# **POOR DOCUMENT**

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### THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1904.

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### PORT OF ST. JOHN d Everywhere

SHIP NEWS.

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BRITISH PORTS

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Harbor, Jan 5-Sid, schs Geo ston; Mildred May, Brooksville. Jan 5-Ard, sch Henry O Ba

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ork, Jan 5-Sid, strs Krenprinz Wil-lymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen; liern, Genca and Naples; Prince Os-les and Genca.

ples and Genca. ch Robert H McCurdy, Fernandina. Haven, Jan 5-Ard, schs McClure, Weymouth; Candahar, New York for

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New York. ELS BOUND TO ST. JOH

Dec 27. artelpool via Halifar Lucud, 1,700, He

i, 2,562, at Glasgow, Jan rie, 4,814, Liverpool, Jan ichigan, 4,538, at London 1,419, London via Halifax, Dec 9

hn, 3,503, Antwerp, Jan 2. gle, 3,492, Avonmouth, Dec 27. rt, 3,555, at Bristol, Jan 1. n, 3,385, to sail from Liverpool, J

Salacia, 2,636, at Glasgow, Jan 6. Wyandotte, 2,712, at Cape Town, Dec 7.

Barques

535, at Castellamara, Oct 10. th, 1,312, Barbados, Dec 80. th, 1,612, Rio Janeiro via Barbado Barquentines. ndalk, Nov 22

Clark, 397, Apalachico muda, Dec 25, leaking. Shipping Notes.

e extertained for the safety of the barque snada, which sailed from Turks Island on c. 2 for Boston. She is now short



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(Continued from page 1.) titude of the United States will n negotiated already She has China, opening of three ports in Man-churia to the commerce of the world churia to the commerce of the These ports have been occupied by

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# The Choice of Widow Gates.

#### By Frances La Peace.

The large warm kitchen was very cosy. Tom forestalled the action by stretching and Widow Gates' buxom figure, added out his huge paw, meeting the bony hand of Mr. Simpkins half-way, and leaving his greatly to its homelike and comfortable aptrade mark upon it, in the form of a deep scratch. The wover c ntinued, however,

It was snowing without, and the widow in an unaba hed manner. 'Ab, if you only stoed at the little chintz-curtained window, and gazed reflectively at the flakes that blew about the pane. Old Tom, the cat, dozed in his rocking chair by the fire. He was her only companion and pet, and his mistress leved him devotedly. In particular state of the state of the

'Just a year 'o-night,' she said, turnin rom the windew and speaking to Old Tom, just a year to-night since poor Silas passed away; poor, good Silas! Well, well, who would have mought that my dear husband o, and that in a year's time I'd three men a-courting me. Deary,

ary, how things do come about ' Tom opened his eyes and gazed sleepily at the widow, who continued her one sided onversation with bim.

ear; and, goodness me, now I'm left in and that,' there were long pauses between 'Yes, Tommy, it's just a year-just one this quandary to know which of the three the words and then a weak answer came I shall take. Oh, deary me, Silas, you did 'Let me up, I say-let me up. Let me up eave me with plenty of the world's gods, I know, but gracious me, I wish I knew the law on ye if ye don't. Let me up-let which of the three you preferred should -me-up.

good provider, lordy knows, Tom, but I fright; his red hair and whickers stood out can't live alone like this, it isn't p-oper, Tommy, my dear; no, it isn't proper. She spoke cheerfally, but she wip d her

carless eyes with the corner of her apron, in respect to the late Mr. Gat-s. Tem purred sympathetic lly and snug gled down to have another sleep.

'I'll take time, Tommy dear, and make good careful pick of the three, I will, for lilas's dear sake and your's Tommy. Now there's the Deacon-things certainly are in his favor-he's such a good church member. and, well, as I've heard tell, he's got a shug bit put away; of course he's a mite pigheaded, like most all old bachelors, but goodn as me, I just know I could manage him prime. Then there's Hi Bloom from up the hill; well, well, to think how he used to court me twenty years ago, afore had received at the hands of the D acon, Susy Jones came to the village! I did a!-

knew how deep'y I love you, sweet, kind friend; dear friend, you would not spurn my humble effer of matriage. My mothes d r sare; ah Batiuda say that-Oh-my! what's that-' he finished in a frightened squesk, for a sudden and nerve racking fu ilade of angry voices from outside, broke upon the calmness of the night. The widow rose from ber chair, and uttered the one word in hasky tones, 'Barg-

The sound of footsteps orus in the crisp snow, came to their ears plain-

you rescally old scalawag you, or I'll have

Poor little Mr. Simpkins trembled with take your place. Poor Silas was al ays a from his head and face like a scrubbing brush, and he begged the widow to hide

That lady, however, proceeded to investigate the cause of the disturbance. With broom in hand, she sallied forth, not paying the slightest attention to the frightaned

wails of her visitor. Woman like, she took a hand in the conflict that was going on without, and she used the broom with good eff ct upon the beligerents who proved to be the worthy Descon and the esteemed Hi Bloom. Widow Gates bant the Deacon over the

head with her n wel weapon, until he rose from the rather portly chest of Hi Ble upon which he had been kneeling. Poor Hi's face was purple from the and his mouth was filled wi h the soft snow. ways like Hi, even if he did pick Susy in- He was assisted to his feet by the widow, stead of me, and then, avyhow, she led him and he and his antagonist glared at cash

ly. and they heard a voice say, 'Take that, you cursed old fool, take that--- and that--

	Bank, stmr Salacia, for St John. St. Michaels, Jan 6-Ard, simr Pr
	from Carthagena, for Sydney (C B),
English Breakfast Tea, in 10 and	from Carthagena, for Sydney (C B), Southampton, Jan 6-Sid, stmr 1 land, from Hamburg for New Yo
b. boxes. Very fine for family	land, from Hamburg for New Yo
	Glasgow, Jan 5-Ard, simr Hibernia
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	Halifax; Tauric, from Portland. St Vincent, C V, Dec 12-Sld, bark E Lefurgey, of Charlottetown, from
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St. John, N. E	Liverpool, Jan 6-Sid, stmr Manxm Portland, for Bristol.
	Queenstown, Jan 7-Sld, stmr Teuton
TITOOTT	Liverpool for New York.
BIRTH.	Laverpool, Jan 6-Ard, stmr Saxon
	Glasgow, Jan 6-Sid, stmr Carthag
DERICK-In this city, Jan. 5, to the	John's (Nfi), and Philadelphia. London, Jan. 7-Sid, stmr Minneton
M Dr. E. J. Broderick, a son.	Tork.
	Livernool, Jan 7-Sid, stmrs Cym
MARRIAGES	ton vie Queenstown: Dominion, Ha
MARNIAGAS	Portland; Scilian, from Glasgow, S (Nfid), Halifax and Philadelphia.
	LAVETDOOL, Jan 7-Ard, Sumr Cert
ATE-PATCHELL-At 68 Stanley street,	York via Queenstown.
m R. McFate to Miss Isabell Boyd,	FOREIGN PORTS.
ater of R. R. Patchell.	FOILINGH FORID.
acPHERSON-GROVE-At Los Angeles al.), on Dec. 9th, by the Rev. E. E.	Boothbay Harbor, Jan 5-Sid, sch
Walter A MacPhargon, formerly of	Keene, Boston; Mildred May, Broc Baltimore, Jan 5-Ard, sch Henry
St. John (N. B.), to Beruna IS. Grove, of	rett, Providence.
Los Angeles.	Chatham, Jan 5-A fleet of schoon
	has been anchored west of the Han all passed porth today.
DEATHS.	Restport. Jan 5-in port. achs
	Martha, Calais for Hyannis; T A do for New York; Sarah Eaton, de
DAY-Suddenly, at Chatham, on Jan. 4, George A. Day, aged forty-two years, leav-	Alice T Boardman, do for South
ing a wife and three children to mourn their	Annie Gus, do for Gloucester; G 1
loss.	for Port Chester; Seth W Smith, do
MATHEWS-In this city, on the 5th inst., John Thomas, infant son of Joseph T. and	(It is reported that on account of
Zatio I Mathews, aged five months.	in the Sound ports, the five first ;
JENKINS-In this city, Jan. 3, Lena Mar- guerite, youngest daughter of Fred W. Jen-	above schooners will haul up here. Sid-Sch Elizabeth T Doyle, fa
guerite, youngest daughter of Fred W. Jen- kins, aged five years.	Beach for Washington.
FOWLER-At Lakeside, Kings county, on	Hyannis, Jan 5-Ard, schs Wm bell, Blue Hill for New York.
Jan. 3, William Fowler, aged ninety-one	The harbor is solid with ice.
years and eleven months. FITZGERALD-In this city, on Jan. 4,	Madeira, Dec 25-Ard, soh E A Pos
after a lingering illness, Elizabeth, wife of	water.
John Fitzgerald, leaving her husband and one daughter to mourn their loss.	New York, Jan 5-Sid, strs Kron helm, Plymouth, Cherbourg and
FORBES-At Moncton, Jan. 5, Amelia M.,	HUUBUTTOTT COLOR STIC MEDISS: 1
beloved wife of John Forbes, aged sixty-nine	car, Naples and Genos. Sid-Sch Robert H McCurdy, Fr
years, leaving a husband and two sons to mourn their loss.	New Haven, Jan 5-Ard, schs
WELLING-Entered into rest, bunday morn-	Webcott, word more and, commentar, we
ing, Jan. 5, at 6 a. m., Mrs. Jane Welling, mother of the late Capt. Wm. Atkinson,	Lunenburg.
mother of the late Capt. Wm. Atkinson, Shediac, aged ninety-eight years.	Sid-Schs Lena White, Stoneh New York; Abbie Ingalls, Bangor

mother of the late Capt. Wm. Atkinson Shediac, aged ninety-sight years. TUFTS-in this city, Jan. 4, Samuel Tufts in the 65th year of his age. LINGLEY-in East Boston, January 4 Charles W. Lingley, 58 years. MacFATE-At French Village, Dec. 7 Evelyn E., beloved wife of Thos. A. V. Mac-Fate, in the 55th year of her age. CLANCY-in this city, on Jan. 7th, James Clancy, in the 25th year of his age.

### "THIS SCHOOL HAS-BEEN THE MAKING OF ME,"

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after SUNDAY, Oct. 11, 1903, train daily (Sunday excepted), as follows

TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.

ess for Halifax, the Sydneys

ed for Point du Che

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TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN

.18.4

vk is midnight. N. B., Oct. 9, 1903. KET OFFICE, 7 King Street, St. John, N. B. GEORGE GARYILL, C. T. A. Word has been received that the schooners forancy and Olayola are frozen in solid at sw Haren (Conn.), within sight of their i their discharging berths. The crews walk o and from shore on the ice. Hon. C. H. LaBillois, chief co

A letter from Capt. Howard, o ola, to her owners yester schooner had arrived at

The following charters have been as nounced: Schooners Helen Shafner, Ferna dina, or King's Ferry, to St. Lucia, lumbe \$6.25; Lady of Avon, New York to Nassa coal, \$1.75; Italian barque Anna, Gaspe : United Kingdom, deals, 44s. The ni, Jan 7-Sid, stmrs Cymric, Bos-neenstown; Dominion, Halifax and Scilian, from Glasgow, St. John's lifax and Fhiladelphia.

Vineyard Haven, Jan. 5.—The schooners St roix, Port Reading for Boston; Pardon G homson, Port Johnson for Rockland, ar over in solid and their crews walk to and om shore on the ice. Schooner Hop-laynes is frozen in at the wharf.

toria county. Basil Martin bridge, Madawaska county, awarded to Whitman Brewer, St. Marys. Baker Lake bridge, Madawaska county, awarded to Whitman Brewer. O'Regan Brook bridge, Victoria county, awarded to Wm. DeMerchant, Perth. Little Salmon River bridge, Victoria county, awarded to George Hanson, of Victoria county. Mass., Jan. 5.-Altho Ohatham, Mass., Jan. 5.-Akthough the Pol lock Rip lightship was off her regular sta tion all night she burned her two lantern until midnight when they were extinguished. The Highthouse tender Azelea came aroun Monomoy Point this morning from the wes ward and went out as far as Pollock Ri but did not make any attempt to tow th lightship back to her station as the weath was too boisterous. At noon there we twenty-five heavily loaded schooners ancho ed off the Handkerchef. As the weath moderated they all got under way and pass d they all got under

A rumor that the bark Stillwater was lost in the bay with all hands quickly spread about the water front yesterday atternoon, and many enquiries were made of Troop & Son, the owners, who promptly denied that anything had been learned by them that the bark was lost. The Stillwater sailed from this port on December 28th with a cargo of lumber, and beund for Rosario. She was seem last near the mouth of the bay before the sever last near the mouth of the bay before the severe cold weather or heavy gales bet in. There is no foundation for the rumor, and t is expreted that the good bark is well on

Annapolis, Jan. 4.—Tern schooner Leona. arker towed from her berth here on th Wh ult for the West Indies with a carry 320,000 feet of lumber, shipped by Pickle d Mille nd, Jan 5-Ard, strs St Croix, S Boston, and sailed; Ottoman, Ant okta, New York to load for Europe chs H S Boynton, Boston; W. J Bookleas Jan 5-Ard, sch Vine

and Mills. The four-masted schooner H. J. Logan, laptain Howard, towed from Rallway pier a Saturday morning for Buenos Ayrees with cargo of 805,000 feet of lumber, shipped by larke Bros., of Bear River. Schooner Helen Shafner, with a cargo of mber shipped by Pickles and Mille

Tarpaula Cove 201 rom Wiscasset for Newport News, e, Jan 6-Ard, stmrs Cambrian twerp via Boston; Juniate, from shr Gardiner G Deering, from Bos DEVONSHIRE ENTERTAINS ton. Boston, Jan 6-Ard, stmrs El Paso, from Galveston; Frostburg, from Baltimore, tow-ing barge No 12; Parthian, from Philadel-phia; schrs Rodney Parker, from Philadel-phia; Henry W Cramp, from Newport News; Elizabeth Palmer, from Baltimore; Eleanor A. Percy, from Newport News. Sid-Stmr Tancred (Nor), Andersen, for Sydney (C B); Louisburg, from Muggah, for do KING EDWARD AND PART

London, Jan. 7 .- At Chatsworth, Island, Jan 6-Bound south, stmr Star, from Portland. ante, Dec 27-Ard, schr Stella B, from hn's (Nid), via Leixoes. ais, Me, Jan 6-Ard, schr General Scott, eat of the Duke of Devonshire in Derbyshire tonight, a brilliant entertainment was given before King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Dev om Boston. Sid-Schr Elizabeth T. Doyle, for Wash gton and Baltimore. nshire, Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, who sat' at the king's left; Premier Bal-

on and Baltimore. e following vessels bound out from is have been hauled up for the winter troad Cove: T. A. Stuart, Sarah Eaton, & Martha, Annie Gus, Alice T. Board-G M Porter and Seth W Smith. Straatfigue our and a large party. Princess Henry of Pless gave a mus ologue and then came a miniatur athain, Mass, Jan 6-Passed north, schr Strawbridge. arlestown, Jan. 6-Ard. schr Benj C nwell, from Tiverton (R I). noa, Jan 3-Ard, schr Robert Morris, St John's (Mdd), via Gibraltar. oucester, Mass, Jan 6-Ard, schrs On-i, from Boston for Rockland; Carrie C s, from Boston for Eastern ports; Car-e Gray, from do for do. swport, Jan 5-Ard, bark Foynland, from hert. ime entitled Cinderella, which was taken part in by Princess Henry of Pless, Mrs. Willie James, Miss Muriel Wilson, Mrs. Sir Pedworth Williamson and the autho of the pantomime, Leo Trevor.

than they will to support a wife

# Newport, Jan 5-Ard, bark Foynland, from Harbert. New London. Conn. Jan 6-Ard, schr Helen H Benedict, Brockett, from Wiscasset (Me) for Newport News. Norfolk, Vs. Jan 6-Ard, schr George W Weils, from Boston; James W Elwell, from Portland via Newport News. Newport News, Jan 6-Sid, schr Alice E Clarke, for Boston. Oporto, Dec 31-Sid, schr Ceylon, for St John's (Nfd). Portland, Me J.an 6-Ard, stmrs Hilda, from Partsboro (N S); Manhattan, from New York; schr Thomas W H White, Wis-casset for New York with lumber, was struck amidships early this moring in chan-nel of lower, harbor by U. S. light house tender Lilac. Thick vapor filled the air and the Lilac struck the schooner wulle beck. Our New Term Begins

The year now closing has been our Record Year. For this we thank our pairons, and will strive earnestly to deserve that 1904 will be still more successful. We hold the right for

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siight damage to planking of schooner; re-pairs are to be made at once and schooner proceed. Vnsyard Haven, Mass, Jan 6-Ard, schr B Waterman, from New York for Nantucket. Souton, Jan 7-Ard, star Devenien, Liv-

sis and thus her treaty rig "Japan is not guided by selfish mot

but, is acting in the interests of all na-tions. I hope the United States will early understand our position and will of public works announces that the follow contracts were awarded Wednesday

e early understand our position and will favor us with their support." The correspondent asked the minister if he had lost all hope of peace. "I never lose that hope," he replied. The Chinese legation claims to be without information in regard to the attitude of China in the event of war. It was said that all the outset it was certain that neutrality would be proclaimed, but in case of Japanese victories it would not surprise the legation if the Chinese should throw in their lot with Japan. This would seriously embarrans Russia, not be-cause of the importance of the Chinese as a fighting force, but because of the danger of the interruption of the Russian communications. Germantown bridge, Albert county, awarded to Whitman Brewer, St. Marys. Herring Cove bridge, Albert county, warded to W. J. McKenzie, Elgin, Albert Leslie Brook bridge. Victoria county, awarded to Wm. DeMerchant, Perth. Boat Landing bridge, Victoria county, awarded to Henry Boone, Rowena, Vic-

emmunications. The Chinese diplomats strongly depre cate war, for the reason that whether Russia or Japan is the victor they fear a final sparation of territory.

Russian Warships After Japanese Squadron

Port Arthur, Jan. 7, via Che Foo, Jan. 7-Several warships left here at midnight for the purpose of meeting a Japanese squadron of four ironclads approaching Corea to stop six Japanese coal-laden chips from Japan for Port Arthur and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm Victoria county. Calhoun's Mill birdge, Westmorland county, awarded to John M. Brown, Monc-The contract for the steel superstructure of the French Fort Cove bridge in New-castle parish, Northumberland county, was awarded yesterday to the Ruddock foundry in Chatham (N. B.) iere.

### Lake Baikat is frozen.

There is a normal movement of troops in both directions on the railway. The Port Arthur defences are complete and the authorities are confident. CHICAGO HORROR. Yankees Would Be Friendly Neutral.

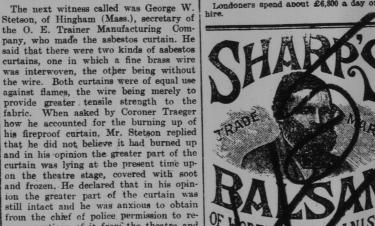
London, Jan. 8-The Daily Mail's Tokic

London, Jan. 8-The Daily Mail's Tokic correspondent says: "Governor Taft had a secret conference with the Marquis Ito this afternoon at the United States Consulate in Yokoha-ma. I understand that Governor Taft as-sured the Marquis that the United States will observe friendly neutrality towards Japan in the event of war and that if neccessary it would grant the use of Amer-ican ports in the Far East to the Janan-ese fleet." arrived a number of people were trying to escape. He threw the boy to a man, telling him to take him out, and then can back to the stage and out to the coollights. The audience was getting int th pamic, as he thought, and in order to niet it, he called to the stage hands "Drop the curtain," and to the stage hand. "Keep up your music." He urged the audience repeatedly to remain quiet and not get excited. When the curtain came

#### Japs Insure New Men of-War.

"I shouted for them to lower the eur London, Jan. 8-The insurance of th Japanese cruisers Niasin and Kasaga which were built at Genoa and bough tain and then I felt what I would describ tain and then I felt what I would describe as a sort of cyclone. There was a heavy oold draught, evidently from the outside, and there was an explosion of some kind as though you would light a match and the whole box goes off. Then I thought of my boy and that perhaps the man did not take him out, so I went for the back door where the people were trying to get out and then I went out myself and found my boy in the alley:" Mr. Foy declared that he was satisfied in his own mind that the fire was caused by snarks from the "Spot" light, but that which were built at Genda and bought from the Argentine government, has been completed after considerable difficulty The policics have been so arranged as to permit the cruisers to go by the way of the Suez canal, Cape Horne, or Cape of the Suez canal, Cape Horne, or Cape of Good Hope routes, as the circumstan of the moment may dictate.

Bent-"Cotlin thinks the country is go ing to the dogs." Hunt-"Cotlin always was found dogs, but I never heard him say anything quite so flattering as that." by sparks from the "Spot" light, but that he had no personal knowledge of the fact



experiment with it. He was shown a sortion of the curtain which had been (7) ught from the Iroquois theatre and aid that it had been in a very hot place WHO and that the life was practically all out

At the conclusion of Mr. Stetson's tes-timony an adjournment was taken until 10 c'eleck tomorrow morning. TERS, Selling Agents SAIRD &

n awful life, which was a howed Hi what a mistake he made. in't got a cent, to be sure, but that ten ore farm of his, but then he ain't got any hildr n. either, which is a wond in his favor, for there's that little Mr impkins, from down the village way, he' got six or more belonging to him, and I never could abide shildren about. But poor little Simpkins does just think a lot of me, Tommy dear, why it was just the other day that he was telling me, I didn't look more than thirty.' Widow Gates was fifty but she carried her age well, and she was still very strong and vigoraus. At the remembrance of Mr Simpkins

ompliment, she hurried to the little mirror that hung by the sink, She g zed at her reflection with a thoughtful but happy mile, and she patted the stray wisps of he pepper and salt bair, back from her fore

A large lamp, with a shade of bright ye low, stood on the supper table, and it three mellow light about the room. The widow had finished her supper but the remain were still on the table.

She turned from the mirror with a start, as a loud and faudden knock was heard at the door, and then hastened to let her visitor in, whoever it might chance to be.

Good evening, Widow Gates, good evening,' said a little man who was enveloped in a fur-lined cost that covered him from head to foot.

"Good-evening, Mr. Simpkins And how are you to night?' the widow said, as she flustered about to get him a chair.

Mr. Simpkins' nose was blue with the cold, and drops of melted snow hung on his hair and side whiskers, both of which were a brilliant red. He removed his large coat, and gazed at the widow's comfortable figure as she bustled about the room.

'My, my, how homelike this is; how homelike, dear Mrs. Gates,' he exclaimed, as he warmed his hands at the fire and

stared about him. 'Won't you have a cup of tea?' the widow answered hastily, to check the sudden rush of compliments that might follow his last

remark. 'A cup of tea?' he clasped his hands in a gesture of rapture at tha thought 'A cup

of tea brewed by your own fair hands? Ah, Widow Gates, you are too kind; too kind to me!'

For company's saks the widow joined him in the tes drinking and for a while they chatted pleasantly over the latest gosvip from the village, as they sipped their ter

and nibbled the widow's home-made cake nont £6.800 a day on

that was famed for many a mile around.

Old Tom sat in the widow's lap and his wicked yellow eyes glared at the little man. 'You spoil that animal, if I may be s bold as to offer a remark, my dear friend,' Mr. Simptins said with a revengeful smile in Tom's direction, after that animal had given him an unusuolly augry glare. 'I could not spoil a better companion the widow answered briskly, and stroked

r pet's soft blac & fur. 'No, no, of course not! Very hand. some cut; very intelligent; very fine cat indeed,' the little man said with a hurried smile to reassure the widow of his fundness

for her pet. There was a long silence which was broken at last by Mr. Simpkins, who spoke in a tender, lover like voice, which startled the widow.

'Ah. Widow Gates-Belinda-may I cal you that sweet name for I always think of you as Belinda-my dear Belinda-' he leaned across the table with the intention of pressing the widow's plamp hand, but

Well I never,' Widow Gates exclaimed angrily when she found sufficient breath Well I never! Here you two to du so. are acting like a disgraceful pair of lunatics! A deacon of the church and an honorable member, with no more seuse than two schoolboys; ain't you ashamed of your selve ? Disgraceful, shameful, awful conduct-My! My! What is the world com ing to?' She leaned her elbows upon the handle of her broom and laughed s wreath cally at the snow bespattered pair. 'Let me explain; I can explain,' Hi sa as he stepped a little eloser to the widow! protecting side

'No, no, you old fool, let me explaint My dear Widow Gates, I was just entering the gate when-' the "Descon began in a husky voice, but Hi interrupted him with, 'I get here first, you darned old liar, I got o the gate first and -'

'You didn't,' the Deacon said augrily and for a few minutes is looked as the war was to be resumed, for Hi answered in still more angry tones, 'I did, you old liar; I did, and if Widow Gates will let me er-

plain, I'll prove that-' "Shut up your explanations; the Widow's a-listening to m-, and I'll-' the Descon's anger rose as well as his voice, and he shook his fist threateningly in the other's face.

'That -' Hi Bloom began sgain; but this time the widow herself idid she interrupt-

'Get out of here both of you; get out. I say, and, if I ever catch either of you old pools around here again, I'll send for the town marshal,' she pointed to the gate as she spoke, and then, with her head high, she stratted into the house leaving the beligerents to each other's company, and their orry reflections.

Upon entering the kitchen she found Mr. Simpkins astraddle of the window sill. He was neither in nor out, for the poor little man did not know whether safety lay within or without.

But the widow helped him to a hasty decision

Striding across the room she grasped hir by the coat collar and yanked him from t! sill, giving him a vindictive little shake she set him upon the floor.

He gasped and spluttered out in thro Widow Gates-Belinda-Icoents. nother shake and the words died away a choking gurgle, as the widow releatlessly, and in grim silence, marched him to

She thrust him forth with a violence that ent the poor little man stumbling and staggering through the orisp snow, and then, returning for his fur-lined overcoat and cap, she flung them after him, and slammed the door with a contemptuous

'There,' she said, decidedly, 'a good riddance to bad rubbish.'

Assuming a reflective mood, she said to herself:

"To think I was folish enough to wonder which one of those silly old fellows I cared for. I'm well rid of 'em all.'

She put her hauds upon her plump hips. and, modding her head to Old Tom, gas vent to h r feeliogs in a hearty pe laughter.



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on the theatre stage, covered with soot and frozen. He declared that in his opin-ion the greater part of the curtain was still intert and Monday, lanuary 4th. still intact and he was anxious to obtain

om the chief of police permission to re-nove portions of it from the theatre and



of the pieces shown him.