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syse tooked appraisingly at the

"Hetter not wait too long," Cliff said, erosa the floor and go to thewindow. you don't. It's a gift, pretty near, at upon it softly and opened it a crack. sighteen dollars-out toe more's twice that summer before last, and you can see for yourself it's good as new. Just fresh painted, too !"

"Yes, it's all right," repeated Merton but-wall, I can't decide right of whether moraley sure."

loat, then of course you wouldn't have so joy, and-" much need of it." Cliff's voice had grown frankly." "Very likely !" Marton said, with

augh, "and I may take it." Suddenly it soon lost in refreshing sleen. struck him as emusing, this combination and his insistent urging. Ho went whisthad helped his father to build the summer before, the coxy little four-momod house with scrooned porches which had mean such wonderfully improved licalth for the freil little mother whose least scarcely reached to Merton's shoulder. His boart was very tender where that mentle, brown eyed mother was concerned. She was altting sow on the front porch, a hit monding in her hands, and a glad, shinis look in those brown eyes—a look that her tall boy never fulled to call forth.

"Wall, what for this afternoon?" ale asked. "A shore supper ?" "Yes, if you feel like going to it, mother Otherwise Islan't care about it."

"Oh, but Merton, of course you must myway. I'm afraid I don't feel squal it, but I'll have my tea early, and I sha'n mind at all." "No, I don't care for it-without you and with father gone. Do you think I'd

sujoy it knowing you were here alone ?" She reached out to take his hand, hand of this dear boy who had never seed ed to "grow away from her," as she use to fear, in his habyhood, he would do when he whould so nearly reach man's estate. He returned the pressure of her fingers allently. Somehow it didn't seem altogether easy to broads the subject of the canos. And yet-the money was his very own, every panny of it carned by faithfu office work and laid by for something "extra" of this kind.

They looked silently ever the bir shining waters of the bay, to the gree Islands beyond

"What a dolight the summers are here And this glorious salt air I" she said. is doing wonders for me. I have grown to love every nook and corner of this cottage. And to think of its being so largely the ast back in his chair, toying with his work of you and your father ! My room is coffee cup, and thoroughly enjoying the so pretty, too, with its view of the lay, And if I happen to be wakeful, the sound of the water lulls me to sleep often. If dosan't, it is so restful just to lie there and listen to it."

She was always expressing har approxis-********** tion in some such way. Merton smiled will be here the first of the week !" back at her, but with an absent look in his

> "You sure do love the water, don't you, mother? I wish we could afford a motor it, even if we can't now." suddenly because very bright.

walt for it."

proposed purchase of the cance seemed woods. The dandelion which grows on a editor puts in, heatily. "Haven't you

Tobaldada to the drying of the allver has been along.

dish that had held the clamy, when he spoke, attempting to make his tone quite pasual and matter of fact.

"I've about made up my mind to buy Cliff Williamson's cance, mother," he marked. "It's a dandy, all right, and good an new, and he's offered it to me eightern dollars. It cost him more than twice that."

Tis on the page of common life improst mother's breath, and caught the look of their wives. But I'll keep marking, marking, Just the allaltude in her even. "Oh, Merton, not a nanoa!" also And if I was some fellow-travelor rise imploringly. "I'd never have an easy Var, far, above my still with quie noment knowing you were out in It"

"Oh, but mother, why ?" Merton's tone was coasing, and he tried to show surprise and wonder at his mother's fears, My very best, and if, at close of day, somehow failed in the attempt. The por-Worn out, I sit me down swhile to real I still will mend my perments, if I may, he had expected and dreaded. "They're such trascherous things-It may not be the boautiful or grand, But I must try to careful in, lest

these little light canons. I'm enough when you're out in a rowheat, but these canoes! Why, Merlon, you ca Better and better every stitch must be, hardly pick up a paper without realing The last a little stronger than the rest, some one's fatal accident from a cance !" Good Master! help my eyes that they may "Well, mother, I haven't hought it yet

Only - it does seem too good a chance to of our having one for years as far as I can | emeription. we. Now with a cance—think of the trine I could take ! "Yes, I do think ; that's what frightens

ma!" sald his mother with a little shiver. "Don't von un to werrving, mother !" be repeated. "It isn't imught yet and per I hape you'll feel different about it in the morning. I told Cliff I'd lat him know in the morning. He's going to push the sale to somebody else if I don't take it. - And it is a snap, mother. Merton lay awake for a while that night

to the swift, sound sleep of a healthy Through the thin partition between his dipped and bowed in the shallow water of restless sounds that made him sure that

the bay. "Likely l'ittake it, Cliff, but I his mother, too, was wakeful, and not west to talk it overs little more at home, heling fulled and southed by this music of the waves. Heveral times he heard her denly he felt he could stand it so longer. 'Home of the other fellowe'll sump it up if He rose and tiptood to her door, knocked "Mother, stop worrying ?" he said lov ingly. "I'm going to tell Cliff I dea't want his cance. It would be dear at any

price if it meant you were worrying over the every time I went out in it." I'll take it or not. I'll let you know in the said, with a little catch in her breath. "It's so dear of you, but -but I'm afreld "Now if you had a nice little motor you think I'm a saldish, worrying old kill-

alightly patronising. 'Then you could interrupted. 'Hettle down and go to \$50. After receiving the home-coming kins clip it over to the different islands in short sleep. I'll save my money toward the he drew the hox containing his gift, openorder and have your asconlight rides and I motor boat we're going to have some day. all that sort of thing. But -well, as you And whenever we go out in that, you'll be eyes. don't own a boat, you're missing it not along to rescue father and me if anything to take my cance. I'll tell "you that, should happen !" he ended laughingly. A dears." few moments more of playful resseurance and he slipped bank to his room, and was

"Well, I can tell you you're making a of Cliffs pretended indifference to the sale mistake !" Cliff answered with some bitterness when Merton announced his decision ling lack to the summer outlage which he next morning. "You'll not get such asnen eguin i" "I'll take my chances -when I want one !"

Merton said, good-naturedly. "It's giving it away to sell it foreighteen dollars," Cliff wont on, "but to tell the truth I need some cash right now, andhow about fifteen dollars for it? Take it "No, don't want a cance-I've made up my mind !" Morton said in a voice that anything more disagreeable than what had

liscouraged further urging.

is late breafast. went away because I was in doubt about the terms I could make and I didn't want

to raise any false hopes. But I've made an nvestment that I think is going to bring is some pretty big returns in the way of plansure for all three of us." Merton and his mother looked up with ulck interest. "What is it?" they asked

"A motor lmat." Mr. Jackson replied enjoying the look of delight and amaze ment in both faces. "I've been corres ponding with Preston about his for severs days, though I kept quiet about it. He wanted to sell his and sell cheap. Bowben I was at Annapolis I took a run down to his place-to look it over. It's in fine bon-"It dition-motor good as new, and he's leb me have it for a hundred down and easy paymonta by the month for the balance."

way his naws was received-the expression votes for women, I venture to address on the two faces that were decreed to lilm. "I ase where Merton and I go to Work now at another job of carpentering," he remarked. "We'll have to get busy at some sort of a boat house, for our launch

ACCOMMODATING YOUNGHLY TO CINCUM-

We hear a great deal these days about boat. Some summer we'll get around to square page in round holes. Indeed it would almost seem that we heard too much. "Yes," she said, with a smile that A great many people seem under the im-"Bome pression that in onler to make a success at summer we'll have it, even if we have to all, they must find some place for which they are exactly fitted. And so our sun-They were silent for a few minutes. com in life is made to depend upon a lucky you very much for giving us the chance-Then, "Well, dear," she said, "if Y can't chance, and the mutterof human adaptabil- sto. persuade you to go to the shore supper ity is left out of consideration altogether. It is the nature of a dandellon to send atsamed clams for our suppor-with hot up a long, bollow stem at the sud of which lug his stenographer to his deak, "just

appears a golden blossom. But if you make that 'Dear Bir,' please.' "Fine I" said Merton. "I'll help with keep your eyes open these spring days, the clams, and no one can best you making you will make an interesting discovery ve- begins rather timbliv. tosat " Somehow the time to mention the garding the habits of this favorite among neglected vacant lot, blossoms at the ond | read the Bible " Not until they had finished the steaming of a long stem. But the dandellone that clams, the creamed potatoes, and the crisp blossom on a well-cared-for laws, elipsed gain, "but-" tosat, did Merton bring up the subject. by a laws mower once a week, put out a "Ruth and Naomi-a love story, you I disher, and was apparently giving his soil. Indeed often after the lawn mower You can't have a love story without a man,

A JOKE THAT MISCARRIED

Jim and John Emerson, twin brothers. dressed alike as they looked alike. They word their bearls allke, and their volces were an nearly the same as two violing they were married on the same day and went to live in twin houses in Atherton terrace. Every one said that there was He could hear the quick intake of his nothing unlike about the brothers excent

One day while they were funching togother at the Ilountown Club they con cluded to away wiver for dinner. Jim was to go home to John's house, pretending to he John, and vice versa. The pretense. successful was to last till coffee was brought on, when John and his brother's wife were to go into John's and all have versation was taking the exact turn that coffee together and laugh over what had

taken place. When John Emerson, Impersonating Jim, went to Jim's house that afternoon shortly before the dinner hour he received the councilal kies from his brother's wife and, so far as becould discover, she thought him her husband.

"Any letters Y' he saked reauxily. "Ves," she said, handing him one a lose. If we had a motor heat it would be drawed in a feminine hand, while ab so different but there's not much prospect looked up into his face as he road the sup-

John was somsawhat taken bank. We did not know whether the spirite was one his brother would wish his wife to see not. Olving it a casual glance, he put in his coat pocket unopened and asked i the wife had spent the day pleasantly.

Mrs. Jim did not ask when he had nocketed a latter in which she was desply interacted who was the writer, for she had studied the handwriting on the envelope and could not make out that it belonged to Mr. Morrison, of Iron Mountain, Mich. any woman she knew, but her replies to preached in the morning, and the Misses John's remarks were not cordial, and was sublant that there was something on her mind. Yohn sadasvored to anjust un concerned, but he was obliged to sulmit gayly pointed little cance that room and that of his mother's, he heard that the latter inclient had caused an

> The more John trief to placate his slater in law the more unplaceded she harama. by the time the desert came on the table she was sitting belt upright in her chairlooking very crusty.

his brother's wife. Jim, who was an excellent business man, had made money while John, whose tastes were artistic, had not. Mrs. John was soonomical, and her principal business was to keep her husband "Oh, Marton, you blessed boy !" she from spending more than his limited income warranted. It had occurred to Jim that this occasion would be a good one to make his sister-in-law a present. So on his way to dinner he stopped at a jeweller's "Stop calling yourself names !" Merton | and hought a broach, for which he paid ed it and held the brooch before the lady's-

"See what I have brought for you, my

Mrs. "Emerson's brown lowered. ... Instead of putting her coral fingers on the brooch she pushed it away from her. "Why in the worlddid you spend money for that trinket when I have all I can de to make ends meet without it? To-mor-

mw morning you take it right back and leave it where you got it." .-Poor Jim looked very much disgruntled He could not confess that he was her brother-in-law instead of her husband and that it was pure gain to har. He stam mered an apolegy, adding that he "was very sorry," soil took up the evening paper. Fortunately dinner was announce ed, and he hoped to get through it without

already hannened. little brighter and jollier than usual the his pooket that he dared not open for fear next two days as he went about the cottage of compromising his brother, and Jim stood or strolled along the beach with his mother. scoused of wasteful extravagance. All such an effect on every-day life, I ob-The morning of the third day his father through the dinner Jim's sister-in-law was served. returned from the business trip that had declaiming against his want of ability to called him away. Then came the surprise. keep within bounds. It was no excuse He sprang it upon them as he was eating | whatever that he had intended the gift for her. A milt that troubled her to pay for

> it was a datriment. About 7.30 by the clock Jim Emersons was called to the telephone.

"Is that you, Jim ?" "Yes." "There's been a flasco here."

"There's been one bore, too." "The trouble is a letter received by the morning mail addressed to youin a woman's

bandwriting." "The trouble here is that I bought your wife a fifty dollar brooch as a gift purportlug to come from you and have been abused for extravagance."

"Tell her the truth and come over at In's few minutes Jim kild Mrs. John entered Jim's own bouse. Mrs. John was milling. Mrs. Jim was like a thunder-Jim asked his brother for the letter and then he opened it and read sloud : "Trusting to interest you in the cause of

burst of laughter by three of the party. and Jim, approaching his wife, took her in his arms.

I um the only gainer by this stupid joke." have no souls. From this time forth cor-"I'll trouble you, Jim," said his wife. porations are going to show mighty little "for a brooch to match the one yeu've | soul toward the man who drinks."

FORE STORY WITHOUT A MAN

The editor (dictating to a stenographer) -"Naomi Johnson. Dear Bir : We thank

Two hours later (the same editor algoing his mail)-"Oh, Y say, Miss Bmith," call-The girl takes the letter. "Hut-

"Mr. Naomi Johnson. Dear Bir." the "Yes, of course," Miss Smith begins !

can you?"-New York Evening Post.

TWENTY YEARS AGO rom Our Issue of the Free Press o

Thursday, July 9th, 1896 David Wren has sold his farm, lot 25. Con. 7. Naususweys, to Ikkid Williamson for about \$4.000. Mr. Williamson now OWING SOO BCTOS.

considerable damage. Capt. John Shaw, 5th line, commonced This, he says, is the earliest date hervest.

ing ever commenced in this section. A largely actualed meeting of Knox Church congregation was held last Friday evening, Ilov. D. Strachan, modertar, proalding. It was unanimously decided to ask the l'resbytery for permission to mod-

cool the house was generously opened to the guests. The Misses Hall, evengelists, of Gueiph, Miss McGinnis, of Youngstown

The funeral of Charles Camera lost his life through the accident in the Cobble Hill gravel pit, was very largely Junction, and Rev. Mr. Telt, who attend ed deceased during the few moments b tween the accident and bis death, conduct ed the services.

A reception of members into the Methodist Church was held on Sunday. Rev very impressive address.

unfortunate turn in his and his brother's tion held in Boston, in the Methodist Sunday School on Bunday. Ray, Victor J. Gilpin commenced his pastorate on Everton olrouit on Bunday, presching at Everton, the Brick Churc'

> address and a presentation. Mr. John Easterbrook, who was Town ship Treasurer of Nassagawaya for over 20 years, passed away on Jose 24th, aged 85 years. He moved to Nassakawaya 43 you have been hanging on to and talking years ago and conducted a general store and post office there for many years. Rev. D. A. Moir and Mrs. Moir drove through town on Thursday on route from

DORIAND-At Bronts, on June 18th, Peter

Dorland, sgod 81 years. INDUSTRY VERSES ALCOHOL

look, introduces a newerful article. "In dustry versus alcohol," with this Billy Bunday story :-We were discussing Billy Sunday and go.

ile conomic effect of his work. "The vice-president of the C- Iro Works told mo', said a manufacturer of railway cars, 'that his company could have afforded to pay its employees a quarter of a million dollars more than their was working among them." The porporation concerned is one of

great size companies of the country. employe thousands of men. "Why was that !' I waked. 'Because of the Increased efficiency of worth the quarter million additional."

· Religion, as such, had little to do with, replied the carmaker, 'except that it the repetition of that mistake. started it. The thing that made those men efficient was sutting out the drink. place? It's no use to cry about it, to be sober. They could run their machines you were looking at something across the with steady hands and true eyes. The street, instead of attending strictly to busimen themselves realized what a difference note. Perhaps you were trying to carry a it makes. They are strong for probibition. pitcher of milk in one hand and a flower-If the people of l'ittaburg and its violuity fot in the other, and between the two, you

'The manufacturers are strong for prohibition, too. They never gave much thought to the matter before. But this us all strong for probibition. whiskey. For years we have been trying the full pitcher will make the journey in to find a way to secure a high degree of safety. efficiency ameng our man. We never succeeded. Along comes this prescher and socomplishes more in a few weeks than we have ever been able to do.

We know now that until boose is benlabod, we can never have real efficient workman. We're foole if we don't profit Further reading was interrupted by a by what he has shown us. Take it from me, booze has got to go. We are not much interested in the motal side of the matter, as such. It is purely a matter of while. "It seems to me," said Mrs. John, "that dollars and cents. They say corporations

. A HARD CHEDITON

Many a Southern darky's mind to stored with bits of philosophy that are frequently as true as they are quaint. Here is as i

"One wintry day," says a Washington man. "I met an old darky in rage pledding along. The cold wind best through ability to also and rest the whole night many holes in his tattered warments. despite his syliant poverty, he was carry iura whole side of bacon on his shoulder "Uncle,' I saked, 'why didn't you spend your money on a warm cont instead of on all that becom?

" 'Well, sub,' said the old man, gravely, when I asks my back for credit, I gits ! Then, patting his atomach, he added :--

THE DAY OF THE YOUNG MEN When war broke out, the young mon had thair day; Theirs numbers spoke, they were a brave And he was nothing who was old and gray When war broke out;

What could he do but by the firedile stay, . Or grouse about ? were they I
And a long line of years before them lay,
Wherein to toil, to triumph, and to play, "And rost at longth :

diamay 1 How rich in strongth!

Dielr songs they sung along the public They sung of Tipperary, and were gaylay would return when cuded was the

And marrily to the war they marched When they were young.

He that is old, and was denied his day, Whose eye is dim, whose hand is work to He may not join the ranks-yet serve

can advise, encourage, comfort, pray The un enroll'd. J. Logie Robertson.

One of the most practical and absolutely truthful bits of philosophy that have lished in Medical Talk, on the wisdom of "letting go." 'Baye the writer:

tally, and physically, just let go. That little burt that you got from a friend, perhaps it wasn't intended, perhaps it was, but never mind it. Refuse to think

surprised what a cleaning up and rejuvestating effect it will have upon you, both physically and mentally. Let themail go;

appointments, the deep wrongs and heartbreaking sorrows, the tragedles of lifewhat about thems Why, just leb them go, too. Drop them, softly, maybe but surely. Put away all regret and bitterness and lot sorrow-he only a softening influence. Yets let them go, too, and make the most of the future. Then that little pet ailment that about, let it go. It will be a good riddance. You have treated it royally, but adandon it ; let it go. Talk about health, instead, and health will come. Quit nurs-

ing that pet allment, and let it go. It is not so hard after once you get used to the habit of it - letting goof these things You will find it such an easy way to get rid of the things that mar and embitter life that you will enjoy letting them go. You will find the world such a basutiful place. You will find it beautiful because you will be free to enjoy it-free in mind

MILK SPILLED?" "It is no use to cry over spilled milk," tays the proverb, and no one will question ics truth. Tears help little with most wages during the period that Billy Sunday things. But though tears will not put spilled milk tuck in the pitcher, that does not mean that it never neve to examine into the causes of an achident, or analyze the factors that are responsible for a disastrous

mistake. A great many young people dismiss from their miade as soon as possible all recollectoften with a suggestion of flippency. And so it is. No amount of reflection afterward can undo a single act or unsay a word that has been spoken. But it is quite possible that a little serious thinking would prevent

Why was the milk splited, in the first wagon. They became sober, and stayed out the answer to that question. Purhape could vote on the temperance question to came to grist. Perhaps you started out day, the saloons would be wiped out expecting to spill the milk and that uneasy certainty prepared the way for its owh fulfillment. Time and evel n such facts ex-

sticking that he can surmount difficulties and from out trouble wrinkles, is generally the first man whole useded to fill some unexpected emergency. Anydody can move, but it takes ability

this trying trouble. It stops the awful choking and painful breathing. It guards against night attacks and gives renewed long. Much is claimed for this remedy. but nothing but what can be demonstrated by a trial. If you suffer from asthma try it and convince yourself of its great value.

been undermined by the draughts the Even if a man does life his lid when he worms have made upon it, and that their

No force could daunt thom, and no fear

Their songe they sung

He that is old :

LEARN TO LET GO

attended. Hev. Mr. Rus, of Toronto appeared in a long time, was recently pub-If you want to be healthy morally, men-

> Lat go of that feeling of hatred you have for another, the jealousy, the envy, the mallos, let go all auch thoughts. Sweep them out of your mind, and you will be

> you house them at deadly risk. But the big troubles, the bitter dis-

Learn to let go. As you value health of body and posco of mild-just simply lat ASK YOURSELP. "WHY WAS THE

Vind out why the milk was spilled, so demonstration of Billy Sunday's has made | that another time you will be more careful We know with your pitcher. Crying does no good, now that most of our socidents are due to but reflection may mean that the next time

STICK-IT YAKKS ABILITY

Lots of men with good jobs and a fine future before them are forever thinking how nice some other job somewhere elie would be, and forgetting that any other job worth while has its troubles and difticulties that must be overcome -"true love never did run smooth"-and the best machinery gets a bob bearing once in a The man who sticks, and proves by his

to remain. — Exchange.

No More Asthma. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remady sounds the death knall of

No better protection against worms can be got than Miller's Worm Powders. They consume worms and render the stomach and intestines untanable to them. They heal the surfaces that have become inflamed by "But dis hear, sab, this healt always the attacks of the parasites and serve to restore the strengh of the child that has

mosts a woman he may not be ber inferior. operation is altogether health giving.

The dry weather has favored the devel- How rich in strength, how strong in hope opment of grassinppers. They have done outting fall wheat last Friday, July Srd.

erate in a call to a minister. The name Rev. If. A. Molfierson was the almost andulmous choice. The Ladies Aid of the Mathedlat Church held a garden party on the grounds of Mr. Arch. MoNahb, Church Street, on Monday evening. As the weather was somewhat

Ohlo, and Acton Cornet Band furnished

Hall, evangellate, had charge of evening service, Miss Lyda Hall giving a Mr. H. P. Moore gave a synopels of great International Bunday Behool Conver

and Limshouse. At Everton, Rev. R. McIntyre, the late paster, was remember Meanwhile her husband was dining with by the Epworth League by a most cordis

Georgetown to their new field in Walker-

Lewis Edwin Theiss, writing in the Out

It never was Merton's way to spoil his Thus the joke that was intended to be a the man. They were steadier. Accidents acts of self-sacrifice by wearing a depressed peasant one, to be laughed over after decreased remarkably. They produced ions of a past mistake. "It is too late to fuce afterward. If anything he was a dinner, miscarried. John had a letter in enough extra steel to make their wor 'It is interesting to find that religion has

"I didn't say anything about it when I by skimping was no gift at all. Indeed, Billy Sunday got them all on the water; sure, but it is extremely important to find