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When the bloom was on the peach, When the light was in the sky, And the lore the heart would teach Fled the lip but lit the eye; When the joy we'dared not men Came as wantom as a bird's. And the hand's first gentle pressure Told a tale too deep for words

Oh, how sweet it was to wander.

On those tender afternoons, Where the sea beach with its thunder Cooled the air of sultry Junes; Where the waves retreating, swelling Swept the seashells on the shore, Beating music to the telling
Of those tender tales of yore!

And how sweeter still to linger, Hushed the earth for day to die Oh, how sweet it was and sweeter,
Down the brookside by the lane,
There with bated breath to greet her

Or beside the old farm orchard, Out beyond the meadow-lot, Shy, enchanted, blissful, tortured-Will she come or will she not? Oh, those days and oh, those meetings Such soul pleasures, such heart-beat What has after-life like this?

One fond smile-to last forever ! Hands enclapsed, that no'er shall sever Mark the faith of youth sublime! Yet life's joys and bitternesses. Stamping in their gradual truth,
Prove that garnered age confesses
Treasures richer far than youth.

—New York World.

RUTH.

He came from his day's work feeling just as he used to when he was a boy, after he had been romping and racing over every hill within a mile of home, until he had worked himself up into fearful state of perspiration, and then had sat down to rest and get cool. The next day he was sure to feel anguish, anda dull, heavy pain would find every particular bone in his body, and all that he wanted was to lie down on the bright covered lounge by the fire, and have mother sit by him and give him a drink, once in awhile, from the cup of mysterious tea which he had used to be lieve was a sure panacea for all ail-ments his flesh was heir to. Just so he felt now. His head ached, and his bones ached; and every little while be went off into a series of terrific sneezes which seemed to threaten utter demolition to the top of his head, and the poor little plaster shepherdess on the for a type of heaven, because it was mantel, for she went into a jingling mantel, for she went into a jingling home. There was a soft, warm carpet paroxysm every time, probably from on the floor, and a lounge, whose curv-

got!" growled David Reade, kindling a that he was sitting and dreaming in to fire in the little stove, while his teeth night. There were bright cheery picwas fairly chattering. "It'll keep me tied up to the house for a week, just as cage in the window, where half a dozen like as not, and I ought to be down to blossoming plants grew, vigorous and

four articles of furniture the room con-

But poor David couldn't get warm, nor feel comfortable. Cold chills crept up his back and down his legs, and regu larly, every fifteen minutes, as if he were run by clock-work, and marked off the quarters, he kept up his sneezes, and the sheherdess danced her jigs on the very edge of the mantlepiece to their

"Seems to me I never felt quite so miserable before," groaned David with a shiver. "Seems to me, too, that this room looks a little the worst I ever saw," and he looked about the worst I ever saw," "Dear me!" growled David: "what's

It was a bare little room. There was no mistake about that, David Reade.
There was a bed in one corner, and the chair he occupied; a bureau that had ed to go to bed and try to sleep off his amalgamated with a wash-stand, and be- cold. came rather a nondescript article furniture in consequence, and his trunk. Yes, and there was the stove, and alittle shabby old table that had when he went to bed. He built a little been so weak in the legs ever since he had known anything about it, that it nate career in life had so far been among had to have the corner all to itself in the shoals and quicksands of errar

a sum of money. Sometimes he thought he would get a more comfortable room, B out of his earnings. But he hadn't any faith in his ability to keep things lookfaith in his ability to keep things looking orderly and neat, for he abominated as untidy, littered room, and he wouldn't have the chambermaid putting things to rights for him on any account. That would spoil everything, for it would seem like sending out and hiring a home at so much a week to have some one ho was paid to do it keeping things as a sition of landlady made her a sort of a lithas been borne out of sight.

And that night he watched the light was fairly radiant. I don't know which pleased her most, the flowers or the dindness which prompted the gift, when she looked up her eyes were full when she looked up her eyes were full apt to break out at some season of the how as paid to do it keeping things as lithas been borne out of sight.

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The next day he confidently expected to be able to visit the store, and "see to himgs" in his particular department. ho was paid to do it keeping things as letter of their joke. Brain was taken to a surgeon's. His left hand had been blown to pieces, and he was otherwise severely wounded.

The next day he confidently expected to be able to visit the store, and "see to himgs" in his particular department. how thankful I am, "she said. "But if you knew how few beautiful things my umbrella, but a Paris-haul.

they should be. So he had never carried out his plan, but had continued to live on in his cheerless bachelor quar-

growled David, getting up and pacing up and down the floor. "A fellow esn't feel the need of a home so much when he is well; but when he's under the weather, he begins to wish he had somebody to care for him and nurse him

ness-for by that time it was nightand made a bright spot on the wall of his roem. He went to the window and looked across the way. The light shone from the attic window of a tenement house. He could see into the room from which it shone, and it revealed a pretty and pathetic little picture to him. an, satat a little table, copying. A great many pages of manuscript lay be-side her elbow, and he knew by the pile before her that her task would not be done for hours yet.

It was a very pretty face that bent over the paper. Not a girlish face, but it had a sweet, grave kind of beauty in it, and the brown hair banded back smoothly from the forehead, shown like gold in the lamplight falling on it. It was a poor little room that she worked and lived in, as far as David could make out from the glimpse afforded by the window, but it was a wonderfully neat one. He knew that, for he had ofter one. He are the watched her sweep and dust it, and put things deftly in their places. Yes, he David Reade, bachelor, had been guilty more times than he would have liked to confess, of watching his neighbor across

He stood there to-night and watched her until his feet seemed to be standing in a puddle, and the cold, shivering senations in his bones warned him that he had better be trying to warm himself at the fire than be watching Ruth Doane. The last look he got of her was more satisfied factory than any previous one had been, for she looked straight toward the window. David drew back as if he felt sure she would discover him watching her; and then the light of her lamp seemed to get taugled up in the rose bush in her window, and he dragged his aching body back to the stove and sat down. Sat down to think and dream.

What he thought about was Ruth Dane, and what he dreamed was this: In the little glow which came from the crack in the stove door, the whole room seemed suddenly changed into a scene of comfort that to David Reade stood mysterious and occult sympathy we hardly comprehend.

ing sides seeme I made to embrace somebody and for nothing else in the world, which we hardly comprehend.

"Dear me! such a cold as I have stood where the table stood in the room that he was sitting and dreaming in to-He got the fire to burning at last, and pulled up the hard, uncompromising old chair, which was one of the three or a sentient thing, and enjoyed the cosi tained, before the feeble blaze and tried ness of the room, and on this table there fore the fire, slippers on his feet, and a dressing-gown about him, instead of a clumsy old coverlet; and he was happy, for close by sat the very Spirit of Ho —a woman with a sweet and tender face, and the face was Ruth Doane's.

It was such a beautiful, beautiful dream! He awoke from it with a chilly groan, and came very much nearer sneezing his head off his shoulders, and the

and he looked about him with a great the use of working, day in and day ent, deal of dissatisfaction written on his and making money to lay up and take no good of it?"

After which interrogation he sneezed

When he got up in the morning he order to have it stand up at all.

He was head bookkeeper in a great store down town, and he had saved quite toast; he wouldn't come down to break-

> By-and-by Mrs. Scraggs knocked at the door with the articles called for, and acting on the supposition that the position of landlady made her a sort of a stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether the the stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether the stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether the stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether the stepmether to her boarders, she came to stepmether the stepmether to her boarders and there was some mysterious influence left to linger where she had been, like the subtle breath of fragrance the rose leaves behind it, when it has been boarders, and there was some mysterious influence left to linger where she had been, like the subtle breath of fragrance the rose leaves behind it, when it has been borne out of sight. By-and-by Mrs. Scraggs knocked at

years, and yet he hardly knew her at all. Their acquaintance had gone but little farther than a smile and a bow when

light from her window did into his room, how pleasant everything would see And then he dreamed in a widea-wake fashion of the home they would make. The light on the wall seemed the fire on home's hearthstone; its daucing flames made him warm, and he fell asleep and dreamed it all over and over.

But he didn't feel well by any means, when morning came. He sent word to the store that he couldn't come down yet awhile; and partook sparingly of Mrs. Scraggs' tea and toast, but utterly repudiated camomile tea and bricks when Mr. Scraggs, in the role of doctor, suggested the advisability of another course of treatment similar to yesterday's. And he wouldn't have a doctor, he declared. He'd feel better to-morrow, and doctor's stuff he didn't believe

ed at his door, and said Miss Doane was in the parlor. The store had got her to do some writing, and the store didn't understand just how it ought to be, and the store had told her to see him, and he'd tell her all about it, as he knew what it ought to be, seein' as he had charge of it, and the store didn't. After Scraggs waited for instructions.

Ruth Doane bad come to see him!

That was the first thing he thought of. Then he remembered that it was on business, and that took away something of the first pleasure of the thought. Should he go down, or ask her up?

"Would there be anything improper

"I can't see as there would," answered Mrs. Scraggs, "bein' as you're respectable, an' it's business for the

"You may ask her to come up then," "I don't feel like stirring said David. about much, for fear I'll take more cold, tell her."

Mrs. Scraggs withdrew. David had an object in view, in asking Miss Doane to his room. He thought the sight of it would awaken a feeling of pity in her tender heart. He knew, in some unex-plainable way, that her heart was tender. He was quite sure of that.

Mrs. Scraggs was back presently, with Miss Doane. How bright her face made the room, the minute it passed the door! It made it seem so cheerful to David, that he was afraid his design in getting her there was a failure. She wouldn't dream of its being bare and cheerless, if it looked to her as it did to him.

Mr. Graham told me you were sick, she said, sitting down by "I got some extra work to do, in conse quence," and then, while Mrs. Scraggs busied herself in putting things to rights, she explained what her errand as; and David instructed her in regard to the writing to be done; and made the explanation as elaborate and minute as possible, in order to keep her there. She began to think she had undertaken a fearfully responsible and important task before he had got through his in-

When she was gone, David groaned. The mean little room seemed more dismal than it ever had before. But—she had been there! and there was some

s brick to your feet, not likewise, an er you can git a good sweat, you'll feel languor, and every time he tried to exercise much, he felt such a chilly sensation, and such a rushing, roaring sound

better, I guess."

Accordingly, poor David took "camomile tea, hot," and disposed himself in bed, with a brick at his feet, and wrapped up to his ears; and sweat he did. But felt as bad after taking the treatment prescribed by Mrs. Dr. Scraggs as he did before.

Such a long day as it was! He couldn't sit still with any degree of comfort, not withstanding Mrs. Scraggs sent up her most comfortable rocking-chair for his use. All the comfort he did take was in twatching for glimpses of Ruth Doane, and thinking of her. He remembered that it was just three months ago that day that she first applied at the store for copying to do. Three months! It seemed as if he had known her as many years, and yet he hardly knew her at all.

I anguor, and every time he tried to exercise much, he felt such a chilly sensate tion, and such a rushing, roaring sound in his head, that he was glad to keep still.

"Here's somethin' as Miss Doane sent over," said Mrs. Scraggs, coming up with some gruel. At first David supposed it was the gruel Mrs. Scraggs referred to, and began to fancy the arma of that particular bowlful of the tractice named was as delicious as the fragrance supposed to emanate from the "rose gardens of Isphan;" and up to that time he had declared that the gruel was his particular abomination, and particular about the presently discovered what Miss Doane had sent was not gruel, but a rose—such a day that she first applied at the store for copying to do. Three months! It seemed as if he had known her as many years, and yet he hardly knew her at all.

"Ain't it beautiful?" demanded Mrs. Annual and a smile and a bow when they met, and occasionally a few commonplace words. But for all that she didn't seem at all like a stranger to David.

Poor David was in love.

If the light of Ruth Doane's love could only shine into his life, as the light from her window did into his room, every woman needs a home, I think."
Mrs. Scraggs watched David, to see how he took her view of things, and was gratified to see that it interested him. "Tell her I thank her very much, said David. "It makes me think of mother's roses; tell her that."

The flower made his room almost peautiful, and his heart seemed full of dreams, for he did nothing but dream the rest of that day, and it must have been the rose's fragrance that made him do it.

he ever get out again? He went to the window and watched the skies. They were forbiddingly gray. It would rain by to-morrow. But while he stood there the sun seemed to burst forth, and the world was suddenly bright and gay. Other people might have failed to see any wonderful change; but looking over the way, he saw Ruth at her window watering her rose, and she saw him, and bowed and smiled, and that accounted for the sudden brightening up of every thing.

The next morning it rained; a slow dull, drizzling kind of rain, that didn't amount to much as a rain, but effectually prevented him from going to the store, as he had intended to.

Ruth was at the window, setting her rose on the sill to catch the drops as they fell, when he looked across the way after breakfast. She nodded and smiled to him, and the air seemed alive with said, "Good morning," and they had easant chat together. Being up so high, they could carry on their conversation without interfering with anybody.

read, that afternoon. But his eyes would keep wandering from his paper to the window over the way.

By and by Ruth came to take in her

She threw up the window and reached to get the pot; but by some mishap it slipped from her grasp and went tumbling down to the ground, where it broke into fragments, and the rose was a poor, mangled thing, with its life crushed out of it forever.

A cry broke from Miss Doane's lips

a cry full of pain and grief. Her rose was like a friend, almost the only friend she had in the world. And it was gone!

David sprang up, pulled on his coat put on his hat, and started for the old German florist's, round the corner, "that sudden," Mrs. Scraggs declared, "that she thought he was took worse, an' wondered if he wasn't out of his

Pretty soon he came back with a pot under each arm; one held a rose-bush. twice as large as the one that had met such a sad fate, full of beautiful roses and scarlet buds; and the other a calla, with two magnificent blossoms gleaming out whitely from its broad green

David went straight to Ruth Doane's room. He never stopped to think anything about the propriety of the action. He knocked at her door, and she came to let him in with a tearful face. She "I saw it," cried David. "I knew how you cared for it, and I brought

these to take its place."

"Oh, what beautiful things!" she

said, bending over them, while her face was fairly radiant. I don't know which pleased her most, the flowers or the kindness which prompted the gift. When she looked up her eyes were full

a brick to your feet, hot likewise, an' ef that miserable feeling of dullness and life has in it, and could only know how understand it."

> 'Oh, Ruth, would love make your life any brighter?" She looked up wonderingly, qu

> ingly.
> "I love you," he said simply, and his face was transfigured by the holy light of his affection. "I love you, Ruth. I want you. May I have you?"
>
> He held out his hand toward her. She

was pale now.
"Are you sure you want me?" she asked

"Quite sure," he answered, smiling-"surer than I ever was of anything else in my life.'

She put her hands in his, and a sweet She put her hands in his, and a sweet rain of tears broke over the violets of her eyes. He folded her to his breast and kissed every tear away, while his heart was ringing with sudden music. "My Ruth," he said, very softly, very tenderly, and kissed her again. "How happy I am! I wonder if you

know?"
"I think I do," she whispered, "because I am so happy myself."
By-and-by, David, sitting by the little

table where Ruth had written hour after hour, while he had watched her light upon the wall, told her of his dream. "Such a pleasant home as we will have!" he cried, and the rose bush

and the trumpet blossoms of the calla seemed ringing out jubilant peals.

"Home," she repeated, musingly.

"It's a word I've almost forgotten the

shook all over in its mysterious glee,

"We'll learn what it means," he said And they have. The fire on their earth is as bright as any hearth-fire in the land. Home is home to them, and not a place to live in.

TIMELY TOPICS.

President McMahon was allowed the sum of \$100,000 extra, to spend in enents during the Paris Exposi-

Dr. Hembold has been adjudged by Philadelphia court to be a lunatic with ucid intervals, and an application for his discharge from custody was denied

great earthquake at Tanna, New Hebrides, which raised the land along the shore of the harbor about twenty feet. Millions of fish were thrown up and de-Thirty thousand persons assembled at

Gleniffer Brges, near Glasgow, Scotland, recently, to celebrate the 104th anniversary of a poet called Tannahill, rainbows. He threw up his window and of whom the rest of the world is rather

> A well-known London publishing house has decided to set apart a sum every year from their profits for the benefit of its employes. An amount varying from \$125 to \$500 will be paid to families of clerks and workmen who die in their service after remaining with them seven years. There will be also payments to persons who, after seven years' service with the firm, become any way incapable of further work.

The geese of Gerlasingen must be direct descendents of the historical geese who saved Rome. They have saved their parish. Between eleven and twelve at night the august president of that comtheir sleep by the horrible noise of their geese. When the burgomaster went out to see what was the matter he found his barn on fire, and was just in time to quench the flames and save the little town from a probable conflagration.

A party of miners were as

an inn near Newcastle, in England, and one of them named Laverick dared an-other named Brain to pick off with a pin a piece of white paper on the end of a small metallic case which he produced. Brain expressed his readiness to pick off the piece of paper, and, a pin having been procured, he proceeded to perform the task. In doing so he did not observe

The heart that is awake to the flower the task. In doing so he did not observe that the other men, including Laverick, had quitted the room. Presently the pin penetrated the case, which proved to be a dynamite cartridge, and an explosion at once followed. Brain, on regaining his senses, found himself lying on his back in the room, his arms stretched out on each side, and his left hand shattered, while the right hand was also injured. He scrambled to his feet, and the other men came in, looking very much scared one hides his by the result of their joke. Brain was it by hiding.

Items of Interest.

An oated animal—the horse.

Who ever saw an eye scream? Best shoe for summer-"Shoo fly!" Covered coaches were used by

A thread of silk is the 2500th

A button is a small event that always coming off.

Silver was first coined by Phide King of Argos, 869 B. C. When does a ship tell a falseh

What is it that by losing an eye

What is that which makes everyt visible, but is itself unseen? Light Caterpillars, in the course of a me destroy 60,000 times their own weigh

The greatest height in the atmosp which any human being has ever re is 23,000 feet.

Boiled water tastes flat and insi ecause the carbonic acid has driven off by boiling.

The average weight of 20,000 men women weighed at Boston was, n 1411 pounds; women, 1241 pounds.

To many a schoolboy's fond delight,
Now comes the festive apple green
He early puts some out of sight—
The pain begins at 8:15.

Wounds in animals are quickly cure by washing several times a day wi turpentine in which the yolks of eg has been thoroughly mixed.

The dimensions of the pyramids of Egypt are as follows: Base, square 745 feet; inclined height, 568 feet height, 450 feet; weight, 6,848,000 tons

Till 1750 no peas, turnips, potatoes grass were raised in Scotland, and cattle fattened. Oats and barley alo were cultivated, and peat turf fuel.

When a bridegroom finds all the clo lie owns in the world hung one over the other on a hook behind the pantry door he realizes for the first ti honeymoon is over. A widow once said to her daught

"When you are my age it will be time mough to dream of a husband." "Yes namma." replied the thoughtless beauty for a second time."

A man whose knowledge is based

ctual experience says that when calling on their sweethearts young men shou carry affection in their hearts, perfection in their manners, and confe William came running into the he

the other day and asked eagerly, "Where does charity begin?" "At home," was does charity begin?" plied, "in the words of the pro-"Not by a good deal," rejoined the boy "it begins at sea. (C.)"

Amherst student: Leaning on his arm with her head almost touching his shou der, she said: "Mr. B., I know wh makes you catch cold so easily." "Wha is it——?" "Because so much of you body is on the ground!" Mr. B. has re turned to the bosom of '80 and has ord ed new shoes.

Words of Wisdom.

With the humble there is perpetu

The crow thinks her own bird th Sands form the mountain. make the year.

Keep clear of a man who does not val

He who goes the wrong road must g He who has to deal with a blockhe

as need of much brains We mount to fortune by several steps but require only one step to con Mankind worships success, but think

too little of the means by which it is at The most effectual way to secure hap-

is always first to be touched by the

Benevolence is the light and joy of good mind; it is better to give than to Everybody seems to think himself noral half bushel to measure the world's

Society is a masked ball, where every es his real character, and revea

A hand saw is a useful thing but no to shave with. Apply things to their proper uses.

A weak mind is like a microscope which magnifies trifling things, but cannot receive great ones.

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