TOO BEAUTIFUL TO KILL

From out the shulow of the lenewing

Htole Reymard, ours creet and tall out

A symphony in brown, with silver brush Aglint in sunlight,—grace in every limb. He was so beautiful they stood aglast.—These hunters hold, with admiration dumb. With guns half-primed they watched him

oleur the space, Fearless, unconscious, as in primat days, He and his kin the weedlands reamed at

When beyond eight the apparition passed The mon with lowered eyes looked at their

"I just forgot to shoot, he was so the,"
One said in shamefaced way. "And I

"Blamod if I know," a third declared, "I

The day's too time for shooting : let's go

Three men with lowered guns and lete

Hilent and thoughtful walked their hone

Unto the nobler instinct that o'errules

ward way, God's handiwork for once had made appeal

At times man's baser nature leading him To do the thing unlooked for, and to stay His hand from murder.

Would that more might be Luted from the hustiman's craft by beau-

ty's spell. God's wikiwood folk might roam the wood's

If all would say : "Too beautiful to kill."

Ho was so beautiful," snother claimed.

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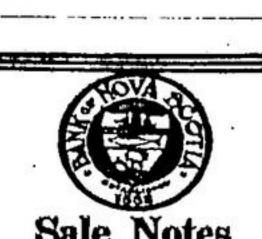
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"Homeone said that it couldn't be done : But he, with a chuckle, replied That maybe it couldn't, but he would be Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried. So he buckled right in, with the truce of a On his face; if he worried, he hid it. Ho started to sing us he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done-and he did it. Homolody scoffed: "O, you'll never de At least no one has ever done it." But he took off lile cout, and he took off his And the first thing we knew he'd begun

Without any doubting or quiddit, He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done—and he did it. There are thousands to tell you it cause There are thousands to prephasy failure : There are thousands to point out to you,

The dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, Then take off you cout and go to it. Just start in to sing as you tackle th That 'cannot be done' - and you'lldo it

one by one,

BUSINESS MAN'S CREED There nover was a lad man that had ubility for good service - Burko.

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SEVEN SONS

EVELYS ORCHARD **经过过的现在分词** 

THEL MARSH settled some more brushwood on the kitchen fire se that it might bring the kettle to hall more quickly, and drow up the bline At the moment the clock struck six. was a very dark winter morning. The little farmhouse of Heat Chyll stone

on the edge of a Northumbrian moor, just where a fertile stretch of land began to dir towards the village of Lowster. The Mardies had been in Heat Ohyll for four generations in direct descent and as Rache was the mother of seven sons there was n likelihood of the tenure coming to an abrupt conclusion. Haven sons she has strapping men who were proud of their horitage, and who did it crollt. But w the moment she had only one with her the house, and he was stopping there grudgingly.

Rachel was a tall, spare woman with the physical alortness which belongs to those who live much of their time in the open, and have been taught, in homely parlance, to put their hands to anything.

Rachel had had fine looks as a your woman and her eye was still bright and fearless, her hair dark as the raven's wing-But her face was wrinkled here and there, and her mouth, where the tooth had failed had slightly fallen in. It was still a beauatudy of the human face, a mouth that had main eye to utility. It was of som homely mottled stuff which did not show the dirt easily but it had a clean collar at the neck fastened with an old-fashione plain brooch of twisted gold.

Hor hair, which had a natural wave, was neatly dressed. Rachel, though she did the entire work of the furnisouse, which included the dairy of two cows, was me sloven, and she had elevated the use o both hands and time to a fine art. was a little impatient with the darkness of the morn, as those are who have to pu much into the day.

Upstairs she could hear her son Dick moving about getting into his clothes preparatory to visiting the stables. She want ed the kettle to boll quickly, so that he might have the oup of tea without while she never permitted him to go forth even to the first labors of the day. She always falt the need of it horself; it was the on concession to the natural weakness of her kind. The sky, of a pale, heavenly blue, was still alight with stars, but somewhere scross the wasto of the most she caught the gleam of a swinging lantern.

"Adam Rainbridge, the postman, honest man," she said. "And five minutes Great was her estosishment when also hourd the creak of the garden gute a fe minutes later and behald him coming ur

the path with something in his hand. His run to the door, her heart baringing to beat "Don't say as it's from the War Office Adam, ' also said with a kind of faint trail in her valce, "I've been looking for it." "No. no. Mrs. Marsh," answered the

apple-faced postman cheerfully. coom direct fras the Proont." He hold it out and Rachel grasped "On active service, passed by censor an' as," he said jovially. "And there's

might uv them will be envyln' thatlils day, ma coman. I didn't get up fra Lowater last night till efter ton, and seein' that was an dark I went by." "Thank the kindly for bringin' it not Adam : 'ave a oup of tea?' "No, an' that I can't fur As'm sever

minutes late non. Good-morning. Meble An'l pop in as I gang by this evenin' an' bear the news." have been expected, immediately break the Washington Star : envelope open; but hearing her son's foot

algualing that is was time to applaud."

yawned capaciously as he thrust life fool

into his stable boots. "The tea isn't ready yet, Dick. Fire was thrawn this morning. No doubt the sticka was damp." "Aa root, mother," unswered Dlok, "A"

be back hadde o' ten minutes, ofter An've

trion them their outs." Ho was a big, slack, red bouled youth about twenty-three, not the youngest, but the one who had taken most kindly to the farm work. The other six were serving the King and country in different capacitles-one a corporal in Egypt, one in the dragoons in India, two at sea, and the one whose letter was now in his mother's nock-

So the great war had found the Marshes none of them imposity expect Ruchel. That she was unroady she might indeed have indignantly denied and pointed to her family roll of six already serving on see and land. But also was unready because the best and Liggest fighter of all she had kept belilial by alicer force of her motherly determination, while he was cating his heart out to go. The Murshas belonged to a fighting race on their father's side; out of a family of sight some he had been the only civilian. But he had never leen ontirely happy on the edge of the Northumbrian

et, flyhting in France.

moor, and had jought many lattles of which there is no record. Early widowed, Rachel March had kept a tight hand on her boys and roared them on the old lines of submission to curental rule. And though she had not grudged their choice of occupation, knowing it was in their blood, Dick she had yowed to keep at home. But she knew she could not keep him much longer, because the fire and fever were in his blood. Also she was not sure whether the had the right. An intelligent usman she studied her daily paper fulthfully, and knew more about the war than many men who set themselves up un critica mul authorities. Blie never talk-

ed about it, howevery it was a subject After the scullary door closed on Dick it might have been thought that she would read her letter, but no! Hhe moved about methodically, setting the table for breakfast, slicing the home fed bacon soon to be sizzling temptingly in the pan. Curiously enough it was after bick had come in and contained as little information as most letters from the Front, and as a first

was certainly disappointing.

"Hear mother," it begen, "you'll be auxious to hear how we've got on. We've been in France just over three weeks. can't believe that so much has hancound since and there hasn't been a minute to write. I'm writing this in the trenches now where I've been for eleven days without a break. Tell 'em at home that the old Fusiliers are getting it hot and strong and giving a july good account of themsalves. The fleneral harangued us yesterday, and said he was proud of us. This is a queer war but it's hot stuff. You see there are millions of these bally Germans no matter how many you pot, and our boys have potted a tidy few ; they simply come awarming on. We need more men; if we'd get 'em it wouldn't be a long, long road to Berlin for they don't play the game like us. So when you get this get hold of the boys beginning with Dick and tell them to join Kitchener, and go at it for all they are worth. If they don't, well, they'll see something in Old England, maybe like

we've seen here and which will open their eyes. You'll have to let Dick go, mother. Shoe tiful mouth, however, for those who make He's the sort we want. Of course it will he rough on you with all the farm work, been carved and chiselfed by the master but you'll manage somehow. It's got to dress it was chosen and likewise worn with be the same as we have it here. So no more at present, but with love "P. S .- Haven't got a screp of a letter yet but we're getting out of the trenches to-morrow they say, so we may get our little lot."

She folded it neatly and put it back into her pocket and walked into the kitchen As her eyes fell on her one son in the chimney corner with his legs thrust forth to the fender, she noted with an appraising eye the strength of his limbs, the sturdy set of his shoulders, his square, resolute law. Yes, he was the man they needed. His king and country had called him.

Who was she to stand in the way? "There's a letter from Ted," also said s very quiet volce. "Adam brought it as he went down, there it ia" Instantly the long legs were drawn up

the look of lariness and abandon disappeared as INck stretched out his great hand for the precious missive. He read it through in silence, to the music of the bacon similing in the pan-Then he moved over to the table nearer

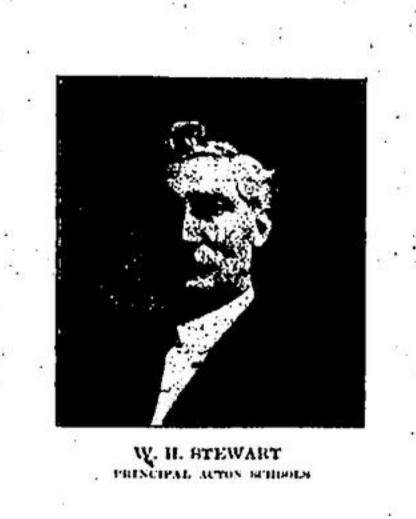
the lamp and read it again. "Well?" he said then and there was a usor thrill and gulver in his voice. "You see what he says," his mother answered with a audden sharmess in his volce. "There lan't any 'well' about it. It's just go, and go soon, this very day

that's all." Then Hick laughed a queer laugh which thrilled his mother's heart. "As can't help it, mother. It's that grood. It's a skunk An've been feelin' us them days and weeks. Au'll see the sergreant this mornin."

Draw in an' out your breakfast, lad," said his mother drily. "There's precious little fluitin' done on an empty stomach." lick ato a tromoudous breakfast not noticing at all that his mother merely played with her food. As she watched him a little later striding across the frozen tickle also muttered to herself : "Heven sons an' ivery one av them flubt-

ng ; that's what'll end the war." And though her tours fell at rare intervalues also went about her homely tasks, there was a great peace in her heart. IT WAS HIS CUK Many a man who permits himself to be

on the stair she thrust the letter into the hands when that women stepped on your women, bouered and beloved and widely especious pocket she were tied by a string foot in the railway-cur !" whose room was at the lack, had not heard "I thought mother and the girls were



Principal Stewart has had the honor the past your of holding the Prosi-dency of the Continuation School Department of Ontario Educational Association. His Procidential address at the opening of the session on Tuesday, was most creditable and was listened to with keep interest. Mr. Atewart commenced his work as an educationist in his native village, lilusvale, in Huron County, twenty-seven years ago, just as he had reached legal teaching ago. Nearly half of his professional life has been spent in Actor as Principal of our Continuation and Public Behools. He received

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Thursday, April 11th, 1805

Wm. Molvin has gone to Milton, where

George Adams has bought the grocery

business of James Firstbrook in the

It is an interesting astronomical fact that

Last wook as James Ramshaw, black-

Mr. Austin Swackhamer las returned

from tilunford, owing to Mr. Auson Huild

resuming his farm, and has taken the

Mr. Joseph Phillips, Presklant of th

York County Loun and Bavings Co., will

Miss Ada Brown, of Toronto, who he

been ill at the home of hereister, Mrs. (Dr.)

HE KEPY HIS PROMISE

Some young people seem of the opinion

sider themselves absolved from the obliga-

tion. Some great men have had a very

The story is told of Sir William Nanis

that on one of his walks he mot a little

and looking into his face ahe said. "You

se could at least give her sixpence to bu

another how and he looked in his purse fo

the promised colo. Finding no small

phange there he batle the little mail be

the same spot the following evening when

The child went her way comforted and the

On his return home he found an invitu

tion to dinner the following evening at an

surred to meet the heroise of the broken

howl. Hir William tried to plan some way

this impossible he wrote a note of regret to

the gentleman giving the dinner. It never

occurred to this great man and true gentle

man that he would be justified in breaking

his promise to a child simply because the

PANEL WAS FULL

The jurore filed into the jury box and

after the twelve seats were filled there still

"If the court please," said the clerk,

they have made a mistake and sent us 13

"What is your name?" asked the judge

lurors instead of 12. What do you want

remained one juror standing outside.

"Joseph A. Braines," he populod.

have here twelve men without Breines."

MADE HIM BORE

to do with this extra one?"

of the extra man.

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keeping it necessitated the surrender of a

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can mend it can't your" Bir William er

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George Martin farm in Erin.

on Good Friday, to-morrow, the heavenly

Cleaned From the Free Press

he has boufflit a larbering business.

Arthury Block.

BEING NEIGHBORLY

When Mrs. Celloway met Mrs. Dosson i the market one morning, and inquired for the news of the people in her black, came to light that the Carolsons, who use seated himself by the fire to wait for his to be neighbors of the Celloways, now hole most that she, in the dim recesses of the that relationship to the Dessons. Natural back soullary by the light of a farthing dip. ly the character of the Carolsons as a family took out the letter from the Front. It and as individuals was shortly under dicussion. Mrs. Decson, who admitted somewhat gradigingly that she supposed

boiles which gravitate around the sun that the Carolsons were "pleasant enough will be in exactly the same position that then turned confidential, and recited they occupied on the Good Friday that story which the Chicago News prints: "Mrs. Carolson is at Shadow Lake no ten't she !" Mrs. Celloway had asked. "Yes," said the other woman, "and she

never sull a word to me about it before amith, Crowsons Consers, and his cousin, alse went. I saw Mr. Carolson weeding the punctes the other morning, and I called out, just to be neighborly, 'Your wife gone road care broke, and they were thrown out. They had a narrow escape from "He grunted something that might have serious injury. The horse ran about a mile meant offier 'yee' or 'no.' I went on before being caught. " 'You'd better go away, too, and stay

Hov. Mr. Godden, the new rector of Bt. over Sunday with her. I'll took after you Allen's, will not beable to reach Acton ! house." He gave another grunt. time for the Easter services, but will "'Why not stay until the following preach for the first time on the 25th. Monday ? I asked. Mr. Murray McDonald, who has been " 'Thank you!' he growled. 'I wish my very Ill for several weeks, is slowly recoverfirm was as generous as you are. Then he

"A little while after that my daughte met him on the street currying a suit case, to I knew he had taken my sulvice. " I suppose he won't be home for ter days. He must have gone in a hurry, for he didn't tell me a thing about his going.

went into the house.

address a meeting to be held in Matthews I said to my daughter. Hall this evening in the interests of the "I had so much work to do that I could give little time to their place. Still I like sculptor, life. Though not careless of her be done or there won't be any farme; it'll to be neighborly, so early the next morning I went over and picked all their Uren, the past seven weeks, has so far repaneles. Then seeing that Mr. Carolson covered as to be able to leave for her hadn't stopped the milk or his paper, I father's home near St. Mary's. helped myself to both. Afterward I tele-

phoned to the milkman not to leave any "I ran to the door every time I heard that a promise to a child is not binding to their bell ring and explained to the caller the same extent as a pledge given to an adult, if it does not prove perfectly cor hat the family had gone away for tendays. it was a lot of trouble, for I had to keep venient to keep such promises, they cor watching all the time."

"You always have such a sonse of reponsibility when your neighbors are different opinion. sway Mrs. Desson," said Mrs. Calloway. "Well, I try to do my duty by everybody. Late in the afternoon a boy came with a suit case. I called to him that | which she had dropped after taking be there was no use ringing the Carolanua' father life dinner in the field. The gener bell, as they wouldn't be at home for ten al's kindly inquiries rendered her hopeful

"I had special orders to bring these clothes to-day, said the boy. 'Won't you plained that if unequal to that achievemen take them in -dollar to collect Y' " I don't moddle with Mr. Carolson's clothes,' I said. 'Bring 'em back in ten days. Then I shut the door. You have

to be firm with boys like that. They'd argue all day if you'd let 'em, and I had he would meet her and bring her sixpense. my dinner to get. "We had just sat down to the tal when my daughter said, 'Who's that pick-

ing the Carolson's pansies? " 'Here, you !' I called. And if it wasn't hour but little after that on which he had Mr Carolson bimself, looking madder than

a batter ! "Some one has picked them ull!" he to adjust the two engagements, but finding " 'I thought you were away,' I said. "That accounts for the milk and the papers, I suppose. Perhaps you've the

" I sent them back- I began t but dkin't get a chance to finial; the sentence. If I told you what he said-I could hardly believe my cars. Home people are lard to please, aren't they Mrs. Culloway ?"

We have just begun reading of a youn

A RADIANT DAY FOR HER

olothes that I am waiting for t'

girl of sixteen years, living in the country ut a distance from the church, which mad attendance irregular, who read on a Sab bath the memoir of a Christian woman On closing the volume she said to herself "That was a beautiful life." And after little thought she added, "And I should like to live such a life." A few minuter led forth to musical entertainment he does later she knelt down and said, "Lord, the did not, however, as might not ours for will appreciate this from the will try from this time." The decision was made. She went on stoadily and is "What made you start in clapping your still a useful and influential Christian knows for her besutiful and dovout chur-

-Nellio M. Cove.

One morning, while at breakfast, I reorived the following note : Deur Prant :

A CHOST STORY

I am going to Washington for a week and I want to know if you will condescend to stay in my house while I am gone. If so, please call at 10.30 th's morning. Yours sincerely.

I immediately decided to accept this invitation, and started at once for Jack's

When I got there he showed me the room in which I was to sloop and then bil me good-by, tolling me to make myself at home with all his things. He then left for the station. That evening I returned home and put

away all the things which I thought would he recovery, and taking my dog Rough, a Boston bull, famed for his fearlesances, with me, I went to Jack's house. After supper I settled down in the study for a good read. . I was thinking of the good time I had with Jack at college. \ We had both graduated from Yalo in the dans

year, and we had always been very good friends, I then resumed my book and read Christ died upon the cross. It will be the ou first time such a thing has occurred for About 10.30 I was startled by Rough. He jumped up and barked vigorously. After great trouble I succeeded in quieting him. I then listened very attentively and Miss V. Ramshaw, of Kinoardine, were to my terror I heard a light stop coming driving to Lowville, one of the shafte of the Into the parlor. Of course I thought it was a thief, as I was alone in the house. I looked around the room for some weapon as I had been foolish enough to come to the house unarmed. I spied the poker by the fireplace, and grabbling it up, I stoulth-

ily orept toward the ourtains which soperated the study from the purlor. Lifting the poker I deshed the curtains saids. To my great surprise-there was nothing there. I was quite taken aluck and it was a few seconds before I could

obtain the presence of mind to search the After I had completed a careful search, ! decided to let the mutter rest until the next day, so I went to hed.

The next night I heard the same light stap, but this time it didn't come into the parlor but went straight up the stairs. I rushed out again, found nothing after careful search of the whole house. I dookled to wait until Jack came koppe before

One evening while reading, I heard the door slam and in walked Jack. I was, of course, very glad to see him, but I did not

walt long before I broke right into my After my story was finished he said : "I think that the only way to catch this littor is for you to stay up-stairs while I stay down. We will both rush out while

se is on the stairs and trap him there." That evening we tried this plan but when we both rushed out we found nothing there. Jack was neverthalass undounted and fuelsted that we make a pareful scarely of the house, but this again proved fruitless. The next day we called the police in but they were unable to make anything of

That night I sat outside on the decestors

o see if anyone came up the street to the house. About 11.80 I saw the policeman coming up the street to his house, which was next to Jack's. He went in the door and a minute after the door closed I heard Jack shout to me that our visitor was going up. I run in but there was no one there. luddenly a thought struck me and I said "Our nightly visitor is the pollooman

sext door coming from his beat. The reason that we hear him is because there is party wall between the two houses." "I guess you are right, Frank," said Jack. "Glood-night."

-The Belford Chirp.

son, entered the tram, and took their weats near the door. Sitting in the corner was a nice young Hiclan lassle, and McTavieb was always undging his friend. "Hoots, man," sakl McPherson, "I ken

"Och," said Moltherson, "she huans waved her fare yet."

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ANOTHER THRIFTY SCOT McTavish and a brither Scot, Mcliner-

"Hoo are ye no gam up aside her then t' asked McTavish.

"Mr. Clerk," said the judge, "take this man back to the jury commissioners and tall them worldon't need bim, as we already is nothing equal to Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil when well rubbed in. It ponetrates the tissues and pain disappears before it. The Walter (to the housemaid) : Well, There is no known prejuration that will 'eres me, with two brothers and a cousis I reach the spot quicker than this munic Oil. in Portland Prison and three sisters in Ped. In consequence it ranks tiret smoot linidington Worker, and then the tirst ques- mouts pow offered to the public and is tion strangers always asks use is "Walter.