In the city of the dead,
In the city where they aleep away the hor
But they lie, while o'er them range.
Winter blight and summer change,
and a hundred happy whispering of flow
No, they neither wed nor plight,
And the day is like the night,
For their vision is of other kind than ou

They do neither sing nor sigh in that burgh of bye-and-bye, Where the streets have grasses cool and long; But they rest within their bed, Leaving all their thoughts mastd, Deeming silence better far than sob No, they neither sigh nor sing, Though the robin be a-wing,
Though the leaves of autumn march a mil

There is only rest and peace in the City of Surcease, From the failings and the wailings 'neath the sun, And the wings of the swift years Beat but gently o'er the biers, Making music to the sleepers every

There is only peace and rest; But to them it seemeth hest. For they lie at ease and know

Miterature.

BOARDING HOUSE POLITICS

One evening early in April, 1865, some six or eight gentlemen were amembled in the parlor of Mrs. Henderson's large boarding house, No,-Chapel street, discussing that all important subject, the war, and comparing opinions as to the probabilities of Grant capturing Lee's army; while directly above, in number six, second floor, front, about the same number of lady boarders were assembled n a species of feminine military tribunal, to try one of their associates for the crime of high treason against the morals of the nouse: but, as it is usual in such cases, the culprit was not present.

No one would have suspected, to glance into number four, at the pretty, girlish looking woman arranging her hair before the glass, that she was the criminal whose anors had arraigned her before that dread tribunal.

But so it was, Innocent as she looked, pretty Ruth Lacy, or Mrs. Capt Lacy, as Mrs. Wilde, the leader of the gossiping Slique at number six, had always styled her until to-day's misdemeanors had changed it to "that war widow," was really the unprincipled creature whose conduct had called forth the righteous indignation of the virtuous matrons and aninaters of number six

Because Capt Lacy was at work for "Uncle Sam" on the sacred soil of Virginia, and had left behind him a remarkably pretty wife not yet arrived at years of discretion, seeing she was as yet only twenty, it was the duty of her fellowboarders to keep a watchful eye over her of course, in a friendly, christian way.

You know such things are usually coner: and, although for six months she had been an inmate of Mrs. Henderson's boarding house they had failed to discover the first dereliction from duty until to day.

And to-day ! "Oh, it was dreadful how unprincipled

the war widows were growing !" At least Mrs. Wilde said so: and of course she ought to have known, if any one i for hadn't she for the last three years, for want of business of her own to attend to, spent at least six hours out of the twenty-four in investigating this particular branch of military science? And when she declared most emphatically that "this particular war widow was no better then the rest," she undoubtedly had good reason for that declaration. Now the whole head and front of the offence was

Ruth Lacy had been absent from the city a week or more, and had returned late the previous evening. During her absence, the family ourcle had been increased by the addition of a new boarder business would detain in the city some part of the business. two or three weeks, during which time he was intending to make Mrs. Hender- other, son's house his home.

Now, as Mrs. Lacy did not arrive until she did not meet him then, Miss Ander-Lacy actually allow him to kiss her, and returned it, too, calling him "Dear Harry," and saying how very glad she was to meet

No wonder the whole sisterhood held up their hands in virtuous indignation. "It was positively shocking! And she professing to be such a pattern of propriety, and pretending to love her dear "Charlie so devotedly." Great love she must have for him, to be kissing other men and calling them love names, when he was suffering, and perhaps, for aught she knew, actually dying in one of those horrible southern-prisons!"

Mrs. Wilde fairly exhausted her breath in her indignation at the outrageous wickedness of "the unprincipled war

"Virginia must not associate with her any longer." Mrs. Farnham-who always followed Mrs. Wilde's lead-said, decidedly; at least not until this matter was eleared up, for her dear daughter must be kept from all contaminating influences and she was really afraid she was no better off in fine style.

Very few of us are, for that matter: and as it would be hard to tell which the last remark was intended for-Mrs. Lacy or Virginia-it would make no particular difference, as it could alander neither.

Miss Virginia pouted a little, and was not quite so ready to condemn the culprit as she had been a few minutes previously, for her mother's prohibition put an end to the borrowing of Mrs. Lacy's jewelry and such articles as she happened pretty little Ruth Lacy and her guilty to fancy from that lady's wardrobe.

were to be such shameful carryings on as upon them the righteous indignation of a affecting his peace of mind.

clared Miss Emmett, the fussy little Mil- evening after having escorted Mrs. Lacy ed anxious Mrs. Farnham, ever true to liner, who called herself just twenty-two to church twice during the day. "Such her maternal instructs; while the safety last birthday, although in the big family creatures to attend church!" Mrs. Wilde of poor, dear Capt. Lacy and the handbible at home, the date March 20th, 1830, had commented upon observing it. The some lieutenant were the subjects which stood opposite her name. "She had lieutenant was actually seen in Ruth agitated the minds of the Misses Anderknown all the time that he was an un. Lacy's room. There was no mistake son and Emmett, respectively; but principled man for his eyes betrayed it." about it. Miss Emmet had seen him nothing but condemnation for the guilty acter, and be patient with them. Very singular, since she had been play. enter and had reported immediately at wife, no word of pity or charity for her, of

Poor, tired-looking Mrs. Allen, who, behole in Ruth Lacy's door was called into
of more consequence than the whele
dose of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild
tween an indelent husband and a cross requisition to make "assurance doubly Union and Confederates forces combined Strawberry for summer complaints." baby, really had a sorry time, was the only sure "-but unfortunately the key was on -to them.

"Might he not possibly be her brother? she ventured to suggest timidly, for it was be very distinctly heard, one of which to the gentler sex, he immediately ac-

be very distinctly heard, one of which was unmistakeably that of the guilty lieutenant.

That lost instantly couted the idea.

Her with the object of the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly a supplicable of the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the guilty like the inside of the house would not furnishall the information desired, possibly the control of the possibly the inside of the house would not furnish the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the control of the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired, possibly the inside of the house would not furnish the information desired the inside of the house would not furnis

Then, perhaps he might be her cousin Mrs. Allen persisted, unwilling to allow her favorite to be condemned without de ing all in her power to prevent it, for the young wife had quite won her heart by taking ours of her cross baby for an hour or two and permitting her to sleep, one day when she was completely exhausted by hard work and sleeplessness

e very light! It is impossible !"

There was no appeal from that decisi

That was decided impossible also, for had not Miss Anderson purposely remark ed to Mrs. Lacy at the lunch table that her cousin was a fine looking man, and Mrs. Lacy had quietly answered that Lieut. Benham was not ber cousin? So Mrs. Allen was completely silenced,

their own way. The rustling of a dress in the hall, and a light, quick step descending the stairs, arrested the sentence about to be pronounced against the prisoner at the bar

"That's her." Mrs Wilde said disregarding the rules of grammar and peliteness, as she hurried into the hall and peoped over the balustrade, just in time to see a trim figure in a brown basque pass out of the street door, which was held open by a tall gentleman in uni-

"Gone out with him, as I live," she exclaimed as she hurried back to her old post of observation at the window.

Yes, there they were on the walk, and -oh, shade of departed virtue, what terrible depravity! The gentleman was conduct? ffering his arm, and she-Mrs. Lacywith a husband in the army, was actually cepting it, though it lacked full ten minutes of seven—so, of course, it was not quite dark.

" Almost broad daylight," Miss Emmet said indignaptly, "such a shameful hussy," wishing in her heart all the time that she was in the shameful hussy's

Anderson sighed, so pathetically. "How bad he will feel when he hears of it!" But "poor, dear Capt, Lacy" was at that time holding a grand jolification with his brother officers over the surrender of Richmond, happily unconscious of the terrible guilt of his pretty young

"Something ought to be done about it," Miss Emmet said, decidedly. "They have no right to permit such disgraceful proceedings. The first thing they would know they would be indicted for keeping disreputable house," and she held up her hands in horror at the thought.

It certainly ought to be stopped imham actually turned pale with apprehen man guilty of ever looking a second

time at her silly, insipid daughter. But what was to be done about it? That was the momentous question to be decided.

"Inform Mrs. Henderson and have her turn her out of the house," was proposition number one. was as dear to good, motherly Mrs. Hen- which she was possessed.

derson as her own children; beside, she So intent had the party been in their her boarders' gossip.

she urged to the proposition. Lacy and let him settle it," was Miss the occasion of the unearthly din. Anderson's suggestion, who always seem-

"To appoint a committee and wait upon Mrs. Lacy and read her a lecture late in the evening, she did not meet the on the evil of her way," was the third Southern Confederacy was of not half so new comer until the next morning. That proposition, but failed of passing the much consequence as Ruth Lacy's fall house for want of a sufficient number of from virtue. son-Mrs. Wilde's able lieutenant-could votes, and the meeting was finally adpositively testify; for wasn't she in the journed until the next convenient epporhall when they met and didn't she, Mrs. tunity, with a mutual pledge to watch

and wait—but especially to watch. And wait and watch they did, and attendant gave them all the business

One evening Miss Emmet saw them walking arm in arm on Main street, and if all were killed. half an hour later found them seated very cosily over an 10e cream at Briggs' aloon; the next, Virginia Farnham found them opposite her at the theatre.

The next day the eyes of the vigilance committee were rejoiced by the sight of a andsome span of greys and a stylish carriage at the door, into the latter of which the gay lieutenant handed his fair inamorata, and taking his seat beside her drove

Mrs. Wilde reported next morning to the band, that it was ten minutes of twelve when they returned; and she knew, if anyone, for didn't she sit by the window with her husband's watch in her hand-which was always kept by the state-house time—and watch for them to come? And she would have sat there all night but what she would have found mental comment. "He thinks Capt. Lacy

If glances could have annihilated, lover would never have been heard of

virtuous household. ing the agreeable to him ever since his number six, where, as usual, the investigations not. arrival; but doubtless she was only read. ting committee were assembled to collect ing his character all the time, and when such evidence as from time to time might which had been kept up during the night, patience will.

been lifted so frequently to his handsome Mrs. Wild detested prying and eaves those of the four worthies, whose thoughts black ones, it was without doubt for the dropping-of course she did; but in such were too busy with the important busipurpose of discovering that expression in an aggravated case as this the end cer- ness they had to transact; and the two tainly justified the means, So the key- officers opposite them at the table were

one of the party to speak a word in favor the inside of the lock, so Mrs. Wilde's stock of knowledge was not materially increased by that means, but voices could the ladies at number six. Ever courteous

> was very inviting, especially on Sunday evenings between six and seven o'clock.

menading slowly down that inviting walk. Very quietly and demurely they walked down to the next street and back again. No one would have dreamed of their being spies upon the land; but their eyes did duty well in that short space of time in passing the house—and saw just room—and just at that moment the guilty of the impropriety of accepting, ments. She will not make a good wife." war widow was standing by his side, one without first consulting you, either athand resting familiarly upon his shoulder, tentions or visits from her brother.' as she leaned forward to look up the walk

below. There was apparently no attempt and the charitable quartette had it all at concealment, on the contrary, they of the quartette sat in open-mouthed seemed to glory in their shame—for there they were, as if there were no impropriety in her-a married woman-entertaining a gentleman in her private room.

Poor, guilty little Ruth Lacy! Didn't your ears tingle on that eventful evening? They ought to, if there is any truth in no further information I can give you, I signs; and you certainly ought to have some warning of the storm of wrath about next subject of your affectionate care to burst over your head.

Meetings number one, two, three, etc., were small editions of Paradise compared | self do," and Capt. Lacy bowed himself to the one now held by the scandalized adies of number six.

Were respectable women ever so gross ly insulted? A virtuous household so shamefully outraged, and in such a bold, defiant manner, as that terrible unprincipled woman was now doing by her bold

Mrs. Wilde, in her indignation, was for calling in a policeman and having the mean as not to tell us so," was the comguilty pair arrested immediately, but ment that went all around as soon as poor, anxious Mrs. Farnham pleaded," they had recovered, in a measure, from their astonishment. "Well, I will dear Virginia's prospects; it would injure never judge any one again until I know her so much to have the affair made public in that manner."

Miss Emmet would inform Mrs. Hencured by one lesson, however severe it derson, and have her turned bag and may be. baggage into the street that instant. For her part she thought they had done wrong in not having done so before. If she could have had her way they never would have harbored such a hussy an birthday anniversary of two so-called

But Miss Anderson strongly objected to her plan. "It might not suit poor, dear toast to "old maids." Capt. Lacy, and as he was the party most injured she thought he ought to be sent a trying ordeal, yet as a representative for, and left to settle it to suit himself. of a class, this is what I am called to do Shelwould write at once, only it would look to-night. A most pathetic recital is indelicate in a young woman like her; that of the psalmist where he says, (she was just thirty six last birthday;) 'They that carried us away captive rebut she thought Mrs. Wilde ought to have her husband write that wary night "

quired of us a song.' Because we have not been carried away captive, therefore her husband write that very night."

But Mrs. Wilde was one of your strong word can be truly defined until the exis a song required of us. It is said no minded women who never ask anything act idea is understood, in all its relations mediately, for if such things were allowed of her husband, except where money was which the word is designed to represent. to go on, it would become the town's concerned, and that was a little oftener But who can understand the idea in all han he fancied; but it was just as well its relations which an old maid reprebe rained, and poor, anxious Mrs. Farn that she did not want his aid in this mat- sents? So setting aside this saying we ter, for she could not have had it, for Mr. make the best use we may of what unsion. As if anyone could have supposed Wilde was where, she rather irreverently derstanding we have. expressed it, "the Lord only knew, she was sure she didn't."

posed to apply to the gentler sex alone. She would write the letter herself. This is a mistake. The word maid in And write it she did, each one of the the original was a general name for man worthy quarrette assisting as far as lay in or woman, the prefix old, it is hardly necessary to say, merely defining a parher power, until before midnight a letter ticular stage in life, regardless of sex. was finished which certainly did credit to A toast on old maids! It is with feelthe heads and hearts which produced it, ings of awe and reverence that I cross But it was doubtful if she would do so and stripped poor little Ruth Lacy of the threshold of so vast and prolific a even if they told her all, for Ruth Lacy every particle of virtue and honesty of subject. The first old maid!

would we not all give to have seen herto have been witness to the agitations had too much business of her own to labor of love, that when in the midst and fluctuations by which she must have attend to, to pay much attention to all of of it the church bells commenced ringing been moved before she finally became an and men's voices were head filling the air old maid? Could she have foreseen the Mrs. Wilde knew this, although she with glad shouts, and everything which outcome of her example, would she have done differently? What a posterity i did not exactly say so in the objections could toot, clash or clang was swelling there to be answered for by the old the chorus, the pen was only suspended maids! As, in every family of beings "Perhaps it would be better to get for an instant, while one of the party inanimate and animate there are certain some of the gentlemen to write to Capt. thrust her head out of the window to learn characteristics common to all its members, so, also, there are distinguishing

"Only Lee's army surrendered. Well. traits of individuality.
"Let us consider a few of the class -a handsome young lieutenant, whom ed to feel a deep interest in the captain's close the window and shut out the noise. Who cares for war news? I don't see described as old maids. I have chosen But this was rejected as worse than the what they want to make such a tremen. to give the original meaning of adjecdous noise over it for."

And Mrs. Wild resumed her writing that which they now bear. There are angular old maids, old maids with their with redoubled energy. The fall of the hearts full of nooks and corners, lurking places of sympathy and pity for others stricken sister or brother, particularly

And in the morning this letter was to be sent on its friendly mission, and the vigilance committee were to endeavor to wait with patience for the arrival of the heart for anybody but himself? There injured husband, and then what a scene! fine time they had of it, too; at least the Mrs. Wild could imagine it all—the husnewstching war widow and her handsome band proudly indiguant in his outraged honor: the false wife cowering in shame they possible could in the watching line, in her detected guilt, and the lieutenant for they passed as much of the time to- -well, of course, the captain would shoot gether as was consistent with his busi. him on the spot, or there would be a duel and nobody knew what the result would be, but she had done her duty, no matter

Miss Anderson hoped that whatever might happen, "poor, dear Capt. Lacy wouldn't get hurt;" while Miss Emmett wished the lieutenant would go away, it and reported to the excited circle at was too bad, after all to have him shot. home that he sat just as near her as he He deserved it, of course, but probably and their uses; old maids are not with possible could with his arm half around she was a great deal more to blame. How out theirs. The law just passed, that could it be otherwise? Wasn't she a married woman?

But for once their arrangements were forestalled. The midnight express from New York brought Capt. Lacy, and the next morning the vigilance committee was not a little surprised to see him walk into the breakfast room with Mrs. Lacy leaning upon his arm as smiling and happy as if she had not been guilty of be while the world stands an omega to such terrible crimes. As Lieut. Benham old maids." was already there, they were still further surprised to see a most cordial greeting

between the wronger and the wronged. "I wonder how he dare look him in the face the guilty wretch !" was Mrs. Wilde's nows nothing about it, but he shall know before I am a day older or my name is not Sophia Wilde."

And as it was to be inferred that such "Mrs. Henderson ought to be inform. after that morning's breakfast; but as it was her rightful cognomen, it is safe to ings. Keep up a standard of principles your children are your judges. ed of it," Miss Anderson said. "She for was they were as quiet and unconcerned suppose that he could not very long reone would not stay in the house if there as if their guilty intimacy had not drawn main in ignorance of a matter so nearly

"I hope there will be no public ex-But the climax was reached Sunday posure on dear Virginia's account," sigh.

have concealments, fretting them will The general rejoicing over the war news, never make them tell, and time and over that interesting game of chess last be gained in the all-important case of had in a measure subsided now, but was have opinions of their own; make them scarcely ever need to give the second

An hour later Capt. Lacy received a polite invitation to attend a meeting of

wife could imagine, much less commit

but there were witnesses to prove every

statement, there was no room for doubt

"I thank you, ladies, for the kind in

"Her what?" Mrs. Wilde almost

screamed in her surprise, while the rest

"Her brother, I said, madam,"

demanded Miss Anderson, angrily.

"Then why didn't she tell us so

"I presume, simply because you neve

asked her; and now, ladies, if there is

wish you good-morning, hoping that the

may appreciate your kindness as much

His heart was so full of joy over the

ending of hostilities, and the pleasure of

meeting his wife again, that he could

not find room in it for anger toward the

discomfited mischief-makers, whose dis-

appointment and chagrin, he rightly

judged, would be a more severe punish-

"Her brother, after all, and she so

But they will. Such people are never

A Toast to Old Maids.

At a recent family celebration of the

old maids," one of the two made the

"To chant o'er one's grave would be

"The term old maid is generally sup-

every one a refuge for any sorrow

the latter. These are found in women

are sour oldmaids, sharp and decided

meaning of the word to decline! What

strength in its use here-an old maid

declining! There are instances. There

are pious old maids anxious for the wel-

fare of their souls. These predominate

in the gentler sex simply because there

are so few and fascinating lady ministers.
"Time would fail me to tell of the

anxious, the nervous, the patient, the

hopeless, the artless, the heartless, the

resigned. A resigned old maid! What

a complete giving up it implies—a wil

lingness to be left, or if need be, to be

taken. All things have their places

woman by marriage forfeits her right to

the position of teacher in the public

schools, implies, does it not, the superi

ority of old maids in that capacity

There are beautiful old maids. We can

not describe them; beauty indescribable.

Full of beauty, they cannot be appro

priated by one alone, but are for their

own whole little world to have. There

has been an alpha, but there can never

To Mothers.

If you say no mean no. Unless you

Take an interest in your children's

Remember that trifles to you are

Be honest with them in small things

as well as in great. If you cannot tell

As long as it is possible, kiss the child-

ren goodnight after they are in bed;

they like it, and it keeps them ver

Bear in mind that you are largely r

Respect their little secrets; if they

"It always acted like magic. I had

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sponsible for your child's inherited char

them what they wish to know, say so

rather than deceive them.

mountains to them; respect their feel-

amusements; mother's share in what

pleases them is a great delight.

have a good reason for changing a given

command, hold to it.

following remarks in response to the

ment than any he could inflict.

as Mrs. Lacy, Lieut. Benham and my-

wonder, utterly confounded

swered the captain, politely.

out of the room.

for certain.

affably :-

cepted it, and when once within the charmed circle he was entertained with a list of wrongs, which he, good, honest

soul, never dreamed it possible his pretty see a woman in order to compose a character synopsis? Decidedly, I think, at breakfast and during the afternoon. As general rule if she looks well then, she They expected a storm of indignation, is in good health; if she dresses neatly, as a matter of course, and Miss Andershe is tidy; if she is full of projects for son had come prepared with viniagrette Ten minutes later the captain and and camphor in case his feelings over- able number, she possesses mental actientenant of the goesip club were pro- powered him. But there were no signs tivity and bodily energy. Beware of of either indignation or faintness, as he the young woman who complains, of belistened in a calm, courteous manner to ing cold in the morning, whe looks sickall they had to say, and at its conclus- ly who eats little, who comes down late, ion, rose quietly from the chair Mrs. who appears to have dressed hastily, Wilde had tendered him on his entrance who languishes a whole forenoon over a and with a polite bow and smile, said couple of letters to an absent sister or schoolfellow. No matter how bright what they came out to see—Lieut. Ben- terest you have shown in my wife's af- avoid her. Lead her not to your suburand animated she may appear later on, ham sitting at the window of Ruth Lacy's fairs, and trust she will never again be ban villa; engage no matrimonial apart-



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