recious mother, how she loved us and, ah, how she loves us still,

its serenely smiling, cap with its snowy f

And poor father, best and broken,
Like a reek in the driving windtat as steady our wavering footst
And bear with his childish mind
lie was once our pride and solace.
In his strong days long ago—
at us make dear father happy
White he's spared to us below.

Let us make the old fulks happy Lest we too, when growing old should look in vain to our child For the comforts we withhol For the comforts we withhold.

PLUGS GHOST

et us make the old folks happy

A Schoolboy's Story. BY MARY KYLE DALLAS,

Plug' we called him, because he always were an old plug hat of the Professor's. He was odd-job man est the school, made the fires, and cleaned helped. All we can do is to hide it. We floors and the windows, and all there, and were regular boarders; but we've killed him!' said Deckwefour—Spratt and Brown and Deckwer. 'Pin a murderer, so are you—all stuffenwell to shrick with laughter.

single of it among us.

You don't want to be hung, do you? 'You don't want to be hung, do you?' cried Brown. 'We didn't mean to do it. Shut up—don't betray your-self. Come, boys. Spratt, make a fire out of copy-books. Roper, pitch day, you know, and we'd come back bright and freed. and exact and freed to copy-books. Roper, pitch day, you know, and we'd come back bright and freed. and exact and freed to copy-books. Roper, pitch day, you know, and the very state of Plug ginning at the gate set us off. We must have him in his bed first.' I can't touch him!' said Decker, 'I can't t

up behind us, and Plug himself poked his head out. He hadn't beard a word though, for all he said was:

'Mornin', young gents. I hope you

When Decker makes up his mind to do a thing he does it. And that night all seemed easy. The Professor took his wife to the lecture. The assistant marched the little ones to bed at nine.

Then we heard Plug stumble up, nd at ten we four filed up stairs We'd bought candles and smuggled a couple of long boards up, and I took the sheets off of my bed and spread them over the boards.

Then we took our four knives rolled up our shirt sleeves, unlocked Piug's

Plug lay sound asleep in bed, or looked as if he did; and Decker walked up

' Wake up, Plug; you are wanted,' Plug lifted up his head.

"Tain't mornin" is it? 'asked he,
'No,' said Decker. 'Science does not wait for morning.'

'Hey?' said Plug.
'Rise and follow us,' said Decker. 'I shan't do no such thing,' said Plug. None of your tricks, now,

What's that for?' asked he.

BAPPY so much that the kuife went into him at that he went into him at that he went into the kuife. His breast—a bu'gy, chicken breast he had out poured the blood—not a few drops but quarts of it—all over him, all over him, all over the sheet, down on the painted floor.

As we saw in the uptureed furrows, the sheet, down on the painted floor.

have I done? Oh, Plug, it was only a joke! Oh, I didn't mean to! Oh! oh! oh! Get up; say you ain't hurt!'

'Young gent,' said Plug, faintly. 'I'm murdered. 'You'll be hung, and that's my comfort. Good-by.'

And with that his tongue stuck out of his mouth perfectly black, and his syes rolled up, and he gasped and He took his ' Dead !' shricked Decker, and tumbled over on the floor; and just then-

rap, rap, rap at the door, and the Pro-\*What is all this noise, young gentle we all did, cried out:

'Please, sir,' I cried, 'Spratt had a nightmare,' and my teeth chattered so that I could not speak,
Tell Spratt to remember that night-

and Decker lifted up his head again

and said: 'Dead! Dead! We'll all be bung!" 'You'll be,' said Spratt. 'Not us.'
'Accomplices,' said Deeker. 'Oh,

that sort of thing, and he was good lock both doors, and leave the knife in his mouth, and as he came toward us, bat such a silly!—and his hand; and wash up the floor, and and we saw a red stain on his breast, used to play all manner of tricks burn the sheets, and throw the boards we knew it was his ghost; and Decker on him. There were ten of us took out of the window, and go to bed. It nitered an awful yell, and finng himour meals at the Professor's, and slept will be called suicide, and we'll escape.' self on his knees, and began to pray FOT YOUNG and Middle-Aged Men.

the knife into his nabby hand, and rusulated live served and must have a subject; and we'll easier to work, the three of us. Deckhave a jolly time. To-night the Professor is going to a lecture and the old lady with him, and we'll go up to our lady with him and we'll go up to our

would have kept us awake.

well. Plug usually waited. We knew parties were so nearly equal in number he wouldn't this morning—couldn't—
and every minute we expected to hear
way or the other, might be a matter of cries and calls of murder; but nothing most serious conseque

We dragged Decker up and dressed and watchful Mrs. Stuffemwell either, until when he the character of an elecsteak, Decker? 'he answered:

'Lord forgive me! No.' Then naturally says he:

the nightmare,'

Decker, are you going crazy?' We didn't know what was coming now, but Brown up and answered: 'If you please, I tnink Decker is very youth.
sick and a little out of his mind since 'No

'I thought it was Spratt who had 'We made a mistake in the dark. It was boy was Decker,' said Brown,

Decker will do the ten extra prob lems, then, instead of Spratt,' said the Just then in came the assistant,

'Professor,' he said, speaking very fast, 'the school fire is not made. Plug 'Poor old man,' said Mrs. Stuffen

g-gown that he slept in, and well; 'he is growing feeble. Let him sleep. One of the women will make the fire.' 'They were saying he might have

fessor. I trust not. A worthy old worst Lover heard, I was brought up man that, and by the way, his name is in his family. His snoring was tre-

All was very still when, suddenly, there came three knocks on the do

Brown.

' A knock, sir,' said Brown. 'I heard none; but see,' said the Brown opened the door. There was

He took his seat again. B fore he had lifted his book, the door was pushed open, and in walked some one, The sor took so notice; neither did

Professor took so notice; neither did Mrs. Stuffemwell. But Brown, staring 'Why, there's Plug!' 'Where?' asked the Professor.

'I see no one in the room but ou ares disturb the house,' said the Proresor, 'and that I disapprove of them.'
Then be went slowly down stairs, whom you impolitely call Plug, will not be here to night. I shall not me

'There! ' said I. 'There,' said we all,

ion why I think so yet." 'But I see him!' cried Decker. There!' said Spratt.
'There!' said I,

'There!' said Brown.

men?' said Mrs. Stuffemwell. But we all saw Plug, white as must put him back in his room and sheet, his black tongue sticking oft of

'You don't want to be hung, do and Plug, pulling something black out

dormitory after study hour, and open the door between Plug's room and ours, and look the outside ones. Have a table and knives, and a bucket for the And after that there was Decker in the back of a type-case at his left hand.

I was working at an old Tufts pass to Country for the past 39 years.—Alloase when my roller boy gave utterange to a prolonged roor. The science of Life is a superb and many and burn them bit by bit, and to scrub the floor.

And after that there was Decker in the back of a type-case at his left hand.

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And after that there was Decker in a sort of spasm, and we had to wash his hands and face, and undress him, and wash his things like a baby.

Tive back of a type-case at his left hand from which he had been reading by snatches I asked him what he was laughing at, and he read the anecdote when, sitting on the bench under the dising-room window, and mightly scared we were, to be sure, when, after a while, the window went when, after a while, the window went when, after a while, the window went was not considered the form.

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In the times when the political warfare between Whigs and Democra We four oldest scholars breakfasted waxed hot and relentless there was a with the Professor and Mrs. Stuffem- town out West in which the two on both sides sharp eyes were open

him, and he went down with us, the A young man came up to the pollingworst looking object you ever saw; but place on election day, and offered his the Professor didn't notice his looks or vote. It was his first appearance in said: 'Will you be helped to some the independence, or audsei y, to differ politically with his father. His father

> 'On what grounds?' 'He ain't twenty-one!'

'I am twenty-one,' asserted the

'No, you ain't,' persisted the father; 'you won't be twenty-one sill to

the nightmare,' said Mrs. Stuffemwell. I say I will,' cried the youth. n on the twelfth day of Novem ber. It's down so in the old bible." "Then its a dod-rotted mistake," sai the old man. 'You weren't born till the mornin' of the thirteenth of Novem

ber, I can swear!" 'How can you swear?' 'How?' repeated the father, indig-nantly. 'Goodness gracious! wasn't I

' Well,' returned the son, with prop iance, 'wasn't I there too ?' The young man voted.

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"Bog pardos. I should have said from a flower flow, and be dissected? No doubt Thomas, said Mr. Gluger.' I've no doubt Thomas is very well.'

"Bor Decker gave a green."

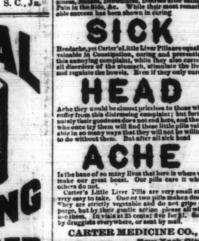
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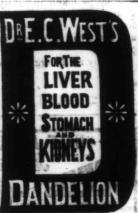
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