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And we semetimes lose the strain

And eyes and hearts are aglow

To the song that it singing below, -abo

And the best of our gifts, divine,

To the hearts and the eyes that shipe,

A STORY OF

ST. VALENTINE

corner, "that in spite of

of the growing extravagance of women and

the eternal terrors of the mether-in-law

men will continue to marry. I don't know

whother it's a fact or not; but I'd be will

men getting married to-day, in proport

"And you'd win," said the traveller.

chuckled the red beaded man.

believe him a myth, anyway."

the existence of Cupid.

advised the Baltimore passenger.

"But why? That's what puzzles m

"It doesn't pazzle any man who is m

ried," said the passenger from Baltimore

"nor any man who wants to get married

so Linfer that Copld has not crossed you

"No," admitted the person in the corne

I haven't mot the youngster yet, and

don't believe I over shall; I'm inclined to

"Well, I wouldn't be too sure about i

"I remember a case of that kind down

Maryland. 'It was a travelling man name

Benton-just about your height and built

and pretty close, I imagine, to your age.

"Benton was coming to from his territory

in West Virginia. As his train was pull-

the platform, and quick as a flash the dood

ways recognize it when it does come."

"Bonton didn's ask bimself any question

long bridge, and walked back. The statio

got to Cumberland : soon after nunrise he

with a ticket for Moscow Hills.

yours ago."

path."

ing to bet morey that there's just as many

to the population, as there were 10 or 20

But we never listen in valu.

The lade and lasses know,

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"Benton was happy. He couldn't miss muda and the West Indies. her, be thought. She was there. Return Limit, May 31st, 1917 town. Benton managed to make her LIBERAL STOP-OVERS ALLOWED acquaintance without delay, spent two

blissful evenings and then hustled back to For full information write to ... C. E. HORNING, .. D.P.A., Union Station, "That was the beginning of a trouble Toronto, Ont.

some courtably. The girl had a dozen sultors, but he was used to competition. Yet he didn't seem to get along very well with his suit. Something seemed to hap-H S. Holmes, Agent pen every time be got his mind fixed for -- Phone No. 13

the momentous question. "Then one day the bank went broke and Rosa's father was put under arrest. Rosa's sultors dwindled down to two or three Benton was one of the faithful ; he stopned over at the Hills oftener than before, and worked like a good tellew in the old man's behalf.

"Yet be never got an opportunity to tall her of his love, and she but never given him any indication of a stronger feeling than friendship toward him. That's the way matters stood when, after a long trial, Loo was acquitted, and be and his daugh

ter disappeared. "Where they had gone nebody know. Benton, who was just then in Baltimore. received a brief note from the girl, thanking him for his kindness. 'We are going away,' she said ; 'going where no one will know us, and where we can begin life over

"Beuton traced them to Pittsburg, but could the private detective agency that he put on the case.

accepted an offer from a big jobbing house in Memphis. His new territory took in Northern Arkansas, southern Misseuri and s part of Oklahoma. He had travelled ut and down over this territory, for about three years, when on a stormy winter aight his train pushed its, way through the southern Ozarka. Bouton was in the alsoper playing & game of solitaire, and

"Ho still loved the girl from Maryland but he had given up all hope of ever seeing ber again. Besides, he reasoned, ahe was no doubt, married long before this.

"There was a sudden grinding of whools, quick stop, and Bonton was thrown forward, smashing the table, and scattering the cards over the floor of the car. The train was standing on a high ombankment The engine was within 25 feet of a bridge and the bridge was on fire. That was in the days of wooden bridges, you under-

30 minutes behind, and trying to make up when a woman waving a blazing torch with cold water.

.....

auddonly appeared in the middle of the track and the train was stopped. "But where was the woman. The en-

gineer didn't know. Her duty done she had gone away. " 'Hoys,' said Henton, taking off his hat Life is so busy with care and toil, and putting a bill into it, 'whorever she is, Be full of its sorrow and pain, we've got to find her, and show our appre-We hear its din, and reach for its spoil,

ciation. Dig down into your-pockets now and come up right." "They dug. In less than a minute his And when Saint Valentine gives his sound hat was overflowing with money, and he And Cupid scatters his arrows round, was appointed a chairman of a committee of all the passengers of the train to look for And pierced, when he bends his how. her. Down the brack wont the party. So welcome sgain to the god of Love, To the tlear flaint Velentine. Soon a light glogmed in a bouse in a valley and Benton knocked. The doof flew open

> Rosa Lee. "Yes, air," said the Baltimore passenger," as he paused "Capid is a queer little chap. He likes his jokes, but he nearly always squares things in the and. There were 75 or 80 people on that veranda, but also

and there, framed by the lamp-light, stool

didn't see anylaxly but Ponton. "Somehow or other unither was nufpried, and when he recognited the meaning of the glory that came into ber face he dropped that hat full of money and without a word gathered her into his arms\_ What's more, be'n still holding her. She's his wife

JUST A LITTLE MORE

turn more after the hand that has been pon it is removed." This is one of the od the red-beaded man in the striking sayings of a great writer. thought is full of auggestions to young Warnings of their married friends, in spite. tone in its rapid mutton carries it along or an extra turn even though the propeling force is no longer present. And is it away. not so with the industrious person? . Is there not a "just a little more" that often reaps amazing results in all lines of human

The young man who stops the instant his hour is up is not the man to be advan; cod in any business. The young woman who takes her hands from the piago keys the moment her practice hour is completed is not destined to be the finished musician. Have you ever stood at the exit gate of a great mill or factory when the quitting whistle sounds? If you have you have been in a position to study types of human

First come tumbling out the men wh have been for half an hour listening impatiently for the first shrill note of that quitting whistle. For that half hour they have been doing little work. Their whole attention was centered on the thought that soon they would be at liberty. They were gathering up their tools. Or they were Like you, also, he was inclined to doubt perfunctorily cleaning up their deaks or benches. They did not intend to give than was absolutely required of them. ing away from the station to Harper's They would too the mark of their contract Ferry, his eyes fell on a girl standing on but would not stop an inch beyond it these things. And now out of the shop they come in was done. You never know when it's coming, or how it's coming, but you almass. And on their faces and in their

shiftless workmen they are. He got off the trainet the other and of the After them come the other men. Some of Diese have worked industriously up to agent told him the girl had bought a ticket | the last minute. They have taken the to Cumberland, and had gone west on a cleaning up time after the whistle began train that was waiting when Benton's train to sound. They are botter workmon than passed. He was due at headquarters, but the first lot, but they are are not the best headquarters would have to walk. He had I in the shop.

mportant business at Cumberland, and Finally come the superior workers. You job or no job, he was going to find that can tell them at a glance. Perhaps at first you are inclined to set them down as lag-"It was two in the morning when Benton gards. But the second look shows faces expressing interest and outhusiasm. They was on the bunt, and after a time-learned are talking of their works as they come out, explaining, commenting, praising' tolling of how botter things can be done next time, all of which reveals that they dated with shells. The officers were ad-Har are doing a little more than was required tooished at the accuracy with which those of them. They lave their work. They shells were delivered and sought to find daughter of the cashier of a bank in the love it in itself. They were slow to leave

> The secret of efficient service in any line is just this -to love the work. And this love may be cultivated. No tostfor what line you are in you can bring your mind to thinking of it as a good thing, a lovable thing. Your work makes some one happy perhaps. Or & advances the good of the community. Or at least it is a means by field where the French battalion was perwhich you yourself may advance in the forming its evolutions. These signals, you have in hand to do may be so invested

with internet that you will be loath to leave

it simply because your hour is up. And the "just a little more" accomplishes wonders. A few moments of added read, lng, one more example in arithmetic, a line more of Latin, a verse more of Greek poetry-this may make all the difference between a prize scholar and an ignoramus On the farm the "just a little more" of seeding, or harrowing, or 'raking may as ours an abundant harvest. In the store the "just a little more" of nestness courtery to customers or the arranging of shelves will serely attract the employer's eye. And so all through life. tired." Of course you are. So are at times. But what you do by force industrial bushel that makes full pleasant measure. If you are to advance in life your day's work you should be such a

WORKING DAYS

An employee of a New York State tirm is baid, after working for eight years. asked for an increase in bis salary. don't work for us," said the manager, who proceeded to prove it by the following method of subtraction : "There are 365 days in the year. You sloop eight hours a day, making 122 days, leaving 121 days there are 52 Sandays that you don't work, leaving a balance of 60 tdays ; our store is closed every Saturday afternoon, making 52 half-holidays, or 26 days that you don't work, making a balance after deduction of 43 days; we give an hour each moon for lunch, making 16 days, or a balance of 27 days, we give two weeks vacation during the year, which leaven only 12 days ; there ato 12 logal holulays during the year that wo are closed. This leaves only one day in the year, and that's "You Kippum," and GIVE GOOD MEASURE

It is better to bear the burdens of other people than to shirk your own. It is botter to do more than to do less. The people who stop to question when a that confronts them, and to ask whether it does not really tholony to some one olse, make a mistake. Give good measure. Do not feel that to do a dittlemore Than your share is a disaster.

FIGHTING-ENGLAND

The following from one of Arthur Moo's colebrated articles is enough to make one

"It is true beyond all challenge that the greatest private trade in England fights against us. It pays the Government a ion pounds a week for the right to do it. Its power is worth to the Kaiser many

divisions of troops. Those who love smaller things that aside, but we face the simple facts which

stand out clear as the noonday sun. Drink is interfering with the army ; i

has caused great delay with munitions cople. The momentum gained by the It has rebbed the workshops of many million days of labor. It hinders good Workmon every day by keeping other men It is interfering with the navy : it ha daused Admiral Jellicon grave anxiety by

> delaying ships, placing transports at the mercy of submerines, slowing repairs and congesting docks. It is interfering with shipping ; it has used up sixty million cubic feet of space since war began, and it delays the build

ing of ships to replace our losses. It is interforing with our food. Since the war began it has used up three million tons more sugar than the army. It interferes with the Tressury. call in vain for our people's savings, bu

they pour two million dollars a day into It interferes with our industry. In um uses up five handred thousand workers and during the war has involved the handling by road and by rail; of a weight

It interferes with vital supplies. It use up a million acros of land and during the war has used up three millon tons of corp .There is no contradiction of these facts their employers a moment's effort more | there cannot be, and the Government which declares that every ounce of ou strongth is needed to win the war, knows

It is an open secret that the King ox pocted prohibition when he banished drink stops it is easy to detect just what nort of from his palace. It is an open secret that Lord Kitchener believed in probibition as the shortest way to peace. He would have nothing to do with this thing that he found against him every hour. It is an open secret that Lloyd George exprected prohibition and meant that it should come And so the callous farca goes on."\_\_\_

> H. Arnott, M.B., M.C.P.S. SMOKE SIGNALS

A French paper gives the story of smoke from a chimney being employed to give in ormation to the enemy. The members of a lattalion of French infantry that had moved into a well-covered country and thought themselves concealed were inunwho was giving signals to the enemy. In it although the time of the actual days a farmbouse at no great distance from the battalion a German, disguised as a peasant was found seated before a chimney in which was a great wood fire. The pseudo-peasant was alternately raising and lowering chimney cover or acroon which caused the amoke to come from the chimney in long or short puffs as he desired. While doing this he looked through a window upon the which had been agreed upon between the spy and the quemy, readily informed the Germans of the movements of the little

WHAT MAKES SKATING POSSIBLE

Ask the average man or boy, "Why i But is that the reason? Doctor Joly, in by some of the greatest astronomers by a lecture before the Royal Dublin Society, reflecting the light from the star to the eve pointed out that polished glass is much of the observer.

vestigation, is that we owe the ability to skute to the fact that tee make under press

that we really skate, not on ice, but on Have you over noticed that the coldet it is the harder it is to skate?

inder pressure. Doctor Joly apparently did not know that skating rinks are now in existence whore hed is not used. Instead, we have a surface composed largely of salt . If you know anything of the nature of salt, however, you will find that this theory bolds TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 11th, 1897

Municipal Officer Graham has been re ongaged at a salary of \$125. A farewell social was tendered Nollio McDonald at the close of the business meeting of Knox Church Christian Endoavor on Monday ovening.

supplying the Public School with thirty of the day or of the patron mint who gave cords of green body wood mostly maple. It its name? for \$88 - just \$2.03 for a 128-foot cord of

this wook. All the members of the family of the life of St. Valentine it would seem since all have been frome together. There has been no break by death in twenty-five years: " Those present were: Mrs. Dr. Lowry, Guelph'; Mrs. C. S. Kilmaster, Port Rowan ; James G. Hill, artist, Tolodo-Ohio : Chan W. Hill, artist, Monroe, Mich. ; Chester T. Hill, artist, Cleveland, Ohio; Henry F. Hill, merchant, Buffalo, N. Y. John C. Hill and Miss Bells at listener to all the childish perplexities and home. Mr. and Mrs. Hill cottled here in griefs they were inclined to pour into his 1826 and have always been held in highest aympathetic cars . esteem. A family group portrait was taken-a trying experience for artist Ram-

A large number from Acton attended the County Sunday School Convention at thought came to him of substituting letter Georgotown last week. Mr. Alfred Day. Rev. W. W. Wooks, Rev. J. J. Redditt make. He beneught his friends to keep and Rev. Dr. Beavis were apeakers. Mr. A. T. Brown and Mizs Allie went

over to Aberloyle to visit their grandfather, Mr. Richard Nicklin, who is very ill. Miss Brown remained to assist in waiting upon A kindly farewell and presentation of a had been. After the good old? priest's

pair of handsome chairs to Mr. and Mrs. David Wron who are leaving Namagawaya was tendered last week by about 75 friends and neighbors. The address was signed by John B. McOregor, Wm. Whitley, D. Williamson, Hugh Wallace, Alex. McDonaid, Robt. Akins, Daniel Whitley, W. A.

GENTLE HITS

Re eggs. Boycott an ogg lung enough and you put the egg out of business. Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others corner the egg mark

An old saying used to be, "A diamond as big as a pigeon's ogg." Now it is is "An egg as big as a diamond." . Re money. .. Ordinarily money talks and many can see conts in what it says but in this era of high prices it merely emits : faint aqueak. In fact when a dollar goes

into a grocery store those days it merely Under the head of joyful news comes the Houston Post's observation that many men

Not withstanding the advance in the price of paper a dollar bill remains the same. It is said shoes can be made of any kind of skins. Even banana skins make good Some one has cutely observed that Gor-

many can now shoot in any direction with out the least danger of hitting a friend.

USES OF A MIRROR Everyone is familiar with the use of the mirror in the household. But a small mirror is often a very convenient machine for reflecting light into a dark place where work must be done. Again, it may be used in getting a straight line by means of rullocted sunlight. It is commonly used by angineers in producing a line through done brush, thus climinating the work of clearing away thick brush or undergrowth. Again, by means of the mirror and the use good night." of sanlight, mon are able to duy deep holes into the ground or tunnels through the till I call the orderly," she said. ["He does mountains. Its principles are made use of all the rough work here."

WHAT OFFENDED HIM It had twee a very tiring case for owery body concerned. The plantiff and the de culant were both countrymen, and had t have overything explained to thom at least

"Do I understand, my man," said the magistrate at one point, "that the defend. ent hurled invectives at you?" The plaintiff scratched his boad wildly

Then, slowly a look of understanding daws ed in his eyes as he raplied: 'No. sir. To tell the truth, it was only bricks as he throw at me; but wet I cou

plain about was the terrible way he swere at me when they missed !"

PATHER, TOO "This is my son Frederick," said Mr landers, proudly introducing his tive ear old boy to his caller. "Well Frederick," said the caller, "de you mind your mamma ?" "You sir," rophed Frederick promptly

"and so does pape."

COURAGEOUS TOMMY Muther - Tommy, if you out any more of

possible by the amouthness of the surface. . ...; ... tor all.

WHATEVER THE WEATHER

"Whatever the weather may be," says h Whatever the weather may be, It's the songs ye sing, an' the smiles ye

That's a makin' the sun shine everywhere; Ao' the world of gloom is a world of gloo, Wid the bird in the hush, an' the bud on An' the fruit on the stim o' the bough

Whatever the weather may be," says "Whatever the weather may be !" "Whatever the weather may be," says he "Whatever the weather may be,

Ye can bring the spring, wid its green an An' the grass to the grove where the enew lies cold : An yo'll warm your back, wid a smiling

As you at at yor hearth, like an owld fire An' toant the toes o' yer sowl," says ho-"Whatever the weather may be," says he "Whatever the weather may be !"

-Japes Whitcomb Riley THE REAL MESSAGE OF ST. VALENTINE.

flow many people who drop into the creations of lace paper, cupids and rosebads and sentimental verse, in time to be delivered on the fourteenth of February. Mr. John A. Gordon has the contract for ever stop to think of the real significance

There are many interpeting stories told about St. Valentine, some of them doubt-A happy re-union was bold at the home less mere tradition, but this much at less our esteemed citizen, Mr. C. T. Hill, appears to be true. From all one can learn were present and it is twenty-five years that his one great mission in life was making other people happy. He used to go about from house to house feeding the poor, visiting the sick, and cheering the sad and lonely and wherever he went a flock of children was wont to trait at his books. He was especially fond of children; he loved to gather them about him and tell them stories and was always a most patient

Daring the latter years of St. Valentine's life he became so feeble that he was unable shaw to have three city artists in the to continue his round of visits, and this would have made him very sad and decolate were it not for the fact that the happy for the personal visits he could no longe Lim informed concerning all who were Il; or in trouble of any kind and immediately on learning their names he would nit down and write them a cheering message. These lettern were anticipated and appreciated almost as much as St. Valentine's visite death it occurred to his friends that no better way of holding him in loving remembrance could be found than sending

> So the true significance of the celebration of St. Valentine's natal day lay simply in the remembering of friends with a bright, cheery letter. February fourteenth is not the only day of the year on which it would be well for un all to follow the example of the venerable saint. The art of letter writing has undergone a great change since the days when our greatgrandfathers took their goose quills in hand, settled down with several sheets of foolscap, and beginning, "Estoemed Madam," or "Honorable Sir," wrote an opiatle that was well worth the twenty-five cents required to carry it across country one hundred years ago. Now a rouvenir post card with a hasty line of naws sooms, in the minds of many, to answer all purposes

out letters of greeting on his hirthday and

calling them in his honor, "Valentines."

of correspondence. And yet when you stop to think about It is there any art among those within the rasp of each one of us, more worth acquir ing or more calculated to give pleasure to one's friends than that of being a good letter writer-the kind of correspondent that can put himself in the place of the one who is to receive the communication and tell just the things he is most interested in hearing? As an exercise in the development of unselfishmess it is one of the beating the world, for one can never conscientious. ly practice putting himself in the "other fellow's place," without adding to his spirits

THE SISTERS REPLY. He was a young subaltern. One evening the Sister had just finished making him comfortable for the night, and before going off duty asked : "Is there anything I can do for you before I loave?"

Dear little Two Stars replied : "Well, yes I should like very much to be kissed "Sister rushed to the door. "Just wait

JAPANESE MAKE DYES

The quick witted Japanese du not luten to be caught by another dye faming. Under the jutronage of the Government a our-million dollar company has been organjud to manufacture synthetic dyes, says the Cincionati Times Star. Japanese despatches state that such has been the financial rehabilitation of that country that the stock for this dye company has been over\_

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Cause of Anthina -- No one can say with cortainity exactly what causes the establiableg of anthunatio conditions Dust from the street, from flowers, from grain, and various other irritante may not up a trouble impossible to irradicate except through a pure proparation such as Dr. J. Kellogg's Anthon Romedy. Uncertainty may exist as to cause, but there can be no uncertain-Tommy (after a moment's reflection) - ty regarding a runedy which has freed a good in that case as it does in the case of Woll, give me some more, anyhow. If generation of authoratio victims from this

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such glorious freedom of movement sible on ice and on nothing clea?" and the chaffees are ten to one you will not the answer, "Bocause the ice is so smooth." smoother than roughoned ico; yet we can skate on the ice, whereas on the glass it would be impossible. He proved by rater cating experidents that we must week fur ther for an explanation. His solution strived at only after the most careful in

bushel mousure, full, heaped up, pressed The part of the skate that hears on the ice presentes very narrow surface, and or this surface comes the whole weight of the body.. That pressure causes the ice malt instantaneously, and the thin film of water between the blade of the skate and the ice serves the same purpose as the tile of oil that we run between the working parts of machinery-it greatly reduces the friction. Immediately after the ekater passes on, the water film solidities again into ico, ready for the next skater who comes along. House Doctor Joly conclude

That is because the ice melts less rapidly

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