UNDER THE LILAC TREE.

"I opened the leaves of a book last But your love for me, and my love The dust on its cover lay dusk and As I held it toward the waning light

Twas only the wraith of a woodland Which a dear dead hand in the days Had placed 'twixt the pages she loved

At the time when my news of love

And memory sweet, but as sad as But the other side is the city of gold, So oft flooded mine eyes with regret-

as the dry dim harebell skimmed past faces and jewels, swam before me. Recalling an hour from the vanished

And I dreamed by the flickering

And folded my hands in silent prayer I would have given worlds for cour-

Might hasten the hour of our meet-

tears in her eyes.

since, but the longing was upon me to was beautiful, graceful, elegant, and make him feel, to pierce his heart with ing like barbed arrows across the room.

I looked at him. The handsome profile stood out clearly and distinctly. where Lady Severne in her white vel-

A dear dead love lies buried deep; I clasped it once in a long embrace,

That a sweetness had fled which never have associated with a duchess who had Would in life come back to me.

"And dreams of the past, like roses, Their fragrance around my cherished

While tears that ever are falling un-Like soft summer rain, keep its mem-

As the turf of the church-yard sod. And, weeping and watching, I pray and

That an angel may open the golden For I think that the love of long ago,

Though cold and dead to me here be-Will be mine in the rest of God."

words rang through my brain—"Will tended, Lady Severne was not willing. set apart for the guests were in the photographs having been taken when consumed in a lifetime a giant potabe mine in the rest of God." I had I did not go to any of the picnics. Lady wanted were in one of the wardrobes that in which are old continued almost fill a railway pastouched him. All those other men and Yorke seemed to understand that I was neither well now have in a spare room. Crossing the broad peared was not here. ows. They had no identity. I saw mov- ed that once or twice Lady Severne ing figures, I heard voices, but to me was absent. She remained at home

face. I had made him feel. Then so these occasions Lady Severne remained true, so weak a woman was I that I secluded in her room, and her maid longed to cross the room and kiss the in strict attendance upon her.

in Italy," said Lady Yorke, "why refuse here?"

companiment?' asked Lady Yorke.

My dearest, dearest heart!

When the winds are loud, when the A withered flow'ret fell rustling When the roses come, when the roses

One thought, one feeling, is all I know, My dearest, dearest heart! 'The time is weary, the year is old,

And the light of the lily burns close to the mold: The grave is cruel, the grave is cold, My dearest heart, my dearest heart!"

seemed to me that I was faint and ill with the odor of violets. I went from the piano to the other end of the room. I could sing no more that night. "Once more I was watching her deep tall jardiniere filled with exquisite white hyacinths, which stood near af-Bent over the Tasso upon her knee, forded me shelter, and from behind the And the fair face flushing with sweet white fragrant flowers I could see and hear all that passed. Lady Yorke came At the passionate pleading that broke to me there and said that I must rest.

Ah, Ruby, my darling, the small white out of yourselves," she said. "You gone wrong with you?" throw your whole souls into your That gathered the harebell was nev- songs. Look at Lord Severne. Who is his 'dearest heart,' I wonder?" But faded and passed to the far-off "Lady Severne," I replied, quickly.

But Lady Yorke shook her head. "That is a marriage I cannot understand," she said, slowly; "but I be-I gathered the flowers and I closed gin to see what Lord Severne's secret

> She left me, and I watched husband and wife. There was something be-

die away in a wail of pain-die in a ed her closely. He was ill at ease if party? She had so often talked about inches. Ice began to flow on the Yushe said much, if she laughed or at-tracted much attention. He reminds St. Ninian's Abbey and wished to see ken on the 18th and by the 28th it prove the well were addressed. St. Distance and the second seeken and by the 28th it prove the well were addressed. So his and because the plum would be ed me of some one who had the care of it. Why had she remained at home? was running thick

well-bred. What could be wrong with some little of the anguish which had Later on that evening, when I sat her? There was something, I felt sure. pierced mine. Never mind what I suf- with aching heart and tired eyes, longfered, if I could send my words fly- ing for the hour of dismissal, Lady Yorke came to me again.

"You look so tired, Miss Chester," We both glanced across the room to in attendance. I could hear quite stampeded, as they say here, ever since startling.

Nothing with her moral character, or But the onward years looked dark and she would not be here at Westwood. With all her nonchalance and indiffer-And I knew, by the throbs of mortal ence, there was no prouder woman living than Lady Yorke. She would not a blot on her character. There could be nothing of that kind. I saw no blemish in Lady Severne's manner. She sorry she is ill," I continued. was lively, animated, but not 'fast':

Mark's wife. He and I never spoke, we never exchanged even a look; we writing and began to pack the particle of clothes that Lady Yorke had specified in order to bring out the legs and feet of the old gentleman in the arm-would occupy a space of 440 cubic metals. A pipe smoker consoleration one, and that one was being intensitied in order to bring out the legs and into a loaf of bread, the giant loaf much money a smoker wastes in the course of years. A pipe smoker consoleration of the course of years. time we broke through our rule of silence was when he told me that he house called the "Queen's Wing," Lady house called the "Queen's Wing," Lady To this the lady replied that the photoes, with a combined weight of one-fourth of a pound, there will have been fourth of a pound, there will have been where my song was finished. The last leave Westwood as soon as he had inwhile the others went, and on those I saw a quiver of pain pass over his face, and misery in Mark's eyes. On days I saw uneasiness on Lady Yorke's hurry of footsteps, no voices,.

pain away. The odor of violets came

That maid, Martha Glyde by name, was a puzzle to me. Prim. reticent. The local pain away are properties.

Above the waist his figure stood out clearly enough, but there were no legs. calculation, would cover the floors of the country of to me; Lady Severne was standing by never using two words where one would suffice kind, but with never a smile on suffice kind, but with never a smile on the sound that it having now given up her summer quarcabbages, beans, and minor vegetables would fill twenty farmers' wagons. was a puzzle to me. Prim, reticent, never using two words where one would horror. I knew by the sound that it having now given my dissembled her feelings—

Was it a cry, a shriek? I could not clearly enough, but there were no legs. calculation, would cover the floors of twelve rooms, while the quantity of all shape. suffice, kind, but with never a smile on must have come from Lady Severne's ters and called upon the proprietors to would fill twenty farmers' wagons. Chester! You make me long for things a living mystery. I thought it so not I was ramping at her door.

How exquisitely you sing, Miss her late, gentle, yet with a certain room.

Half frantic with fear, the next minabout the house, or if he had ever heard consumer eats daily for breakfast two lates. ferently we should all live if we could woman like Lady Severne should prefer a grim, old-fashioned, elderly per
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There was a would be a w The brilliant face was softened; the son like Martha Glyde to a young and pretty maid with a fresh face and and found it was sometimed the handle of the door aforesaid, explained the circumstances comparisons may be evolved:

As yet I suspected nothing. I had no erne scream. I am sure she is ill. Do The deceased gentleman had been a "You never refused to sing for me tangible reasons for any of the shallet me in." dowy fears that surrounded me. I The next moment Martha had half op- often expressed his preference for the had watched Lady Severne with eyes ened the door and I saw her face; it room in which the camera saw him. f "Lord Severne has a beautiful voice jealousy, but I saw nothing wrong. ed.

It comforted me just a little to re- ed. Many of the county families had only make things worse. Believe me, ginning to bloom-a picnic was arrang- one-"do not try to come in. You will member that I had known that long been invited. Lady Yorke had resolved there is nothing the matter. Lady before she did. An uncontrollable upon giving an entertainment which Severne is often hysterical. She is trembling came over me, for Mark should not soon be forgotten. A not ill, but she would be annoyed if she "Will you play Lord Severne's ac- the chief attractions, and every one I went away, but I retained my own

me? Not of me. He could not sing I was with Lady Yorke in her bou- I found that Lady Severne did not

to the writing table, with a crimson be no attraction that evening. flush on her face and an angry gleam in her eyes. I saw that her hands trembled so that she could not hold her pen. She flung it impatiently up-

"You must write this for me, Miss Chester," she said quickly; "I am vexed and grieved;" and she walked to the window, and stood for some minutes looking out.

about Mark's wife-my instinct told me so-but I could not solve the mystery. On the previous night she had been unusually gay and animated. Indeed, Lord Severne had hovered near ture for the month was 53.7, the highher as though he feared her The light and the flowers, the fair What then could be wrong this morn- the 6th, and the lowest 19.5, on the high spirits might "carry her away."

Yorke, was full of pain. I was right, for when the long line of carriages started with their loads of gay pleasure seekers Lady Severne on 14 days, but the amount was very tressed. I was weak enough as watched him from afar off to stretch out my hands to him with a longing below freezing on all but eight nights,

"Oh, Mark, my lost love, what has

CHAPTER XIV.

Lady Yorke had left me very busy. I had many letters to write; I had send away, some music and books to The first snow was on the 8th. select, and I promised if possible to That the reaper Death, as he seeks his age to ask her to explain her words, More work was before me, I feared, visit a poor woman who lay ill in one than I could get through, but I be-

And closed the eyes and veiled the face earnestly at Mark's wife. What could she was taking some soup, I thought, zero." grim smile for me. I was one of her

favorites. I stopped impulsively. "How is Lady Severne this morning?" I asked, and the smile died in a

ones. The month of May was bright and warm. Lady Yorke enjoyed picture with far less ceremony than us-

Yorke's suite of apartments was in the centre of the building; while the rooms tographer was making a mistake, her fourth of a pound, there will have been consumed in a lifetime a giant notacorridors that led to the western tower. The photographer for answer return- it. I was struck by the unusual silence, ed a batch of prints, assuring her that | Vegetables consumed in the same should be fresh and perfectly dry. There was no sound of visitors or ser- hers were the only negatives he had re- period present a no less formidable ar- Sprinkle an inch of sand on the bot-

and a perfect ear." Lady Severne re
One morning—it was almost the last
in May, and the June roses were beeffort to speak calmly was a great

of his death.

looked forward to the day with delight. belief that the scream I had heard was

had chosen was Sullivan's beautiful starting; she was telling me about her join the dinner party in the evening. letters, when Lord Severne came to Lady Yorke apologized for her, say-

and amazed. Then Lady Yorke spoke saw Mark's face twitch and his lips in a scothing voice, as if she were try- quiver, but he spoke no word. There ing to comfort him. Shortly after- was a murmur of regret, for several wards he went away, and she returned of the gentlemen present there could To be Continued

WEATHER AT DAWSON CITY.

"Old Probs" Gives Some Interesting Information as to Climate,

Meteorological returns received at the Toronto observatory from Dawson I knew that it must be something City, give interesting points as to the weather for the 7th, 8th and 9th months of last year.

In August, 1897, the mean temperaest temperature recorded was 84.5, on ing? His voice when he spoke to Lady 31st. Frost occurred on ten days. The first temperature below freezing was on the 19th, when it fell to 26. Rain fell

In September the temperature was the lowest, 0.5, occurring on the 30th The highest temperature, 62.5, was registered on the 1st. On the 28th, 29th and 30th, it did not rise above the freezing point. Rain fell on nine days to a depth of 0.51 inches, and snow on several gifts of food and clothing to four days to the amount of 7.5 inches.

In October the temperature fell to 1 below zero on the 1st, and on seven other occasions below zero was recorded; the lowest, 9.5 below, occurred gan with a good will. I tried hard to on the 23rd. Temperatures above the Was I dreaming, or did my own voice ed to me half afraid of him. He regardWhy had she not made one of the picnic on fourteen days, the amount being 8.1

vet and diamonds was the centre of tance, and the tapping of leaves against night and day to keep up, but are Loaves of bread, as big as houses, are a year, and in seventy years 35,000 to the window glass. Once the result of the window glass of bread, as big as houses, are a year, and in seventy years 35,000 to the result of the window glass. Once the result of the window glass of bread, as big as houses, are a year, and in seventy years 35,000 to the result of the result o sting him into feeling! And this was my song:

How beautiful she is! I said.

The words seemed to be wrung from me in very bitterness of heart.

Iancied that I heard a most unusual sound—whether it was a laugh, a scream or a moan, I could not tell, for servations for November, December, it was a laugh, a servations for November, December, in the original form of pigs and oxen, a good appetite and moderate thirst eats the heart of the fairest rose," and of something that I needed for my latter, for this frozen region, has been vian monsters. then, seeming vexed at her own words, writing. On the grand staircase I exceedingly mild. The lowest temperashe hastened to change the subject. met Lady Severne's maid, Martha ture so far this season was during the Glyde, and I felt sure that she had the last few days of November, when the nature to delight the hearts of doc- his lifetime 1,280 times his own weight.

GHOST'S PHOTO.

"She is not"—"ill," the woman was for the summer from an acquaintance, allowance for the years of infancy and fifty years reach the number of two she was witty and clever, but not going to say, I am sure, but she check- and, either because she liked it greatly old age, when the amount consumed hundred and nineteen thousand, or a She was witty and clever, but not 'loud.' I lost myself in conjecture. One thing only was quite plain to me—that there was something wrong with Mark's wife, and between them there it—cold or headache?"

Some thing only was quite plain to me—that there was something wrong with it—cold or headache?"

Tam sorry," I said, "for I knew of it to relatives abroad, took a number of negatives outside and inside, and the clean them there is decreased probably one half, the estimates are based on a term of six—feet thick, beside which the tallest man would resemble a veritable dwarf. A Mark's wife, and between them there "I must make haste," replied Mar- having no mind to do the developing tha, ignoring my question; "her lady- and printing herself sent them to a

vants, but profound stillness — no ceived from outside for some little time, and drew her attention to the defective vours a half million peas, and if these tom, hold the flower bottom side up in the left hand by the stem near the I went to the cedar room, opened the print, which showed the sitting room were imagined in a single pod, it would the left hand by the stem near the wardrobe, found what I required, and which had been the lady's favorite, and take an hour's tramp to traverse the flower, and with the right hand sift

There was a moment of deathly sil- ed the photograph with the portrait aggerated — the following startling take longer; it is safe to give them hard metallic light had died from her quick, tripping footsteps. Moreover, I "Who is there?" Martha Glyde call- taken, and asked what the owner of the ment than I had before. Then I heard Lady Severne did like her. The woman always assumed a tone of autrent." I replied beside the old gentleman as his brother, who had an always assumed a matter," I replied beside the other, would extend for three-fourths of a mile. It would take the flowers, blow it off carefully.

Ferns can be dried, and very delivered and very delivere constant visitor to his brother, and had

and instincts sharpened by love and was white and angry—yes, and alarm- Comparison of notes proved the photograph to have been taken on the day

> A CURIOUS APPOINTMENT. The appointment of ex-King Milan a daily portion of half a pound of fish, "This cash." said he, "won't pay my as General-in-Chief of the Servian army there will be an additional amount of is assigned to a curious cause. King 22,000 pounds. There is also the little I've nothing here but ones and it seems, set such a pace in dress and The amount of sugar and salt consum- A bright thought struck him and he

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of gay pleasure seekers Lady Severne on 14 days, but the amount was very was not there, and her husband's dark small, the total for the month being Lumber, Shingles and In Stock. M_ G. & J. MCKECHNIE

ASTOUNDING RECORD OF HIS TRE-MENDOUS CAPACITY.

"Once more, Miss Chester," she said. breaking out into mischief. They nevlooked at each other with ever of looked at each other with ever of "Yours songs are so sad and so sweet, they take me out of this world. Once one half hour before I felt and saw of fruit and a half pound of divers other was the nature. one half hour before I felt and saw a mystery, but what was the nature since we came in in the summer. Three the food that goes to form the basis fruit and a half pound of divers other would be a lead to the constant of th since we came in in the summer. Three the food that goes to form the casts men came down the river two days ago of his physical life. Somewhat surprisfive and one-half pounds of food a day, I remember how calm the day was. with official mail, and are starting out in the morning with official mail Ma-The sunshine was delightfully warm, in the morning with official mail. Major was the drowsy musical hum of the jor Walsh is up at Big Salmon River, is the substance consumed in a single three and three-fourths tons in sixty years. bees as they worked busily fell on my and Judge McGuire with 1400 lbs of day by the ordinary human being with years. ears I thought of that beautiful line: mail is at Little Salmon River. The a healthy appetite. When the quanti-"The bee is betrothed to the broom." provision scare is not as great as it ties consumed in weeks, months and a faint murmur of the wind; the house so many people going out over the ice. years are calculated and presented to ling, as much water, beer, etc., at midshe said, "I will not ask you to sing." vants had gone to the Abbey to be gone out at 500. Our office has been sumer, the effect is little less than was strangely still. Many of the ser- I would estimate the number that have the eye in striking contrast to the con-

> "Yes," said Lady Yorke. "It is a it was gone almost as soon as heard. and January. The month of November in the original form of pigs and oxen, a good appetite and moderate thirst strange thing that the canker always I went down to the library in search was far colder than December, which assume the proportions of antedilu-

key of a bedroom door in her hand. thermometer went down to 47 below tors who maintain that men are accusmechanical labor, the strength derived tomed to eat far more than is neces- would be sufficient to lift \$7,600,000

The Developed Negative Discovered a Leg estimates of the food consumed by a to a height of 1,235 feet. moment. A hard, cold, impenetrable This is the latest thing in ghost with a healthy appetite for solid and a lifetime, the quantity of cigarettes look came into the honest face. "I am stories. A lady took a country house liquid nourishment. With a proper smokes a dozen every day would in

THE BREAD WE EAT.

In sixty years, therefore, a healthy vorite brand a day would during his nics and several were organized. Whatever flirtations were going on had no

ual. "Good morning, miss," she added, hastily, as though she knew she had plied for results, and was informed that
of bread, rolls, biscuits, etc. The comtion power of a steam engine to puff it. ual. "Good morning, miss," she add- After waiting a week or two she ap- and a half of bread food, in the form and a half feet thick. It would weigh An hour afterward I had finished my one, and that one was being "intensified in order to bring out the legs and linto a loaf of broad the countries of the co

If one eats daily about three pota- bacco.

the line of cutlets. The beef would re- ones that would not press well. White solve itself into twenty oxen and the flowers look yellowish and yellow, scar-Summed up the combined quantities of beef eaten would create a giant ox 79,380 pounds in weight and more than sixteen feet high. Compare for a The year was gloomily begun moment this monstrous beast with the For Willie Week's a poor man's

in a lifetime of sixty years! It had been decided to visit the old not hysterical. I wondered if Mark's bands could not stand it. They remonded to the surplementary carculates and as the surplementary carculates are carculated as the surplementary carculates and as the surplementary carculates are carculated as the surplementary carculates and carculates are carculated as the surplementary carculated as the surplementary carculated area "I will," said Lady Severne; "I like Abbey of St. Ninian — a magnificent wife could be mad; but I was not aware strated with the King, and, as the surbasis of those declared necessary for a basis of those d Abbey of St. Niman — a magnificent wife could be mad; but I was not aware ruin only a few miles from Woodheathat people could be mad one day and that people could be mad one day and est way to keep PNatalie out of the year's provisioning to the Klondike But when he paid his court to her.

She knowledged but firmly gold the gold the firmly gold the gold the firmly gold the gold th capital, her spendthrift husband was and multiplying them by sixty the re-Both what is done and undone I rue.
Nothing to steadfast, nothing is true,

I could see that they were both angry

They found his gloves and to taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the previous evening, but that she had taken cold through being out on the terrace on the morrow.

No; that was my wife; she called me of Lot's wife.

A TON OF BUTTER

To complete the total it would be only necessary to add a ton of butter and a round of cheese about 650 lb in weight. Nor are condiments to be overlooked, when it is remembered that the dabbing of mustard and the Monstrous 6xen. Miles of Cutlets and Stx. sprinkling of pepper are continued for teen Foot Cigars Consumed in a Lifetime | sixty years. This adds to the list 100 - A Ton of Butter and Almost Baif a pots of mustard and fourteen pounds Ton of Cheese, Besides Condiments and of pepper. The quantity of fruit est-

Liquids consumed by a human being present a no less astounding result. A besides a pint of milk, tea, beer, and

consumes in seventy years ninety-six and a half tons of solid and liquid sary to sustain their bodies. The tons one foot from the ground or calculations given below are made from to raise the Forth Bridge at Edinburgh, which weighs 264,600,000 pounds

cigar smoker consuming six of his fafeet of the old gentleman in the arm- would occupy a space of 440 cubic met- course of years. A pipe smoker consumes in a lifetime a half ton of to-

FLOWERS DRIED IN SAND

The sand needs to be clean, fine, white sand, perfectly dry, and is best placed in the oven until warm. The flowers was on the point of reclosing it when I therein a very old man with a long length of the giant vegetable. No in the sand around it, holding steady.

> Keep on until the pan is full, only each flower must have a space all set in a warm place behind the kitchen

When dry the dish must be tipped The rashers of bacon, ranged one very carefully and the sand allowed to beside the other, would extend for run out. If any sand should cling to an hour and a quarter to walk past | Ferns can be dried, and very delicate let or pink retain their color best

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