

Will, "Quick, or I must let go." Bexley unwound the long scarf | ritories

he wore, tore it in two lengths, knotted his arms.

"Now, hold on like death !" Will stepped back to plant his foot ogainst the rock, raised his head, uttered a cry of horror and let go the rope.

A shrick of despair, came up out of the abyss, as Gulcher fell. Bexley heeded it not-heard it not.

He had sunk on one knee, and with wide and hair, on end, he stretched out his they should all meet.

subsequent pursuit of Bexley and the married state; and of the remain-Guleher across the North-West Ter- (der, eight millions were under fifteen der, eight millions were under fifteen years of age, thus leaving only five and a half millions of spinsters and bachelors who were 'open to offers,' to use a callo-Dick, of course, persisted in quial term; or, if we consider the fit age for marriage to be twenty and upwards, the number of unmarried people who might, if all things had been equal, place, to resume his former occupation. to settle down as had been long since arranged. So it was agreed that the conhave entered into wedlock is redu sideration of the tuture should be postthree and a-half millions. Of those acponed till after their arrival at Toronto, where Grove, who had sent on an express bearing a telegram to his wife, in which tually married we have more than three and a half millions of husband, and about the same number of wives.

he announced the joyful news, and bade her prepare Rose and her mother for time of the census. In 211,352 cases destended eyes that glared, mouth open Joe's reappearance-had arranged that the wives were returned as absent, or in other words, were not in the same houses That meeting is best passed over in as their husbands, and turning the On the cliff above him, on the other silence. Too deep, too sacred were the tables, 266,516 husbands were returned ide of the narrow ravine, stood Joe emotions called forth from those who had as not in the same houses as the wives.

name of the aucticheer; and after such sale such inn keeper, boarding house keeper, or lodging house keeper, may apply the proceeds of such sale in pay-ment of the amoun due to him, and the costs of such adve tising and sale and shall pay over the surplus (if any) to the person entitled thereto on applica-tion being made by him therefor.

2. No innkeepe shall, after the passing of this Act, be liable to make good to any guest of such innkeeper, any loss of or injur to goods or pro-perty brought to hi inn, not being a horse or other live a imal, or any gear sppertaining therete or any carriage, to a greater amount then the sum of forty dollars, except in t e following cases,

of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :

1. No debt due or accruing echanic, workman, labourer, servant, clerk, or employee for, or in respect of, his wages or salary, shall after the first day of October next, be liable to seizure or attachment, under the provisions of

the Common Law Procedure Act, or of the Act passed in the thirty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituted "An Act to amend, the Acts respecting visions of any other Act relating to the attachment or garnishment of debts, unless such debt shall exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars, and then only to the extent of such excess.

any action or liability for damages or 9 Nothing in this Act

ruly, lovingly say, Our Father,-Thy Will

license or certificate, except the sum which the issuer of marriage licenses has heretofore been entitled or allowed to retain for his own use in respect of THAT MISCHIEVOUS YOUNG a marriage license ; and the issuer of the

BROTHER." The moral to the following, told by license or certificate shall be entitled to sufferer, is too apparent to mention. Young adies will hereafter run their brothers ou retain the said sum for his own use as heretofore : but the Leintenant-Governor when gentlemen call. I'm certain I wished somebody wo in Council may from time to time re-

spank the young rascal. We had talked of hills, mountains, valleys and cataracts (I believe I said waterfalls), when the boy 9. All expenses incident to providing oke up and said :

and certificates, are to be paid to the issuer of the licenses and certificates. 10. No minister who performs any "Why, sister's got a trunk full of them up stairs; pa says that they're made of horse marriage ceremony after banns publish

The revolution struck terror into ed, or after a license or a certificate is-sued under this Act, shall be subject to blushes into the cheeks of my anion. It began to be very apparent to me that the what I said le

they are ignorant of the real conditions of conjugal happiness by ignoring every-thing but money; where they are un-reasonable in their pretensions, and when a suitable "offer" comes in the way, acceptable to their daughter, give the poor fellow the cold shoulder: in much assess a with an health the block

if she thinks and art for

her fate in her own hands was found.

The girl's father wanted to keep her

single to make money by her singing, and ultimately by a match with some wealthy nobleman. Where parents think of other things besides the girl's

own happiness; where they are playing off their daughter as a card for their

own ambition; where they show that they are ignorant of the real conditions

she ought to hesitate long, and be quite

sure she does not mistake the wisd

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side of the narrow ravine, stood Joe

Before the altar kneel Joe and Rose. he cried :

united at last, Round them stand their "At last, William Bexley ! At last we friends. Widow Christie is there, leanmeet

His threatning attitude utterly cowed the wretch. He wrung his hands in despair, moaned piteously for forgive-ness, but seemed unable to withdraw himself from the fascination of his vie-ing on Mr. Grove's arm; Mrs. Grove and Maud side by side; Macdonald and Barry with Dick; and stolid, grave, impassive, stands Shining Water, watch, ing the ceremony with dissembled curiotim's presence.

"It's a long score that's got to be set-The solemn service proceeds ; the led between us, Bexley," came in hard, pitiless tones from the other side of the deep tones of the organ swell under the pitiless tones from the other side of the ravine." "It's blood only can wipe it out."

"Forive me! forgive me !" "Forgive ye ! What call have I to do that, villain ? Forgive ye ! Has Rose gether let no man put asunder.

Hemskerk is gay with flags and foliage of spruce. It's inhabitants are all out in their gala dresses; the bells of the chapels are pealing right joyously, and the crowd flocks down towards the forgiven you? Has Grove forgiven you? Has your father forgiven you?" And he took steady aim at him 'For her sake Joe Dermott," screamed the wretched man, "for her sake who's (wharf, and watches the appearance of a waiting for you, don't fire! Let me go! schooner on whose deck stand two figures well known to them all.

Spare me !' He had struck the right cord. Spare me! He had struck the right cord. Slowly Joe brought down his rifle, his every gesture watched by Bexley, who, breathless and expectant, with great drops of sweat dropping froms off his forehead, his teeth chattering with fear, interpret to the shere of the shere o

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(1.) Where such goods or property shall have been stole, lost, or injured through the wilful act, default, or neglect of such innke per, or any servant in his employ;
(2.) Where such goods or property shall have been deposited expressly for safe custody with such innkeeper;
Provided always, hat, in case of such deposit, it shall be lawful for such innkeeper if he thin fit, to require as a condition of his li bility, that such goods or property sh ll be deposited in a box or other recer acle, fastened and sealed by the per: n depositing the same.

2. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect or impair the right or remedies of any creditor whose debt has been hereto-fore contracted or shall be constracted before the said first day of October next.
3. All Acts inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.
AN ACT.
Respecting the Solemnization of Marniages.
[Assented to, 24th March, 1874.] Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows: marry at a far carlier age than common

experience would lead one to imagine, there being no less than thirty-four thousand wives under twenty, and some same. 3. If any innkeep or shall refuse to 3. If any innkeep r shall refuse to receive for safe cusk by, as before men-tioned, any goods of property of his guest, or if any such any default of such able to deposit such saforesaid, said in keeper shall not be entitled to the ber sit of this Act, in -the authorities, for some reason best known to themselves, do not say how many-who are under fifteen are inclu-ded in this column. The busbands take a different view, for we find only six thousand married men under twenty, or about one sixth of the number of wives respect of such goods or property. 4. Every inn keep : shall cause to be

in the same period of age. But perhaps the most remarkable feature in these matrimonial statistics is the extraordinary disparity of ages between husband and wives. Thus out of a million husbands whose ages at the Census taking varied from thirty to forty, six hundred and seventy thousand of their wives be-

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affect or impair the right or remedies of any creditor whose debt has been hereto-

1. All marriages which have before the passing of this Act, been celebrated within the Province of Ontario or with within the Province of Ontario or with-in Upper Canada, by any person legally authorized to marry, between persons not under any legal disqualifica-tion for entering into the contract of matrimony, are hereby declared to have been and to be lawful and valid so far

been and to be lawful and valid so far as respects the civil rights, in this Province, of the parties or their issue, and so far as respects all matters within the jurisdiction of the Ontario Legisla-ture, netwithstanding that the baans were not published for the number of 4. Every inn keep shall cause to be kept conspicuously basted in the office, and public rooms, an in every bedroom in his inn, a copy of this Act, printed a plain type; and he shall be entitled b the benefit of

of and seventy thousand of their wives be-longed to the same aged period; but two hundred and seventy thousand were a ten years younger, and fifteen hundred were under twenty. The reverse of pietures, is however, also to be shown; for in eighty thousand of these million cou-s, ples the wives were 10 years older than ébe t husbands, four thousand were twenty older, and --will it be believed ?--four of these husbands, ranging in age from

hitherto been questioned in any suit at law or in enquiry ; and provided further that nothing in this Act contained shall

duce the sum so payable.

Il any action or liability for damages or otherwise by reason of their having been any legal impediment to the mar-riage, unless, at the time when he per-formed the ceremony, he was aware of the impediment. 11. This Act shall go into effect on the first day of July next, after the passing thereof; except as to the first section which shall go into effect forth-with. NO TIME LIKE THE OLD TIME. There's no time like the old time, When you and I were young, When the buds of April blossomed, And the birds of springtime sung. The garden's brightest glories By summer sun's are nursed, But oh, the sweet, sweet violets, The flowers that open first. NO TIME LIKE THE OLD TIME. There's no time like the old time, When you and I were young, When the buds of April blossomed, And the birds of springtime sung. The garden's brightest glories By summer sun's are nursed, But oh, the sweet, sweet violets, The flowers that open first. There is no place like the old place, Where you and I were born, Where we lifted first our eye-lids

On the splendors of the morn, From the milk-white breast that warmed From the clinging arms that bore, Where the dear eyes glistened o'er us, That will look on us no more.

There is no friend like the old friend There is no friend like the old friend That has shared our morning days, No greeting like his welcome. No homage like his praise; Fame is the scentless sunflower, With gaudy crown of gold; But friendship is the breathing rose, With sweets in every fold.

There's no love like the old love That we courted in our pride; Though our leaves are falling, falling, And we're fading side by side, There are blossoms all around us, With the colors of our dawn, And we live in borrowed sunshine, When the light of day is gone,

There is no time like the old times-They shall never be forgot ! There's no place like the old place-Keep green the dear old spot ! There are no friends like our old friends May Heaven prolong their lives! There are no loves like our old loves-God bless our loving wives!

creel as weel's as the fish ! But let me tell ye this, my women, for your comfort—If ever ony man pits as sma'a price on you as you do on my fish, ye'll stand a hantle aicht langer in yer suld bauchels than my haddies 'ill lie in the creel. Tak' that to yer supper the nicht for a change, bonnie Miss Razorface ; an' ye'll neither be hungry wordru after't nor dry after't !

RUNAWAY MARRIAGES.

RUNAWAY MARRIAGES. Several elopements have recently taken place in a sister city, and we are sorry to notice the tone of levity with which such matrimonial escapades are solven of by the press, for whether the vent should issue happily or otherwise for the pair most concerned, it is, even for them, a very serious step, while in the case of the parents, there is over it a more sombre shade. The woman is generally young and inexperienced ; her parents have watched over her from in-tancy; her happiness is dear to them, and they surely have no common claims to confidence. An elopement must im-

ht ice ly, of those who love her for selfish ambition, or overweening claims on her behalf. But it may be asked why should there be runaway matches at all ? Why should not people in every way suitable be brought together with rational opportunities for making each others' acquaintance ? This is all that is needed to obviate clandestine cooing and rash plunges into marriages and rash plunges into marriages of doubtful augury. At present most of the means for converse between the two sexes are of a kind more favourable to evanescent flirtations than enduring

bend you're smart. Guess I know a thing or two. I'm mad at you anyhow. because papa would have bought me a top yesterday if it had'nt been for getting them curls, dog yer ! You needu't turn so red in the face 'cause I can see the paint. They ain't no use winking with that glass eye of yourn, for I ain't going out o'here, now that's what's the matter with the purps, I don't care if you are twenty-eight years, you ain't no boss o'me." JENEY FLUCKER IN A PASSION.—Wha'll buy my caller haddies? Whh'll buy? Come away, my lassie ; here's the braw sonsy anes JENENY FLUCKER IN A PASSION.—Wha'll buy my caller haddies? Whh'll buy? Come away, my lassie; here's the braw sonsy anes for ye; as fresh an' as caller as yersel', but no sae bonnie; an' flitcenpence the piece is a' I'm asking—only fifteenpence, my darlin'; or half-a-croon for the only three left in my creel. What d'ye say, na ?—G way! There's a bargain ye'll no get every day. What div you say? Fifteenpence for what? Firteenpence for the whole o' they braw, soncy fish; an' scarcely yin to be seen in the market ?—Awa oot o' my sicht, ye ferny-tickled razor-face, wi'yer dirty dandy fhom-ces, and your tipitoorie held o' skyblue s arlet hair, like the tour o' Babel on fire ! Here ! tak' them s' for nacthing ! Wad ye like them ? Obto' my sicht, ye dowdy-loking thing ! O but I'm braw, braw, the day, wi' partan-taes in my lugs earings! What a bonnie figuro-held ye'd mak' for a cockle boat ! It's enough to send a' the fish in creation four airts at yince, an twa airts for Sunday ! What bonnie feet ye've got for killing clockers! Pretty Miss-Ra-zorface ! Wad ye ever have the daurin' conscience tae offer fifteenpence for three o' the bondiest fish that ever lay in a creel ? G-wa, G-wa ! ye surely tak' me to be in the creel as weel's as the fish ! But let me tell ye this, my women, for your comfort—If ever ony man pits as sma'a price on you the part of the woman the correlative in obedience, in honest discharge of house-wifely dutics, and every shade of conduct controlled by the abiding remem-brance that her husband has committed into her keeping his name, his honour, his peace, and his future. But how can this be if the bachelor's self-indulg ence and the girl's frivolity follow both ence and the girl's frivolity follow both in their united lives as they leave the altar? Marriage is, therefore, a thing to be well considered, and in contem-plating it young people will do wisely to bear in mind that love is a reality; and in thinking of love as a reality, and the prime condition of a happy union, it should also be borne in mind that the theory of romancists that men and women can only love once is quite untrue to fact. There are, indeed, untrue to fact. There are, indeed, some rare natures so intense that hav-ing loved once they love ever, and earry throughout their earthly pilgrim-age the burden in their breast of a great passion; such as that of Petrarch for Laura, and of Dante for Beatrice. But the mass of men and women are made of happier and commoner clay, and they will be right to temper the motions of their heart with prudence. We should be sorry to speak cynically of any unaffected feelings. Early love is no doubt very beautiful. There is around it a perfume as of spring flowers is no doubt very beautiful. There is around it a perfume as of spring flowers orushed, and its smiles have all the bright, innocent freshness of morning. But its impressions are fleeting, its vows of attachment quickly forgotten, and the tears of its sorrow soon dried up. As Paterfamilias says, "young people don't "know their own minds." It is when character is formed and we are approaching the full day of his that what we do has a controlling influence: Those who at that time love not wisely,

