"I'm goin' to die," says the Widder "I'm goin' to quit this airthly scene It ain't no place for me to stay, In such a place as't is to-day,

Such works and ways is too much for ! Nobody can let nobody be. The girls is flounced from top to toe, And that e the hull o' what they know The men is mad on bonds and stocks;

Swearin' an' shootin' and pickin' locks. I'm real afraid I'll be hanged myself, Ef I ain't laid on my final shelf. There ain't a cretur but knows to-day, I never was lunatic any way, But since crary folks all go free,

I'm dreadful afraid they'll hang up me There's another thing that's pesky hard, I can't go into a neighbor's yard To say 'How be you?' or borry a pin, But what the paper'll have it in : We're pleased to say the Widder

Took dinner on Tuesday with Mrs. Or, 'Our worthy friend Mrs. Greene's

Down to Barkhamstead to see her son Great Jerusalem! can't l stir Without a-raisin' some feller's fur ! There sin't no privacy, so to say, No more than if this was Judgment Day. And as for meetin'-1 want to swear Every time I put my head in there; Why, even 'Old Hundred' 's spiled

Like everything else under the sun; It used to be so solomn and slow, Praise to the Lord from men below, Now it goes like a gallopin steer, High diddle diddle! there and here. No respect to the Lord above No more'n ef He was hand and glovo With all the creturs He ever made, And all the jigs that ever was played. Preachin' too-but here I'm dunib-But I'tell you what I I'd like it some If good old Parson Nathan Strong Out 5' his grave would come along, An' give us a stirrin' taste o' fire— Judgment an' justice is my desire. 'Tain't all love an' sickish sweet

That makes this world or t'other con But law! I'm old! I'd better be dead When the world's a turnin' over my

Sperits talkin' like tarnal fools, Bibles kicked out o' deestrict schools, Crazy creture a-murderin' round-Honest folks better be under the ground. So fare-ye-well! this airthly seene ! No more'll be pestered by Widder

How She was Cured.

"Ida," said Mrs. Harland, one morning, "I wish you would give putting up both hands. up that very unladylike habit you "Well, then, I won't," he rehave of using slang phrases. Such expressions as 'You bet,' and 'Not by a jug full,' sound vulgar when used by young men, but when a lady condescends to use such expressions as 'You bet,' and 'Not have had a good lesson, and we will all resume our company manners. We will let the whole matter drop now, and not even refer to it again." lady condescends to use such ex pressions they are positively re- lesson Lia was completely cured,

"Why, mamma," and pretty, -Fergus wishes to be incorpor black eyed Ida looked up with a sted as a town. Its population is mischievous smile, "it is becoming over 2,000. quite the fashion. Everybody-I mean all the girls-use them now B-days."

"Not everybody, Ida," replied Mrs. Harland; "not those who are refined and sensitive, among ing a temperance crusade in the either young or old. I think I have often been in the company of slang was spoken. Consider for a (a girl from a hotel. moment, my dear, how coarse and vulgar it, would seem if your paper and myself if our usual habit was to talk after the fashion."

"I don't know," laughed Ida, "it would be so comical-rather jolly, ly been killed near Norwood, East I fancy. Odd, too! I just wish Riding of Peterborough. you would: Then we would be a fraternity of slang, wouldn't we? ing the Russians; in Canada the But there's the clock—always on farmers are fighting the potato bugs. Good morning, mainma, I must absquatulate," and she laughed mer-

Ida was her only daughter, and it forgotten to sweeten. pained her to feel that she was under the influence of coarse com- feel meaner than when he finds paniouship. "Alas for the school- himself in the vicinity of an icegirls of the present day !" she mur- cream saloon, with his girl, and mured. "What will the future money in "his other pants' pocket." bring ?"

When Mr. Harland came home conference, and held a long and interesting conversation, that seemed | the Uncle Tom of her novel, which to result in satisfaction and some is not a description of any one she fun, for he laughed heartily, and he declared he would see what he could her own imagination. do, for it was worth trying. Ida's brothers were also let into the se- man in Quincy, Ill., to be married, cret, and they, too, declared that it got him to take \$3 out of a counwas a grand ides, and might cure terfeit \$20 bill for his fee, and then

ran into the sitting-room, as usual, to see the bride remove her dress for a kiss, when she was greeted in an alley and come forth a young by her mother with the exclama- man.

"Hello, pard! You home again?, SUBSCRIBE astonishment; then she answered

'SYes, mamma, 'right side up with care, as they say on the china

"Oh; cheese it! I don't chew any, gum but once," replied her mother, restraining herself by a violent effort, though she could hardly keep a grave face at Ida's

surprise. "Nor I either," Ida responded, with a light and rather constrained laugh, and went to the piano to

practice a new song, " I say, sis, shut that off !" cried her father, who had entered the room, "we'll excuse the squalling

"What waltz shall I play?" queried Ida, with another faint

"I say, hasn't this been a jolly day?" exclaimed her brother Ned. " Hunkadory !" Sam respondedwhom no one dared to take a liberty. Only \$1 a Year Did Lis's ears serve her right, or was home really getting "topsy-turvey" in her own favorite lan-

"Bet your life," added Ned, cooly. " 3ay, sis, how are you at [school-

"Yes, at the top," retorted Ida, no longer laughing, but just a little "Bet your sweet life you'll fall

soon, then," was the courteous an "Well, it won't be your fall, will

it?" and Ida bit her lip. " Papa," said Ida, after an almost silent dinner, for, some way, the slang seemed out of place there. " May I take lessons of Miss Parker, the new teacher? She's awful sweet, and the girls are all going wild over

"Are they? Then I suppose she what you would call bully, ch' Do you think she really knows her biz? If she don't, you see, 1'd rather you wouldn't have any truck with You see it isn't every mosy that sets herself up who makes the best sort of teacher, and that kind of thing is gauzy and gotting played

"She isn't played out," retorted lda, with spirit: "It you could hear her play you wouldn't think so." "Undoubtedly you think so, my lovely cherub," her father said with

a grave face; "but most teachers don't pan out worth a cent." "If this Miss Parker is some "pump pieces, you have my consent to skip round the corner and begin to take a term of lessons from the fair damsel. Boys, dry up and stop your racket I You've got more cheek than a government mule. Don't give me any of your lip," he added, as Charley attempted an answer, "or you may get a moss agate over your orb

of vision, and a--" "Papa! papa!" exclaimed Ida, "Oh, pray-pray stop! It is hideous! I know why you are doing it. I'd

"My dear," said her mother," we have only been showing you yourself "I know it," sobbed Ida, "and am cured. I never dreamed at

sounded so horrible, and I ask everybody's pardon for offending their ears. But papa," and she half smil-"I never talked as you did. Why, where did you learn so much slang?"

"I am sorry to say that I hear it rom day to day among my clerks," was the r-ply, "and I have been almost tempted to fine them. But when I heard my daughter-"

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