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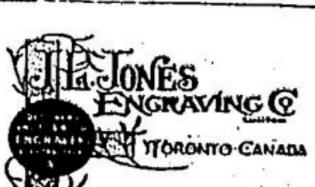
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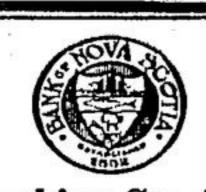
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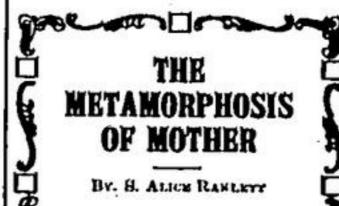
To grapple now with Fate!

An Empire, liberty we prize
Reyond the price of pain,
Our British bond, all it implies,
Must be defended: Freedom dies
With Freedom's champles slain. Abatl vaunting Hun sessil us now With all ble marshalled might :

Bhall we forget the breed we are, And what that bread bath done? He who in this the crucial war

Hinli not go forth to parn his soav, Shall he be worthy to enjoy What others slied to gain,

Hase-hase is he who shirks his share. Careloss of duty due ! There's still a uniform to spare, Which some fit fellow ought to wear :



and the same can be the matter? never used the parlor except-"

"Except for funerals, Helen," answered John Everton, as he helped his sister his mother's nook an amethyst with clear the snow slippery brick walk to the "How surprised mother will be to see

must realize her loneliness. I don't see what she flude to do." years, she was the life of the house. Si

"I never heard her sing," said Hele "She was always so quiet." "Ah !" sighad John. "After father that dark room, and tried to keep us chi dron quist. Then, after rest came

"Poor mother !" said Helen. "But no shall cheer up her old age. But hear the music ! Hother must have company." "Italian opera," exclaimed John, knool

The music ceased, and there stood before the travellers a little lady is a white gown. "Dear little mother-bird !" cried John taking the small form into his arms.

"Why, mother," said Helen, embracing her, "I didn't know you. I never saw you "You don't think it's out of place, d you, Helen ?' asked Mrs. Everton anxious

"I felt father and Aggie wouldn't mind, and it seems more cheerful ; so -" "I'm trementously glad you put on white," interrupted John. "Makes you look like the mother girl who used to play with her laby boy."

Mother flushed with pleasure, but watch ad Helen, who replied : "It's all right, mother, if you feel like it. I didn't know you cared. What changes you have made t" she continued, looking about the parlor with pink roses trailing over creamy paper, pink-ribbon-tiad white ourtains, open plane, book-failes table, and a great plak-flowering esales.

"Don't you like it, dear," asked Mrs Everton. "This room seemed gloomy with the haircloth furniture, and I thought I'd like to sit here and see the passing. You children are so generous I could afford the expense, though it did seem almost extravagent to tear off that old chocolate colored paper without a scar or a scatoli We never used this room except-"

"It's a great scheme i" interrupted John "You are a decorator, mother. Come Chicago, and you'll make a fortune. One who can make this room chearful-" "But have you a visitor ?" he continued.

glanding at the books. "Here lean Italian lictionary and 'I Promossi Sposi." "There is no one here but Mrs. Dixer. replied the mother. "She doesn'e read Italian ; but she is good company, and it's pleasure to see her turn to in the kitchen, she's a born cook, and she's never had much to do with before, and abe dotes on cooking up nice things, for sick neighbors. You'll see what a tasty little supper she' get up for you."

The visitors followed their mother into the room where for twenty years an invalid had lived in darkness and suffering. "Shades of Aladdin and his lamp !"

The room, hushed and shaded as long Helen could remember, was full of brightnose with its orimson carnet and walls, and Its window-garden of ferns and flowering geraniums, and the guilded cage in which a golden canary trilled marrily ; a roayflamed wood fire hummed its pleasant hearth-song, and threw flokering lights on the white-damask-povered table laid for tea with old-fashioned reselved china and a quaint, chubby silver creamer and sugarbowl, winking and blinking in the twink-

"Well !" granped Holen. "Mother-bird," said John, "what a nest-builder you are ! My Margaret must

"I am glad you like the old nest, son.

ling fire-light.

have it cheery for me and for the neighhors ; they come here real sociably ; the old folks alt by the fire and talk over old times, and the young folks chatter and

"Was it one of them singing when we came in T' asked Helen. "No, dear, It was just I. I had so muc time, I had Aggie's plane tuned, so I could plok out hymns on it; and Annie Alger thought it would be now for me to take

"No," unawered Helen, "if you feel like

"Go shead and sing," oried John. "You

"You can. The concert is to night."

"Ves dear, but I can send word that !

am not coming. It will be an excuse that

tunate in arriving in the nick of time to

John did not say that the gift had been

violet depths surrounded by a glimmering

ittle frock that will do for the concert."

"To-night I" exclaimed Heles.

that will suit your style of beauty."

border of they brilliants.

new gown into her sultouse.

smiles of pride and love.

a warblar Y' asked John.

"Didn't I tell you the mother-bird was a

precious stones.

"It's not in public, Helen i it's o

singing in public."

our own folks here.

you are here."

Wish I could hear you."

lossons from her singing-teacher. And he Shall we before his provess how. gave me some Italian songe, so I had to get Nor take up arms, nor take the vow To stand to him and fight? the pronunciation, and I joined his Italian class. That's why the Italian books are here. And you don't know how pleasant find it to be learning something new." "Vine plan !" said John. "T'll sand yo

play and sing."

one of those phonographs with an Italian record." "You seem to be well oodupled," sai Who used his manhood as a toy, "I feared time would hang on Hulon. And saw the vandat hosts destroy your handa" What he should help rotain? "O no," said the mother ; "and Helen

Mr. Lanciani says my voice is still true. perhaps because I've almost whispered those many years I and he wants me to Bay, is it-is it YOU? sing a place at his musicale in the town -William T. James hall. You don't think it out of place "

excluimed Helen Lane. "What

" Holon continued. "And I hope she will go home with us. Now that dear Aggie has been gone two years, mother

"Mother will find plenty to do," returned John. "You don't remember ber before she was the family nurse. Before fully had that fall that made him belolesefilteen was only eighteen when I was born, an she was an older slater to me I she we quick in the housekeeping, and made frolic of helping in the hay field ; and she had time to cheer up the neighbors, and go to the sawing-circles and other feetivities. and aing in the choir. She was a great warbler in those days."

fall he couldn't bear a sound or a ray of light. Fifteen years mother nursed him in father, and you were married, and I away and Aggle came home from college, there was her illness, and mother nursing five

years more." colors when she had nothing but black and gray ! Hhe shall have a baby-blue gows, and a rose-pink and a relabow colored one

"A reinbow," returned John, "is a pleasant thing, full of hope and cheer."

from the seat before him, "le precisely taught us to communicate to others, the what your mother is to all our people here, | extra word ; for is that word is the gospel, ver-shining rainbow of hope and obser." John looked at his sister. "You will not be driven to cheer up the mother biol's old age."

"Nor expect to take her home with me." replied Helen, "except for a little while when the Cloverdale people will spare har to be my reinbow of hone and cheer."-C. E. World.

SPARKLES An Irishman with a very thick head sale was once in a crowd of man who gen to creek fokes at bis expense.

"One man remarked, "Your head is like a haystack." "Bure," sald Pat, "that's just what thought when I saw so many asses stand-

ing round it." When charged with being drunk and disorderly and asked what he had to say for himself, the prisoner gazed pensively at the magistrate, smoothed down a remnant of grey bair and said :

"Your honor, man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mours. I'm not so debasing as Swift, as profigate as Byron, as dissipated as Pos, as debauched "That will do." thundered the magic

trate. "Ten days. And officer, take list of those names and run them They're evidently as bad a lob as he is." their neighbor's integrity, faith that the

Uncle Josh was comfortably lighting his pipe in the living room one evening when Aunt Maria glanced up from her knitt-

"John," she remarked, "do you know that next Hunday will be the 25th auniversary of our wedding ?" "You don't say so, Maria," responder Uncle Josh, pulling vigorously on his corn ool pipe. "What about it ?" "Nothing," answered Aunt Maria, "only

I thought maybe we could to kill ther two Rhode Island Red chickens." "But, Maria," demanded Uncle Josh "how can you blame them two Rhode. Island Reds for what happened 25 years

LANGUAGE OF JEWELS Agrate-Health and long life. Amethyat-Sincerity.

Carnellan-Contented mind.

Emerald-Buccess in love.

Burdonyx-Conjugal felicity. Turquoise-Prosperity. Opal-Hope. Bloodstons-Courage. Garnet-Constancy. Pearl-Purity.

Toper-Fidelity.

THE EXTHA WORD

An incoming vessel was delayed by fog, and the minister, who had confidently ex pected to arrive in time to make his journey by rall from the port of landing and reach home in time for his mid-week prayer-mosting, was much concerned account of the delay. Already he had strained the limits of his vacation, and had some concern last the church, which had been generous in providing for this holi day, should feel that at whatever coat he ought to have been in his place on the first Wednesday in September, sepecially as that was a meeting preparatory to the

ness of importance to be transacted. Before the ably get fairly for the mal came abourd and the steward called hi name and handed him a telegram. He me t for the Sunday School was held earl tore it open and read : "Will provide for Wednesday meeting.

autumn communion, and there was busi

greeting." The Descons. When a man returns from abroad any by the children, and a number, "The soos a crowd seemided to greet returning Heavenly Vision," by Miss Mins Walker. friends, and knows that because his own A short fellowship mosting was held dur home is distant from the coast there will ing which many expre-sions of gratitude be no one there to great him, there is were heard for blessings of the year. The

word of greeting. "Bless them !" exclaimed the minister. "They have watched the telegraphic re- church building : J. I. Warren, ports in the newspapers, and have seen Walters, A. A. Worden, Jan. McIntoel our ship reported late, and have concluded D. H. McDonald, Henry Grindell and Rev that I cannot get back before Thursday, Mr. Langford. They knew I would be anxious and they Mr. Chas. Kirkpatrick, of Limebous wanted me to knew that they had arranged has sold his house and lot in Acton to Mr. for the meeting. It was good of them to Thos. Stathan.

"That," said John, "le an excellent doit." reason why you should sing. We are forbear you. And I have brought a little gift before, evidently after reading in the A. E. Nicklin. papers of yesterday that the ship was sighted, and had reckoned the time of I. H. Harding, Robert Wallace, W. H. bought for his Margaret, as he fastened at arrival accurately. With the date was the Storey, George Hynds, Robert Holmes. operator's check, and it read, "One extra

What was that extra word? He read | Saturday night. "That beautiful thing for me !" exclaimthe message again. "Will provide for] ed Mrs. Everton. "I do so love oxlor and Wednesday meeting." That was five congregation, was presented with a beauti-"And I," said Helen, "have brought a Le sent without extra payment. "Wel. services as caretaker of the Church. The come home." That might have been sildress was signed by Mesers. Geo. Dron She did not explain that the gown was confitted, but if included it was a short as and Frank Camble. The event occurred at er from the top of a load of hay. "I dunbought for her own dainty housewear ; but It could be made. "Church sends affecwhen she shook out the shimmering folds tionate greetings." That might have been of the amethyst silk with creamy lace at shortened. The church, assembled at the neck, and saw her mother's beaming some regular meeting, had instructed the face, she was glad that she had slipped the deacons to great the pastor as he returned, in the name of the whole church. That A few hourslater, sewest-faced lady, with | was a beautiful thing to do, but three amethyst silk falling gracefully about her | words would have told it-"Church sands and a glimmer of violets dripping with greatings." Manifestly there was just one daw at her throat, stood before an audience word in the message which might have

of which every face showed affection for been counted superfluous and that word her. Clear and true the sofe pure voice was "affectionata." rendered the melodious Italian song ; at "One extra word-paid." the end the singer's eye sought her son and did it cost? Two cents, or four or five or daughter over the cheering, clapping ten, perhaps. How much was it worth? crowd between, and smiled to see their The minister would not have had the word ossitted for many dollars. Whatever it

cost it was worth it.

Then he thought of the manage of God And Helen sighed. "To think how to men ; how God, by patient effort had little I knew my mother ! To think of her taught men to till the soil, to dig out the singing that way after all these years of treasures of the mines and master the silence ! And wanting the house cheery world, and how We had given to men when it was so forlorn ! And loving pretty knowledge and even gealus, and then had added an "extra word." It cost much, that extra word, as God

spelled it out through the ages. It cost if she wants it, and she'll just be as dear a Getheemanes of divine struggle. Culvaries little mother as if she were some dull old of angulah, but it awastened and illnmined the whole of life's message, and was worth its cost. "Thank God." said the misister in "And that," interlected a lady, turning | heart, "that He has given us and

VAITE IN THE MARKET-PLACE When the luncheon-bell rang, the minister, leaving his study, sat down at the offer a price for the winner. Master made hetter tatter than would the bitter table with his family.

"I have brought with me a paragraph," he said. "I wish you would tall me who grin, wrote it."

From a sheet of paper he read the fellowhour is not electic currency, or sounder told twenty times a day for ten years and banking, or better protection against pania, or bigger navies, or more equitable tariffe; the least progress in the lesson of obedience but a revival of faith, a return to a morality which recognises a basis in religion."

"No." said his father. "The thought is than ouce, but I did not write the paragraph. Who do you think did ?"

"You wrote it yourself," said one of the

Virst they named other ministers, and then various religious papera. "You are getting nearer to it," takl "It to from a newspaper, but I am not sure methods. that I may call it a religious newspaper.

The sentance is from the Well Street Journal." The next Sunday he quoted the sentence in a sermon in which he pointed out the business value not only of morality, but of faith ; the necessity that men have faith in by substituting for "management" frankone another I faith in their own and in

universe is sound at beart, faith-that reli- will be vastly better, wion has its sanction even in the law of supply and demand. At the close of the sermon several business men asked to be permitted to copy the quotation. "Dose it surprise you," he saked them, "to find such a sontence in a financial paper ?" But no one was surrelaed ; each in turn declared that his own contact with successful business man taught him that none recognized more

alnoere religious faith.

clearly than they the value to the world of

a commercial justice and honor founded on

PAYING HIS WAY In a rural court the old squire had made

Your honour, I wish to state that I have

A GOOD RESOLVE

TWENTY YEARS AGO From Our Issue of the Free Press

Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1898. Kuox Church Sunday School entertain ment in the town hall on New Year's night, And drop it in some lonely valu had as usual a fine programme by the children, supplemented by songe and real-

tations by Itev. H. Haddow, B A., of Evangelistic services are in progress nightly in the Methicitet Church. The minister, Rev. J. E. Howell, has the assistance of the Misson Hall, evengelists,

who are experienced and conscorated work-

The annual business meeting of the Bap-BEARING LIPE'S BURDENS tist Church on Vilday evening was of a varied character. A tea and entertain in the evening, followed by distribution presents from a Christman tree. Hev. Welcome home. Church sends affectionate Q. Langford, presided. The programme included singing by the choir, recitation nothing so cheery'us a telegram from home | business was then transacted, with reports do it, too. I am not in any way different with its essurence that all is well, and its from various officers. Elections from others." place, and the following committee was appointed to consider the matter of a new

Acton Council for 1806 will be : Reeve-He read the telegram again, and looked George Havill; Councillors - J. H. at the date. They had sent it the night | Matthews, William Brown, Isaso Francis Behool Board for 1806 : James McLam

J. D. Williamson & Co.'s dry goods store at Guelph was destroyed by fire on Robt. Johnston, Jr., of the Brick Church words, just half the number which might ful aliver watch in recognition of his

> Johnston's parents. Seven members of Sir Mackenzie Bowell' cebiast have resigned. Miss Jennie Lambert has gone to id

the family at Highgata.

a social gathering at the home of Mr.

BWACKHANKE-In Acton, on January 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Swackhamer, a pass just now," smiled the angry one. PAYRE-At Richland, Iowa, on January bay. There sin't no danger o' you catie' 8th, to Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Payne, a son. it, I guess, I reckon-you don't look

PRANK-GILMORK-In Puslinch, by Rav. W. Robertson, on December 25th, Mr. William Frank, of Namagaways, to Miss Mary Gilmore, of Puslinch. Grild-Jolliver-In the Rockwood Metho dist Church, on January 1st, by Rev. D. in his socks. Hasid Strachan, Mr. Roy Guild, of Rodney, to duty was a bantam. Miss Jennie Jolliffe, of Rockwood.

SHYDER-BYAUPPER-In Carefraxa, Decem her 25th, by Rev. W. J. Brandon, John W. Hnyder, Erlu, to Miss Hophia Blauff er, of East Garafrana.

THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO BE

MANAGED Rome people take transactous pride in their shillty to "manage" others. There are wives who become decidedly completeent over their skill in getting their hustands in a good humor before asking the favor they have in mind. Yeshape it takes several days of working up to just the right dagree of good nature, but they are too pound, miss !" skillful to omit anything in the way of young and old. Bhe is our dearly loved, and is is all that we love and hope for in preparation or to apring their request minute too soon. Many mothers have a will make my batter bitter. marvellous way of managing their children. If George refuses to pick up his toys when butter and put the better bit of butter is

> George bundles his toys together in a hur. bit of butter. ty and accepts his reward with a broad The trouble that these skilful managere escounter is that they never get shoul. ing sentence : " "The supreme used of the George may be tricked into doing as he is at the sail of that time he has not made Ill-natured people may be kept from any outbreaking ill-humor by baing properly managed. If no one ever disagrees with them, if no one ever opposes them, if all their little vanities are petted and fostered, one that I have used in my sermone more they find it difficult to be anything but amiable. But such a course dose not hair in the least to correc the weeknesses of their character. Instead they are increas-

> > more he is likely to resent straightforward not long ago she was watched very sus-On both sides, indeed, the effect of this har seat. Then as if he could stand the sort of management is distinctly bad. The suspicion no longer he went over to berand manager becomes artful, subtle, often in- shaking a warning finger emphatically as shoers. The one who is managed has ber, he said : every help in establishing his faults and . "Madam-one toot and you're out!" none in overcoming them. It is true that nees and firmness we may have some trouble to begin with, but the final results

> > > HOME A REPUGE

A lady received the following reply from a neighbor in answer to a question as to you've got him at last." why she allowed her children and her husband to litter up every room in the house. The sentiment will find lodgment in the heart of every home-loving person in code attacks of fever and ague, showing

"The marks of little muddy feet upon

the stalus where the little feet go into the lille have found most effective, debating highways of ain. The prints of the little the fever and subduing the ague in a few fingers upon the windowpanes cannot shub days. There are many who are subject out the sunshine half so much as the shad- to those distressing disturbances and to a ruling so unfair that three young lawyer's ow that darkens the mother's heart over these there is no better preparation proabonce protested against such a miscar- the one that will be but a name in the curable as a means of relief. riage of justice. The squire immediately. coming years. And if my John finds home fined each of the lawyers \$5 for contempt a refuge from care and his greatest happiness within its four walls, be can but his There was silence, and then an older boots in the rooking chair and hang his hab lawyer walked slowly to the front of the on the floor any day in the week. And if room and deposited a \$10 bill with the I can stand it and he enjoys it, I cannot but the result of the careful investigation

If any little word of mine May make a life the brighter, If any little song of mine

May make a heart the lighter, God help me speak the little word, And take my bit of singing

To set the coloes ringing ! If any little love of mine

May make a life the awaster. If any little care of mino

May make a friend's the fleeter, If any lift of mine may care The burden of another. that give me love and ours and strength

To help my tolling brother ! -Exchange

A young woman from whom were swept a short time, husband, home, health, noney, all things that seemed to make life stable, was congratulated upon the manner in which she here her calamities. She snawered: "Bear them? Why, I must bear them. Why should I not bear them? Other women have been enduring just these things since the world began. My friend, my weighbor, und countless women of whom I have never heard have borne just these things, and if they have done it, I can

One must needs have some breadth of outlook upon life to see her own experiences in this way, but every one may have it i she will turn her eyes away from herself, and this is a saving grace. It saves from helpleseness, despair, disease, insanity and perhaps death. This is what we may call having a philosophy of life. But the best thinkers are beginning to know that real philosophy cannot be separated from a ballef in the good intentions of the universe and its Maker, and in an underlying and prevading rightsousness which must result in religious faith, if the suffering humas

"Dy want all the road " shouted as irate motor driver, tootlag for all he was worth in a narrow country lane. "Pull aside and let me pase by !"

spluttered the fellow in the car, as the

motor threbbed and fumed impatiently

WOULD HEVER SEE HIM

"Head up there, Dobarty !" he cried. Doharty raised his head. "Up higher!" shouted the little ser-

Doharty, staring away above the little man's bead.

for I'll never see yes again."

BITTER BUTTER, MAD MAYTER Grocer: "My bash butter is a quarter a

So Betty Botter bought a better blt of he lateld to do so, turn it into a game and her better, and the better bit of butter

"Stav-at-Home Rangers," he will say to you, 'Good morning, mind the sten.' " NO MUSIC HERE An old lady was compelled to carry an ear trumpet with her wherever she went ed. The more a person is "managed" the Upon visiting a small church in Scotland

GOY HIM AY LAST

ceremony and yelled 'Hurrah, Blanche, A Cure for Fever and Agus .- Disturb ance of the stomach and liver always prederangement of the digestive organs and deterioration in the quality of the blood.

thrown together and pushed by advertising clerk. He then addressed the judge as see that it is anybody's business."-Nish. of the curative qualities of certain oils as combination and it won and kept public

power to repair and heal.

being would relax its bold on its little individual salf. WOULDN'Y KAY HAY

"Whos, steady now !" grinned the farm-Boas I'm in a hurry." "You are looking for trouble, my man!"

"Are you going to move or not?" "I don't know as I be in any hurry to morning." "Beemed in a hurry to let that curvinge

"Ob, ay ! But that borse was satin' my

bungry "-Tit Bite.

Private Doherty was six feet four inches in his cocks. Baside him the sergeent ou

geant. "There, that's better. Don't let me see you with your head down again." "Am I to be always like this?" asked

"You are !" "Thee I'll say good-bye to ye, sorgeans,

"But," said Batty, "this butter labitter. If I put this bitter butter in my batter, it

A CENTLE JOLY "Don't some of you," said Mr. Will Crooks at a secruiting meeting in the East-End, "want to join ? What are you hanging back for ! Are you waiting for a sale tob till somehody doesn't come back for it? I can imagine what will happen. The cutplayer will ask where you were in 1915-18, and if he finds that you belonged to the

piciously by the sexton until alse resolved

"Who gave the bride away?" saked Mrs. Evens of berdaughter who had Just

"Her little brother," replied the daugh-

tar, "He stood up in the middle of the

returned from the wedding.

the floor can be more easily removed than In these aliments l'armelee's Vegetable

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