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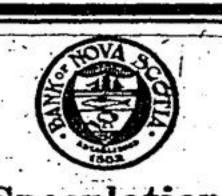
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THE PUSSING PLACE

I have to go to the fushing place When I am very bad;
And mother has such a sorry face,
And her eyes look so sal.
But she says in just the fictness tone,
"The boy that fuses must stay slone,"

At first I pretend I do not care, And I ham a tune And walk, off with my head in the air ; Hut pretty soon I begin to hate the fusing place

When I have been bed.

Henover her book.

And to be there seems a disgrace ; So I stop my tune. Ind then I think of my mother's eyes. With that norry look, And soon Thatbit is time to surprise

So I hunt up a smile and put it on (For I can't come out till the frowns are How happy she'll look, The feming place? O, it's where you

And the to be soon. It's up in the attic or under the stairs Or seated in one of the kitchen chairs. And, O you feel mean. But it doesn't matter much where it is--

When you're naughty and mean.

When you're in disgrsoo, Is nice enough when you're loving and That makes it a fussing place.

0000000000000 A SPRIG OF ROSEMARY

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of a little New England farmbound. The man had barely passed his majority, and the years of the girl numbered less than his by three. The man was going hundreds of miles to the westward, there to find a competence. When he had succeeded, the girl was to come to him for the rest of the happy

years. In his hands were two sprigs of

Tours rosemary, one of which he gave to the "It's for a remembrance, Betty. that we will either of us need it, dear, but I shall carry mine with me wherever I go." "You know you'll always be in my Carolina, Louisanna and other thoughts, Tom. I'll patit under my pillow at night that I may droam of you and Southern States and to Ber- wear it next my heart in waking hours that every best may be for you. Good-bye, True and God bless you and send you beal to me," and the maid turned her lips up-

ward for her lover's kiss. "Good-by, Betty. It won't be for long and then we'll be together for the rest of our lives." And be terned and started down the path. .

sixth year, and at the close of a winter's day the soul of her father left its gaunt frame and abe was alone. Tom wrote a letter full of tender coase-

lation, and it was on the absent sweethourt her affliction

and there was enough to provide for the

remainder of her days. She had no relatives in the home of father, and when legal matters were finally roads passed through different countries, adjusted she left for a big western city to the distance for each messenger to run was live with an aunt while she was waiting the same. for Tom. It was then the first blow fall. No letter came from Tom in the far west. At first she did not worry, for he had writ- had journeyed. It was high noon when ten that he was going on a long prospect- he arrived, and the bliting sun heat piti-,

ing trip and might be weeks, even months | leasily upon his boad. His face was atcamway to summer and summer fled before the forlors appearance. But his speed slackchillion blasts of automo, and the weeks | ened not until he stood in the presence dragged wearily by until a year had passed | the prince and delivered the king's me

Betty abondoned hope She wrote to the authorities of frontier town were he usually outflitted. be was unable to tell what it contained. but they could tell her nothing: Tom had Having delivered the message, the courier left in April." He had not returned. They sought water and refreshed himself, then knew nothing of his fate.

In the passing of the years ber grief was softened, but the arony of her loss was there, looked with her love in the innermost | city. He was next and clean, for he had reconsec of ber beart. Suitors came, but paused at the river and washed himself were sent away, not burt, but firmly. gently, denied. Her cousins married. abo was Aunt Betty.

There was another Hetty pow, a protty, glimpeos of social life and rapturously happy because she was just living. They forcet is filled with many kinds of singing were kreat crooles, these two Bettys, and it was often remarked that their resemblance extended away and boyond the

asked the little Botty one afternoon, when the two were having a loop, confidential

Then faded old letters were brought same question about the country be out and read, the dimmed tintyne of a country boy with a fine featured face was cried over and the withered sprig of rosemary lifted gently from the jowel case, where it had reposed so many years in

We each had a sprig and were to keep i

always, so that whenever we saw it the said auntis. "And do you draw of him yet?" purned the younger. "Bless you, Betty, I'll always dream of im, and I pray now that after death here

"And so that's the reason you didn't let Dr. Thornton and the others marry you when they asked ?" "Betty, how did you know?" "Oh, I beard mammia salking about it Bat I won's tall, auntle," she promised peolitantly. "But it's lovely, auotic. It's

ono oleo ."-"He knew I never would," and the older After that the little Betty had to go

city to be taught all manner of things embraced to that word "finished."

To her rumintle soul came many experionces, many temptations to surrender to what she thought wal live, litt always she ! measured the depths of her emotion by Aunt Betty's loyalty of a score of years. "Would I love him like that I'she would ask hersolf, and always the suiter failed on

the lest.

.Om afternoon she went to a matines at a downtowir theatre. As alm was leaving the playbourd she was confronted by a stalwart man whose sgitation was greater than her own.

"Betty Randall !" he all but shouled in is excitement "Auntie," gasped Botty.

"Are you lietty Randall ?" queried the the atranget, "Of course not. You'm just a child, and Betty would have been more than twice your ugo if she were alive," and be apological for his redenots as he turned nd then you must stay till you're good It flashed over Betty in an instant.

> Could it be true ? She decided to risk it. "Tom !" she called softly. The man wheeled at the word and stood taring at the girl. "Are you Tom Wilson ?" she asked,

'and did you leave over twenty yours ago to go out west, and-". "Yes, yes! Why, how, who are you?" "Rotty Randall in my aunt," said Botty,

and abe has your sprig of resemery."

"Here's mine !" be oried, and be lunged nto a pocket and brought forth a worn That night Mr. Wilson had a talk with Betty at school. She arranged to go bome pert morning and Tom was to follow the

day after. He explained how he had been sick for a year from exposure while lost in the mountains; how he wrote to the old addresses but got no reply. . He had gone back to the New Hamp-

shire town, but no one could give him Botty's address. So, with fortune beyond his boyhood dreams, he had rumbled up and down the world, hoping, hunting and "Aunt Betty," said little Betty two days"

later, "suppose Tom is alive. Suppose he didn't die but couldn't find out where you were. Wouldn't that be fine?' And her eyps danced with what the elder took to be girlish enthusiasm over a romance so

There was a knock at the door, and naid entered with a card tray.

"There's a gontleman down stairs to see you, Miss Randall. He would not give me his card, but said you'd understand by this." And she held out the tray so there | tank was empty. It was not was disclosed thereon a sprig of resemany. "Betty, it's true! He's alive ! 'It's but will do so no more, Tom.!" And the speed with which she descended played havee with orthodox ideas of dignity. She fell rather than raif

into the sitting room, there to be clasped in two arms, while a man's voice came bish. "At last ! Thank God, at last !"

THE THREE MESSENGERS A king who was once very ill desired convey the news to his son, who was in

distant country. He called three fleet she leaned during the days and nighte of | mesteogers before him and bide them paper and rege. basten to the prince with the information Betty's father had been frugal and shrewd of his condition. He instructed each to go on a different road so that if one or two durggists filteen dollars. failed to complete the journey his purpose would not be defeated. Though the three

On the third day the first messenger entered the city to which the king's roa ing with dusty sweat. His clothes were But when spring came and in turn gave covered with dust, and he presented a sare. The prince asked him about the the country through which he had mased, but

be was strengthened with food and sloer Late in the afternoon of the same day the second messenger entered the prince's Thus he appeared before the prince and delivered the king's message. The prince little ones came to bless them, and to all asked him also about the country through which he had pareed. "It is a beautiful country," he told him. "The fields are graceful maid of 17, joying in her first green with growing corn, and the trees are red with ripening fruit. The deep birds. The animals are many and are not

In the cool of the evening the third messenger arrived. His clothing was "Annt Betty, why can's you marry ?" spotless and his step light and booyent He too had stopped at the river and washad himself and had rested until he regulated his strength. The prince asked him the nessed through that be bad saked the others. The third messenger was able to give a good account of it all, for he said to the pripos : "I entered the fields and ate the corn ; it was sweeter than any other corn I have eaten. I also went to the fruit "And the resonary, Auntie?" queried trees and ate of the fruit. It was more delicious than any other fruit I have ever seen and far more beautiful, As I passed along, I listened to the singing of the birds. It was choral music, such as would please other's face would appear in our droams," the prince. And to preve my estimate of the mong of the birds. I took time to canture one of them for you." Thereupon be produced the bird, which, when it was caged, sang awaet malodies far beyond the

messonger's description of it. On the following day just before messongers began the return journey. prince called them before him. "I wish to reward the most faithful messenger with this," be announced, holding up a chaste gold ring let with a ruby. "The information about the country through which you passed I appreciate. The gift of the rare songster from the douths of lorost I shall erer enjoy." . He then handed the ring to the first messenger, wying : "But the first | may be accomplished it is executed the duty of a mossonger is to deliver his moswork, and assume their responsibility as

We have pleasure in presenting the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Statham who have been esteemed residents of Actor for over thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Statham are visiting their daughter at Milsaukee, Wis., and will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary there next Monday, 15th January. Their oldest daughter, Mrs. Flynn, of Bodalia, Col., and Mr. Statham's sister

and other friends in Chicago will attend the golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Statham were married in St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, on January 18th, 1867, Rov. T. S. Courtwright officiating. For four years provious to his marriage Mr. Statham was a soldier in the army of the North in the

. Mr. Statham was born at Derby, Eng., and celebrated his 75th birthday the day before his wedding. Mrs. Statham was Phoelie, A. Thompson, was the daughter of James Thompson, and was born to Erin. She was 73 years of age on the 14th December last. Shortly after their marriage they settled in Georgetown and were there nearly twenty years when they came to Acton. Mr.

Four sons and five daughters were born to them of whom the following survivo: Mrs. J. J. Flynn, Mrs. Strauber, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Burling. Enoch, William and Harry.

HOW FIRES START

sued a bulletin which be terms a "Comedy of Errora." He looked for a gas look with a match

He smoked while, filling his autotank,

bankot. He is wiser now. He threw a cigarette stub into some rub He saved his oily waste and oily rag

· He did not worrylabout fires as ha ha "plenty of theurence," and forgot the safety of his wife and children upstairs. He singled up the chimney crevices w

saved filteen cents but paid the doctor and She poured kerosene into the lamp while the wick was borning.

She put gasoline into the wash bor the stove to make washing casier. She dried clothes too near the stove. She used the woodbox back of the range

dresses burned essier than the leaves. She was "coming right back," so lo the electric current on in her iron.

while one burner was on. The comedies have turned to tragedies many of the actors are maimed or saloop others will follow, no doubt, as they are prone to ignore the advice and experience of others instead of profiting by the errors

TRAINING THE BOY ... Sir Clifford Sifton stated at the fifth annual meeting of Commission of Conservation: "With respect to the general pregrees of conservation ideas, it; must b remembered that, in the last resort, the the highest degree of conservation depends upon the efficiency of the human unit."-Many influences are operating to increase

he efficiency of our people and especially is this the case with that human unis-the To the boy of to day we must look for future results. When called upon to undertake the burdens of civic and business life the effects of his training as a boy will be apparent in his character and habits, initiative and action. Canada's future greatures depends upon the proper direc iou of the young mind of to-day, and upon her leading men of to-day rosts the respon-

sibity of providing for this training. Many voluntary organizations are dovot ing carnest attention to boy training. The Boy Scout association is one of thes Young as this movement is in yours many ising young men of te-day show in their haracters and babits the influence of their Boy Scout training. This movement, how ever, as well as similar once, is hampered w the dearth of suitable leaders, many shom have been claimed by the war. An

"On the shoulders of the Scoutmasters great responsibity rests for it is to the hat is committed the important task moulding the characters of the lada men is our greatest difficulty." Canada will require of her future loads a high degree of efficiency, and that the

A small lad with made over trousers nat urally takes after his father.

Canadiana to the tising generation.

MR AND MRS. THOMAS STATHAM, ACTON Who will colobrate their Golden Wedding next Monday.

United States and is a perisloner of the Civil War.

Statham was a biscuit baker at Hesson's Biscuit Works in Toronto when married and has speat his life at the baking business.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Statham extend congratulations upon reaching their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a fair measure of health.

The Fire Marshall of Wisconsin has is-

He lighted a match to see if his gasoli

He smoked in hed, so did the bed clothes He threw the matches into the paper

and they burned his shop. He weshed his hands in gasoline nos the stove. The doctor washes them now

She cleaned her gloves with gasoline at

as a waste paper receptacle. She gave matches to her children to out to burn leaves in the yard. The cotten

She fixed up a fine times paper shade She filled the tank of her gasoline stor

English paper recently stated :

baching them those habits of thought and sction that fit them for the occupation of a better and more responsible sphere of life. Scoutmasters, said Chief Scout Bir Hobert Baden-Powell recently, 'are the backbone of the movement and the finding of suitable the men of to-day become interested in boy.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 14th, 1897 Rev. Mr. Forbes, paster of the Congre gational Church at Churchill and Caledon has taken up his residence in Acton. At effort is being made to have the churches of Churchill and Georgetown renaited with Rev. Mr. Forles as pastor. This was the case during the long pastorate of Rev

A. O. U. W. Officers : Past Master

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Matthews Overseer-Issae Francis Rocorder-W. H. Speight, Receiver-W. E Smith, Financier-John Kenney, Guide-Eachern, Outer Watch-William Gurney Rep. to Grand Lodge -R. D. Graham. A union meeting of the four Young People's Societies in town was bald in Knox Church on Monday evening and targely attended .- Devotional exercises, scripture reading, sacred song, prayer. and sentence prayers were engaged in There was a conference on "Our Source of Strongth," and brief addresses by Rova. Howell, Forbes, Langford and McPherson. made altogetiar, a very helpful programme. A discussion was bold as to the advisability of a Christian Endeavor Union for Acton. Letters from Mossys. A. G. Exston

with portraits of all editors of the paper. Maura L G. Matthews and Anson Smith, Jr., were appointed Anditors by tary, golden vessels and richly embroidered Mrs. Priest is lying very ill from para-

Chicago : Ern. Ebbarn, Brantford, and

former Faxe Paxes boye, expressed pleas-

Roy. T. Albert Moore, Hamilton,

lysis of the brain at the bonn of Rev. Wm. Rov. W. H. Garnham, B. A., of Erin, who had his collar bone broken in an accident a month ago, still carries his arm in a sling and with admirable courage

attends to his pastoral duties. LE PROVED IT

During the recitation of a college class

n natural philosophy the prolessor observ-

ed a tall, lanky youth in a roar seat, his bead drooping, his body relaxed, his eyes adjacent aisle. "Mr. Frazer," said the prefessor. The Freshman opened his even slowly

"Mr. Fraxer, what is work? "Everything is work," was the drawling pered it the night before ! "Sir," exclaimed the professor, "do you soun to tell me that is a reasonable answer

but did not change his pose.

"Yes, air." Then I take it that you would like me nd the class to believe that this dock

"Yes, sir," replied the youth wearily, it is woodwork."

JOUNNY'S MANNERS Where the carefully trained child learns bad manners is a standing mystory to its watchful parents. These saxious rearers of the young are often beard propounding

this query, but generally without result.

Once in a while, however, out of the deep

Johnny furnished one just the other

day. He had just finished a particularly

tootheome dish of apple pudding which be

silence comes an illuminating enswer.

ate to the last mornel. Then, despite the fact that there was company at the table be licked it clean. "Johnny," exclaimed his mother after borrified gapy, "who did you ever see do

Wise, and experienced mothers know

thing like that !" "Dogs," rot and Johney.

when their children are troubled with worms and less to time in applying Miller's paired by the Visitation of authma. Who Worm l'owders, the effective vermilage that | can live under the cloud of recurring attacks can be used, it is absolute in clearing the land -keep-body and -mind at their full evalent of worms and restoring those boulthy afficiency ! Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthese conditions without which there can be Remedy dissipates the cloud by removing no comfort for the child, or hope of robust | the cause. It does relieve. It does restors growth. It is the most trustworthy of the sufferer to normal bodily trim and meaworm exteripinators.

HAVEN'T YOU FELT JHAT WAY llaven's you often worn goggles of blue, And soning Life's sham and its shame, Folt it was all a bly acrainble, and you-

Might as well got into the game ! . That nothing much mattered but a big And the man who was good was a jay. And the whole blooming country : was going to amanh ; faven't you, haven't you felt that way !

Haven't you felt it was hardly worth-To try to lies up to your best? and baron't you smiled a cynical amile-And something way flown in your breast Whispored Life had a priza that was higher than gold

And sweeter than fame or display? brand-new hold; Havon's you, havon't you felt that way? And didn't directo pente pour that was far And urgo you to their towards it still? And didn's you turn your face to a star, . And deln't you say "I will," And were you stronger and didn't you find.
The world was better and didn't it pay.
To be brave and patient and cheery and

Haven't you, haven't you felt that way !

GENTLE HITS Our new coins don't look as though they would buy as much as the old ones did and

they won't While the millemen's price remains high one might be excused for crying over

Now doctors tell us that onions are good for the lungs. They certainly do strength. on the breath. A modern magazine is a small body of

literature surrounded by an ocean of ad-

vertisements A man can still get a good pair of above for \$0.00, but a woman must pay more because her shoes come higher. The price of microscropes had advanced

fust as we needed them to inspect the sins

of the five-cent loaves of bread. LONG GAS PIPE LINE

A natural gas pipe line, 800 miles long, is being constructed from the wonderfully rich natural gas fields of southern, Alberta to Winnipeg, Manitoba. This project, which ranks with the greatest undertaking of its kind, will cost \$10,000,000. The proposed line has been under consideration for some time, but only recently was it announced that the necessary bonds had been floated. Previous to that action the entire proposed routs was axamined in detail by expert engineers. When the line is completed it will supply about twenty towns and cities in addition to Winnipeg. These will include Brandon, Regins, and Moose Jaw. Very great reductions in fuel

improvement.

costs are predicted as a result of this big

LAKES OF SOLID SALT In many parts of the world there salt lakes, but the most wonderful are those of the Turcomen country in Asia.

One of those is on a plateau, one-fourth of a mile above the level of the sea The bed of this lake is one solid man very hard salt; perfectly smooth and covered only by an inch or two of warer. To ride ever it is like riding over ice or coment The bottes is covered with a slight sediment, but when this is scraped

away the pure white salt shines like soow beneath the water. How deep the salt bed is no one known,

bottom af the lake.

AUSTRIANS FIND PAMOUS TREASURE. The Austrians, according to a special dispatch from Innadrucck, have found the famous treasures of the Detchanti monastery pear Cottinje, Montonegro, which the Monks had beried upon the approach of the invader. The accumulations were those of seven cenare at receipt of the Farz Parss calendars turios, consisting of jewels and ald coin of every generation since the thirteenth cennents. The value of the whole

accumulation is estimated at several million A persent betayed to the Austriana the catacombs where the treasure was socrated.

"WELL BIT"

A capital yarn is going the rounds about the Dake of Connaught, which is too good as a piece of Sction to pass ever. When execuse a new rifle range to Manttobs. His Royal Highness was invited to fire the first shot. Something distracted him as be fired, and it was plain to everyone present, including the Dake himself, half closed and his logs encumbering an that it was a bad miss. When the target was brought along for inspection it was found, however, that the bullet hole was right in the centre of the "bull.". The Duke was much amused, but he found out

afterwards that the range officer had pre-

SUCH EXTRAVAGANCE A man who had consulted a doctor about a deranged digestion was ordered to give up drinking spirits. "But, coctor," he protested, "I can't-I get so thirsty? "Then," replied the doctor, "whonever you feel thirsty, out an apple instead of drinking whisky." The patient paid his for and departed. fator be was talking it over with a friend. "All nonbease. call it," he complained, "Fancy eating thirty apples a day!"

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Once in a while a bacholor has as many

The way to become popular with most

troubles as a married man.

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people is to keep away from them. When you have occasion to fight remember that the other follow is probably scared as Ladly as you are, Only the uninformed endure the agony of

corns. The knowing ones apply Holloway's

Wrotched from Asthma. Strength o bady and elger of mind are icevitably im. tal happiness.

Feed is going to be scarce this winter but we are going to try and keep a supply on

and Barley.

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