BETTER THAN GOLD.

BY REY, ALT, RYAN, stier than grandeur, better than gol-han rank and titles a thousand fold, a healthy body and a mind at ease, and simple pleasures that always plea-And simple pleasures that always please A heart that can feel for another's wee, And share its joys with a gental glow. With sympathies large enough to enfold All men as brothers, is better than cold.

Better than gold is the sweet repose
Of the sons of toil when their labor close;
Better than gold is the poor man's sleep,
And the balm that drops on his slumbers of
Bring sleeping draughts to the downy bed,
Where luxury pillows its aching head, His simple opiate deems
A shorter road to the land of dreams. Better than gold is a thinking mind, That in the realm of books can find

And live with the great and good of yore The sage's lore and the poet's lay;
The glories of empire pass away;
The world's great dream will thus enfold
And yield a pleasure better than gold. Better than gold is a peaceful home, When all the fireside characters con The shrine of love, the heaven of life

The Shrine of love, the heaven of life, Hallowed by mother, or sister, or wife, However humble the home may be, Or tried with sorrow by heaven's decree, The blessings that never were bought nor sold, And centre there, are better than gold.

THE HIDDEN CRIME.

the vine-shaded windows of farm-houses.

swarmed a black, shifting crowd.

from the cottage windows

groups of men, with expectancy upon their him. And when it was considered that his had once seemed so beautiful in his eyes

to his chamber at his usual hour the even- thirty years.

and commenced his inquest. That the man seemed, for a long time, fruitless inquiries.

next morning the inquest was recommenced. On that occasion the nearest male relatives

Meanwhile, Claudius pined in prison, and brawl, on the very day that set Claudius and classical oration of statesmen, they of the deceased were present—two young his mother and sister dwelt in their lonely Fletcher free. Two young men so dissimilar in aspect, in manners, and appearance, scarcely ever before him with a grief bitterer it may be than self closely into the privacy of his own

The day were on. The little testimony had all been taken; the servants carefully examined; the statements of physicians recorded; and the coroner was about to address the jury, when an excited group of men burst into the room. The foremest held in his hand a deep stained clasp-knife, which he had just discovered hidden beneath.

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In the measures the statement of Arnold's example and only knew that he was grow-corded; and the coroner was about to address the jury, when an excited group of measures the winkles in his cheeks, and saw that the locks, periodically clipped from his head a deep stained clasp-knife, where streaked with grey. men burst into the room. The foremost held in his hand a deep stained clasp-knife, which he had just discovered hidden beneath the shrubs which grew in a distant corner of the garden. Near the spot were other distinct footprints, corresponding exactly with those found at the end of the verandah. The investigation was resumed. The knife was found to be the property of Claudius Fisches. His sister was then left alone; and sister, he went back to dwell in the was found to be the property of Claudius Fisches. His sister was then left alone; and sister, he went back to dwell in the was found to be the property of Claudius Fisches. His sister was then left alone; and sister, he went back to dwell in the white manner of the great wealth became his; and, with his wife and sister, he went back to dwell in the white manner of the spring between the property of Claudius Fisches. He was marked. Her brother's dis-

and the deceased had probably unintention. mainder of her life to him. room early, with the avowed intention of sleeping for an hour or two; and they, having gone to rest as usual, did not hear him to out.

Their line with one alm, waited for the time when, with entire self-devotion, they should welcome to his home the enfranchised Claudius.

"We'll Conductor

women and children that looked forth from and still—wonder and grief, more than tear, bond between them more powerful than shead, I wish you would put on some steam depicted upon his face—the centre of that any of human creation. angry crowd. After that momentary hush At length he came. The long years

Around the great white house upon the the coroner's jury fixed suspicion of the had been accused; and once more he was hill, the mansion built by the once proud crime upon him. All processes of the law permitted to step forth into the air, and owner of all the adjacent tract, and since were duly followed out. He was indicted, sunshine, and upon the earth, a free man.

| Take | Sunshine | Sunshin warmed a black, shifting crowd.

Some fearful attraction had drawn them hither. There were faces among the black and bearing his name, and by himself acknowledged to be bearing his name, and by himself acknowledged to be bearing his name, and by himself acknowledged to be bearing his name, and by himself acknowledged to be bearing his name, and by himself acknowledged to be bear and sweet young girl he had known. occupied by the long line of his descendants, arraigned and tried. The evidence was all His sister met him, and behind him linthither. There were faces among them himself acknowledged to be his own—the but wrinkled and pair, with lines of grey in pale with dread as those that looked forth unexplained employment of the two hours her dark hair, and traces of the age that rom the cottage windows

Within the house were gathered other

before midnight of that fatal night, were all was creeping on, in her thin and slightly deemed proof that fastened the crime upon bent figure, so unlike the rounded form that

stera faces. In one corner sat the coroner uncle's death would, in case a will had been I dare not portray the meeting. There of the county and his jury; and in another, found, have probably made him heir of the are passages in every human life too sacred cold and still, lay the body of him who, only larger portion of his estate, a sufficient for words, and, in the lives of those who death?" the night before, had been the master of the motive was discovered. But there was no have so deeply suffered, there is a mystery mansion.

He was a bachelor, living there alone with his servants, who all slept in apart.

He was not death, but that life in vade by aught so poor as language. It is note?" sneered the Conductor. ments remote from his own. He had retired death, incarceration within prison walls for enough that the barriers of those silent

ing previous. In the morning, when the The strong youth, in the budding prime came home at once to the hearts that had the other has been outlawed since man servant went to spread the table in the of his manhood, was borne away to his loved him so long. And Alice Fletcher spoke to you last!" library, which was Judge Fletcher's usual prison. His mother and sister assumed the completed her long-life sacrifice, when, breakfast-room as well, he found his master weeds of mourning, for to them he was laying aside all jealousy of a love greater dead. Neither scarcely dared to hope that than she could claim, she smiled upon the been let out through two deep wounds in uncle, it was decided that he was the heir. to come to pass.

ne the deed, or for what motive, he assumed possession of all the rest. None of the treasures of plate or jewels bouse on the hill. The old mansion was of which there were great store in the old closed and deserted, save by a couple of fourth year of their marriage. She had consequently read more and exit or entrance of the assessin could be house and grounds; and the new proprietor lad discovered, in the rich garden mould at the early which ran beneath borhood of the city. Here he shortly after the library windows, a footprint, small, well shapen, and well defined, evidently shapen, and well defined, evidently being recognised in the transaction; found, until late in the day, when a prying built himself a costly residence in the neigh sumption, their mother's disease, seemed to that of a man of slight proportions. Through hardly being recognised in the transaction; eldest—a son—inherited the dark beauty the important places, of nations, their government. the long French windows of this room, then, and here be dwelt-rich, influential, and which had distinguished his father's youth. ernment and doings on the globe. the assassin must have made his entranca respectable. His charities were large; he He inherited, also, his evil nature, his taste nd exit.

There was no verdict on that day. The discount of the contract of th

Themseforth, Arnold Fletcher, always of a longed to the same family stock, and had if he were dead. No doubt of the innocence house. He made no attempt to welcome in of the crime so mysteriously thrust upon person his long-imprisoned relative; and though lie same.

Actuald Fietcher was tall, though slight, him, ever troubled them. But through all though lie penned a letter of congratula descent from this old, and proud and rich gloom that no sun of hope could brighten.

And, in silence she dared not break,

Two years passed away. The stain of and correctness.

Claudius Fletcher, on the other hand, had no pretensions to beauty beyond those of a frank, ruddy face, beauting with chearful always so wise and kind, to sid him in some and interrupted by the unwelcome meson and the same of his love to his uncle, and to beseech him, alone in his study in the midnight hour and interrupted by the unwelcome meson and interrupted by the unwelcome meson and interrupted by the unwelcome meson and the same of this hour beautiful and interrupted by the unwelcome meson and interrupted by the u the journey he had undertaken on that fatal with weeping attendants around him, as He had been his dead uncle's favorite; and he might win her. Of this, though humble, destined never to be completed.

A secret door of his cabines, never opened

ators of this deed, of light and darkness. He marked the There were young seen, now grown old, if in a lonely corner weeks by the recurring Sundays that per who still remembered the fate of the elder fitted worship, his classed hands. For him there was no other change, No

Fletcher. Indeed, it bore upon the silver plate that ornamented its side, his name.

At once suspicion, the angry suspicion no offers of marriage. And she was not not suspicion, the angry suspicion no offers of marriage. And she was not not not suspicion no offers of marriage. of the crowd, fastened upon him. He acknowledged the knife to be his, and asserted that on the day before the deed he had, that she should live until her brother were have been crowned by any public testing

night on business for his uncle in a neigh. same resolve had been formed—the young so truly loved and trusted him through all boring city, going in the coach at midnight, spending one day in the city, and returning on the following night. All this was corroborated by the testimony of others; but still there remained to be accounted for the time prayions to leaving heaven as he mid the same resolve had been formed—the young girl whom Claudius had loved. She had left the village with her parents, soon after his imprisonment, and since had been living in the West; but her resolve never fallowed. Her constancy shrank not at the long delay of thirty years. She keen the time previous to leaving home on his mid- long delay of thirty years. She knew that sister were compelled to acknowledge that his bed had not been occupied that night, and that they were not aware at what time forth free. So these women, widely separated yet with one air waited for the part of the hundredth time. be left the house. He had retired to his parated, yet with one six, waited for the

On a bright June day, nearly forty years Only himself and Arnold had an interest rowfully, and at length mingled; for when ago, a thrill of dismay ran through a quiet in the old man's death; and the act had her parents died, and left her sole heiress ago, a turni of dismay ran through a quiet Canadian community. There were no clouds in the sky; the face of nature was decked in summer loveliness; no portent had presaged this terrible calamity. Yet a storm seemed to have swept over the scene, with the footprints, and they were found to leaving silence and desolation in its track. fit them exactly, a moan of terror burst from they loved—their common interest, the man subsided There were no busy groups of workmen in all present. For an instant all shrank from common love, so strong in both, though the fields or workshops, and the faces of the unfortunate man, and he stood white different in character in each, making

along the village street, were white with followed the fierce clamor of many voices. Claudius was arrested. The verdict of expiated to society the crime of which he

positive proof, and the jury brought in a of grief, and a fathomiess ocean of joy, in vous man years were all swept away, and Claudius worry. I've been figuring up, and I find

The tidings spread rapidly. Ere noon ever they should look upon his face again. In a bridal of the long-loving pair, and felt. A school teacher, who had been a long and selected his jury, inquest. That the man deprived him of all rights. So when Arnold was dead, all could see. That the life had administered to the estate of his deceased For she dared not hope for that which was the minds of a family of children, writes as

the side; that one hand had been nearly By his great generosity a small sum was Arnold Fletcher, with all his wealth, had I have found it to be a universal fact the side; that one mand used no mounty and state of the mother and sister of Claudius, not been a happy man. He had been at defence, was just as apparent. But who a life interest in certain property; and then deeply tried, his friends were wont to say; both sexes and of all ages who have access and then they would, as consolation, remind to newspapers at home, when compared to He did not take up his abode in the white him of imperishable treasure laid up above. those who have not, are:

family, he was poor. He had never been a favorite of his rich uncle, though he had many traits of the family about him. Of these, the most motionable in person were the small, well-shaped feet and hands which ask her of her parans. On his return from ask her of her parans. On his return from the many traits and hands which had devoted all their lives to time. And the many traits of the family about him.

this had been sometimes shown in a marked manner, though Judge Fletcher had always distributed his gifts alike to the two orphan some of his dead brothers.

The demeanor of the young men on this consiston was quite different. Arroidd Fletcher was loud in his lamentations; tears rolled down his awarthy cheeks; and, with elegation of the band and approach the same through Judge Fletcher was loud in his lamentations; tears rolled down his awarthy cheeks; and, with elegation that display the mysterious influence had keep the was walking, but something had restrained him from mying where. Perhaps had been dead uncled There was comething in his manner which gave the idea of attended to speak, she might have saved him.

Claudius Fletcher, on the countrary, knelt ellent by the side of the body, and kissed the cheek whose ruddings had given way to almost mortal pallor. Not speaking to any one, are to longing if any traces had yet been discovered of the perpetrators of this deed, he went and sented himself in a londy corner of the perpetrators of this deed, on the face of the perpetrators of this deed, where and sented himself in a londy corner of the perpetrators of the class of the senter of the perpetrators of this deed, where and sented himself in a londy corner of the perpetrators of this deed, with the face buried in his classyed head.

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ed that on the day before the deed he had, when on a visit to his uncle, lent it to him, when on a visit to his uncle, lent it to him, and the decreased had probably printention.

mainder of her life to him. ally retained it. He had left home that There was another in whose heart the sweetest joy for him and for those who had

A Mixed Train. On some of the Western roads they attack

On some of the Western roads they attach a passenger car to a freight train and call it mixed." It isn't in the order of things that such trains should travel very rapidly, and sometimes there is considerable growling among the "traffic."

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"I guess she's dead now," said he, mourn The Conductor growled at him, and the

"Conductor," said he, after an hour a silence, "Conductor, if the wind isn't deno I'd like to see where my wife is buried b

elapsed into profound melancholy "I say, Conductor," said he, after a long

you down," shouted the conductor, asvagely The nervous man regarded him sadly, and went to his seat. Two hours later the Conductor saw him chatting gaily and laughing heartily with a brother victim, and ap proached him

"Time heals all wounds," sighed the ne "And you are not so particular about the

"Not now. That's all right. Don'

Influence of Newspapers.

more readily comprehend the meaning of Stove Pipe and Tinware, 5. They write better composition, using

6. Those young men who have for years with a marvellous dark beauty of counten their perfect faith in him the shadow of his tion, in which he expressed his oft-repeated been readers of newspapers are always tak. ance. He was cled in garments somewhat fearful degradation, of the unutterable sorbelief in the innocence of Claudius, he recoarse and rude; for solwithstending his row and shaue of his lot, permeated in fused to see him, even when his failing

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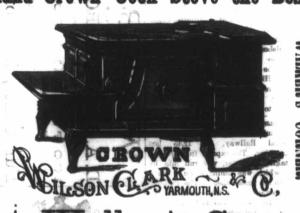
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