon."

the elder boy, had begun to climb one of the trees, and Mr. Moore, without further comment, walked away. The other boy walked out in a different direction. John meanwhile secured a good font-

hold in the centre of the tree, and was giving it a vigorous shaking, which sent the apples to the ground in show-Presently the brother returned car-

rving a ladder and a basket. "Oh, ho," orled John, "you don't mean to say that you intend, to pick a hoyish way-not a regular boy cry way to do it," he gave the tree an- little cross whine. otherenergetioshaking. "Why, don't

to pick those apples off it will take you all day long P" "Can't help it," was the answer; that Is the way they are coming off

and the only right way."

"But you'll not be able to go with me to town this afternoon." "Then I'll go some other afternoon. "But you can't stay out of school." "I can be examined Monday at noon. my apples to market, and they'll bring

me a good price when they do get John continued his protestation, but his brother persisted in doing his work n ble own way. Therefore, it was nearly aundown, and John had been gone several hours when the brother

took the last apple from the tree. When John returned from town soon after, he jingled his coins in his hands merrily and asked with a laugh ! "Don't you wish you had some?" "How huch did you get a bushel?

asked his brother. A few minutes later when they tered the barn together where the brother's apples were carefully stowed n bankets, John exclaimed :

"What in the world did you do those apples? They look as if they had "Oh, just a cloth and a little rubbing did the lob." was the answer.

"Who would believe that the trees which bore those apples and John's were exactly alike?" said Mr. Moore, coming into the barn at this moment. John looked grave. "But what's they're goln'. the use of all that trouble? They'll not "Wait and use," said his brother. On Monday evening when

younger brother returned from the from top to toe. village, be counted out his money and he had received just doublathe amount that John had been paid for ble apples. "I did not know," said John, "that taking a little trouble would make so great a difference about the very same thing,"-Christian Advocate.

LITTLE BROTHER SPEAKS When they awoke early in the Plorence, who was an ardent ad-

mirer of her own vocal qualities, had been selected to sing a solo at a church

"Well, I never thought my voice would fill that large hall." "Neither did I," answered her brother unfoelingly. "I thought it would

#### MENTAL ATTITUDE

Whenever you go out of doors, draw the chin in, carry the crown of the no signs of weariness. head high, and fill the lungs to the seems to be about the same amount of utmost; drink in the sunshine; great little son was much inconvenienced by apples on each one, I have decided your friends with a smile, and put Thursday's storm. Many trees were that if you want to gather and mar- woul into every handelasp. Do not in the road and others appeared ready ket them for yourselves, you may do fear being misunderstood; and never to fall upon the vehicles as they pass waste a minute thinking about your "And have the money for our- enemies. Try to fix firmly in your selves?' they asked sagerly and in mind what you would like to do, and then, so the days go gliding by, you fat upon the ground in that vicinity. "Yes, and you may also take old will find yourself unconsciously solaing Home orchards were nearly ruined upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desire, just as the coral insect takes from the Before he had coased speaking, John

running tide the elements it peeds. Picture in your mind the able, careest, useful person you wish to be, and the thought you hold is bourly transforming you into that particular indi-

vidual.-Ohristian Herald. BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE As I was taking a walk early in Sop tember. I noticed two little bove or their way to school. The smaller one stumbled and fell, and though no very much hurt, he began to whine in

those apples off the tree? This is the as though he were half killed, but a you know," he went on, "If you stop kind and fatherly way, and said: "Ob never mind, Jimmy; dont't whine; it's a great deal better to whistle."

And he began in the morriest way cheerful boy whiatle. Jimmy tried to join in the whistle, list "I can't whistle as nles as you, Charlie, my lips won't pucker up

"Oh, that is because you have not got all the whine out yet." said Ohar-Don't worry, I'll find some way to get | liet but you try a minute and the whistle will drive the white away." So he did, and the last I beard or naw of the fittle fellows, they were whistling away as narpostly as though that were the chief end of life. learned a leason which I hope I shall

> not woon forget. - Selected. "OL' NUTHEO'S" BAYINGS

Bome work inighty hard lookin' for When you run down your town you lower yourself with it. Let the boy go fishin'; he may land the prosidential chair some day.

Also the inebriate laffe at lookamitha beoughe can't find the keyhole any-Samutimes even the apple uv th eve la speaked an' had at the core.

One aryplane on the ground is with two in the air to most people. Life is too short to set an' plok pieces ny spice dut uv the pickles. Ef ev'ryone was ex big ex be feels we would sure be a nation of glants.

fur office is that they don't look where would relieve one ill in turn would The average "pap" 'len't so termed bring you any more," he said, scorn- by his young hopeful through any pop in a sound, unadulterated state a - ularity uv bla'n.

> It's all right to be up to date of you which Quinles exerts on Nature's own don't hafter lower yourself in order to restoratives. It relieves those to

The woman who wears puffs an

ain't any in portiolar. raften it up.

When I go to a meetin' I hate to see | - result, improved appetite. Norththe biggest share uv the audience bet- rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given tin' behind the speaker.

own pay raised.

#### OUT OF GABOLINE

Under a spreading chestnut tree a stubborn auto stande. and fienith, an angry man in he,

trouble on his bands. He cuses softly to himself, and crawle beneath the car,

And wonders why it didn't bust before be got so far. The carbureter seems to be the cause of all his wor :

He tightens half a dozen bolts, but still it doesn't go. And then he tries the steering gear but finds no trouble there --Till, wet with perspiration, then, he

quits in sheer despair. He squate beside the road to give his brain a chance to cool. And ponders on his training at the correspondence school; And then he starts the job unce more

until by obsece 'tis seen The cause of all the trouble is-he's

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Last Thursday's les storm did much

from Mr. Robert Creech, of Woodstock, the store on Mill Htreet which be has occupied for a number of years, and the smaller shop and dwelling in connection, for \$150L Mr. H. H. Worden has purchased the 50-acre farm of John McLean,

about a mile above Acton, for about \$3000. The property is rented for a Confirmation services were held .in

The day with its three services was most fatiguing, but the Bishop gave The funeral of Mr. John Stalker's

for freehand drawing at the recent art examinations at Georgetown High

on Tuesday for Battleford, N. W. T. Mr. Falkuer will be much missed in

Mr. Clinton Falkner and family left

HENDERSON-At Kneisbbull, on April 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, a bos. Frankan-At Burlington, on April 25th, Joshua Freeman, Req., in his 25th year.

THE REAL DIFFICULTY The old lady from the country and her small son were driving to town. upon them. The horse was badly whereupon the old lady leaped down and waved wildly to the chauffer. screaming at the top of her voice.

offered to belp to get the horse quiet rgalu. "That's alright," said the boy, who remained composedly in the carriage. "I can manage the horse. You just

The chauffer stopped the car and

Mother: "Why did ye strike my child for narthing ?" Teacher: "I struck him because he wouldn't tell me where the river Thames was, .. He only stood and looked at me. Mother: "He wad be dumbfounded

universal panaoca in one remedy for The trouble with most men who run all ills to which flesh is helr. What to the public their superior Quining.

out of gasoline. -Rdgar A. Ryan, in Judge.

from the Free Press of Thursday. April 17th, 1803

telegraph wires. Many fruit and ornamental tress were damaged. Mr. Wm. Williams has purchased

term and Mr. Worden will not go out farming for some time yet. The interior of the town half is now more attractive than over before. Hesides being thoroughly renovated, the painting and decurating executed by Mr. R. Thurston, of Georgetown, which was completed yesterday, has given it a most attractive appearance. St. Alben's, Acton, and Ht. John's, Rockwood, by Rev. Charles Hamilton, Bishop of the Diocess, on Sunday. In the morning service here he baptized the infagt son of Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Cooks. The little fellow now bears the name of two Illustrious divines. Dean Stanley and Bishop Brooks.

Knatchbull reports that the storm left pearly all the big timber lying with the weight of los. Capt. Rutledge and Lieut. Peacock,

Acton Corps of the Halvation Army. Mrs. Williams, Sr., and Miss Liuxie Williams, are visiting at Mr. Jno. Wil-Miss Ida McNabb took a certificate

late of Port Dover, have charge of the

Mr. and Mrs. G. Herb. Brown are now comfortably settled on their new farm in Kramosa.

St. Alban's Church.

Hooms—In Goolph, on April Mat, after a short illness of paralysis, James Hough, J. P., for nearly. 37 years County Court Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Grown for Wellington in his little year.

when a buge motor car bore down frightened and began to prance.

lead mother past." OF COURSE HE WAS

at yer knorance, likely."

There never was and never will be

aggravate the others. We have, how every in Quinine Wine, when obtained remedy for many and grievous like By its gradual and judicious use the high-hedled shoes isn't necessarily false frellest systems are led into convalorcence and strongh by the influence whom a chronic state of morbid There are so many great people in despondency and lack of interest in the world nowadays that there really life is a disease, and by tranquillaing the perves disposes to sound and Ef you feel hard toward, suybuddy refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the try a little oil uv common sense to action of the blood, which being stimulated, courses through the veins Ki's wife is cutified to a salary then strongthoning the healthy, animal most men expect they orter hev their functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result When the salt don't shake out good strengthening the frame and giving The following morning at the break- don't ques the shaker; mobbie the life to the digestive organs which naturally demand introsed substance

> El's farmer kin train his phickens By the opinion of scientists, the wine approaches mearest perfection of any to stay in the-road, the kin git a fair on the market. All draggints sail it. thing out of the autymobilists.