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A SHAMBOOK PROM IRELAND An aged Irishman, on his way to join his

sen in California, at the request of the atter, brought over a live plant of aliam rock. "I hope it will live," he said, look ing wistfully at the pot as it awang from the beam. "Twee the one thing the boy wanted. 'Leave everything, father,' he Agents for Yale and Petersaid in his letter, 'and come over. I have enough for us both now, and can make you comfortable the rest of your days. But fotch me a living root of shamrock from the grave of my mother !"

"I hope it will live I sure, 'twas all that ho asked me, To carry across from the land of his The BOND HARDWARE Co. Loavo everything, father! Roughla ! bub A live root of chamrock, dug fresh from

> 'Loave everything, father ! he wrote is his letter. 'But bring a wee shamrock from off nother's breast. And I dog it- O God ! how I stiffed For four that the noise would be brook

the earth.

Pianos ing her rest! I dug it up fresh from the grave of his And stifled the sobs and piano are tonal quality, high-Oh, what would she think class workmanship and dur-

And leaving ber there by berself, all I hope it will live," and the old "Twas all my boy asked from the

of his birth. Loavo overything, father,' he said But bring me a shamrock, dog fresh -The Irish Messenger.

> Elizabeth From the City

house, looking after a young douple, sighed : "John is right in one cried. thing," she thought, "Elizabeth Seamen is pretty. But when it comes to making a

Mrs. Winters had spent considerable time of late sighing. Her happy blue eyes to Brown's." had held a world of worry since John's return from the city with the startling inin return, and expected to marry in the fast !"

Mrs. Winters had contemplated marrimany a time. However, she had calculated that he would find a mate among the farmers' daughters round about, the same as his father before him. She thought of many reasons for his prolonged visit to the city, but the real cause had never entered

It did not case matters when she learned that Elizabeth's people know the Browns, the Winters' near est neighbors. The fact remained. Elizaboth had been born and raised in the city . was "one of those typewriter girls whose principal aim is to turn berself out as much like an outlandish fashion plate as possible," and was first Airs Winters did not voice this opinion to John. She knew opposition would make him more determined. She must

bide her time, praying meanwhile that dis- on broth than that brought to her bedaide the Deminion eleven times as much as the enchantment would come. But evidently her prayer remained un- drifting into the room the appetizing spicy palities the direct cost for poverty and answered, for one morning after the hour odor of chili sauce cooking she lay dumbly crime alone amounts to five times the rev-

of the rural delivery John came eyes glosming. "Mother," he exclaimed, "Elizabeth's coming 1" Mrs. Winters dropped weakly into the poercet chair. "Not-toro!" she broathed

"Oh, no," laughed John, "to Browns, We didn't tall you until I we know for sure. Mrs. Brown thought it; would be nice for you to most Elizabeth, so she invited her. She's coming to-mornaw. Mother, she's the prottlest, dearcet, ibest little girl-" John's voice caught in rapturous sigh. In a mement he added. "You two will be crary about each off or the moment you

If they were they concealed the feeling admirably. Mrs. W inters thought, after a sweeping glance ov or the stylish young figure, "Gracious, she's worse than any figure in the fall att de book Mrs. Brown got at Blaters in town ." . Hor smile became topid. Elizaboth, pal afully conscious that ber value was being : taken, appeared uncomfortable stiff, not at all herself. Bhe reflected, "John's mot her is not a hit like John. And I know as sother thing. She's like all mothers with : an only son ; she wants to keep him." Both women were

thankful when the mee ting was over." Elizabeth was very (julet as John and she went down the pati L At the gate he whooled her about and, after alleatly survoying the picturesque, farmhouse, asked, "What do you think o I your future home,

Elizabeth's eyes 's fewed. "Oh, it's boautiful " sho answe pod. "And isu's mother fl no? You'll be great

pals, won't you T" Elizaboth's eyes as Idened. "I-I hope so," she whispered. In heart she added, "John's mother doosn 't want that kind of a pal : she wants-ju st John." And Mrs. Winters: murmured after they

had disappeared up ti se road, "Buch style Buch style !" All t brough the day the thought was with her. "I've always wanted a daughter. I've always felt I'd find one in John's wife, pl the ring her a bemelike companionable bed; , but, gracious me, this Elizabeth from the city " Her hands

Thopaming days momed only to strongth on the first impres mon, they played convariety of dresses 'sounned Mrs. Winters. "How to the land I makes will Juhn a purse Come in and have a talk over heating stand such exten avegant ideas?" was ber constant inward thought. She tried once to got the girl's eplaton on the subject of making a home but it so happened she triod at the wro og time. They were lo , the farmhouse parler alone.

ed : "Are you fond of your present work, "My work? Oh, you mean my office

very worst. Huddenly John's mother ask-

work ? Yes, indeed I am." Thou, under Mrn. Winter's analytic ores, homesick for the first time since she had come to John's country, Elizabeth voiced a sudden yearning in an enthusiastic description of her office life. Mrs. Winters listened without smiling. At hat she broke in : "And at home-the housework-don't you ever-" "Oh," interrupted Elizabeth Indifferent-

y, "mother attends to all that." Mrs. Winters gladly welcomed the ntrance of John. When he took Elizabeth back to Brown's she exclaimed bitterly "Mother attends to all that I land o' goodness, that girl ham's a speck of interest in home duties! And when I think of the duties of a farmer's wife ! Oh you Elizabeth from the city, if you'd only atay in the city

It did not take John long to discover that when his mother and Elizabeth were together the atmosphere was shivery. "You don't act like yourself with mother," he rebaked her.

"How can I ?" protested Elizabeth. always feel that sha's picking me to pieces, montally and otherwise."

"Nonsense !" be laughed. "We won's argue the point," she returned gently. Loyalty to his mother was a fine thing, she supposed, but when she became Mrs. Winters, Jr., and demanded that loyalty as a right, what then? "I'm afraid things will be rather exciting in the

Winters', bousehold, she thought delefully. In the last week of her visit John found necessary to spend several days in an adjoining county watching scientific farming experiments. "While I'm away." he whispered, as he bade Elizabeth good-byo. "lot mother see what a darling you are,

won't you ? Try to get close to her." Elizabeth smiled wistfully. The way to do that, she folk, was to make this good-bye a final one. She did not visit Mrs. Winters that day. She was lovely, disheartened, and she

dreaded the costomery searching glance. Early the next morning, for John's sake, she went to ber. She found a very miserable Mrs. Winters huddled on a sofa MRS. WINTERS, standing on the Constraint flow to the four winds and sho veranda of the Winters farm- | wont hastily toward the woebegone figure. "My goodness, what's the matter I" she

"Lumbago," mouned Mrs. Winters. got up with it this morning, and I've been good farmer's wife, well-" She sighed helplose as a log over since. The man went over to Slade's last night for the thrashing, and I haven't had a soul to send

"Poor thing." Elizabeth's soft fingers gently smoothed the pain wrinkled foreformation that he was in love, was loved bead. "And haven't you had any break-

"Bloss you ! You, I managed that." Awkwardly Mrs. Winter's hand patted Elizabeth's stylish sloave. "I've got worse since; and, dear me, the chill sauce is worrying the life out of me. I reckeded on making it to-day. The tomatoes are overripe, and they'll spail on me, and-" "No they won't," remarked Elizabeth. 'Now, see here. I'm going to get you nto bed, with a hot stove plate at your back. You're to forget all about chili sance. Pain and worry have given you a

fever." She besitated a moment. "You'll softly. Suddenly she beat down, and her fresh young lips rested a moment on others that were quivering. The balance of the day was one long she had never seen fingers so delt as those and panperism, and the amount of alcoholwhich saw to her every comfort. She knew to liquors consumed. As to the economic

she had never thated more delicious thick - question, he will find that drink costs the at noon time. And when there came revenue received, and that in most municispeechlosely when she brought her a the tax rate in web towns is sometimes sample on a saucer. At last she gasped, double that in dry towns. It does seem "Can you do such things ? Why-it's fine. Incredible that any race of people would It's as good as mine. Bolks say my recipe | license voen to deal out poverty, crime, in-

chili pauce," said Elizabeth proudly. "I willing to defend it on the platform and in always make it at home. I love fuszing." the public places.-H. Arnott, M. R., M. "My land ! I thought," fambled John's | C. P. S., Social Service Board. mother, "that you only know the typewriter, and just loved ciethes and the

"And a few people," laughed Elizabeth. est down on the bed, hands clasping her be used for the purchase of Canada Victory knee. Her glance was clear, direct. "Is War Loan Bonds. Whether it be \$50.00, that why you havon't liked ma, because \$100.00, or \$1000.00, or more that one has you thought I'd make John a peor wife?" in hand, there is no better way, in my "You" faintly.

"You don't want him for yourself-al- chase Victory Bonds. "I've wanted a daughter, always. I've oped to have one in John's wife." "I didn't know that," goatly.

ou try and love me, Mrs. Winters !" "I won't have to try since I've seen

Elizabeth bant down and kissed her

Mrs. Winters winced. "Young people | should fail to take advantage of it. nowadays," she evaded, "are different.

all my sowing to help along, and-"What if John's future wife has done all have on. How do you like is ! It cost

"My soul !" graped Mrs. Winters. itchen aprons. He looked at ther in do you do ?" she laughed. "What in the world brought this about ?" Allies.

be finally articulated. "Lumburo and chili sauca," answered Elizabeth promptly. "Ilou't stand there wondering, John. Come in and see ittle mother, and we'll tell you all about

COUNTRY VS. CITY

Uncle Erra-So yo just got back from New York !! Wath's the difference beween the city and the country ? to bed feeling all in and get up feeling fine have been treated like one.". "Hew was and got up feeling all in.

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MET HIS MATCH

The Secretary of the Liquer Merchant's rotoctive Association, having written an article attacking prohibitory Logislatures, elicted the following stinging reply from

Dr. Robert Telford in the Vancouver "The Prohibitionists claim that a nation's crime is in exact proportion to the cor sumption of alcohol. They claim that irink environment broeds drunkenness as a swamp breeds malaria. They further claim that out of this drunkenness comes crime as pus from a sore. They claim that insacity is the mad see of alcohol, that discy is its drivelling daughter, and that snicide is its despairing child. They claim that the economic waste of the liquer traffic a twice that of the present war to this

"Touching this economic question, might be of interest to those who are horri-Ged at the destruction of the present war and who make light of the ravages of the drink traffic, to contemplate the following farta :

"Canadians killed by the Huns in Blanders since the beginning of the war up upa, 1916-2,000. "Canadians killed by King Alcohol dur-

ng the same time-8,000." "Cost of the war to date \$150,000,000. "Cost of strong drink to Canada, directly

r indirectly, \$300,000,000. "Teodstaffs, locluding corn, barley, rye. wheat, molanses, wasted in the manufacture of intexicating liquors during 1914-274,652,027 lbs. (Inland Revenue Report.) This would previde 1100 lbs. per annum for each of our 250,000 soldiers at the front and in training. What a fine donation is would make to the Patriotic Fund or to

the starving Belgians I Doubtless some will regard the above statements as almost beyond belief, but a little boost investigation will convince the most exertical. The vital statistics in the Canadian Year Book for 1914 abow a les me belp you, won's you ?" abe saked | remarkable relationship between the number of incape and the amount of drink con-

In both Ganada and the United States. the investigator will find a remarkably wooder to Mrs. Winters. She thought direct relationship between insanity, crime sanity, and death and more incredible still "Mother thinks I can bosh her making that any educated person could be found

WESTERNER'S RECOMMENDATION

I have no hesitation in recommending to Suddenly she put the sencer on a chair and everyone that at least a portion of his funds epinion, of using this money than to pur-

Now is the time for all men and who are dependent upon their savings for for their livelihood to loan them to Canada and at the same time halp themselves. Many of these have been unable to assist the various patriotic organizations because of their limited income. Now they may increase their income and help Canada, Then she asked quirzically, "You will love It is not often that one can personally me even with my extravagant teste in | benefit by a patriotic act, and surely now that the occasion presents itself, no one

The objective set by the Minister of When John's father and I started out I did | Finance is \$150,000,000.00. Many guesses are being made as to how much more will be subscribed. Let every one belp whethher sewing over sluce she was old enough or it he for bonds of small denomination or to sow, to 'help along ? Now, this dross I large opes. Let every one who has power purchase at least a \$50.00 bond and thereby assist in continuing the unobstructed use of the high seas, so that the products of Three days later when John returned he our farms, mines and factories may be found Elizabeth awaiting him in his own carried to our boys at the front ; so that decreay. She had on one of his mother's that the farmers may be paid for their grala ; so that every man om ployed may margment "Aren't you going to say how recoive his wages I so that Can ada may be maintained in the high ceteem of all the

> and soul and will be so until be is crushed, if necessary .- II. Milton Marti D.

> > VEHY HEAR

alary six or se ven months."

TWENTY YEARS AGO From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Nov. 11th, 1897

Snow shovels have been much in requisi lon the past two days. .The Guelph Herald refers to Mr. Henferson M. P., as "The Hero of Halton"-

"Hendarson, Whitney & Co." After next Sunday evening service in th Methodist Church will commence at 0.3 clock instead of 7.

Mosers. W. U. Storey & Son have lately cone into the manufacture of ladies' and genslemen's bolts. The G. T. R. elevator at Goderich was

destroyed by fire on Nov. 5th, the whol loss is estimated at \$35,000. Owing to the appointment of Dr. Roll ertson to the County Registrarship, his

position as a representative in the Legisstore of this riding will be vacant at the end of the year. The Burlington and Oakville papers both declare that it would be a gracious act to allow ex Roove Havill, of Acton, to take the vacant seat without

Mr. John Ruddick and family, who removed to Manitoba last spring, arrived in as to many reports which come from far-

GIVING GOD A CHANCE study he found young Stanley pacing it to more courtesy than our family. One agitation. The young man wond directly | would suppose that courtesy and affection

so the point: "Doctor Morrison, I've made a mistake. myself if I denied it any longer."

his pastor asked quietly. "Yos, air."

"What makes you think that you have stanchest levalty. It is illuminating to reflect how friendship would blossom out if "Bocause," the young fellow answered | we could comehow bring ourselves to treat slowly. "I can't feel it any more. I know our intimate frieads with a little fraction of course, that religion isn't simply smo- of the consideration and courtery we bestow tion. But it shouldn't bore me. There's on strangers. something very wrong when that is so. I I can's tell you how I have fought it . Of all the men in this world. I feel that doctors ought to believe. And yet, I can't be-

were in Mr. Houghton's class, I remember. by the lack of sufficient exertion to keep Did he make you study ?" "He certainly did ?" the young fellow respended, laughing in spite of his trouble. | work : and among this class are the thrifty "You had to study if you were going to business men who, in their prosperous old up your head in that class, "And when he died, you kept up your they begradge the time spent for a little Bible reading for a time, but it grew more and more perfunctory, and then you becan to forget it altogether; and when you did

"That is about it, air." "You are studying medicine; have the vitality being so gradual and impercepdoctors discovered any way in which patient can take nourishment enough in year to last the rest of his life?"

"Of course not, sir." "When you have your degree will never look at your books again ?" The years follow's face flamed have deferred the period of enjoyment toe den't know what you mosn, sir. A good long. doctor sever stops studying. He has to keep up with every experiment, every dis-

COVETY." ""And yet you expect, as a Christian, take in enough Christianity in a 'year last the rest of your life !" "But it hasn't lasted; that's exactly the

"Certainly. That is the point with thousands of Christians in the church today-lack of food. Have you studied your Hible to see what it has to say to doctors ? Have you studied it to learn about human nature and the way to treat it? You keen up with the latest medical discoveries have you laid out for yourself a course in the great discoveries of men whose duty it is to interpret the word of God ! Have you studied the nervous system? Have you over put it all to practical tests as you experiment in your laboratory? In other words, have you given God half a chance ?" The young man's face had cleared. Ho hold out his hand.

"Thank you, sir," be said.

THE TRUE GENTLEMAN

conduct proceeds from good-will and an scute sense of propriety, and whose solfcontrol is equal to all emergencies ; who does not make the poor man conscious of 'his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurcratio institutions by buying our own ty, or any man of his toloriority or deformbonds, and last but not lesst, lot us show | thy ; who is himself humbled if necessity the enemy that we are in this war heart compel him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness, but always with sincority and sympathy, and whose deed follows his word ; who thinks had neg time too send for a doctor, nee I Once upon a time a manager saked of the rights and feelings of others rather | gled her a hit of medicine I had lying in a than of his own ; who appears well in any drawer for a year or two, an' that I had Uncle Ebon - Wal, in the country years | a minister. "No," replied . Ada, "but I company, and who is at home when he got free the doctor for mysel', but hadne sooms to be abroad-a man with whom ta'en. It's a sair loss tao me, but it's and in the city you go to bed tooling floe that? "I have been kept w aiting for my | booor is secred and sirtnessie. John Wal something too be thankfu! for I didne tak ter Wayland

THOLINT

Handalled with the evening calm The twilight comoth o'er the hills, Bringing the sweet and fragrant balm.
The zephyra from the bloom distills. Coming with swift and allent foot, O'es losgues of crimson streaming far, To where the suppot glories most The radiance of the evening star. Strewing the carth with dans of gold, Opening the mystic gate of dreams

Where Life's warm passion ne'er grows But dwells in youth's refulgent beams. Like outward going ships, the light . Pados out upon the world's broad rim, Or spirits passing from our sight To other realms unseen and dim.

PECULIABITIES OF LANGUAGE Even in war-time we must emile a little, and there is pleaty to provoke a smile. Even the funny side of our own language

The eccentricities of spelling and the vagaries of pronunciation are enough to drive a foreigner wild. -I am not thinking of either just now but only of the strange, and even comical,

ambiguities of expression with which the Eaglish language abounds. Here are a few of them from the about

He kissed her passionately on her. appearance. .Why did be avoid her lips-the proper

"He was shot in the suburbs." I don's know what part of his anatomy that is, but another account says he was

shot in the back. "She whipped her little boy upon his return. No doubt she whipped him on the place nature provided for the purpose ; but why

call it bis return ?" "Mr. Jones walked in upon her invita-

I prosume there was a floor as well. "She seated herself upon his entering," says one paper, and "She sab down upon her being asked," says another. I have ascertained that she sat down up-

"Mr. Brown received a fatal wound in is window." This is an ambiguous way of saying he received a fatal wound in his head.

TESTS ALL BUT THE STANCHEST LOYALTY The Chinese philosopher, Confucias,

apoke highly of a certain man because he Acton last week. Mr. Ruddick can give said he was as polite to his imtimate friend some uncatisfied people valuable pointers as he was to strangers, and this leads us to conclude that human nature in China, five away places. Ontario is good enough for hundred years before Christ, was much the same as human nature in America in the twentieth century. Most of us treet strangers with more courtesy than weshow When Doctor Morrison entered his con intimate friends, and our friends with were the two scales of a balance, and as one went up, the other must inevitably go down. The strength of the average friendship is proved by the indignities it endures. "You mean in uniting with the church?" | Our absolute lack of regard, not only for the fundamental politenesses, but for the personalities of our friends tests all but the

WORN-OUT MEN Life is too short to wasto either in idleness or overwork. Bome mon work too "When you united with the church you ! little and lose their health by inactivity-

> the body in good condition. Others rain their constitutions by overcareer, are making money so rapidly that DOCCEMENTY POCTOSLICAL All their lives are spent in devising

ways and means to increase their store of take it up, you were bored. Is that it? this world's goods; and thus from year to year they go on, the waste of strength and tible to themselves that they are unmindful of it until it is too late for diversion to effect any permanent improvement. Then, utterly worn out, they withdraw from active business for a few weeks or

months, and learn to their sorrow that they

GENTLE HITS The more debts are contracted the more they expand. S. R. Wade and J. A. Wright have a tavoro at Sholby, Mich., that is called the Wade Wright Inn.

A follow can't tell what to cat. So costly is the daily most, licof may grow cheaper, but I feer That venison will still to door. "How did the reporter lose his job on

hat prohibition paper I" saked Brown.

"Why, he turned in a story in which he used the term, "A storm is browing," re-"A man never losse anything by being

clita," observed the Harra "Well," commented the Fool, "I know let of men who pover intend to." In this with me you will agree. No wise man it assaults :

The very blindest man is be Who shinks be has no faulta.

The whole world hates a lary stiff.

Don't ait around and sigh ; You can't achieve a triumph ! You're not there with the "trt."

SOMETHING TO BE THANKPUL FOR "An' hoo's the guid wife Bandy T' sald no farmer to another as they met at the market out exchanged anuff-boxes.

"Did ye no' hear that abo's dood and

buried T' said Bandy solomnly. "Dear mo !" exclaimed his friend sympathotically, "surely it must have been sud-"Oh, ay, is was sudden," returned Bandy. "Yo soo, when she turned Ill we