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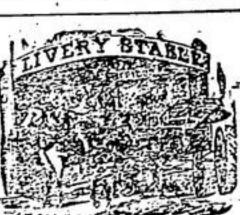
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Were staved. I laid aside my pen, Forgot my theme, and listened-then tole softly to the library door.

No sight! no sound !- a moment's freak Of fancy thrilled my pulses through ;

Surprised by sleep, caught in the act, The rosy vandal who had sacked His little town, and thought it play.

The inkstand's purple pool of gore The chessmen scattered near and far. Strewn leaves of albums lightly presso

This son and heir was seized-possussed Yet all in vain, for sleep had caught The hand that reached, the feet that

And fallen in that embuscade The victim was himself o'crwrought.

Still testified his deep disgrace I stooped and kissed the inky face, ith its demure and calm outlook.

Then back I stole, and half beguiled My guilt, in trust that when my

Should come, there might be one

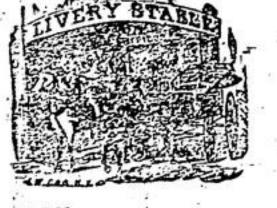
who'd keep An equal mercy for his child.

to Mary Grey? ch, Morris?"

Clary's bright brown eyes almost night, dear Morris, good night." always such a fancy for Barney seizing a shillelah of stout oak, upon her with a loving but mourn- | she exclaimed to a pair of fat, red-

mium at the outset; equivalent to a God alone knows how I love you," ness? Ten cuts to the dozen-whypany in the world, having written better stock to his share than employment this blessed night, bothe 436,000 policies and paid in actual mine; yet I don't pretend to dethan kicking the turf ashes in the get." cash benefits to accident policy serve ye, for all that; only I can't cat's face! Oh! ye'll be mate for holders alone over \$2,565,000. An help saying, that when we love the ravens yet, that's one comfort medical examination required. Get dict me, Norry, because ye've as to her husband, who sat quietly in snipes on the table, "what's come

to be a good-for-"



akes pleasure in announcing to the

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han that, he was the beau, the

Magnus Appollo of the parish ;-a

fine-looking fellow, that all the

wonder, then, where fighting was

family in the district.

"Ye'r a pair of lazy hussies!

armed stockingless handmaids

ous and don't laugh." And little footsteps on the floor credited in the good barony of good of her." Bargy, that Morris Donovan really

"If-no"-and yet that fancy drew father's blood from heart and check. And then-I found him! There he lay,

A match still smouldering

This wicked "Baby of the Woods In fact of half the household goods

Yhat though torn leaves and tattored

THE WISE THOUGHT.

BY MRS. S. C. HALL. "We may as well give it up, Morris Dononvan; look, 'twould be as easy to twist the top off the great hill of Howth, as to make father and mother agree about any one thing. They've been playing the rule of contrary, these twenty years; and it's not likely they'll take a turn now.

"It's mighty hard, so it is," replied handsome Morris, that mar-Norah, durlint! that wouldn't be example of love and-

laughing "Morris, Morris, we've Morris," replied the little maid, ed the more delicate repast which The bride, of course, looked levely quarrelled a score o' times already, at last, after a long pause. "I've the farmer's wife was herself pre- and sheepish, and the bridegroom and to my thinking a bit of a got a wise thought in my head for paring.

touched her low, but delicately The lass sprang lightly over the Leary kilt them himself." penciled brows, as she looked fence into her own garden, leaving "So I did," said Barney, grin- shouting, "Carry me out !- By the archly up at her lover; her lip her love perdu on the other side, curling with a helf playful, half- without possessing an idea of what of Morris Donovan's, the finist too, seemed vastly to enjoy this expower is everything. malicious smile; but the glance her "wise thought" might was soon withdrawn, and the When she entered the kitchen maiden's cheek glowed with a deep matters were going on as usualand eloquent blush, when the her mother bustling in glorious young man passed his arm around style, and as cross (her husband her waist, and pushing the cluster- muttered) as a bag of weasels. ing curls from her forehead, gazed

"Leave joking, now, Norry; d'ye think I can keep ye in idlehe said, in a deep voice, and broken that wouldn't keep ye in praties, with emotion. I'm ye'r equal us let alone salt-and such illigant far as money goes, and no young flax, too! Barney Leary, ye dirty Clary; "he's not to my liking any. farmer in the country can till a ne'er-do-good, can ye find no better better stock to his share than employment this blessed night, good as owned it over and over the corner, smoking his dhudeen, again); and ye'r father agreeable, "it's well ye've got-a wife who and all, to think that ye'r mother, knows what's what! God help me, just out of devilment, should be I've little the good of a husband putting betwire us, for no other barring the name! Are you sure reason upon earth, only to spite | Black Nell's in the stable?" her lawful husband, is what sets spouse nodded.) "The cow and me mad entirely, and shows her the calf, had they fresh straw ?"

"Stop, Mister Morris," exclaim- man alive can't ye use ye'r tongue, his mouth so effectually as to pre- tinued the lady. vent a sound escaping; it's my "My dear," he replied, "sure mother ye'r talking of, and it one like you has talk enough for would be ill blood, as well as ill- ten." bred, to hear a word said against This just observation was, like an own parent. Is that the pat- most truths, so disagreeable, that tern of ye'r manners, sir, or did ye severe storm would have followed ever hear me turn my tongue had not Norah stepped up to her

against any one belonging to you?" father and whispered in his ear, "I ax yer pardon, my own "I don't think the stable door is Norsh," he replied meekly, as in fastened." Mrs. Clary caught the duty bound; " for the sake of the sound, and in no very gentle terms lamb we spare the sheep. Why ordered her husband to attend not; and I'm not going to gainsay the comforts of Black Nell.

Morris, and God bless ye; they'll | closed the door.

wake or pattern, I've been true to Morris Donovan." We have grown together, "Yes, darling, and about your- attempted to assist her mother, but TOB PRINTING of allkinds and since ye were the height of a self, my sweet Norry." resa bud, we have been dearer to | "Did ye speak to mother about the style of an eagle raising a gold neatly and promptly executed at the me than anything on earth. Do, it?" hearts' love, do think if there's no all day. Sure I go through a deal fresh hostilities. Mrs. Clary storm- frosted cake because she thought it increase your chances of life pro- it be just as proper to stickway to win ye'r mother over. If for peace and quietness. If I was led and stamped, and Mr. Clary might give her a cold.

ON A NAUGHTY LITTLE HOY SLEEP- | yo'd take me without her leave, | like other men, and got drunk and | persisted, not only in abusing Morsure it's nothing I'd care for the wasted, it might be in reason .- ris, but Morris's uncle, until at last loss o' thousands, let alone what But that's neither here nor there. the farmer's helpmate swore, aye, ye've got. Dearest North, think, As to Morris, she was very fond of and roundly, too, by cross and old age. since ye'll do nothing without her the boy, till she found that I liked saint, that before the next sunset, consent, do think for once be seri- aim, and then, my dear, she turned North Clary should be North

> "Father, dear father," said No- the keyhole ;-it sparkled more possessed an honest, sincere and rah, "suppose you were to say brightly than the richest gem in affectionate heart-brave as a lion nothing about it good or bad, and our monarch's crown, for it was and gentle as a dove. He was, just pretend to take a sudden dis- filled with hope and love. moreover, the priest's nephew, - like to Morris, and let the priest | The next morning was clear and

"Out of opposition to me, eh!" "And let her gain the day, then ! glazed herbage crackled like feath- everywhere the same, because it -that would be cowardly," replied ery grass. The mountain rill mur- comes from God. irls (from the housekeeper's lovely

ing, and the poor sheep, in their to little deaf Bess Mortican, the "No, I won't!" lame dressmaker) were regularly "Father, dear father," said the warm fleeces, gazed mournfully and desperately in love with; still, cunning lass, "you don't under over the landscape, beautiful as it must confess (perfection certainly stand me. -Sure, ye're for Morris; was in the healthy morning light, was never found in man). Morris and when we are—that is, if—I for neither on hill nor dale could was at times a little—the least bit mean—suppose—father—you know | they discover a mouthful of grass. | time; her greatest enemy is prein the world-stupid ;-not exactly what I mean," she continued, and The chill December breeze rushed judice; and her constant companstupid either, but slow of invention | luckily the deepening twilight con- unheeded over the glowing checks | ion is humility. -would fight his way out of a cealed her blushes, -" if that took of North Clary, for her "wise

get peaceably out of one. No own way." "True for ye. Norry, my girl, where, "by chance," either morn- vent twenty more to maintain one. out of the question, he was puzzled, true for ye; I never thought of ing or evening; she generally met and looked to the ready wit of the that before." And, pleased with Morris Donoyan. I don't know he loved the fairy creature—the "But stay awhile—asy, asy," he comes very uninteresting except to manners by way of exercising their husband for money to buy a dolsweetest, gayest of all Irish girls; recommenced; "how am I to man- the parties concerned. So it is wits. -light of heart, light of eye, - age? Sure the priest himself will now only left to me to say, that the

Mr. and Mrs. Clary were con- animated girl, "only pluck up a wings of love (which, I beg my exhaling sweet odors; but without plot of praties, a big, and a one- name is mentioned, abuse him; but and stronger in Ireland than in any ashes. roomed cabin. No such things; not with all ye'r heart, only from other country) to apprise the priest

of bright meadow land, and their comfortable, though somewhat boiled potatoes sent a warm ourl- and niece that was to be (to say and faces are but a gallery of slovenly farmyard told of abund- ing steam to the very rafter of the nothing of the wedding supper, and pictures; and talk but a tinkling of the Province of Manitoba, 185,ance and to spare. North was lofty kitchen; they were poured the profits arising therefrom,) too cymbal, where there is no love. ried people can't draw together. their only child; and had it not out in a large wicker dish, and on well, not to aid their merry jest. been for their most ungentle tem- the top of the pile rested a plate of What bustle, what preparation perament, they would have been coarse white salt; noggins of but- what feasting, what dancing, gave we'd be in heart and soul, and an the happiest, as well as the richest ter milk were filled on the dresser, the country folks enough to talk and on a small table a cloth was about, during the happy Christmas "I'm not going to laugh, spread, and some delf plates await- holidays, I cannot now describe.

Shall I talk about the merry jig I you say, spoke to father to speak inquired Norah, as she drew her Donovan had concluded the cere- used by the pearl divers, which southwest to the Cypress Hills, danced with Phil Kennedy, or re- to mother about. I wonder (and wheel towards her, and employed mony, before the brillal kiss had enable them to reach the prize and 75,700 square miles. Tresty No. peat what mark Doolen said of me he a priest) that he hadn't more her fairy foot in whirling it round passed, Farmer Clary, without any to rise enriched. sense. Sure mother was the man; The long black lashes of Norah but I've got a wise thought-Good "bits o' bog chickens, that you've most indecorously sprang up, and

> thing in the world for knocking temporaneous effusion, and even power is everything. 'em down." "If Morris Donovan's stick touched them, they shant come

only it, but Mrs. Clary jump. "And why so, pray," asked the "Because nothing belonging to

" Excellent !" thought Norah. "Lord saye us!" ejaculated Mrs. each other (now don't go to contra- Juck Clary!" addressing herself Clary, as she placed the grilled to the man !" Without heeding tor's and get married, "just for a his resolution, she was proceeding loke." She finally agreed to do to distribute the savory "birdeens," when to her astonishment, her usu- eighteen years old, and; proceeding ally tame husband threw the dish to the house of a Congregational and its contents into the flames; clergyman, they were married, Lutz the good woman absolutely stood who is 19 years old, swearing that for a moment aghast. The calus, he was 24. As soon as the cerehowever, was not of long duration. mony was over, the girl returned (another nod.)-" Bad coss to ve. She soon rallied, and with blazing home. When the father got wind ed Norah, having her hand upon and answer a civil question?" con- face, and fiery tongue, thus com- of the performance, he obtained menced hostilities :

and his two friends for conspiracy, "How dare ye, ye spalpeen, throw away any of God's mate after | subornation of perjury and abducthat fashion, and I to the fore !- | tion, and they were bound over in |

What do ye mane, I say?" "I mane that nothing touched y Morris Danovan shall come under this roof, and if I catch a gir. of mine looking, at the same time, at the road he -walks on, by the powers I'll tear the eyes out of her

leay that to my face, to a chill go with father myself, and see," | mine. - Ye will -will ye !- we'll "The least said's the sooner said North. "That's like my own | see, my boy! I tell ye what, if I again interrupted the child, always careful," observed the like, Morris Donovan shall come "Good even, mether, as father and daughter into this house, and, what's more, be master of this house; and that's be after missing me within, and "Dear father," began Norah, what you never had the heart to be it's little mother thinks where I "it isnt alfogether about the stable yet, ye poor guld smail." So say-I wanted ye-but-but-the priest ing, Mistress Clary endeavored to "North, above all the girls at said something to yo to-day about rescue from the fire the hissing reen wren, fairly put her out of the

like sour milk all in a minute. I'm Donovan. I wish you could have It is a fact equally known and afraid even the priest 'll get no seen Norry's eyes dancing with joy and exultation, as it peeped through

the bride laughed outright. Wheth-

or no. I never heard; but of this

I am certain, that the joyous North

Marrying for a Joke

Beguiling a young girl into mar-

riage has got three young Germans

perous saloon keeper, has a daugh-

eager to marry. So he, with two

friends, Greiner and Diertoill, en-

ticed her away with him one day

and induced her to go to a minis-

this, and also to swear that she was

but the girl repudiates it entirely

and the general belief is that Lutz's

design was to get hold of some of

Faith and Hope.

George Hart's money.

wise thought."

understood Latin as well as the speak to her himself, she'd come frosty. Long, slender icicles hung from the branches of the wild hawpriest himself; and better even round." thorn and holly, and even under

English niece at Lord Gort's down the farmer, drawing himself up- mured under a frosty bound cover-

thousand scrapes, but could never place, it's you that would have your | thought" had prospered, and she sible how great a task he under-

now weeping like a child over a be here to-morrow morning early, maiden, after a due and proper dead chicken or a plundered nest, and he's out upon a station now; time in toasing and tantalizing her ship; jealousy is a seed sown but I'll die in a year if I wear one. then dancing on the top of a hay so there's no speaking with him, intended, (a practice, by the way, rack to the music of her own cheer- be's no way quick either-we'll be which I strongly recommend as the because apt to deceive. ing voice; now coaxing her terms | bothered entirely if he comes in on | best mode of finding out the temgant mother, and anon comforting a suddint." her hen-pecked father. Do not let - "Leave it to me dear father- him her saucy plan and it's result. my respected readers imagine that leave it all to me," exclaimed the And the lover hastened upon the with sunshine and warm hues, and

they rented a hundred good acres the teeth out."

What's for supper, mother? ways interesting. When Father yet they are often like the stones extending from Lake Winnipegesis "Plaguy snipeens," she replied, reason that his wife could discover,

here," said the farmer striking the poor little table such a blow with his clenched hand, as made not

Morris, let alone Morris himself, of Newark N. J., into a very awkshall come into the house," replied ward scrape. George Hart, a proshow, and there's no good in his ter, Lizzie, 15 years old, and not bothering here after what he won't over bright or handsome, whom Charles Lutz for some reason was

"You will ?" and you dare to

beautiful, and veryjoften mistaken, each for the other. Yet there is a clear difference. While hope expects, faith inspects; while hope is like Mary, looking upward, faith is like Martha looking ATward; the eye of hope is bright, and the eye of faith is strong; hope trembles in expectation, faith is quiet in posmains of the poor snipes. North sesion; hope leaps out toward what will be, faith holds on to what is; Clary lifting her up somewhat after hope idealizes, faith realizes.

Gems of Thought. The follies of youth become the vices of manhood and disgrace of

Learn not to judge too reshly of any one, either in respect to good

or evil, for both are dangerous. With men of small understanding, the things they do not understand make the deepest impression. The excesses of our youth are drafts upon our old age, payable

with interest, about thirty years All sects are different, because the light footstep of Norah, the they come from men; morality

> To be covetous of applause discovers a slender merit, and selfconceit is the ordinary attendant

> The greatest friend of truth is

was hastening to the trysting tree | takes; for he must be forced to in-Many judge rashly only for the angrily upon the floor. merry North for assistance. It the idea of tricking his wife, the how it is, but as soon as the course pleasure they take to discourse, and here I have only been married was not very extraordinary that old man fairly capered for joy. of true love runs smooth, it be- make conjectures of other men's three weeks, and, when I ask my

To doubt is an injury; to sus-

pect a friend is a breach of friendin vicious minds : prone to distrast. With love the heart becomes a per, etc., of the guntleman,) told fair and fertile garden, glowing

temptible bog trotters, with only a little spirit, and whenever Morris's readers to understand, are swifter it, it is a bleak desert covered with Little do men perceive what land representing the enormous of the arrangement, well knowing solitude is, and how far it extend- amount of 457,500 square miles, When they re-entered, the fresh- that his reverence loved his nephew eth. For a crowd is not company; By Treaty No. 1, effected August,

> Grief never sleeps; it watches All the world groans under its sway, and it fears that, by sleeping, and its prey then escape.

Nothing really succeeds which is not based on reality; sham, in a large sense, is never successful; in effected 1876, territory traversed whirled it rapidly over his head, the life of the individual, as in the

er the good wife discovered the plot it comes almost as unexpectedly on tween the Cypress Hills and the the speaker as the hearer. One of Rocky Mountains, and extending the first principles of it is good northerly from the international never had reason to repent her | temper. The arrows of wit ought | boundary to the southern boundary

always be feathered with smiles; of Treaty No. 6, 152,000 square when they fail in that they become miles. SAGACITY OF WILD GEESE.—The

stantly passing over towns are fre- in the house. Some housekeepers quently shot at, but they generally prefer it to cloth for cleaning many fly at too high an altitude to be articles of furniture. For instance, reached by the leaden missiles, a volume written by a lady who Sometimes, however, the shot prided herself on her experience takes effect. The other day seve- and tuct, says : " after a stove has flying southward, when the report looking very well for a long time of a gun was heard, and they ob- by rubbing it with paper every served one of the geese begin to morning. Rubbing it with paper fall slowly, The others, perceiv- is a much nicer way of keeping ing that their comrade was wound- the outside of a tea-kettle, coffee ed, attered shrill cries of distress, pot and tea pot bright and clean and about a dozen of them flew than the old way of washing them under the wounded bird, huddling in suds. Rubbing with paper is together so that their backs formed also the best way of polishing a sort of bed upon which the knives, tinware, and spoons; they wounded one rested. They buoyed | shine like new silver. For polish it up for some time, the others ing mirrors, windows, lamp chim meantime looking on and manifest neps, &c., paper is better than dry ing their concern by uttering loud, | cloth. | Preserves and pickles keep warrants against the bridegroom. their companion was unable any stead of cloth, is tied over the jar. flight, they abandoned him to his if a piece of writing paper, cut to \$1,000 apiece. Lutz pretends that fate, and he fell to the earth, and fitthe can, is laid directly in the it was a love match on both sides,

CURIOUS EPPTAPH. -The following commeniorates the sturdy fel- minute, and the remedy is simply low who kept the turnpike to alum and sugar. The way to ac-Worcester, and demanded toll of complish the deed is to take a knife They are twin sisters and hardly George III., when his majesty was or grater and shave off in particles to be known apart; both alike going on a visit to Bishop Hurd :. On Wednesday last old Robert Sleath

To him would Death no toll abate. Who stopped the King at Worster

Poison.-How many of our in abitants are drinking water full of poison, and breathing an atmosphere of death in their homes, for want of proper ventilation; clean.)

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ing to a dolman, she drew a sales:

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one," indignantly replied the sales-The meek-looking young woman olored up, and then asked : "And is it true that a woman

who wears one isn't thought much "No," snapped the saleslady. "And does every woman who wears one get sick and die in less than a year?" continued the meck-

looking young woman. "No, of course not," was the quick reply. Then the meek-looking woman put her bandkerchief to her eyes and commenced weeping, and between her sobs she olurted out such

expressions as "O the villain! O

"Why, what's the matter, " Matter!" responded the weeping woman, stamping her foot man, he tells me that they are only fit for humpbacked women; that And now I see he lied to me to keep me from buying one. Isn't that matter enough ?'-Detroit

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-but pshaw! bridegrooms are al- like a stone hung around our neck, No. 2, south of Saskatchewan, and bracing territory generally surrounding Lake Winnipeg, 102,009 more comprehensive life of the by the main Saskatchewan extend-Wit is not the produce of study; | month, embracing the country be-

Save the Old Paper. Never throw away old paper. If large flocks of geese which are con- you have no wish to sell it, use it persons were watching a flock | been blackened, it can be kept discordant shricks. Finding that much better if brown paper, inlonger to accompany them in their Canned fruit is not so apt to mould

into the arms of an expectant fruit. HARD ON DOCTORS .- Cut this out : Croup can be cured in one about a teaspoonful of alum, then mix-it with twice its quantity of Passed through the turnpike gate of sugar, to make it palatable, and administer it as quickly as possible Almost instantaneous relief fol-

> An old bachelor explains the courage of the Turks by sayingthat a man with more than one wife ought to be willing to face

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