THAT EMPTY CHAIR.

In the morning of life, when earth was new. We pattered together that same old tale, Too early in life for life's review-For a future we trimmed our whitened

And for many a league over land and sea, While the winds blew foul, the winds blew fair. We never could dream that the time might

When one would sob o'er an empty chair.

We sailed and we sailed over many a sea, When our hearts were young' and our lives were new. And was never a hurt but we found to be Lessened by half when divided by two.

But out from its nest my fellow has flown. And I know not whither she went, or I saw a flutter, I heard a moan,

And now I view but an empty chair.

will go, And the fickle moon will wax and wane. As I nightly go to my couch of woe, Or rise from my sleepless bed of pain. The young will laugh in their harmless glee The sturdy youth and the maiden fair, But never a joy will be coming to me,

With ever in view that empty chair. Though wit may stir to a hollow mirth, And a moment my cares be still, My sorrow forever renews its birth, And mocks at my laboring will; For I walk in the valley and shadow alone

As I look again at that empty chair. But from over the river she beckons to me, And she calls to me in my dreams, And something-a breath-whatever it be, Like the fan of a pinion it seems; And the voice of a something is seeming t

Never cheer comes to lighten my care.

As I sink in lonely despair: "I stand by your side through the live-long Or I sit in that lonely chair."

SELECT STORY.

AN UNBROKEN PROMISE.

A CASTAWAY.

PART III.

CHAPTER I. THE CIPHER TELEGRAM.

Up and down the carriage sweep in front of the house walked the two gentle- or the day after. Of course they will stay "Her last words to me were convincing men for more than an hour; the subject of in the house, and I will ask you to be on that point." their conversation being the same as that good enough to make preparations for which had occupied the general and Mrs. their reception." Pickering on the previous evening. Even at greater length than he had spoken to cape from the library and seek the soli- him?" his housekeeper, Sir Geoffry explained to tude of her own room, while Sir Geoffry his friend the story of his earlier life, the was prosing on the mention of the generseparation from his wife, the duel with al manager, and gave her the clue to the Mr. Yeldham, the interview with Gerald, train of thought which the name of Terra him that the business will principally be when he bade the boy renounce his name del Fuegos. She recollected Mr. Drage conducted; and Mr. Vane is probably and his position, and the recent interview having obtained that information from only coming down to be referred to on when he ordered Riley to turn him from his father's clerk in the city. And he was points of detail. Is he a man likely to the door. If he had any doubt of the feelings with which this narrative would not see her there. She must find some have been received, the behavior of his pretext for absenting herself during his said Madge. "I can scarcely understand companion would have soon settled his stay. Could this visit to Wheatcroft have what you mean." mind. Mr. Drage listened silently to all, any connection with the telegram which from the commencement of the story until the end. He never made the slightest verbal interruption; but as Sir Geoffry of that which Rose had forwarded to her the fresh air. However, I only asked for city and in company with Joshua Chapproceeded, the Rector's head sunk upon the copy? what connection could there the sake of something to say. I think pell walked down Queen street between his breast, and his hands, which had been be between the two events she could not you are perfectly right in what you proclasped behind him, at last formed a tell, but that there was a link between refuge wherein his agitated face was hid- them she firmly believe

"There is not much need to ask your have acted wrongly." "I do," said Mr. Drage, raising his head,

"most wrongly and unlike a parent, unlike a christian, unlike a gentleman!"

"I repeat what I said, Sir Geoffry, and defy you to disprove my words. Was it like a gentleman to watch and spy upon in the following manner: the actions of your wife and her partner in the ball room; was it like a christian to shoot down this man on the mere sup-

position of his guilt?" "Shoot him down, sir?"—he had his chance," cried the General. "His chance!" echoed the Rector, severely. "What chance had a dilettante poet, painter, musician, what not, who who probably never had a pistol in his hands in his life? What chance had he against yon, a trained man of arms? Was it like a father for you to condemn this lad for keeping the oath which he had sworn to keep by his dying mother's bed-

he came with his long-sought proofs of that mother's innocence?" "Yon are a hard hitter, sir," said Sir Geoffry, eyeing him sternly. "You don't spare your adversaries?"

"Pardon me one moment," said Sir Geoffry. "Before we talk of remorse and atonement, I should point out to you that I am not the only person to blame in this question. I am hot-tempered, I allow it. Nature and the life I have led settled me for that; but this boy is as hot-tempered as I am, and has an insolent way with him, which is in the highest degree provoking. However, we have talked enough on family affairs for the present. Let us go in and see what Mrs. Pickering has

provided for luncheon." The rector knew his friend's peculiarities too well to attempt to renew the conversation at that time, and silently fol-

lowed him into the house. Before he went away the rector found an opportunity of telling Mrs. Pickering the subject of the conversation he had had with Sir Geoffry, and spoke earnestly

about its unsatisfactory termination. Dr. Drage imagined from Sir Geoffry's tone that he was still highly incensed against his son; but Madge was much more sanguine on being able to bring harsh and curt the general's manner might be to Mr. Drage, or to any other of his friends, she had a molifying power over him, which, duly exercised, never failed to sothe him in his most irrational moments. She did not say this to the rector, with whom she simply condoled, but she felt tolerably certain that the day would not pass over without the subject being again broached to her by the gen-

She was wrong. In the afternoon she received a summons to the library, and with both hands. found Sir Geoffry awaiting hor.

"I will not trouble you to commence line perhaps, but one in which your "My dear Bertha," said Madge, with a such particular notice as to attract Vane's what I am trying to do. I want to sell heard me mention my friend Irving?"

"Mr. Irving, of Coombe Park?" "The same; I have told you of my suppose as papa cannot have you here, Vane that their friend was probably a Too much competition,

long friendship with him, and of his de- that is the reason he has bought a por- parson who had got wind of the rich termination made long ago, and abided trait of you?" by ever since, to enter into no speculations

which I do not approve of. Strange to ing towards the rector with uplifted eye- little money for the local charities, think that a man of city position and brows. financial knowledge should choose to be

matters, and has never been on the Stock cester the other day, I saw in a shop win- ing them. During the discussion of this Exchange in his life! However, Irving dow a print of a saint's head, by some meal, at which the three gentlemen alone is a Scotchman, and a great believer in German artist, and I was so struck with were present, the conversation was enluck! and as the first dabble on which I it that I could not resist purchasing it." | tirely of a social character: Springside, advised him turned out a lucky hit, he has relied upon me ever since, and has the mantelpiece; and when I told him the style of persons frequenting it, were not done badly on the whole."

it." said Madge. "I think I have heard papa?" you say that Mr. Irving is one of the richest men in England."

"So he is; and that is so well known which he may happen to be connected, you are away from home so early?" such confidence does it inspire. Rich as "I have, indeed, she replied, and strange he is, though, he still likes making the news. Philip Vane is coming to Wheatmoney, still takes a pleasure in adding to croft!" his heap. Irving has been speculating very little lately; indeed, I began to fancy that he had given it up altogether. But to her."

"That is the same. Surely, Mrs. Pickering," said the old general, jocularly, you are not a shareholder in that prom-

is half persuaded to embark "

have heard it?"

ising undertaking?" And my heart finds vent in a stifled groan,

> "Most probably it has caught your eye take some hours. when you have been kindly reading over to me the prices of stocks and shares, and being an odd name, has remaiaed on your

and the general manager, to explain matters to me." "The general manager!" cried Madge. somewhere in the painted papers. These not acquainted him with your visit?" gentlemen will be down here tomorrow

Madge took the first opportunity to es-

coming there to Wheatcroft! He must | walk out much while he is here?"

he took the paper from the pocket of When the story came to an end, there her dress, which she had worn while trated.' was a long pause, broken by Sir Geoffry's travelling, and spread it out before her. She pored over it for an hour, puzzling opinion of my conduct in this matter; I readjust the jumbled mass of letters before her good bye. It was evident that he see plainly that you are of the same mind her. It was of no use, she would give it as Mrs. Pickering, and consider that I up for the present, her head might be wondering much what could have so ed her desk, intending to lock the paper away in it, when suddenly she started and uttered a cry of joy. From the small "Sir!" cried the old general, stopping leather note-case at the bottom of the short in his walk, and glaring fiercely at desk, one of the few relics of Philip Vane which she possessed, she drew a long strip of paper, with a column of letters in

> consecutive order on either side inscribed B-R C-M

D-B and se on. This column was headed "Writing." Under the other, headed · Reading," these letters were reversed. "My memory serves me well," said Madge, with delight, "and I am repaid for having kept this note case and its contents so long. This is a key to some cipher which Philip must evidently have used at one period of his life. Let us see whether it fits this message. If it does, I think the translation will not be difficult." side; to hunt him from your house when She turned the slip of paper with the "Reading" side uppermost, and by its aid commenced deciphering the telegram and arranging it into plain language.

After some minutes' hard labor, she read the following as the result: "You must come up at once. Irving is impractible, and refuses to join until he sees his friend Sir G. H.'s signature to the deed. This signature must be obtained

at any price. Come up at once." "That signature must be obtained at any price," repeated Madge. "I don't think it will be obtained. I am sure it will not if I am a match for Philip Vane!"

CHAPTER II.

ALTHOUGH her mind was sufficiently made up as to the course which she would pursue, Madge thought it would be advisable to take counsel with Mr. Drage, and accordingly, early in the morning, she set off for the rectory.

She intended to tell Mr. Drage that Philip Vane was coming to Wheatcroft on a matter of business; but did not think it was necessary to explain what the business was, nor to acquaint the rector with the information which she had gleaned Gerald back to his proper place in his father's heart. She knew that however the country to the country that she intended to the country that she is the country that she country that she could be conot be considered to the country that she could be considered to t every means in her power, to prevent him having the slightest idea of her connection with Sir Geoffry' establishment. She found the rector taking his morning walk round the garden, with little

"We were talking about you just now, the carriage. There were but few persons Mrs. Pickering," said the child. "I was on the platform, for it was an early and reading just now, Mrs. Pickering," said asking papa why you did not come back unfashionoble train; but amongst them he, as he saw Madge opening the news- and live her. We should like it so much, was a tall, thin man, of stooping figure, papers which had just arrived from Lon- pa and I would, and it would be so much dressed in a long clergyman's coat, who don. "I want to talk to you upon a mat- more cheerful for you than staying with hovered round the two strangers, and ter of some importance, not quite in your that cross old gentleman at Wheatcroft."

strong common sense cannot fail to ad- grave smile, "I should like to be with attention, and induce him to inquire jocuvise me well and usefully. You have you very much, but I cannot come." "So papa said," said the child, turning Whereupon Delabole stared with easy as-

"A portrait of me!" cried Madge, look- and had come there to draw on him for a

"Bertha, my darling, how can you be on their arrival were received with much governed in his investments by an old so ridiculous," said the rector. "The formality and politeness by Sir Geoffry, Indian officer, who knows little of money | fact is, Mrs. Pickering, that when at Bir | who told them that luncheon was await-

nonsense," said the rector, whose cheeks that the mere advertisement of his name off, he turned to his visitor and said: is a mine of wealth to any affair with "Have you any news, Mrs. Pickering, as

> "Good heavens!" cried the rector-"That woman has told him of your visit

of late I have had several letters from "Oh, no," said Madge, with a smile, him, each increasing in warmth and "she has not told him; she will not tell keenness about a certain mining company him. She has determined to play the called the Terra del Fuegos, in which he game out in her own way, and to run the risk. No, Mr. Vane is coming with anoth-"The Terra del Fuegos?" repeated ergentleman from London, to see Sir Geoffry on business."

"He will be at Wheatcroft, then some little time," he said. "He will one night there," replied Madge. "The distance from London is "No," said she, "and yet the name too great for them to return the same day. seems to be familiar to me. Where can I Besides, they have business to discuss with Sir Geoffay, which will probably

"What dou intend to do?" "I intend to ask Sir Geoffry's permission to remain in my room. In the ordinary memory. However, Irving, though more | course of events, a person in my position predisposed in favor of this concern than | would not be brought into contact with of anything else, which I can remember | company remaining for so short a period for many years, has abided by his old in the house; and it is only through Sir practice of referring to me for his final de- Geoffry's courtesy and consideration that cision. I have read through all the I take a more prominent place in the printed documents connected with the household. I shall retire to my room undertaking, which in themselves are when they arrive, and remain there until eminently satisfactory; but I require a after their departure. Thee name of Mrs. little further information on certain points | Pickering, the housekeeper, will doubtless and wrote so to Irving. He referred my be mentioned occasionally, but it is one letter to the company, who must consider which Mr. Vane has never heard of in his cohesion to their undertaking of great | connection with me, and will convey to

importance, as they proposed to send his mind no idea of me whatsoever. Do down two of their body, the chairman, you approve of what I propose doing?" "Perfectly," said Mr. Drage, with a nervous and excited air. "It is most important that your husband should not know "And the chairman," said the general. of your presence in this place. You feel "I forget their names, but I have them | tolerably certain that Mrs. Bendixen has

"I feel quite certain of it," said Madge. night at Wheatcroft. Who is the other

which Mr. Vane is the general manager." "The chairman! Oh, then it is through

"What an extraordinary question!" had summoned him from Sandown, and men whose lives are passed in the city are in a helpless condition and badly broken

"I meant was he fond of exercise? Some which, as she believed, was the original delighted at every chance of getting into up. Wednesday night Rice was in the pose, my dear Mrs. Pickering, and I would recommend you to take every precaution that your intentions are frus-

He spoke in a nervous, jerky manner, quite foreign to his nature, and half put her brain in endeavoring to assort and forth his hand, as though about to wish was anxious for her departure, so Madge, clearer another time perhaps. She open- strangely moved her friend, took her leave. The rector accompanied her to bridge alone. He was taken to Victoria the gate, and then, returning to his study, turned the key in the lock, and falling upon his knees, prayed long and fervently. When Madge arrived at Wheatcroft she found Sir Geoffry in a state of great ex-

> "I have received a letter from these gentlemen, Mrs. Pickering," he said, "and they will be here at mid-day tomorrow. Very luxurious fellows for men of business they seeem to be, too. Springside is too far distant from London for them to complete the journey in one day; they must sleep at Bircester, forsooth. Deuced easy style this Delabole writes in, too; says he has no doubt that, after I have perused the private papers which he intends bringing with him, and listened to all he has to say, I shall be convinced of the ex
> Sold by all druggists throughout the world. 25cts per bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." cellence of the undertaking, and that he shall carry away the deed duly inscribed with my name. He speaks so confidently old letters today, George, where you said that the investment which he proposes must be a very sound one, or else he must have but a poor opinion of my business qualifications. I daresay he thinks it will | my wish. be easy enough, with specious words and cooked accounts, to get over an old soldier:

however, that will remain to be proved. You will be quite ready for the reception of these gentlemen, Mrs. Pickering, and will make them comfertable I am sure." "You may depend upon their being nade perfectly comfortable, Sir Geoffry." said Madge. "There will, I presume, be

no occasion for my being in attendance when they are here?" "None in the world," said Sir Geoffry, "I mean that I shall not be called upon to see them, and that I may keep to my

room during their stay?" "Certainly, if you wish it," said Sir Geoffry. "But you know, Mrs. Pickering, that I am rather proud of you, and-" "I am a little over-fatigued by my journey, and I dread any introduction to the hostess. Mrs. Malaprop - And pray strangers, fearing that I might absolutely who is her accomplice?

break down. I---" "Don't say another word about it; you shall do exactly as you please, and no stress shall be laid upon you. Sensitive woman that," said the old General to himself, looking after madge's retreating figure, "high-spirited and all that sort of face, hands, nose, &c., leaving the skin by unravelling the mysteries of the cipher thing. Does not mind the people about clear, white and healthy. Its great healthought, to tell him that she intended to I suppose, of meeting people who knew no other remedy. Ask your druggist for keep herself concealed during the time her in better days, and who would be her husband was at Wheatcroft; and, by ashamed of recognising her in her present position. Now I must once more look through the papers which Irving sent to me, and coach myself up in readiness to go away for a change of climate. That's meet these gentlemen from the city." Punctual to its time, the train contain-Bertha trotting by his side. Directly she ing the two gentlemen arrived at the

caught sight of Madge, the child rushed Springside station the following morning, towards her, putting up her face to be and Delabole, hopping briskly out, called kissed, and clinging to Madge's gown a fly, then turned back to assist his companion in extricating their luggage from larly of Delabole who was his friend. to Mr. Drage, who had just come up. "I surance at the tall gentleman, and told to love a rich girl as a poor one? WaiteDon't Forget

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what he had imagined were unpleasant truths, all of which, though somewhat chafed at by Vane, were received by Delabole, who acted as spokesman for himself and friend, with the greatest suavity, and were replied to with the utmost coolness and good temper. The promptitude which his companion displayed in seizing upon every word uttered by their host as a personal matter was not with out its effect upon Delabole. When Sir Geoffry pushed his chair back from the table and suggested that they should adjourn to the library, there to discuss the

object of their visit, Delabole said: "If you have no objection, Sir Geoffry, I think that this question will be more likely be brought to a speedy conclusion if it is left to you and me. My friend Mr Vane is invaluable in matters of detail. and when we come to them we can request him to favor us with his presence for the old saying of two being better company than three, holds good in busness as well as in social life, and if you have no objection, I think the basis of any arguments which are to be made between our friend represented by you, and the company represented by me, would better be settled by us alone."

Sir Geoffry bowed stiffly enough."What ever Mr. Delabole thought he should to agree to. From the position which Mr. Delabole held in the city, it was quite evident that in such a talk as they pro posed to have, he, by himself, would be more than a match for an old retired In-

dian officer." Delabole smiled at this speech. "There was, he hoped, no question of brains or ingenuity in it. If the stability and excellence of the investment did not by themselves persuade Sir Geoffry to advise his friend to embark in it-and he hoped to embark in it a little himself-no blandward to bring about that end. It was gentleman who is coming down with simply a question of confidence and figures, not compliments and blarney. He would willingly retire with the general into the library, while his good friend Mr. Vane should perhaps stroll about the grounds, taking care to be within call if

> TO BE CONTINUED FELL OFF THE BRIDGE.

his valuable services were required."

Wm. Rice was found Thursday morn ing on a raft of logs on the upper side of the railway bridge, on the Gibson shore 10 and 11 o'clock. to The two men parted at the end of the railway bridge on Sunbury street, each one going towards his home. Rice lives on the St. Mary's side and never reached home, but instead was found in the position mentioned this forenoon. He must have fallen off the approach to the bridge on the Gibson end, a distance of twenty feet or more, upon the logs. Chappell, his companion, says that Rice was not intoxicated when he logs. at the end of the railway bridge on Sun-Rice was not intoxicated when he left

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