## **POOR DOCUMENT**

POETRY.

THE HORSE-SHOE CHARM. BY ANNA C. STARBUCK. They hung a gay horse-shoe up overhead to the early morn when they were wed.

What power had the blossoms to alter fate

God's pity hangs over the flowers we pluch

For the birdegroom's heart brought the bride What use, what use of the horse-shoe charm? SELECT STORY

Colonel Chichester's Choice.

debts paid to the last farthing\_which I in which two fragile children were tract factories, as they would prove most Syringa Lodge was a large,old-fashioned. syring Lodge was a large, old tashioned, debts plat to the last latting\_which I in which I two large children where I in which I two large children where I in which I two large children where I in the neighborhood of trust in a few months will be the case\_ watched over by a tender, unvealed to lock up large tracts of lands. It also the opening words of which held the breath. London, with mullioned windows and then perhaps I may consider the desira-London, with mullioned windows and then perhaps I may consider the desira-nurse, whose kind, thoughtful eyes and asked the Government to discontinue such a less attention of the whole House. He said : gabled roof, that after standing empty bility of increasing the domestic estab- ministering hands seemed far more beaugabled roof, that after standing empty for a long time, procured a tenant in the person of Miss Martha Horsewill, the hast Martha's care and devotion hast assessed at a more beau sisters." daughter of a naval officer, at whose de. sisters."

apron ?"

cease she, with her three young sisters, "You dear, good old Martha, to take were successfully brought to a close, and lands he would say that parties had got a entered, and speedily transformed it into care of the family honor, and we three the small invalids were pronounced con- block of land selected by their own surveyor leries, which were not overcrowded, broke a private boarding-house. Although four giddy girls into the bargain! Please but- valescent. The Colonel's splendid man- situated in smaller lots here and there on the years had bareiy elapsed since its estab-ton my gloye before you seek the society sion, which had long been in the hands of best hemlock bark lands of the County of lishment, Syringa Lodge already owned a of the irons. There are the first strains decoraters and upholsterers, was announchigh reputation, and was regarded as no of the 'Blue Danube.' I must hasten, or ed to be complete in all its appointments. other than a delightful home by the I shall lose my waltz with Captaiu Seton." but still he stayed on at Syringa Lodge, numerous guests that crowded round its A hurried step across the room, then a and one morning, for the second time more measured one, both alike vanishing since his arrival, invaded Martha's strongwell-appointed board.

Like the majority of half-pay officers, in the distance, and the Colonel awoke to hold, the kitchen. Her back was towards naval or military, Captain Horsewill, after the fact that he had been betrayed into him as he entered, and he noted the John. rearing his daughters in every comfort, playing the ignoble part of eavesdropper; graceful poise of the well-shaped head. had left nothing behind him save debts, but so engrossed had he become by the dia- and the rich masses of auburn hair, amidst which the sale of his household effects logue he unwittingly intercepted, that whose luxuriance no silver threads could had failed to entirely clear. He had only at its conclusion did he become be discerned. been twice a widower, and Martha, the aware of it. "The dear boys?"

"Well, dear, the new laundress is so from a longer sojourn than is usual in the

"How thoughtful of you! I was afraid find time to nurse two dear motherless House of Assembly. my dilapidated condition was beyond boys," she broke in with decision, "Send remedy. Are you still busy, Martha, for them, and leave all the rest to me." that you are wearing your working. The Colonel's fears proved only too well founded, and when his boys, delicate

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inexperienced, that I hardly care to enervating climate of India, arrived at trust her with the Colonel's linen; and Syringa Lodge, they were pronounced to would demand it. He spoke of the disasmake a slave of yourself for him? he will were amongst its most striking ornaments. hemlock log, and spruce and cedar as well, in the midst of many a brilliant scene, lumber lands of the Province.

"A noble heart is often hidden beneath through the perfume of rare exotics, Mr. Sayre read a petition from a large nummake his sojourn here a pleasant one, I ripples of silvery laughter, mingling with they heard with alarm of the intention of the progress was reported. shall feel amply rewarded, and when poor papa's memory is cleared, and his rise before him a vision of a far-off room, encourage the establishment of hemlock ex- day morning.

At last Martha's care and devotion ment that the Government was not selling way station, but escaped unhurt. into loud applause. much more advantage to the people to re- the House called for an expression of opinion. serve their lands and not sell them at all. Mr Marshall introduced a bill to aid in the maintenance of a salvage corps in the City second it. of St. John, and presented the usual petition for the same from the City Council of St.

> The House then went into committee on nial Secretary at London the following: Mr Gillespie's bill to prevent the sale of

Mr Hanington said he could not see that | from Attorneys and from the Clerks of the the hon leader of the Opposition even had an Circuits. In 1881 I received from Attorneys opinion of his own on the subject. He did \$1,439.75 and from Clerks of Circuits \$252.63. not say he was in favor of the bill; he says There was also a balance of \$27.33 from last he is in favor of any measure that will best year, making the total receipts for the year serve the interests of the Province. This \$1,719.71. I have a copy of the statement was a good policy, but the hon gentleman furnished by me to the Receiver General. had hedged on the bill. He said that at the (Witness produces it). I paid to the Receiver rate things had been going it would take 600 General in cash \$1,100. (Hon Mr Hanningas the dance to night involves the work be sickening for illness, and carried off in trous effects upon climate and soil produced years to sell all the public lands; that as a ton here interposed and asked if this was all

of clearing away traces of its disorder on the morrow, I am about to employ the bour on two at my dimensional in impinent. The London season was at its height, by forests being cut away, and of the value of the hemlock lands of New Brunswick. He hour or two at my disposal in ironing." and Colonel Chichester's fine martial drew also the attention of the Government argved against it on the ground that im- interfere, and a warm discussion ensued in "That proud, disagreeable man! Why form and handsome bronzed features and the House to the prospective value of the mense tracts of hemlock and other woods which Mr Hanington claimed he was there were yearly destroyed by the forest fires which by right as representing the Government, hemick a slave of yourself for him? he will never know of and thank you for it; besides, I am sure you could afford another servant by this time." hemick log, and spruce and cedar as well, and said that a time would come when every tree would have a large cash value; so the fovernment would do well to look after the fovernment would do well to look after the hemick log, and spruce and cedar as well, and said that a time would come when every tree would have a large cash value; so the fovernment would do well to look after the hemick log, and spruce and cedar as well, and said that a time would come when every tree would have a large cash value; so the fovernment would do well to look after the her do the forest fires which whose conduct was impugned. Mr Davidson and Mr Lynott supported this view, which was combatted by Mr Blair and Mr Willis, leader of the Opposition were impractical. the chairman. Both the last-named gentle-Mr. McManus again addressed the House, men said that they were willing that Mr. a cold exterior, Nellie. If I can only through the blaze of countless lights, the ber of people in Kent County, stating that made a few remarks on the bill, after which Hanington should appear on behalf of the Government, but were unwilling that his

House adjourned until 10 o' clock on Thurs- claim to be there of right should be admitted. It was finally agreed that Mr Hanington should represent the Government.

THURSDAY, March 2. Mr Carman resumed : The balance of the Mr. Speaker here made an announcement, sum received by me over the \$1,100 is made I am sure the House will hear with regret omitted in the account of that year, \$140; There was a moment's pause, and the gal-Cropley, printing and stationery, \$40.33; extra clerk hire, \$200. These sums make amount paid \$1,762.55, leaving a balance Hon Attorney General said he thought the due the Clerk of \$32.81. I cannot explain information that had just been conveyed to the item of extra Clerk hire. It was paid by order of the Government. I cannot say for Mr. Blair said if the Government would submit a resolution he would be happy to Mr Bliss, a Clerk in the office, and also what service it was paid. It was paid to Clerk of the House of Assembly. I cannot During the debate on Mr. Savre's bill, Hon During the debate on Mr. Sayre's bill, Hon Attorney General moved, seconded by Mr for to the committee or myself. I should Blair, that Mr. Speaker forward to the Coloprefer the Government to give its own explanation

"The House of Assembly of New Brunswick The House of Assembly of New Brunswick Crown or other Public lands except for actual settlement, Mr Black in the chair. Mr. Gillespie said he thought the bill ex-plained itself and from the discussion that had just hen concluded its chiert was made on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, near Windsor Railway Station, desire through you to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty their profound thank-foffness for her providential escene "

uld of the first marriage, and senior by nearly twenty years of her three bitterly, "had it but been my lot to have sisters, found herself suddenly thrown on won and wooed a woman so unselfish and care," he exclaimed, interrupting her; produce a larger revenue, if reserved and and was received with loud applause. sigh he broke off, seemingly unable to speak. It is of myself. Soldiers are present way of proceeding. hundreds inherited from her mother. Possessed of no accomplishments, such a finish the half-formed sentence. position would have been simply appall- Pacing up and down in the moonlight, at their command. Martha, can you ac- bill. The Government were not selling

ing to most spinsters of eight-and-thirty, he, the glory-crowned warrior, the envied cept me as a lover?" but Martha was dauntless, and she in- possessor of a princely estate, sadly restantly embarked upon an enterprise. viewed his life-a life that, with all its with delight. outward success, had been embittered by which her entiring energy and marvellous administrative powers soon crowned a domestic tragedy that robbed it of inquiringly, turning her beaming eyes with success. While she alternately every happy retrospection. upon him, when he again broke in, imcooked, scoured and swept in the sacred At thirty-five he had fallen madly in patiently:

sanctum of the kitchen, Mary, Jessie, and love with a beautiful girl scarcely more "Are charming girls, but it is yourself. Nellie dressed, and sang and smiled in than half his age, and married her in the Martha, that I want for a wife !" the drawing-room, a division of labor the full belief that his passion was returned; To describe the effect of this annou inequality of which Martha's self-abnega but vain and frivolous to the last degree, ment would be simply impossible; but it needed but a few months of wedded at last her consternation and astonishtion failed to discover. The latest arrival at the Lodge was a life to convince him of her utter heart- ment found utterance :

distinguished one, Colonel Chichester, a lessness; nor did she pass through the "Colonel Chicester, are you mad or distinguished one, Colonel Chichester, a results, nor du she pas anough the pas anough the grants Act, 233,080, a total of 531,382 acres. Thus more had been given away under sanca long and brilliant campaign in India. its dissipation-unscathed.

where he won undying laurels, had retir. Returning from a six months' absence plain, old, and obscure as I am? It can- ment. This was up to the close of the last ed from active service and came home to on active service, he found his home de not be! What would the world say ?". England. The possessor of a vast estate serted and dishonored. His wife's un- """The world 'may think what it likes: I sold in 1880 than in any of the other six years. and a vast fortune, he was about to take happy death shortly after completed the am independent of its opinion!" exclaim- Under the Labor Act the land had been literhis place among the leading magnates of tragedy. Although its details reached ed the Colonel, kindling with ardour. ally given away. It had not been taken up his place among the leading magnates of the county; and it was in the interval of preparing and renovating the mansion for his reception that Syringa Lodge re love of a true and noble-hearted woman. much the same purpose, and yet his honorable the rest of an assembly, and carressed in Belgravian carressed carressed in Belgravian carressed ceived him as an honored inmate.

the brilliantly-lighted hall and drawing. circles, there lay at that moment on his I should madly crave to make her my cried out that the country was being robbed room were gay with guests. Dancing had escritoire coroneted requests for his soci- own ?" commenced, and the ripple of mirth and ety from noble entertainers, conveyed in Never did lover at the feet of beloved not be applied to the Messrs. Miller. laughter floated through the air, and woman's honied and flattering terms, and densite and fattering terms, and flattering terms, and mistress plead his cause with more hat said that there were many speculators hal said that coming in the humor for a soli-feeling more in the humor for a solimingled with the strains of the waltz.

role of Benedict.

ter's choice.

"Oh! Nellie and I were very well

tary stroll on the terrace in the moon- youngest and fairest for his bride; but far succeeded that Martha promised him with him in that. He then went on to justify tary stroll on the terrace in the moon-light than for the gay crowd within, he also knew that, however attractive a that she would think of it\_a promise that the action of the Government in a recent sale before we order any subpœna to issue, state in 1880, the gross amount of Attorneys Colonel Chichester quietly entered an soldier's laurels, in the matrimonial six months later, saw its fulfilment, when of hemlock bark lands to the Messrs Miller, to the committee what his charge is, what he fees was \$1,135.23, the fees from Clerk of ante-room that opened upon it, and was market a princely rent-roll was an even Colonel Arthur Vere Chichester-once in that it had raised the value of the lands or about to unfasten the window, when the greater attraction, and his past experi- more a happy bridegroom-led Martha rather fixed their true value. In concluding sound of voices in an adjoining apartment ence rendered him proof against bland- Horsewill, spinster, to the hymeneal altar. he thought that he had shown enough to ishments of lips and eyes, however sweet. Of the ultimate success of the union prove that the remarks of the mover of the arrested his attention.

a needle and thread. How are we all down the terrace and garden, cherishing them to exchange confidences, one o, law. enjoying ourselves ?"

"Very much indeed; but are you not the embodiment of the sweet voice, the tain Seton, upon his recent entry on the coming in even for an hour, Martha? I good genuis of the household. know you have laid out the supper; But one morning a letter arrived,

surely there is nothing more to do?" "No, my dear, thank you; I really can- hitherto disappointed hopes. An epi- really wish to see a living Darby and Joan, He wanted to know what information was not spare the time; as you say, the sup- demic had made its appearance in the go and stay with my uncle at Cichester conveyed to the House by the statement that per room is in readiness, but poor Jane establishment where his two motherless Court. I believe he worships the very a certain amount of lands had been disposed h is a bad hand, and can render no assist- little boys were placed, and the principal ground she treads on; and she has of by the department as against a larger ance whatever. I am going to bathe it wrote to request their immediate removal. nursed these two delicate boys of his into amount under the Free Grants and Labor ance whatever. I am going to bathe it wrote to request their immediate removal. In his dilemma he instantly resolved to such a state of rude health that all chance head of the department said that much of the to wear, and I can scarcely appear in a invade the stronghold of the fair unknown; of my inheriting the estate is gone for lands given under the Free Grants and Labor ball-room as I am, brown holland apron and quietly quitting the breakfast-table, ever. Plain? No, not at all-quite a Acts were good lumber lands and he wanted he perseveringly threaded passages and handsome woman; and always dressed to know why the Government had permitted to wit."

"Nothing to wear? Your black satin." "It is in strips. I sat up last night after remembered voice guided him into its day more than eight-and-thirty, and such were not lumber lands for settlement. The you had all retired and picked it to presence.

you had all retired and picked it to pieces. Mixed with velvet it will make quite a handsome costume for Mary; in fact, I think there will be enough for fact. I think there will be enough for Cinderella, whose only requirement was two of you, and a black alpaca is an elegant costume to render her a fairy built cottages, established clothing-clubs, sion of the department to get up a well de-

"Well, I am glad that you have at least round matronly figure, with sleeves tucked provided yourself with a decent supper, up over plump, well-shaped elbows, and a holland apron tied over a dark stuff dress, that plate of cold ham and a jelly.' "Oh, I saved those delicacies not for he experienced no disappointment. In a

few words he explained the reason of such myself\_a piece of bread and cheese will do for me\_but for the charwoman's summary invasion on his part, and at nourishing things. There, I have finished, positively beamed.

"Let them come here at once, Colonel run away and enjoy yourself. What,

"I've been heron bad things about you," favor any principle that would prevent the the Secretary's office. I have preserved informed by his deputy how much they "Only my glove, Martha; in trying to the infection, there is an airy, comfortable said one big bird to another. "Let's sale of our public lands for any purpose other than that of actual settlement. If the Govfasten it I split it across the back; what attic, where they will be out of all noise and bustle, and I shall be able to devote shall I do ?" stork about something else," was the re- ernment had wanted to find out the actual the books here and I think they will give all A very unseemly altercation took place "Take them off and put on another myself to them day and night." value of these lands why had they not placed the information the committee requires. I this morning between Mr. Hanington and pair, here is the glove-box; I provided "But my dear madame, your other a high upset price upon them instead of a low can show the gross amount of fees and how the chairman, in the course of which the one, as he thought the former would have tested the question better. it is made up. In the year 1881 the gross latter informed the former that he was against a catastrophe of the kind by pro- duties ?" Mississippi has four times as much pine curing an extra number." "Are not so engrossing that I cannot timber as Minnesota.

ed its object was made "Are quite well; thanks to your skilful plain enough. He thought our lands would The resolution was carried unanimously The Hon Attorney General thought the

broadcast the lands of the country. He had Martha's expressive face literally shone no objections personally to the bill, but would like to hear some reasons in support of the The Hon Surveyor General said he thought

there should be some more information laid before the House before they took any action on this bill. He then went on to show how day next. little land had been sold, going back for six years and showing how much had been disposed of in that time by the department. The total amount of acces sold by the department in that time was 49,4351, and it brought \$56,481.17. Under the Labor Act 309,302 favorably. acres were given away, and under the Free

tune and county position, to seek a wife tion of Legislature than sold by the departfiscal year, and less lumber land had been this morning at 10.30. chair, which was carried. and despoiled. The term speculators could

resolution. I move it be read.

Hon Surveyor General said he could agree Pleas.

minute, dear, and I will mend it; here is drawing room, he would saunter up and withdrawal of the ladies having prompted feeler than that it might pass and become

the constantly deferred hope of meeting the them was congratulating the other, Cap the hands was the most valuable they could the sector a committee. have, and he noticed that there were dissensions in the Cabinet in regard to the matter -the head of the Government and the head whose mission was to realize the Colonel's pleased with one another; but if you of the department differed in regard to it. Chairman. he Government. corridors until the sound of the well. with perfect taste. She does not look a this when there was so many acres of what a hostess! It is considered the most de. Government had winked at this and had 10.30 a.m.

the poor simply idolize her. She has sufficient information was not in the possesand taught the laborers' wives how to vised scheme for the revision of this mode of cook and sew; in fact, there is not a procedure, it should certainly be procured. what has reason to bless Colonel Chiches. fence around the Province in this respect,

FRIDAY, March 3. The House met at 10 o'clock.

There was an old check of mine for some purpose in connection with Crier's fees After routine proceedings in reply to the which made the difference of \$273.64, and rough-and-ready wooers, with few words House should pause before adopting this enquiries of Mr Willis in reference to the re- was charged by me against the Clerk's fees

moval of the Sheriff of Gloucester, the received by me last year. I do not know Provincial Secretary said that the Govern- how the Receiver General kept the account ment declines to assign the grounds upon of the money received from me. I only which it has made appointments to office, or know how I paid it. I had given a check to enquire into conversations which may to him 2 or 3 years ago upon the People's have been had between members of the Gov- Bank. I am sure it was in connection with

Crier's fees. I do not know for what period. ernment and any persons whomsoever. Mr. Coltergave notice of motion for Satur- The payment to the crier comes from two funds Formerly he was paid altogether by fees. There was at that time no crier of Mr. Hill reported from the Committee on

Mr Carman-I can explain it. The \$836.26

was an actual cash amount paid by me.

Municipalities that they had had the bill to the Equity Court. When the tariff of fees authorize the Councillors of the Parish of was established 50 cents were ordered to be Blissville, Sunbury County, to sell certain paid to the crier on the entry of every lands, under their consideration and reported cause. The Government vote a certain amount annually, \$160, and this increased his salary to what I do not remember. I had

Grants Act, 233,080, a total of 531,382 acres. Thus more had been given away under sanc-Thus more had been given away under sancto the Government for. They authorized WEDNESDAY, March 1. me to pay him \$35 a quarter. The Govern-

The committee appointed to investigate and ment received the \$1,100. The Receiver enquire into all matters connected with the General received from me \$1,100-\$826 in fees received in the Clerk of the Pleas met money, and an old check as equivalent for the balance. This check was made by me There were present Messrs. Blair, Willis, upon the Peoples' Bank in favor of the Receiver General. I regarded that as equava-Mr. Blair called the committee to order, lent to cash. I had forgotten the circumand intimated that the first business was to stance until Mr. Babbitt produced it, and the elect their chairman, and asked for a nomi- surrender of the check was a substitute for money. I cannot explain it further. I have Mr. Beveridge moved Mr. Willis in the it charged as cash paid the Receiver-General \$1,100. I made no settlement with the Gov-

Mr. Blair-Our first duty being to read the ernment further than from their accounts. My book shows that on March 28, 1881, I The Clerk then read the resolution gave a check on the Bank of New Brunswick Mr. Blair-I will now move that a subpœna to the Receiver General for \$500. My book issue to Wm. Carman, Esq., Clerk of the does not show a check for the balance \$336,26. There must have been one, but I

expects to prove by the witness, what amounts Circuits and barristers was \$134.23, total have not been accounted for, and what he \$1,269.46. The payments were balance due says has been done with the moneys not clerk \$210.15; Cropley's bill \$155.59; Hall's rested his attention. "Oh, Martha! I have met with a dis-"Oh, Martha! I have met with a dis-"Oh, Martha! I have met with a dis-aster and torn my train; see, the frill is at Syringa Loege the Colonel seemed to logue that ensued between two. brother-He thought a result of it would be to retard made by me is sufficiently explicit to convey in all the accounts since 1874. I paid the be afflicted with a very mania of restless- officers at a dinner-party during the Lon- actual settlement, and thought the hon. gen- a clear meaning to ordinary minds, and I de- Rreceiver General \$200 in April and \$300 in

"Oh, that is nothing; stand still a ness. In place of the cheerful, well lighted don season some two years later. The tleman had introduced the bill rather as a cline to make any further statement. This September. There was a balance due me of is a committee of enquiry, and if I had the in- \$27.33. formation the gentleman asks for, I would In 1879, the Attorneys fees were \$1,300.93. fees from Clerk of Circuits, etc. \$197.26.

Mr. Davidson-I still think we should have total \$1,498.19. I paid balance due clerk the statement, and I also think some period \$331.64; Cropley for stationery, etc., \$139.should be named within which the enquiry 92; crier, \$140; attendance, \$37.35; wood, \$37.25; cutting, etc., \$9.63; M. S. Hall, should be confined. Mr. Blair-I throw the entire responsibility \$9.56; Receiver General, \$600; Gazette office upon the committee of blocking or courting for binding, \$3.00; Receiver General, \$200; the enquiry. extra clerk hire, \$200; total \$1,708.34. Mr. Hanington, who is not on the commit- Mr. Blair-How came it that you made

tee, then interposed, but was stopped by the large over payments? Mr. Carman-I used to be particular in

Mr. Hanington claimed to be representing paying up my account expecting to receive the fees due by Attorneys

Committee that the House was in sessio y the indulgence of the committee. There were many hot words and much ex- further proceedings were adjourned until itement, but finally a subpœna was ordered to-morrow at 9.30, a. m.

for Wm. Carman. Esg., to appear to-morroy morning at 10.30, with his books, &c. Committee adjourned until to-morrow at

THURSDAY, March 2. amination was resumed. He explained that The committee met at 10.30, a. m. the amount paid the Receiver General last After the reading of the minutes Mr Car- year over and above the \$500 was paid in man said: I am the Clerk of the Pleas in the cash by Mr. G. N. Babbitt, who had re-Supreme Court and have been so for 31 years ceived the money as his (Mr C.'s) dennty creature in the whole neighborhood but He did not advocate a policy of putting a this spring. My health has not been good He also gave an explanation of the old this last year and I have not been able to at- check referred to yesterday, which he said but he thought that the lands should be re- tend personally at the office, but have trans- was to cover the amount of the Crier's served for the best interests of the Province acted my business at my house. I have with salary in 1873 and 1876 over and above the Dr. Watts, the hymn writer, made the and if this bill would bring about this result me my books, which show the receipts of grant of \$160 annually from the House. little girl; she is very ill, and requires their conclusion Miss Martha's bright face longest visit on record. In 1712 he became an inmate of the family of Sir Thos. Abney, and remained there as a guest Abney, and remained there as a guest the consent of the Legislature had been ob-tained before sales were made. He was not General. I have made them annually. At for Attorney's admissions received in 1881 Nellie, have you met with an accident to?" Chichester, I will make room; and if, as you fear, they may have already taken you fear.

The Chairman said he only could be heard The Sergeant-at-Arms having notified the FRIDAY, March 3.

We are obliged for want of space to omit an extended report of the proceedings to-day. before the Committee. Mr. Carman's ex-