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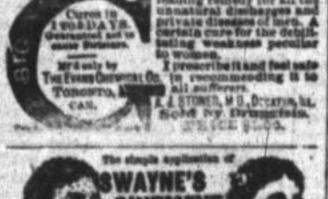
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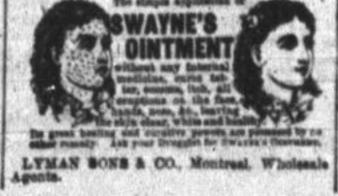
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One That Has as Yet Utterly Failed of Ex-The bullfrogs wept by the river bank, And the water-toad combed her hair; The sen-scrpent sighed as down he sank, And the tadpoles shricked in deepatr. Oh, why did you come? why are you here? Cried the mermaid in accepts of wor, The oyster called through the twilight drear

A MYSTERY.

Glum grew the gloom, gloomer and glummer. The fish writing around on their heads, Porgies mouned, "Tis chilly for summer; I wish we were home in our beds." Faint burned the light, incand escent, clear Supplied by electric cels. Porcupine-fish clung together in fear;

The ase-horses kicked up their beets.

"Say, why in the world don't you go?"

"Oh, why are you here! why did you come! How long are you going to stay? Why don't you speak? You can not be dumb! Say, when are you going away?" 6h, why did they weep? why did they grieve? Oh, why were they downcast and blue!

Oh, who or what did they beg to leave! I'm sure I can't answer-can you! -Heien Granbery in Harper's Young People.

THE ONLY OUT

ABOUT HIM

The tenne loaded to the top with suppl for camp were on the point of starting for the woods, the impatient horses pawing the snow and tossing off showers of bell tones; whips were cracking and men were exclaiming and boys were running, and Mr. Sibley was getting angrier every minute. The second teamster was nowhere to be found. "By gracious, I'll discharge hiss!" roomd Mr. Sibley. "You run right home, Annie," he said, in a different tone, to the young girl with a face like a bunch of flowers, who came along and paused on the edge of the confusion. "Your mother wanted them crackers right away. Can't you find him?" as old Peachblow came across the

"Reckon he's discharged himself," said one of the men, snapping his long whip. "Just when he'd orter be on the spot die! And if they don't make Palterer's tonight the storm'll be on them"-"It's no use, sir, said old Peachblow

He's over at Boosey's, used up. He don't sense nothing." "Then I'll give him his come-uppance to morrow!" roared Mr. Sibley. "You bet your life I won't keep a man who drinks or smokes tobacco." "Could I do instead, sir ?" askei a young

fellow standing by, whose glance had flash-

ed on and off the pretty girl like the light

that plays from the glass in the sun, while at the word tobacco the men gave that placid stare at each other which answers all the purposés of a wink. "You! What in thunder do you know about horses f" " I think I can drive that team, sir." "What could you do in the camp after you

get there, with your build?" glancing the newcomer over-a pale, slender stripling. Look's if you were made of white sating

The young man laughed, showing his white and even teeth. "Do?' he said. "Not much, sir, perhaps, but find my way out. I don't suppose I could handle the logs." "Where'd you come from?" suddenly. "Over beyond," with a backward movement of his head in a direction across the

What do you call yourself!" "John Dean," "John Dean. What were you doing last?

"Running a machine." "Why ain't you running a machine now?" "Wanted a change," indifferently, his hands in his pockets, perhaps that no one might see how they were trembling.

"Wetl, I don't see but I shall have to risk it. Can but try," said the busy little man-"John Dean! Get up there and take the strings and drive to No. 10. Don't urge them horses because they're free. It's the best team in the state, and I'd rather lose their weight in spruce gum than have them go lame. And don't waste no time bringing them back. Do you hear?" For John Dean had already climbed the seat and taken up the reins, and the whole procession was starting while he spoke. "And no swearing, boys!" Mr. Sibley cried after them. "Blam ed if I'll have swearing in my camps!"

"Like ter see ver drive these blasted cattle er mine without it," said a big fellow on one of the teams. "Gol darn ve, can't ve stand up !" The best borses in the state! John Dean almost trembled again as he took the reins. What did he know about horses, indeed ! Was taking their charge something on the same line as that he had left ! But what eise

was there to do! Yes, it was a bad beginning --but his intentions --with intentions of bed rock, might be not? Well, nothing venture nothing have. And it was a great stroke of luck, this chance, after-"Pick up your reins, lad," said the little old man on the team behind. "Them horses

mean business." John gathered up his reins. came the voice again, "Hold in going down hill, if you don't want to break their knees." John held in. And new it was: "Don't saw them horses' mouths that way! They min't made of iron

"Who's driving these horses, anyway?" asked John over his shoulder. "You hadn't orter be! You'd better change an' take my old plugs. "I'd like to," said John. "But these horse s were put in my charge, and I can't. But you might go ahead and let me see you do it." "Well, Miss Nancy, I'll do better 'n that, or my name ain't Peachblow. Whon, there, whoa, I tell ye," with some further language that would have made Mr. Sibley's hair stand up. "Come now, I'll tie my lines to your team a spell, an' learn ye what I know. "Twont take long." And he was presently sitting beside John, and instructing him with as much seal as if he were preparing him for the hippodrome.

"I allers take to the young fellers," said Peachblow. "Au' it's easy enough going up, with this load, and the rest along. But you've got to come back, alone; more snow coming. with critters in the woods, an' the way balf blazed. So keep your bearings young man. Chaw!" "Used to," said John. "But it's againstorders now."

"Moist goods? "Don't like them," said ohn laughed. "Guess we've got a young reverend with us," said Peachblow, when they put up at Palterer's that night. "Don't chew, don't

drink, don't cuss. No cards either." "Not a card," said John. "Look here, Johnny," cried another then, you're in the wrong company." "Oh no," said Johnny. "Company's all right. I'm wrong. If I chew it makes me. sick. If I drink it goes to my head, If play - I might cheat."

"Weil, you're going to be sick then," said the hig fellow, cutting off a chunk of his black sweet and advancing upon Johnny. "Give it to him, Sam!" cried Palterer "I wouldn't advise you to try it on," said John, as he stood by the big fireplace. "Now you take this!" exclaimed the fellow, putting one hand on Johnny's shoulder, and with the other making a

motion to force the tobacco between his

"And you take this," cried John, a smile on his face; and a swift, straight blow sent the man across the room backward, tripping, staggering and falling in a heap. "Anybody else!" said John, looking rout with an expression of imperturbable good nature. "Anybody want to drink with me? Or have me take a hand at poker! No! Then

we'll call it square, and begin friends, if you And in the hour that followed over Pai terer's beef and printees the stories that John told, and the drolleries that he practiced made even the big bullying Sam for-"Too sweet to be wholesome, though,

said Sam to Peachblow, on the shakedown later. "There's some out about him." "He's all right," said Peachblow, sleepily Came from Boston. Lessons from John L. Lick you out of your boots of you don't let whn alone. That's all the out there is about "Knows too much," growled Sam. "Who is be, anyway! Where'd he come from! What's to hinder his taking the team and whipping into Canada? Blamed of I believe the bosn'll ever see his mares again!" As soon after reaching comp as the horses

were rested, which gave him a little time to

familiarize himself with the lumberer's work,

John started down in spite of flam's predic-

tion and reached Falterer's without any

event, and there the next day he took in Mrs.

Whiter and her daughter, who had come from

a place across fountry where they bed spending a day or two, and who, with the straw packed beneath them and the buffulo robes tucked in about them, were made sufficiently comfortable.

But here John's trouble began. Whether

it was because when he went over this part of the road be bad been learning how to manage his horses, and had consequently taken little note of the way, and now could not tell the main read from the wood naths that ended nowhere, but uncertain of which tentre had broken the way through the snow or whether it was by reason of glancing ever and anon at that little blossom tace of Annie hibley's beside him, some hing had confused his recollection; he began to feel that unfamiliar at the best, the way was far too unfamiliar now for safety, and presently his tremors grew into a settled apprehension. and he saw that he had lost the road, and that with his employer's family in his cure.

To his surprise, Mrs. Sibley took the matter rather as a jest than otherwise, and when they had turned about and chosen another truck, and come to the end of that in deep woods and snow, she was all ready to go back and try another. Ferhaps she assumed the gayety to prevent her daughter's alarm, for the rich soft color came and went on Annie's checks like a danger signal and with every glance he gave them John regretted more and more his rushness in undertaking to handle that team.

They stopped at last to rest and feed the horses, and then, went on only to be lost again on another false lead; and all at once it was twilight about them and there were stars banging overhead like fruit upon the branches of the great pines. "Oh!" said Annie, with a shock of horror

in the cry, "We are lost in the woods. And

ft is night!" "We shall be all right to-morrow," be mid, cheorily. "When we have tried all the wood paths one of them must be the right one." And he proceeded to trend down a circle in the snow, and with the hatchet to cut off the tender hemlock boughs with which first be heaped the sledge, and then made a dry spot for the horses, which he feel and blanketed. And after they had divided the ample luncheon they had brought from Palterer's, he had the mother and daughter lie down on the hemlock boughs. covering them with the thick robes, and took up his round as a sentinel about them. "Oh, mother," he heard Annie whispering, "there are wolves in these woods! They

"Not down as far as this," said John 'Peachblow says there isn't a wolf south of the camp. You can sleep as safe as if you were down in Port. I shall keep watch all night." And he did, pacing round and round his little bivouac, watching the stars wheel alowly down, where the roof of the forest boughs was thin, and pausing now and then to gaze at the young girl in her innocent sleep, where the long lashes swept the pale rose cheek, and the lips seemed to him to be half parted, as if they must be speaking to angels in her dream. He felt, with a sinking heart, as he gazed that if she knew who it was that watched her. she probably would have less feared the wolves. More than once, the mother, waking from her own weary drowse, saw him leaning there against the bole of a big tree, with folded arms, his eyes upon the sleeper as if upon a saint in a shrine, and then a look of anguish writhing over his face, as he turned away, that belonged not to a strong and happy youth, but such as one might have if

shut out from beaven. But in the first gray of the morning the horses were put in, and while the others still lay on their hemlock boughs the team was making its way out again.

"I have found the lay of the land by the way the stars were going," he said to the mother; and before long they were in the open road—dawn flushing all the heavens above, the snow below, and turning the whole forest into a twinkle of rainbowsand on the way to a safe end of their jour

"He's a man worth keeping," said Mrs Sibley to her husband. "I wouldn't lose "He's brought home the borses all right.

mid Mr. Sibley And he took John home with him that night, and found plenty for him to do next day in the great warehouse of supplies, and listened to various suggestions that seemed to occur to the youth as a new comer there, kept him busy, and when spring came sent him behind the Morgan colts with a wallet full of money to pay off the men in camo. "He's a treasure, that lad," said Mr. Sib

ley, when John returned with his vouchers all correct. "Luckiest days work I ever done when I come acrost him. Saved me his keep a'ready in small leaks. He's to good to lest. Some out about him some where. Durnd of I can find it though." "I don't believe in crossin' bridges 'forcyou come to them," said the firsty little man's wife I don't believe you'll ever conz to this one. He's as good a boy as trends

sole leather"-"As good a boy as hasn't been found out Well, you spread your saving grace over him, mother, and less see if he'll want a better home 'n this is."

And in his few spare half hours John wa invited into the sitting room, and presently if anything was wanted by the home people it was to John that they went instead of to the busy husband and father, and it was take for grante, that on Sundays he should have a sent in the family pew. And thus one year 'enseed and another; and the third year found John Dean keeping Mr. Sibley's books and his bank account, collecting his moneys, making his payments, going and coming between the lumber camps, engaging and paying off the men-in short, the trusted and faithful intimate of his business, always firm and strong and ready, always bright and gentle and obliging Mr. Sibley used to say it was as good as an open fire and a mug of cider to see John's face on a gloomy evening; and there was many a rosy young girl in the Port who thought no less and looked shyly askance at his face once so blenched and now with a healthy tan and a ruddy color beneath the white brow, at his wholesome mouth, whose bright laugh was not hid by the tawny shadow of the the recent mustache, at the

aparkle of his happy eyes, at his shapely shoulders and his easy bearing. But of late this cheeriness of John's that Mr. Sibley liked was going under a cloud. Mr. Sibley thought he must be tired and was for giving him a vacation. Mrs. Sibley thought he must be IB and was for dosing him with herbs. Annie Sibley, if she thought anything about it, only showed her thought by a hightened color on her cheek and a brighter star in her eye when his name was mentioned, or when she saw him coming

up the garden walk. Certainly an unknown young fellow who had found a place almost without asking for it, had been taken into his master's confidence and into his family and had every reason to think his future secure and fortunate ought to have worn a gaver face than John Dean was wearing now. It is true his good nature was continually the same on reirement, but gradually all jests and quibs and drolling, as Mrs. Sibley called it, had ceased, and he went about his work pale and preoccupied and silent, and Sundays he strayed off over the fields, instead of listering to little Annie singing in the choir or walking home with her as he had been used to do. Perhaps it did not occur to him that any one might be troubled by this; perhaps he was not aware of it himself; he certainly

did not see the paling of the bloom on Annie's But Mrs. Sibley did, and it smote her heart to see the girl's eyes follow John and fail again, she taking shame to herself that they did, to see the unconscious pretty ways in which she tried to win him out of his gloom. "She might do worse," said Mr. Sibley, when his wife spoke to him about it, as a good wife should. "He's a likely fellow. I'm going to raise his salary the first of the year. And he'll be a rich man yet'--

as you may say, a sort of-of-hired man?" "Hired man be-I mean," said Mr. Siblewho didn't allow swearing, "he's my confdential map of business?" "But we don't even know where he came Steady as a clock, faithful as a dial. There's some out about him somewhere, of course, but I can't find it. Ferhaps that's it.

guess we can find out where he came from.

I'll ask him. I don't never want ter know,

though, a mite more's I know about him.

Always under our eye, an' this the third

year. What's she pale about! Does she think I wouldn't like it! You tell her I say

she might go further and fare worse?"

"But-father-you-you wouldn't be will-

ing to let the first comer have her-and he,

"Oh, father, I couldn't speak to her about "Well, then, you turn over an' go ter alsep an' let the Lord take ours of it. W'en. I see two young follows-making love I don't believe I can improve on usbur." Perhaps the prother had some of the same reverence for Apple in her sweet innocence that John binself had, as she watched her

going about her sumple daties and pleasures like something just above the earth but not on it. Every one in the Port had a touch of this mme feeling about Aunio Sibley-the old woman to whom she gave an arm on the street, the little child whose hurt she soothed, the sick girl with whom she watched. Even the sailors in her father's lumber schooner counted it luck if they may her sweet face before calling, as other people do when they see the moon over their right shoulder. She had the goatla

'she's as nigh perfect as they make 'em." It would have been no wonder, then, had despair fallen on John Dean when he found that he, too, was under the spell, and that he would rather be condemned for life to the solitary cell with bread and water than pass that life without ber. And what was he that he should dare-

As he sat there on the doorstep his head fell forward on his knees, and a sob escaped him full of anguish. In the next moment some one ent down beside him, a hand stole into his, and Annie was whispering some indistinct, comforting murmur. How could be help returning the clasp of that little hand with an unconscious strength of grasp that was almost pain, suddenly raise it to his lips and cover with kisses, and as suddenly fling it from him as though its touch had stong him, and then seeing her withdraw, startled, grieved. burt, turn and snatch her to his wildly beating heart and hold her as if they were one body and one soul.

ber. "I love you! I love you! and I must leave you. I must go away from here, for I can never marry you!"

But for all answer little Annie had only clung to him the closer, her face upturned on his shoulder, with its appealing eyes, the red lips parted, the blush going and coming: the trembling smile melting to one of tend

"I ought to have gone before it came day after day. And I could not, I could drag my feet after me!" He disengaged her clasp, and took her face between his two hands, his great gray eyes looking into hers

soon as Mr. Sibley returned from his western journey he should have to leave them. "Leave us. John!" said she. "What forf" "It's about time," he answered carelessly. "My traveling cap is on."

"Unhappy!" he said, with an air of sur-

with a look in his eyes then that made her heart ache. But Mr. Sibley's journey was a long one, into the timber district of a western state. When he came home, six weeks later, he found a very different condition of things from that which he had left. The men were in the woods, the camps supplied, the new year promising to open well, and all had been ordered and attended to by John. But John himself was sleeping in the counting room; as he did not go up to the house any more, Mrs. Sibley was sending dinner down to him; and Annie, his little wind-flower, looking as if the wind could blow through her, had grown into the white shadow of berself, large-eyed, pallid and frail, not as a flower, but as the ghost of a flower

day, the porter and the boy having gone home for their nooning. "I've been waiting for you to come back, sir," said John, in a voice meant to be called but which sounded in his own ears as bollow as if it came from an empty sheff "Decause I must take my turn now. It he close of the year. I find that I cannot be with you another year." change? Certainly," said Mr. Sible?, fuselly "Certainly. That's right. I've been advising it, you know. How long, say?" "For-for good and all, Mr. Sibley, 1-

"John!" "No, sir. You see, yourself. I'm only good anything for about so long. I've grown reckless. I must g "I don't see anything of the sort!" roared

little Mr. Sibley all up-to go. But I must "Look here!" cried Mr. Sibley, "I alway only find it. And here it is! What is this bee in your bonnet! John-is it-is it Annie! he suid in a different tone, one that had all a father's tenderness in it. Because if it is -as there came no answer-"that's all right.

"You can't marry my daughter, sir!" be gan the master, and he stopped, thunder struck, to comprehend the statement. Then "You can't marry my daughter, sir" he eried again, lashing himself into a rage. "I should like to know what's the reason you can't marry my daughter. Do you mean to my that you came here, a young whippe snapper from nowhere, a nothing, a nobody and break my dangister's heart, and rule her life, and"-

"Stop, stop, stop, Mr. Sibley!" cried John as white as ashes. "I should rule her life. indeed, if I stayed He waited a moment, looking his employed full in the face -as Mr. Sibley afterward told his wife as fixed as if he were a sain! carved in murble among all those baies and barrels. "I meant to tell you," he said presently, moving his lips as if with an effort "I meant to tell you as soon as you began to be so good to me. And then I felt it was my only chance in life, and I couldn't. I thought, too, it would give you a pain-a man's punishment pursues him all. his life, you seeand I hated to. And I hated to see the look you would have to give me when I told you. And I thought then, perhaps, you would never know-it was in a statthousand miles away. And I kept along. And when I found I was beginning to care for her. I made up my mind that I must go -and it was hard-and I-I never dreamed of her caring Ar me! I would as soon have dreamed of an angul out of heaven stooping to me! And when I found out she did, I felt

down here. When you gave me that team

his hat and coat and went up to the house to put his things together. They were few, his possessions there, but his hands trembled so that it took him some time. When he was through he beard the murmur of voices down below. Should be leave the house where he had been so kindly treated, without a world. He went down and heatatingly turned the handle of the sitting-room door. Mr. Sibley was there,

"I-I-only came-to say good-by. Oh. sir! I would give my right hand if --"You can give your right hand now, John," said Mr. Sibley. "You can give an honest man by nature, John"----

"Oh, I am, I am, I mean to be?" cried "We're forgiven our sine," spid Mr. Sib ler, solemaly, "when we've, become so that nothing on earth could make ay commit them again. The Lord forgave you long ago, John, when the possibility of dotog that wrong again was drowned out

word, the gentle deed, for all people, the tender judgment, the unfailing pity. "Annie Sibley," said old Peachblow, vote-

"Oh, what have I done; what have I done?" he cried, as he opened his arms and released

this!" he mid. "I have been meaning to go, not! My will was strong, but it could not long and passionately. "Kiss me!" he said. "Once. For the last time. And now for-He told Mrs Sibley that night that as

"But John-why, John! Are you dissatis-

fied? Isn't Mr. Sibley doing right by you? Has anything-has anything made you upprise. "Oh, I'm not unhappy," he answered,

prove it by giving you the decress thing on

earth that's ours. It shall be a new year

for all of us. It shall give me what I

wanted all my life and never had, and

that's a son-and if I picked the world, over

John, I couldn't find one more to my and

than what you be, John. Come, now " said

Mr. Sibley, putting up his bandana, "von

ain't going to have time to think it over this

Peachbiow's in the kitches, just down from

the woods. I'll send him for the minister

Mother, there's some binch take in the stone

jar, ain't there! Well, will have a quiet

little change we was speaking of. You go to

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at least one more, the quotation mark, so

that a composer, if he desired, might insert

here and there in his own works nassages

by other authors and give due credit. A

Canadian writer says that "no doubt it

would be difficult, if not impossible, to in

Assisted by Her Mujesty the Queen.

English exchanges: A blind man who plays

sacred music upon an accordeon is just

now perambulating the streets of Wind-

sor. His affliction attracted some time ago

the attention of the queen, who while tak-

ing a drive saw him in the street as d com-

passionately gave him a donation. With

an eye to business the ambulatory musi-

clas, now bears upon his breast a placard

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themselves with great success to the de

mands of political life. The government

employs every means of impressing its pro-

vincial supporters in parliament, with the

view of keeping down opposition tenden-

cine. In pursuit of this policy the admi-

raity officials take out parties of the mem-

bers in the men-of-war to show what good

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clerk, in answer to a customer's inquiry.

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sages of manifest plagiarism "

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Annie in the west parlor, now, John.

They were alone in the warehouse next "You mean you want a little rest and

can't work here any longer.

"Yes, sir. I tkank y a for your goodness to me. It's been more that you think. More than you can ever know. It -it breaks me said they was an out about you, if I could "I-I cannot -marry her, sir," with down-

sure she would get over it with me out of the way-and-and I only waited for you to come back"-"What in thusder are you driving at?" "A man who helps the holpless gave me : mit of clothes, and I worked my passage

to drive I was just a fortnight out of prison for theft." "That sof said Mr. Sibley. And he turned on his heel and went into the little counting room and shut the door. How many coingtes, how many hours John stood immovable, just as he had been left among the tuns and bags and boxes, he could not have said. All thought, all encotion seemed to have been wrung out of himbe was not even suffering. At last one of the hands returned; John nod-led to him, took

your right hand to Annie. I'm willing. Her mother's willing. Sho's willing. As for what you said in the store, we won't consider that. I'm glad that's the only out about you! You couldn't have been anything but a boy when all that happened You're hardly more than a boy now. don't believe there's 10 men alive that tamp't taken pennies, or apples, or some thing that didn't belong to them somer or later. You got into bad company some way, I suppose, and a temptation came that was too muck for you when you were weakened Yon've grown since then, grown the right way, strengthened. If you'd been born crooked, you've had every chance since you've been with me to feather your nest, You could have run away with a handy capital for a rogue, nowe than once. You're.

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