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CALLED BY THE ANGELS. The farmer's wife is sitting alone In the dusk of a winter's day, Vhile over the hills the shadows fall, And over the meadows gray, And the cares of many a busy hour

Steal fast from her heart away.

Her eyes have wandered through mis To the church yard under the hill There the snow, like the wing of brooding dove, Lies soft and pure and still.

And where her treasures, so long ago, She laid at the Master's will. And ahi! how oft, as the days go by, She starts, as her listening car Has almost eaught on the passing breeze

Voices so sweet and clear. "Tis the angels calling!" she thinks. It is weary waiting here." The farmer from his work, at last, In the dusk of a winter's day,

And she parts his locks so gray. And looks in his face with a loving That years cannot steal away.

And back again as her dim eyes turn To the hills where the shadows fall, But he has not taken all.

ince one is waiting beside me still

Till the angels' voices call."

But the weeks are slow, and the age In the dusk of many a day, Will watch the shadows come and go, O'er the meadows cold and g ay, Where their treasures are laid away.

Confessions of Bank Officer.

CHAPTER I. GETTING A SITUATION.

"I don't wish to stand in your way, Tom Flynn." "And I don't wish to stand your way, Paley Glasswood," plied Tom, with a refreshing promptness, which was intended t assure me, and did assure me, that he was my friend, and that he was unwilling to take any unfair advan-

Fom and myself were applicants for the situation of discount clerk in the Forty-ninth National Bank of Boston. We had submitted our application separately, and each without the knowledge of the other. If we had taken counsel together before doing so, possibly some sentimental outbreak would have preyented one or the other from placing imself even in a seeming attitude of competition with the other. We had been school-mates in Springhaven, had been cronies, and agreed as well as boys usually do. It is true he had given me a tremendous thrushing on one occasion, when ventured to regard myself as phy. I had considerable influence which him any the less. While we were between him and me. In the light marriageable daughters."

his inferior. Both of us had been graduated anywhere except in the great city ness relations.

had gone to the city as a boy of me. merit of his own. I deserved and self-sacrificing as he was. something better than I had, and it was only the stupid and stingy as well as I can for myself, but if I was. policy of the firm which had can get out of your way without

not a word effecting his reputation Springhaven where Tom had served two years as clerk, several sums of hat to a lady, and turning from me, My heart sank within me.

money had been missed. There spoke to her. She was a beautiful "I am sorry to hear it," I rewas no proof that Tom took them, creature, and though it would have plied gloomily. but a few people in town knew been quite proper for me to ter- "Tom Flynn has theinside track." that he was suspected of the theft, minate the interview, I was not. As usual! It seemed to be laid especially as he appeared to be liv- inclined to do so, for the lady filled down as the immutable law of ciring beyond his income. I do not my eye, and I could not help look- cumstances that Tom should always bolieve my friend even knew that | ing at her. he was suspected of the theft, but inasmuch as he was the only person | said she. besides the two partners who had |

he was guilty. At a convenient time, without | he added, turning to me. stating any reason for the step, I was very glad, indeed, to know would rather he should have the were no longer required; that a any lady had ever before made so 'can't get it." change in the business rendered captivating an impression upon me, ! "Nonsense, Paley. Don't talk them unnecessary. The junior even after a much longer acquaint bosh! I haven't given up all hope

as his duty to inform her of the invent for the occasion. I hoped about Tom which was kept so quiet suspicions which he entertained. we should meet again, the best men in the town, and as | evening," she continued. crime, it was not deemed expedient should be delighted to take him him. I have forgotten about it." to say anything about it. Mr. | with me, and as he is here, he can Gorham did not say anything, ex- speak for himself," replied Tom. cept to my mother, and she, ap- "Just a quiet little party of the safe."

man, faithfully promised to keep evening. I hope you will come, added my uncle, rubbing his hands Ere they, at the Master's will, may lie the momentous secret. Probably Mr. Glasswood," she added. there were not a half dozen persons "I should be very happy to join "But I don't think there was heart is sad. A rainbow is beautiin Springhaven who knew that you, and I will do so," I answered. any foundation for the suspicion." ful in the air, while beneath is the LIVING TOO FAST. Tom left his place under suspicion, She was very pretty, and she I protested, rather faintly, too and those were the family and in- seemed to grow prettier every mo- faintly to produce any decided eftimate friends of the storekeeper. ment that I looked at her. Her fect.

ated the money. Mr. Gorham National Bank. Com, strongly as my mother desired ! Oliphant.

The position in the bank for which we were both applicants, was considered a remarkably good one for a young man like Tom or me. the consciousness of being slightly I was intensely anxious to succeed, chances are good."

ground I had continually lost. first diploma, the second was aw- wrong, and that was the source of morrow." arded to me. Tom; was my friend, all my misery. I shall not, thereutmost kindness and consideration, for each individual fault of which but I could not help feeling just a I was guilty. My -readers can little stung by his superiority; by blame me as they will-and I dehis continually coming out about serve the severest censure. I have half a length ahead of me. Spring- sent grief and dismay into the haven is not so far from the bosoms of my friends, and my story metropolis of New England as to is a warning voice to all who are be regarded as a provincial town; disposed to yield to the temptations and though engaging in business which beset every man in his busi-

was not the height of his or my | I met Tom Flynn on the street, ambition, Tom had gone into a store and I think he was sincerely desir in his native place, and obtained ous not to step into my path. I beheld in the person of Miss Lilian duties mechanically. About one ton for more than "many years." his earliest knowledge of the ways am confident he had a genuine re Oliphant. I was on my way to one o'clock I was rather startled to see of the world. But when he was gard for me, and that if he could twenty-one he obtained a situation have been sure of securing the in an office in the city in which he situation in the bank to me by retired ship master, who dabbled in received a salary of six hundred withdrawing from the competition stocks, and was a director in the gratulate you," said he, grarping himself, he would have done so on Again, at this interesting period the moment. But there were other of life which seems to be the be- applicants, and if he retired from principally upon him to engineer asked ginning of all things to a young the field at all, he was as likely to my application at the bank. He man, Tom was ahead of me, for I do in favor of some stranger as of was a man of the world in the sixteen, and when I was of age, my | "I should like the place, Tom,

employers refused to give me over though I don't wish to stand in getting ahead in business, and tional Bank. 'Pon my soul, I am five hundred a year. Tom had your way," I added, but in saying though he paid a reasonable respect glad to be the first to tell you of been lucky—this was my view of so, I am afraid I only indulge in a to conventional forms, I am not it," added Tom, with enthusiasm, as the case. Tom had blundered into conventional form of speech, desir- quite certain that he believed in he wrung my hand. a good situation, and it was no ing only to appear to be as generous anything higher. In character and "Of course it is my duty to do of my mother, whose brother he

position inferior to that of my will do so."

At that moment Tom raised his passed the time of day.

Gorham, the senior member, that your acquaintance with my particu- it was. lar friend, Mr. Paley Glasswood," "I was afraid Tom would get

sed, and I concluded that she be- have this place, if possible." my mother and knowing of my was pleased with her, and said ed, hopelessly.

preciating the kindness of her kins- half-a-dozen at our house, to morrow

I will not say that the knowledge | eyes sparkled and she smiled so | "We are not called upon to try | must pass himself; for every man any satisfaction, but it helped me knowledge I experienced a new his own cunning. to feel that I was the superior of sensation, in her presence. I re- "But I don't wish to have any Tom; that in being honest I had a peated my promise to join the little thing to say about the old affair. decided advantage over him. I party, and no entreaty was neces- . "Then you needn't have any could not disbelieve the story as it sary to render me a willing follow | thing to say about it, except to me. came from the lips of my mother, er. She bowed and passed on, I have begun to manage this busithough it was possible there was mingling with the bright throng ness, and I shall finish it." some mistake. Within three years that guily flitted up and down | "I don't want to injure Tom in after the change in the firm of Warhington street. My eyes the estimation of any one," I added. her " went to destruction," and in crowd, and I almost forgot that I You must look out for your own luged the world. the light of this after revelation, it was an applicant for the situation chances. You can have this place. was possible that he had appropri- of discount clerk in the Forty ninth if we can get Tom off the track."

were still intimate, gave me the directors to morrow forenoon," said him to develop it. I told him all what I had always said in his de- sea of moonshine in which I was at Gorham & Welch. If I stated that

What is she ?"

can afford such an expensive luxury. I was employed. Between the the fatted calf, which had been run; separate the right hand figure But, Paley, we must not waste our bright vision of Miss Oliphant's prized and loved by the family for from product and divide by 9. time," added Tom, glancing at the loveliness and the dark one of my many years ! A see of wide eyes Five per cent. - Multiply Old South clock. "I must find a own perfidy, I was nervous and un- and gaping mouths arrested for a number of days and divide liv man who can do a good thing for easy all the rest of the day. What moment the eloquence of the fledg- | Six per cent, -Multiply by numme at the bank." "So must I."

by my uncle, Captain Halliard, a froom. Japan Marine Insurance Company. my hand. He had influence, and I relied broadest sense of the term. He purposes he was the very antipode for a time.

I found him reading a newspaper "brought me up" that rendered my losing the chance for one of us, I in the office. He dropped it when years, and in all that period nevaw sister Susan; here's a letter he "Thank you, Toin. That's very anxious. He had undertaken this," was the remark of a dandy her." I had one advantage over my handsome, and I would do as much to procure me the situation I was assisted to his feet from friendly rival, however, in my own for you; but as neither of us can ambitious to obtain, and though I a full length position on a sideestimation. My character was foresee the issue, we will each do don't think he cared much for me walk. above suspicion, which could not the best he can to get the place. individually, he was persistent in An Irish emigrant, hearing the what are you looking so indignant part with it, and, as soon as he "Certainly it is; and whichever which he had fixed his mind.

come out just a little ahead of me. "Be sure and come, Mr. Flynn," I was vexed. Tom had six hundred dollars a year, while I had but "I shall certainly go if nothing five hundred. It was cruel and access to the safe where the money unforeseen occurs," replied he. unjust to me. His income was to was kept, it seemed probable to Mr. " Miss Oliphant, allow me to make be doubled, and mine to remain as

ahead of me," I added. "But I Tom was informed that his services her, for I could not remember that place than any other person, if I

partner retired from the firm, and ance. She was not only very yet, by any means. Tom is well the senior carried on the store pretty, but she was elegantly dres- enough, I dare say, but you must of wisdom; but the want of it had no other alternative then to Mr. Gorham was a relative of longed to some "nobby" family. I "I should like to have it," I add- of folly.

intimacy with Tom, he regarded it some of the prettiest things I could; "Paley, what was that story in Springhaven ?" continued Cap-My mother was shocked and appal- "Mr. Flynn, you must bring tain Halliard in a low tone. "I believe. She thinks, "My treasures are lying led. Tom was the son of one of your friend with you to-morrow heard your mother say something about it, when she was speaking all things to find a friend; in ad where he stood, and leaning over there was no direct proof of the "Thank you, Miss Oliphant; I about your being intimate with versity it is of all things the most.

> thought that he took money from " Exactly so, that was the idea. involuntarily.

"His employers in Springhaven

of this circumstance afforded me sweetly, that I am forced to ac- the case," he replied, chuckling at has need to be forgiven.

Gorham & Welch, the junior part- followed her till she was lost in the "Don't be a spooney, Paley. trouble upon our hearts, and so de- winter.

in order to profit by what we have Although I was not the author inted as much to my mother, and "Well, Paley, they say the place of the brilliant idea foreshadowed she, knowing that Tom and myself will be filled at the meeting of the in my uncle's remarks, I permitted flects. suggestion as a confirmation of Tom, calling me away from the I knew about Tom's affairs with fence. I had found it quite impost that moment floating, as my eyes those who knew anything about the she departs; while joy trips by sible to dissolve my relations with followed the graceful form of Miss matter now generally believed that with steps light as wind and scarcethe junior partner was the thief. I | ly leaves a trace upon our heart of Without exactly believing that | "So I have been told, and we stated it so mildly that my uncle her faint footfalls. was guilty of the whispered shall have but little time left to took no notice of it. I confess that iniquity. I felt that he would be a work. By the way, who is Miss I virtually assented to his scheme at least, I offered no decided oppo-"She is a very pretty girl," sition to it. I knew that Captain concerning a town-bred curate, who storm in the winter. Halliard had only to whisper the had consented to do duty on Sun- Between 4 and 6 a.m. ; rainy

was sometimes rather annoyed by would get ahead of me again, and the one I have just seen, their a boiled carrot." I wanted the the fatted calf to be killed, the place, not alone for its emoluments, young curate felt a pardonable in order that I might regain the "I don't know about that," add- but in order, in the race of life, to | pride in dwelling upon a subject ed Tom, laughing. Miss Lilian aurpass my friend. I regard this which could not fail to be compre We have just introduced a new at the Springhaven High School, I have called my book "confes- dressess magnificently, you per- weak yielding as my first crime- hensible to the dullest plough boy Office, Acton, or at my residence, in Gumming Machine, and pre prepared with the highest honors, though as sions." I mean that they shall be ceive; and whoever marries one of the crime against my friend, one of in the congregation. "Remember," usual Tom was a little higher than such; and of course I do not set those girls will find money a cash the basest and most loathsome in he said, "this was no ordinary calf my real fall; and it was this, it has common calf or beast suffering from

> "I think so myself, if a fellow I went back to the store in which becoming more impressive, "it was principel by the number of days to was the use of being over nice? If ling parson, and in the next there ber of days: separate right hand I did not look out for myself, no was such a chuckling and grins and figure and divide by 6. We parted, and as I walked down one would look out for me! I think | fluttering of old heads below as had the street I could not help recall I did not sleep an hour that night, not been witnessed even in the ing the vision of loveliness I had and the next day I performed my memory of the quaint-legged sexof the insurance offices frequented Tom Flynn enter the counting-

"Paley, my dear fellow, I con-"Why, haven't you heard of it?"

"Heard of what?" "You have been appointed disbelieved in making money, and in count clerk in the Forty-ninth Na- to know that some one has got Iniquity had prospered, but only

(To be continued.) he saw me, and I thought he looked experienced such awful weathaw as just gi've me to carry home to

with such a bang as that ?"

Gems of Thought. A felicity that costs pain gives

louble content. Nothing but a good life can fit men for a better one.

ing tranquility of mind. Little sticks help better than arge ones to kindle the fire

People who like so much to talk

always leaves room for a suspicion trudge back with his load. This

Hear not ill of a friend, nor speak any of an enemy. Believe not all you hear, nor repeat all you

A smile may be bright while the

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he

empty-a head without brains, 'a wit without judgment, a heart without honesty, and a purse with-

Sin brought sorrow into the world; it was that made the world | If between 2 and 4 p.m.: changea vale of tears, brought shadows of able in summer; fair and mild in In order to learn, we must attend;

learned, we must think-that is, reflect. He only thinks who re-Sorrow treads heavily, and leaves

The Fatted Calf.

A good story is sold in England showery in summer, and snow and "Tell me what I don't know. fact that Tom had been suspected, day for his friend, the rector of a both in winter and summer. and bad lost his situation in conse- country parish in the midlands. | Between 4 and 6 a.m. ; wind "She is the daughter of a small quence of this suspicion, to throw The subject of the morning sermon and rain in the summer, stormy in sically his equal. Though I could bring to bear upon the merchant, who is in rather shaky my chief competitor out of the field. was the parable of the Prodigit the winter. not quite forgive him for the drub- directors, and so had my friend, circumstances, they say. He lives | Practically, I assented to the Son, and in the hope of impressing | Between 8 and 10 a.m. : changebing he gave me, I did not respect but it seemed to be an even thing on Tremont street and has three scheme; if I did anything to pre- upon his hearers the joy which the able in the summer; rain with a vent its being carried into execu patriarch felt on the return of his westerly wind, and snow with an good triends, as the world goes. I of just experience, I felt that Tom | "If they are all as passable as tion, I only "fastened the door with son, as instanced by his ordering easterly wind in the winter. myself, for while he received the myself up as a model man. I did article. You shall see them all to the calendar of offences. This was which was to be killed; it was no The answer in each case being in "I should say that a wife like since seemed to me, which made murrian; no balf starved calf, slow- figures of the answer to express it and always treated me with the fore, deem it necessary to apologize this Miss Oliphant was cheap at me capable of all that followed. . | ly awaiting death. No! it was not in dollars and cents. I left my uncle in the office, and even merely a fatted calf; but,"

> HAPPY MEN .- The Rothschilds have counted their money, and find they have still on hand three billions four hundred millions of dollars. The Grand Duke Alexis, "What's the matter, Tom P' I when in New York, was permitted to look at sixteen millions in gold. Brigham Young claims to be worth

thirty millions of dollars. It is

quite refreshing these hard times

"Second class in grammar, stand up !" said the schoolmaster. "John is a bad boy'-who does John correspond with?" "I know," said a little boy at the foot, holding up his hand, "if you mean John "I have lived for twenty-two Smithers, he corresponds with my

the sun go down in this country minute ago." Maggie-"O, that ation had gone off kind of tame: | was baby's !"-

Paying for His Whistle.

Not many years ago, when a lofty building was on the point of completion, the mason who was finishing the highest portion was in the habit of whistling to the Money is well spent in purchas- laborer who was attending him whenever he wanted a fresh supply of lime, and as the scaffold on which he wrought was rather small! this occurred very often during a More are they that drift into evil, day's work. A joiner who were han deliberately steer towards it. fitting in a window immeliately As thrashing separates the corn | underneath, noticing Pat answer from the chaff, so does affection dutifully to every whistle from the mason, thought of playing a trick on him by imitating the whis: their mind, should sometimes try to hodful of lime when there was n and thus brought him up with room for it. The mason told P. Politeness is not always a sign that he had not whistled, so lihaving occurred for the third time would watch to hear where the whistle came from. He had not

waited long with the hod on his shoulder when he heard the identi-In prosperity it is the easiest of cal whistle directly underneath he saw the head of the joiner protruding out of the window without Ask yourself before speaking more ado emptied the hod right evil of any man : First-Is it right? over the whistler's head. The Second-Is it kind? Third-Is it joiner yelled and spluttered while attempting to clear himself from the adhesive mass, and in the midst of his confusion heard Pat above suonting at the top of his voice, "whistle when you want more mortar !"

Dr. Hershell's Weather Table The following weather table, proposed by the renowned Dr Hershell, is seldom found to fail. | Farmers will find it valuable:

If the moon changes at 12 o'clock noon, the weather immediately afterward will be very hot if in summer, and there will be snow and

Between 4 and 6 o'clock p.m. : fair in both summer and winter. Between 6 and 10 p.m. : in summer fair, if the wind is northwest; rainy if south or southwest; in winter fair and frosty, if the wind is north or northwest; rainy if

south or southwest: Between 10 and 12 p.m. : fair in summer; frosty in winter. Between 12 at night and 2 clock a.m. : fair in summer and frosty in winter, unless the wind is from the south or southwest. Between 2 and 4 a.m. : cold and

Between IO and 12 a.m. : showery in summer, and cold and windy-

Excellent Interest Rules. Finding the interest on principal for any number of days. Four per cent .- Multiply the

number of days and divide liv. 45.

Nine per cent.-Multiply by number of days; separate right hand figure and divide by & Ten per cent .- Multiply number of days, and divide by 36 Twelve per cent.-Multiply by number of days, separate right hand figure and divide by 3.

Fifteen per cent .- Multiply by

number of days and divide by 24. Eighteen per cent .- Multiply by number of days; separate | right hand figure and divide by 2. Twenty per cent. Multiply by number of days and divide by 18. Twenty-four per cent: - Multiply

It Would Remind Him: At a party on West Hill the other evenng a number of young men presented one of the party who was very obnoxious to them, with a

by number of days and divide by

large tin juckass; with un affirojai-Mamma-" What is the baby mean man got the drop on them by crying for, Maggie !" | Maggie - "I | accepting it gracefully, saying that know." Mamina-" And the would always keep it, and never carrying out any scheme upon sunset gun at New York, asked a about ?" Maggie-"That nasty dog's looked at it, it could not fail to resailor: "What is that?" "Why, | been and took and eaten my mind him of the doners. And

had ever been breathed, so far as I is successful, there shall be no hard "Paley, your chance is small," that's sunset!" was the reply. 'punge cake." Mamma-"Why, I then somehow or other, it seemed was aware. At the store in feelings on the part of the other." said he, candidly, after we had "Sunset!" said Pat. "And does saw you eating a spunge cake a to the young men that the present-

After all