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Oh, who can love the vain conuctte. That sports from side to side? Though flattered by a thousand smiles, Not worthy of a bride. He's like a gaudy butterfly That lives in rosy bowers; Or like the fitful humming bird That flits around the flowers.

Iis heart is made of adamant His heels of patent leather-His brain is an equality Of heart and heels together. His form, like the chameleon's. Is changeable in hue, And we intend to keep so with our Though critics have decided that

> Tis far more green than blue. He'd captivate a thousand hearts, Without the least regret, Then charge you with severity, . For calling him "coquette." His tongue o'erflows with flattery, And many a honeyed word, While with an artful woven not,

He snares the wounded bird.

With innocence and artlessness, She lends a listening ear, Anticipates no fear. And fairer face appears, Then the changeable changeleen

Another color wears. He softly draws the silken string, And swift the arrows fleet, ill the fairer and more beauteous for Lies bleeding at his feet. Regardless of his ernel work,

He spurns the aching heart, And slyly places heatly the cord Another poisoned dart. Talk not to me of female flirts. Nor chide their honeyed smiles,

While the heartless lords of earth de And boast their cunning wiles. From such remorspless poison shafts, Though deep may be the quiver, I'll pray with my last waking breath, Kind heaven me deliver.

WHO TOOK THE STRANGER IN

Olly Van Loon sat in the corner of her poor cabin smoking a pipe and dandling a sallow baby on he knee. Near the door stood a pale woman, holding a bright boy by the Bread will be delivered daily at the hand, while the master of the hous stood like the ideal of the giant of laziness, towering almost to the ceiling, his knees being bent as if ready

to let him down on the floor. Olly had more energy, and she was now displaying it by abusing all kinds of Confectionery, Biscuits, this poor woman who had lost her good name, and was suing for shelter among those she had once des-

> "No. Laney Duboise, needn't come here usin' up my house, and eatin' up my bread. Go to them that's as fine as you used to be, and they'll feed you and your boy with their pigs," was her delicate salutation

The wanderer winced beneath the taunt, and Olly continued Pretty fine place this old cabin for you, that wouldn't even come here once to a prayer meetin,' like von thought the mountaineer folks hadn't no souls! I remember your slappin' the hoss' feet, and most ridin' over me that was a luggin'

wood"-Here the little spirit the man had, rose in him, and he lifted his hand feebly, and said, "You quit that! She's a human cretur, and so's the boy; and I'm master of

"Oh, you be, be you?" cried olly, with a hysterical laugh "Well, let's see you take care the house. You and the children would ha' starved for want of wit tles, if it hadn't been for me.

pick buckleberries, and raise hins "And steal corn and apples, and now and then a sheep when it comes handy," interrupted the man. " But as I said afore, I'm master of this house, and I can show it if

'casion requires. Olly knew just bow far to go and now stopped short in her abuse of the wanderer.

"I say," continued Van Loon. you are to fix up a place in the oft for this poor human cretur, and get some supper for her and the

per, she put down her baby and bare boards beside her, lest she who had sinned in her youth, been Every one who has seen the curri- very existence rests upon the purity began to spread out her poor fare. | might need care in the night.

The unwelcome guest was the daughter of a rich farmer on the plain below, whose flocks and fields 5000 Dressed Hogs wanted weekly, who had gained their ill-will more . When Olly and her poor neigh- weakness of death was on her.

had been a single man.

she had brothers living, they were face of death. when he asked for the husk that ries were wanted " there. the swine did eat, and not even a

brother had given them to her. not eat of her bounty, she said to | "It's just the place, and just the lected dwellers in your hills, for light, and Washington Lodge was pany. Never make assertions about her, "you needn't be afraid on't it's company, for her," was the reply. their mercy to the dead. She was the appropriate name of the pioneer her that she herself would blash to reasonable clean, considerin'."

him in, I would have lain down forgive you." and died on my mother's grave. It "Oh, I'll risk her dying! Such

forgives, but sinful man will not!" forever. No. Olly Van Loon, I then ?" asked Olly, quite subdued body that finds their company in

"Because you were sinners and outcasts like myself. I thought if the that with the Lord. I didn't of life, and good sayings the orna the righteous cast me off, you come here to quarrel with you, but ments of it. would not-that you who knew to give you a chance to forgive her; what scorn was would pity me." and here I say afore the Lord that

"Well, now, child, I'm powerful give me, that from this hour I will sorry I roughed you; but you see lead a new life. I'll starve afore he is sich an aggrawatin' feller, he I'll steal, and I'll make Jim do so the stern lights of a ship, which membership. Pythian friendship would have their fair name untarwon't works but he'll eat and ask too. But you look out, for the illumine only the track it has pas- has taken at one bound such a firm nished and their lives unembitted everybody else to; and it was to same Lord is above us both, and sed dress him down a little that I He sees and hears us." roughed you. You may eat all The rich man shut the door al- mere merit is more noble than to we've got, and sleep a month right most in her face—the very door attain to the highest by favor and through on my hins' feather-bed | through which he and his sister bad | partiality. and pillow, and I'll give your boy passed in their happy childhood all the molases becan eat to morrow, morning and night, from school

to keep him 'way from you, for 1 and from play. see you're in a roastin' fever. help the poor child up the ladder, grace; and did not know how to and I'll give her some yarp tea and approach any one in a proper way settle her down for the night. If I She walked over to the parsonage, live to see daylight, I'll go down to presented herself before the "domthe plain, and I'll ring the village | inie," and asked, " Do you want to bell, and get the dominie, and all the grand folks out, and then I'll "Yes. Olly. Who of call em everything I can lay my neighbors is dying?" was the re- and wholesome; the shade that re-

tongue to. I will !- sarpints and vipers, and hypocrites, and lots more! and if I get a good chancewithout being hung for it-I'll set fire to her brother's barns, and a few days ago," was the reply. teach 'em to forgive like they hope to be forgiven. I guess I can teach Olly would say. them 'ligion, 'thout their comin' up here and holdin' of meetins 'mong us rocky path by Olly's side, listening and never axin'us to go down into to the sad story of one who had the clock and chanteleers is; long gone by.

a' tired out while you're a preachin'. are the one who gave me a cup of True joy is a serene and sober the medium of Pythian Friendship

Her heart was too full of pity for I was a stranger, and they took of a brave mind.

my day, and know more than they all these in the mountain are forgiv- that leads heavenward too soon be- such as it is the object of the think I do; and I'll give the dom- en and received, as I, the chief of gun. The enemy is awake while Knights of Pythias to establish.

to-morrow," she added. I be but a vagrant, if I'm too ill to forever sealed. work, and my own kindred turn me

from their doors?" . It was a strange sight-that child pillow in that poor loft where the vide for the child." chinks, and through which the night dued, not dead. " No! she shall

God's grace, from open sin. Poor Jim did all he could under away." Olly's direction. He made "yarb There was a prayer at Jim's poor Harvard University, collected by of Pythian Friendship ten," and heated water, and carried home, and the faded form, that once Professor Pierce, from the last We ask none to join our Order, them up to the loft; and Olly, who was very beautiful, was borne down triennial catalogue, it is clearly without first examining its princineighbors when no doctor could be around which the relatives were death for the last 10 years after that its objects are good, that it in

poor outcast the news of the town | this child of every love and happi-

for which the Highest Cash Price will than once by handing offenders over bor, Letty Van Tine, saw that the The men, who were to fill the men, right about. be paid. From \$2,000 to \$5,000 in cash to justice. The farmer was dead, hand of death was on her, their grave, leaned on their spades, as if to be paid out to farmers for Pork every to justice. The farmer was dead, hand of death was on her, their grave, leaned on their spades, as if his lands divided, and bis sons all hearts were softened towards the reluctant to shut out the last gleam SECORD BROS. Store, alienated from their unfortunate brothers who had cast her out, but of day from one who had seen so revel in the sweet buy and buy.

sister. The neighbors felt that as who, they said, would relent in the little sunshine. A dead silence

hands are too full with your work, When Olly-who was not as in- to pick berries; and, walking in, human as her words would make she stood before the rich man, and ger and the sojourner of a day city of Washington the order of her appear—saw that her guest did said, "Your sister is in my cabin." among you, thank these poor, neg- Knights of Pythias first saw the improper time, or in mixed com-

"I hope you'll keep her there!" Then the woman burst into tears, "Well, I don't expect to do that. and said, "O Olly, I'm too sick to Douth is gettin' ready a home for eat! Give me d pillow, and let me her; and if you want to say a forlie down and die here. My own givin' word to her, you'd better brothers have shut their doors in hurry, elsewise she'll go up and tell my face to night, and wouldn't even the Lord that you wouldn't forgive shelter the boy ! If they had taken her; and then most like He won't

seems as if my agony must bring as she don't die. They hang on to her out of heaven to-night. God torment and disgrace other folks you know He is true to all His Lodges and one Grand Lodge had where it should not have been and "What fetched you up here, haven't sunk so low as to visit any-

your shanty !" "Werry good, sir, you can sethas forgiven her, and that can for-

Olly was almost a heathen. There, Jim, if you ain't too lazy, though under the very sunshine of pray for a dving sinner ?"

> "It's of your neighbors-Mr. V's and brilliancy of the sunshine. daughter," said Olly sharply:

" Not duing ! she was here onl

"Come and see," was all that The man of God mounted the

When he stood by the sick them as far as they can be im-"Look a here!" cried Jim, "she's woman's side she said, "Oh, you proved. ridin' past here a horseback with a this outcast, to quarrel with Jim me in; sick, and they ministered to me. Remind God of it, day and "I've heered some bibles read in night, and never let Him rest till too early learned nor the journey one grand universal friendship,

inie a piece o' my mind of I live till sinners, am to-night. Good bye!" we slumber, and if we neglect to The stranger is cast upon our shores, The minister, by his influence, will cover all the surface. "Oh, no, don't, don't, Olly ! be induced the hard brothers to go up [did all he dared to do for me. He to Jim's bovel that night; but it offered me a home, but my brothers was too late ! The lips that would being, and his spirit, ever restless, is held out to him, and he who is said if I went there, or stayed any- bave craved pardon for all the if not employed upon worthy and where in the town they'd have me errors of a sad life, and spoken dignified objects, will often rather

(if in compensation for the work in strengthening the mind, than in of plenty, once the pride of a happy | done the dead _. She may be hur preserving the purity of the affecbome, thankful for a shelter and a | jed from my house, and I will pro- tions and the heart.

pitying stars looked in through the But Olly's spirit was only sub What Breaks Down Young winds bewailed the cruelty and hard |go from this house to the grave; ness of those who had been kept, by and if you're too proud to come that hard study is the unhealthy sworn brothers, his childen are here to the prayers, you can stay element of a college life. But their children, his wife is their dear

This was a sad place to die in : who had yet found mercy at the and political economy injure one, they can find anything in antagontemper, and she began to ask the but it was the appointed one, for eleventh hour of ber short life. | late hours and rum punch use up a ism in our Constitution to their Old men and women, who had dozen; and that the two little moral or heaven born tendencies. below, and to abuse the people for ness. For a few days her fever ran been friends of her parents in child- fingers are heavier than the loins let them leave us alone—we do not Old Post Office Building, Mill not sheltering the homeless. Olly high, and then she sank into per- hood and youth, gazed on the scene of Euclid. Dissipation is a sure wish for any but those who are and her lazy giant were of the feet helplessness. Her mind float conscience stricken, for they had destroyer, and every young man willing to join heartily, hand in class styled "mountaineers, in the ed back to the happy past, and she done nothing to save this imperiled who follows it is as the early flower, band, with us for the great and second to none in the Dominion, being a hills back of the Hudson, who, rejoiced again in the smile of her soul from becoming a total wreck. exposed to untimely frost. Those glorious objects we have in viewwhile they boast of a common mother and the fond words of her Many had to admit, in this search who have been inveigled into the namely, the spread of brotherly origin with their wealthy neighbors, father. She talked with them, as jing hour, that they had never path of vice are called Legion. A love, and the inculcation of true too often live by begging and if she had passed through the deep uttered a kind word or held out a few hours sleep each night, high charity. stealing sheep, poultry and fence- waters of sin, bumiliation and re- band to encourage her return. living and plenty of "smashes," The romantic story of Damon that in the long run "honesty is rails. She would work rather than pentance, and had come forth to starve, but Jim would doubtless walk with them, in robes washed on earth she looked to for mercy have chosen the latter fate, if he and made white in the blood of the was her native town, where her the lungs, the liver, the spine, the lungs, innocent days had been spent. Her limbs, the bones, the flesh, every members are entitled to a weekly be added that a steady and uniform She talked of her child, and said, brothers, if they had any conscience part and faculty are overtasked and benefit of from two to six dollars adherence to honesty, never will re-'I will give him to one who offer- left, must have quailed under the weakened by the terrific energy of per week so long as unable to at suit from this maxim. ed me a cup of cold water, and he eye of those chief of sinners—the passion loosened from restraint; tend to business; in the event of

had fallen on all there, when and the righteous, but sinners to repent- of interest to our readers. From a are many other benefits known only "I didn't come with berries. My ance; who, while He owned the small book containing their by laws, to knights. world and all that is in it, had not rules, &c., we cull the following : where to lay His head-I, a stran- | On February 19th, 1864; in the a stranger among her own, and lodge. But the order did not make hear. When you meet with men they took her in; she was hungry, much progress till April, 1866, who do not scruple to use a woand they fed her; thirsty, and they since when the order has gone on man's name in a reckless manner gave her drink; sick, and they prospering, and now its muster roll | shun them. They are the very ministered to her; in prison-shut shows about two hundred thousand worst members of the community;

The same of the state of the same of the s

reward them ! Amen ?"

Gems of Thought. Brave actions are the substance

If the clock of the tongue be not set by the dial of the heart, it will some moving in humble spheres of poor unconscious victim. Respect not go right. To most men, experience is like is noted for the respectability of its and sister are women, and as you

to flourish for many generations yet heed the ill your own word may To rise to a moderate position by to come, and, it is fondly hoped, bring upon the mother, the sister,

to mankind is now beyond all dis-Ot all others, a studious life is pute. That covenants have existed the least tiresome; it makes us easy almost since the world began is so to ourselves and others, and gains evident to students of biblical lore, both friends and reputation. that it is unnecessary to enter into There is no greater obstacle in a defence of what all cheerfully ad-

objects the promotion of ing for something to turn up, instead of going to work and turning fellowship, the spread of brotherly love, the befriending of widows and up something orphans, who can lift up his voice A little misery sweetens life. It against it, and, say that its foundayour is the salt that makes it palatable tion is not resting on the solid rocks

the way of success in life than trust-

lieves, and sets off the monotony Pythias do not seek the fellowship of infidels-no, they seek to bind Anger in dispute is like an un- by an indissoluble tie, all believors quiet horse in a dusty way-it in the one true God, in one vast mission of grumbling and whining raises such a cloud in the eye of the bond of peace, love and true charity. vear in and year out. understanding that it obscures the Founded in the time of war, it

When we take people merely as they are, we make them worse: the church where the carpets and been a lamb in his fold, in days when we treat them as if they were Where would the suicide be found, what they should be, we improve

Better settle her now, an' git up in | cold water ! In return I will give emotion : and | they are miserably | +sworn friends-by hundreds and the pulpit and her your say to- you an angel to live with you al out that take laughing for rejoicing; by thousands. ways-little Paul-and see you the seat of it is within; and there is Olly took the suggestion meekly. that he leads these people to God. no cheerfulness like the resolution ish in all ages without the help of The important truth cannot be be the friendship of individuals, not

cultivate the good seed, his tures Knight of Pythias, then the strong Man is designed for an active hand of fellowship, of brotherly love thought worthy by our brothers to be their trusty fellow knight-no arrested for a vagrant. What can forgiveness for their neglect, were engage in mean and low pursuits than suffer the tedious and listless Tears stole down the strong man's feelings connected with indolence cheeks; and one of them said-as and knowledge is no less necessary ing faces. He is not a stranger, he

from tables of the mortality of sister. Such are the first elements was regarded as skillful among her by old friends to the open grave | demonstrated | that the excess of ples, and convincing themselves reached, did her best for the wan- gathered. Here services were held, graduation, is found in that portion no way conflicts with their religious When Olly had spent her ill tem- derer. She even lay down on the and many a tear was given to her of each class of inferior scholarship. or political freedom, and that its long cast off by her kindred, but culum knows that where Æschylus and integrity of its members. If had suffered from the depredations —a little child—shall lead these mountaineers—to whom their sister until like a dilapitated mansion the the death of a Knight his funeral had fled as a last refuge when the carthly house of this tabernacle" expenses are paid by the lodge, and sailors preacher, used to say: falls into ruinous debt. Rast young his widow draws forty dollars per "The way for a man to be eloquent

the knowledge that the wife and Knights of Pythias. As there is to be a lodge of this children of his love are not left enfree of all responsibility; and so Olly put on her black cambrid old man, with uncovered head, very respectable and honorable tirely destitute or without friends, she had become a houseless wander- sun-bonnet, and went to the plain. startled them all by exclaiming, in order instituted in Acton immedi. that there are those who will look er. She had humbled herself as | She knocked at the rich man's tremulous tones, "And now, in the ately, perhaps a synopsis of their after and care for those helpless much as did the Prodigal Son | door, and was told that "no ber name of Him who came to call, not history, aims, objects, &c., may be ones he is compelled to leave. There

Never use a lady's name at an out by cruel bars from the mercy Knights in the United States men lost to every sense of honor, of Christian men and women-and alone. Eight years after, the order every feeling of humanity. Many these whom she had regarded as of Knights of Pythias was intro- a good and worthy woman's characenemies took her in, ministered to duced into Ontario, 22d February, ter has been forever ruined and her, and closed her dying eyes. 1872, and eight months after it had heart broken by a lie, manufactur-You know the promise of God, and crossed the border eight subordinate ed by some villain, and repeated promises. God forgive you and been formed, and to day the city of in presence of those whose little Toronto alone contains no less than judgment could not deter them six subordinate Lodges, and the from circulating the foul and bragheadquarters of the Grand Lodge is ging report. A slander is soon also in that city. Its success in propogated, and the smallest thing Canada is almost unparalleled, and derogatory to a woman's characterits members are composed of those will fly on the wings of the wind holding the highest and most ex- and magnify as it circulates, until alted position in our land as well as its monstrous weight crushes the life. The society prides itself and the name of woman. Your mother hold in Canada that it now bids fair by the slanderer's bitter tongue,

or wife of some fellow-creature.

That secret societies are a benefit

mit. When a society has for its

could every man when adversity

pushes him hard, but look around

Friendship, say some, will flour-

sick and wearied, cared for by none.

known by none, but if he be a

matter how great the distance over

which he has travelled-is gladly

welcomed with open arms and smil-

has true and tried friends innumer

able. A brother dies, his wife, his

children are mourning his loss, they

are in despair-no comfort is at

hand: starvation stares them in the

face-no, there are friends at hand

It is a commonly received notion | But who are they? none but his

him and reckon his friends through

A Whining Man. If there is a cowardly trait in human nature more disagreeable than any other it is whining. The man who goes home whining and fault-finding to meet his business perplexities : whining because his plans fail, and to relieve his own surly disposition, is a burden upon his friends and the community in

which he lives. "You can't expect anything better from people nowadays." "Oh! of christianity? The Knights of you ought to see them administer instice back East." "This is no place for an honest man," and so the croaker goes on fulfilling his

Give us the man-and a wom in. vision, and impedes its operations. flourishes in times of peace only to too, for that matter-who have the help those who in fighting life's gift to carry their burdens without battles are obliged to succumb to a whining. There are no successes will stronger than their own. that come to people without labor, thought, care, privation, and application, reaching through years. The whining men and women seem to see nothing in the past, nothing to hope for in the future-always prophesying misfortune and ruin to the whole country, and sickness, rheumatism, and ague to every inhabitunt. We dread their coming

mystic ties : true, but then it will and welceme their going. Don't be a grumbler. Some people contrive to get hold of the prickly side of everything, to run against all -the sharp corners, and find out all the disagreeable things. Half the strength spent in growling would often set things right. You may as well make up your mind. to begin with, that no one ever found the world quite as he would like it; but you are to take your share of the world and bear it bravely. You will be very sure to have burdens faid upon you that. belong to other people, unless you are a shirk yourself; but don't grumble. If the work needs doing, and you can do it, never mind about the other boy who ought to have done it and didn't. Those workers who fill up the gaps, and smooth away the rough apots, and inish up the job that others leave undone-they are the true peace-

> ment of growlers. Newspapers are a very cheap and often convenient protection to plants liable to the exposure of cold ir. But the advantage of several thicknesses is not well understood.

makers, and worth a whole regi-

They operate in the same way as forest leaves namely, confine thin strata of air between their layersonly newspapers, being larger than leaves, hold the thin plates of air nore perfectly. A large number of papers, spread one above another, will afford an amount of protection from cold that will be surprising to those who have not given them a

It is undoubtedly a just maxim

year so long as she remains a widow, is to get himself clinck full of his which is a nice little insurance; subject and then knock out the The ladies-bless them-fairly and when a Knight dies his last bung and let his ideas flow naturmoments are somewhat cheered by ally.