POETRY.

APRIL AND MAY.

The days are growing longer, The sun is growing stronger, And summer with her beauty draws anear The snow the fields forsaking, The early catkins shaking, While the brooks begin to tinkle low and clear.

The round brown buds are swelling, The early robings telling Morn and evening of their joy in roundelay The sky is growing bluer, The storms are growing tewer, And soft breezes sing and wander night and

Soon will flowers gay and fragnant, Wooed to life by sunbeams flagrant, Star the hills and valleys with their faces letter.

Soon the songbirds will be nestling, Soon the butterflies be questing, And the world be full of song and beauty

Where is the month so dear as May, So sweet and fair as she. So blithe and happy, mild and gay, And full of melody ! Not one in all the twelve I ween Hath greater power than she To dull the blade of sorrow keen,

Ay, May, rare, winsome, gentle May, Sets all the world in tune; More glad the brooklet's rippling lay, More sweet the wind's low rune When her soft fingers touch the strings, And sweeter far each song Her every bonnie minstrel sings The leafy bowers among

And fill the heart with glee.

SELECT STORY.

AN UNBROKEN PROMISE.

A CASTAWAY. PART II

CHAPTER IV.

THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. "I think not," said the doctor placidly,

"or a lovely ear, which I noticed last night, more lovely by far than the diamond which it held, would have listened more graciously to the honey sweet which one of the company present was endeavoring to instil into it." "Indeed," said Philip; "one of the com-

pany present; and who might that be?" "The doctor himself," said Delabole, " of course."

"Not I-not I, indeed," said Doctor Asprey. "A man much younger, much handsomer, and more likely in every way to win favor in the eyes of a peerless

"Ah, by the way," said Delabole, rising and drawing a heavy curtain across the door, "let us hear all you know about that young gentleman."

"All I know is not very much." said Asprey. "I first met him two years ago at the house of Mrs. Entwistle, an eccentric old woman, whom I was called in to attend for a spinal complaint under which she had long been suffering, and which so cripples her that she has lost all power of motion, and even in the house is wheeled about in a chair, I saw this young fellow in constant attendance upon the old lady, discussing her case with me, giving orders to the servants, etc., and I naturally imagined that he was Mrs. Entwistle's grandson. It was not until lately that I discovered that he is in no way related to her; that before she had ever seen him, the old lady took a fancy to some pictures he had painted, and sent to London for sale; that when he called upon her she took a great affection to him, declaring that he resembled some dead member of her family, and he has remained with her ever since as her adopted son. He has been remarkably steady, I understand, and will reap the benefit of his prudence by inheriting all Mrs. Entwistle's money."

"Is that certain?" asked Delabole. "Certain!" said Doctor Asprey. "I had it from Platting, who is her attor-

"And how long is Mrs. Entwistle likely to live?" asked Philip. "Not more than two months," said the doctor, "but in all probability, nothing

like so much; her life hangs on a thread: she may expire at any moment." "Then the sooner we make young Hardinge's acquaintance, the better," said

Delabole. "Will you meet him at dinner at my house on-say Tuesday next," said the doctor, looking at his note-book; and you

Both of them said they should be delighted.

And so Madge Pierrepoint's husband. and the man who had loved her so dearly, were to be brought face to face!

CHAPTER V.

"SCENE: A STREET IN LYONS." Such of the good people of Springside as took an interest in the affairs of their neighbors (and they were by no means a small proportion of the population) were both astonished and disappointed at no match being made up between the Rev. Onesiphorus Drage and the pretty widow, to whom the care of his child had been confided during his absence. The story of Mrs. Drage's last request, which was bruited about immediately after that good lady's death, had been received with a certain amount of discredit, and a large amount of scorn. Mr. Drage's temporary rupted. absence from Springside, and Mrs. Pickering's quasi-adoption of little Bertha, were regarded by the worthy townspeople as devised by the acuteness of the widow. who hold as she might be had not sufficplace were expectant of their prey. The question whether Mrs. Pickering would pretence?" remain at the rectory was for some time at last it was proved, to the satisfaction of must not speak thus of yourself." ought not to be submitted to the bishop; to look for the reward-hereafter?" by going she would act most artfully, and And amid the tears which fell like rain sorted pair of friends was much increased

to invite her to come back as its head. mediately after the rector's return, took | compact which was entered was never- regard for Mrs. Pickering. To sing her | question? Jimson - Just to decide a up a new line of life, and entered upon | theless religiously kept. her duties as housekeeper to Sir Geoffry Next morning Captain Cleethorpe called towards her now, after the schooling to Heriot, the new tenant of Wheatcroft, did upon Mrs. Pickering, and heard with which he had necessarily subjected himnot suffice to disabuse the Springsideites great delight that she had determined on self, with something like brotherly affectof their belief in her ultimate intentions accepting the position which he had ofabout their rector. Mrs. Pickering had ferered her, and seldom had he cared to inspired in his dead wife, and the worfound the parson more difficult to ensnare express his pleasure more openly. you keep them on." Over the evening been glad if he could have postponed his purpose and simplicity of character, rend-sluggish liver, Hawker's liver pills regulate rumors that the housekeeper had already | interest he took in you, und I thought he | the rector's expressed opinion about Mrs. | toms.

croft. So ran the gossip's talk, which, your position of housekeeper will be simplage, and snubbing her step-daughter." aggerated, had some truth in it.

"There is an end, then," he said to a pleasant one." her, after a few minutes had passed away, hough, now?"

"Surely we shall still be friends!" she as ever. that what you have said to me just now

suppose not." "Rather," she continued, "should you sister: it is known but to me-and to

what has happened make any difference thorpe's proposition?"

"No," she said, "it will not."

new in a strange place." "You are right," said the rector, still you could come to any other decision.

Madge instantly.

from his face, in which burned the hectic under mental excitement, "I mean I could not trust myself to be near you, to when Captain Cleethorpe, a few days after be frequently brought within the charm | Sir Geoffry's aarival, drove out to Wheatbeen abroad. There was no sin in it then, Heaven knows! What I had dared to hope in regard to you had been hoped one. by my dead wife, and was thought of al-

weak to fight against it."

chair, apparently quite overcome. view, which has, indeed, been sufficiently side, and had devoted themselves to her trying to both of us, but after a few day's recovery.

"You think so!" he asked, anxiously. regard which I valued most!"

"My own folly would have been the

ient audacity to permit her courtship by with the thoughts that my remaining in India, he had always regarded the regthe parson to be carried on "under the here had driven you out from amongst imental chaplain in the line of an objectnose," as they expressed it, of those who the people who love you, and with whom ionable, though necessary excresence, and had known his deceased wife. And when so many happy years of your life had since his return home he had paid but the news was spread that Mr. Drage was | been spent? Where would be my peace | little attention to the public rites of recoming back, the usual amount of tea- of mind when I reflected that all this ligion, or to those administering them. table hospitality received a great impet- wretchedness would have been spared to But he became so profoundly impressed us, and all the scandal-mongers of the you and yours, had I not come among with the views and conversation of his

all parties, that, whether she stopped or "I must," she said, "for it is true! If on the next occasion of the rector's visit whether she went, would be equally you would silence me, accept the position to Wheatcroft, was remarkably stringent wrong. By stopping, she would outrage I offer you and entreat you to take—be in his criticism on the curate's sermon. all laws of society, and it would be a my dear, dear friend, helping me, as you question whether a statement of the facts have done, to fight the battle here, and visit to the church became a regular habit, cold. It will save you many painful days

take the surest step to induce the rector down his wan cheeks she heard him say thereby. solemnly: "I will!"

than she had at first believed, said the "I don't mind telling you now, Mrs. child, was the rector's greatest delight. name of she's to a city? George -I worthy townsfolk to each other, and Pickering," said he, "but this has been To this hymn of praise the old general don't know. Why is it?" Fanniethough they were by no means aware of quite a pet project of mine. I was a bit growled a supplementary chorus. The Because every city has its outskirts." it, accredited her as a disciple of Mrs. doubtful about the padre at one time, knowledge which, in this short time, he Peachum's doctrine, "by keeping men off and fond of him, as I am, I should have had gained of his friend's singleness of mussins and tea cakes, were breathed arrival for a few days. I knew the great | ered him consident of the sincerity of the liver and remove all unpleasant symp-

constituted herself a great favorite with might feel that the house of an old retired Pickering, and Sir Geoffry often wonher new master, whom she was reported Indian officer, no matter how old or how dered why Mr. Drage had never attemptto be "playing off" against her former retired, might scarcely be a fit place for ed to supply the place of his late wife by employer. That there were reasons for you. However, I shall take an early op- one whom the deceased lady esteemed so these rumors was generally believed; portunity of bringing Mr. Drage and Sir highly. "Perhaps the very reason!" the even the most incredulour could not help Geoffry Heriot together, and I am sure old warrior said grimly to himself; "if the a powerful concentrated nourishadmitting that, during the whole time he they will get on remarkably well. What I rector is ever to fall a victim again, it will had held the parish the rector's visits want you to understand, and what I am probably be to a totally different sort of this wasting is checked and the had never been so frequent to any of his sure you will feel as soon as you have person, some prattling, flirting jade, who system is supplied with strength to parishioners as they were now to Wheat- been a few days at Wheatcroft, is that will amuse herself by worrying his old

After the first shock of her revelation as you cannot be called military secretary, frequently happened, she accompanied her to him that she was not a widow, but a or commissary-general, or aide-de-camp, father to Wheatcroft, she almost invariably woman who had been deserted by a hus- one is obliged to fall back upon the or- remained with Mrs. Pickering, while the band yet alive, Mr. Drage had determined dinary British formula. If I had had my gentlemen were smoking in the library or upon the line of conduct which he would way, I would have had you called chief of in the garden; and when occasionally the or the future pursue in regard to Mrs. the staff; and if the old General appreci- General came across her, he bestowed Pickering, and had carried it out to the ates you as much as I expect, you will upon her but a slight and ceremonious

Captain Cleethorpe's predictions came | Madge noticed this, but said nothing. doubtless," he continued, "but-it is a to slip out of his buckram suit, and to little patient, already clamoring for her. great blow. I had built so on it; why, have the burden of responsibility removed I know not, for, try my hardest, I could to other shoulders. Time had whitened the other graciously, and Madge went, and never find any expression in your letters Sir Geoffry's iron-grey hair, leaving it was away from Wheatcroft for four days, which would lead me to believe you un- massed and curling as before, and blanch- installed in the sick-chamber. derstood my feelings toward you; yet I ed his small moustache, but the bronzed

think what perfect trust I must have in and his linen aired and would act as a ser- course in constant attendance on you to confide to you the secret of my ies of buffer between himself and his sick child. life. There is no one else in the whole tradespeople. What he found was, a When Mrs. Pickering returned she

world who knows of my marriage; the young and handsome woman of good ed- went straight into the library, where Sir fact has been concealed even from my ucation, refined and lady-like in her man- Geoffry sat over his newspaper. He rose ner; such a woman, in fact, as he might to receive her, and offered his hand, in have met with on the rare occasions an old-fashioned, ceremonious manner. There was a lengthened pause, during when he accepted some of his brother "You are welcome back," said he. "I which, though Mr. Drage sat with his officers' hospitality in India, but such a am glad to see you." face shaded by his hand, it was evident one as he had not been brought into he was under the influence of deep emot- close or frequent contact with since his Madge, without reference to his remarks; ion. When he looked up again there youthful days. Over the old man, strict "the doctor says she will live." were traces of tears upon his cheeks, and disciplarian, bitter, hardened cynic, and his voice was unsteady as he said, "will woman-hater as he was, Madge Pierre- ulation?" said Sir Geoffrey, coldly. point exercised her accustomed influence. in your decision upon Captain Clee- Not that, for one instant, Sir Geoffry dreamed of falling in love with her; the a disgrace to his father, and a girl become

"And your decision is—?" he asked. of his age towards a woman of hers, and in childhood." "To accept it without doubt," she re- the difference in their respective posit- Madge looked at him. His face was set plied. "Even had I a choice of the ways ions (a difference never insisted upon, grey and rigid, and, looking at it, she of life, I do not think I should hesitate in | but at the same time never forgotten), | held her peace. accepting what has been offered to me in would have prevented his allowing him- But she guessed what she had often sus- pounded with utmost care at all hours. such a kindly spirit, and which, quite | self so to blunder, even had he the small- pected before, that Sir Geoffry was the peaceful and retired as it must be, will est inclination. But he did not disguise victim of some domestic trouble. What suit me so well. That illness from which, from himself that the perpetual presence his previous private life had been she under providence, I was rescued by your of such a woman around and about him knew not; she had never enquired. All kindness, robbed me of a certain amount had a certain, softening and refining in- she knew of him was learned from himof youthful strength, and left me unfitted fluence, and that, week by week, his con- self, and he had never hinted at wife or for any very active employment; besides, I have formed friendships here, which I dered herself more and more essential to in the hardness of his manner. Madge Country: Gentleman. should regret giving up, and I should scarcely have the heart to commence around him.

sitting with averted sace. "I was selfish, a man of good position in his own pro- had brought trouble upon him. indeed, to imagine for an instant that fession, as the intimate ally of his friend, And it would not much matter to me," taken some trouble in the purchase of upon speaking about it to Captain Cleehe added, struggling with his breaking Wheatcroft, Sir Geoffry was polite, and, thorpe, who had been acquainted with Sir voice; "my stay must be so very short." to a certain extent, genial, placing himself, Geoffry for many years, and would doubt-The peculiarity of his manner struck as it were, under the Captain's wing, so less be able to set her mind at rest. So "What do you mean, Mr. Drage?" she ed, accepting introductions to the retired him. asked, laying her hand lightly on his Indians, both military and civil, at the club, and altogether so conducting him-"Simply," he said, removing his hand self as to give his acquaintainces reason to believe that the stories of his cold hauteur finsh, which always fluttered there when which had heralded his advent, were exaggerated, if not absolutely false. But

of your presence, under the spell of your croft, taking with him the Rev. Onesiphvoice, without thinking of you as I have orus Drage, the new tenant of that pleasdone during-during all the time I have ant abode relapsed into such a state of ramrod stiffness and curt phaseology, as rendered the visit anything but a pleasant Determined not to be discouraged, on most as much in the interest of my little | the next occasion of her meeting with child as my own! Had you been free, the old officer, Captain Cleethorpe mentand had rejected me, I should still have lioned Mr. Drage's name, which elicited hoped, and hoping, died; but what you from Sir Geoffry and expression of his have told me today, renders such a contempt for what he was pleased to call

thought of you a sin, and—and I am too "psalm-smiting," and of his aversion to the clerical profession in general. The When he ceased, he leaned back in his captain did not pursue the subject, but later on, in the presence of other persons "You misjudge your own strength, Mr. to whom he apparently addressed him-Drage," said Madge, bending towards self, to tell the story of the way in which him; you don't know yourself as well as Mr. and Mrs. Drage had tended Mrs. I know you; you are physically weak Pickering, during the illness which atjust now, and overwrought by this inter- tacked her on her first arrival in Spring-

rest, you will be yourself again, and you Sir Geoffry said nothing at the time, the first step in effecting a cure is to eat will find your inclination keeping you but he requested Mrs. Pickering's attendwhere your duty lies, sentinel at this out- in the library that evening. After hand- is to take a course of Hawker's nerve and post which has been committed to your ing her to a chair, he spoke to her on a stomach tonic, which aids the process of led her to speak of the commencement of the vitality of the blood, relieves brain "I am sure of it," she replied. "Do her first acquaintance with Mr. Drage. fatigue, and makes weak nerves strong. not let me think that, with the full know- Madge, who knew nothing of the recentledge that you could be nothing more to | ion which the rector had experienced at me than a friend, you would refuse me | Sir Geoffry's hands, spoke, as she felt, in | I am like a hen?" Mrs. Kicksy - No, that friendship, that counsel and support the warmest and most enthusiastic man- dear, why is it?" Kicksy - "Because I of which I stand so much in need. It per of her old friend. And the next day can seldom find anything where I laid it would be hard indeed that the fact of my Sir Geoffry called at the rectory, and took vesterday. having confided to you the secret of my especial care to obliterate any traces of forlorn position, should have lost me that the ill-feeling which might be lingering

in Dr. Drage's mind. The acquaintance, thus strangely begun, cause, not what you told me," he inter- speedily ripened. It was impossible for anyone to be thrown much in company "What I told you would have brought with the rector, so simple-minded in about the result which I am showing worldly matters, so steadfast and earnest you," she replied. "And, again, where in his calling, without becoming interested would the peaceful, happy future, which in him. Sir Geoffry had met no such I have pictured to myself, be for me, specimen of man before; during his career you in a false name and umder a false new-made friend, that Mr. Drage, rising in the reading-desk one Sunday, was as-He motioned with his hand for her to tonished to find himself confronted by bebated with the keenest anxiety, until cease, then said in a low tone, "You the martial figure of the old general who paid strict attention to the service, and,

and the intercourse between this oddly-as- and sleepless nights. The first and chief point of interest be-Even the fact that Mrs. Pickering, im- Not another word was uttered, but the tween them was, of course, their common certainly not, but why do you ask such a praises; to talk of her, as indeed, he felt bet. ship in which she was held by his little

Consumption.

like nearly all gossips' talk, however ex- ly a nominal one. By this I mean to With little Bertha, indeed, Sir Geoffry to say that it must have some name, and did not make friends. When, as not unfind your position both a confidental and greeting, in no way in accordance with his usual manner towards his adult visitors.

and the first shock of astonishment and true to the letter. When, a few days afgrief had subsided, "there is an end, terwards, Sir Geffry arrived at Wheat- day Mr. Drage came tearing up to Wheatthen, to my dream of the last twelve- croft, and Mrs. Pickering was personally croft in a fly, to announce that the doctor month! It passes away as other dreams introduced to him, with admirable tact, had declared the illness to be one of childhave passed before it; name, and fame, by the Captain, she found in her new em- hood's diseases in a virulent form, and to and—health: I have dreamed of it all, ployer a man accustomed to command, so implore Mrs. Pickering's assistance, if Sir and found none! It is wisely ordained, accustomed, indeed, as to be not unwilling Geoffry would consent to her going to the Both agreed at once, the one heartily,

Those were dull days for Sir Geoffry had bhilt so on it, I can scarcely believe cheeks shone even more deeply red, in Heriot. He missed the companionship he even now that the whole fabric lies shat- contrast with the white hair, and, un- had grown accustomed to; and rebelled tered at a word. We shall be friends der the bushy eyebrows, the glance of against the chance which had deprived the dark eyes was prompt and expressive him of it. The old, hard, cynical spirit replied: "you cannot for an instant think Little time did it take Sir Geoffry to upon him, and made itself his master appreciate the character and qualities of once more; Riley and the other servants could cause any alteration in the regard | the new addition to his domestic circle. | who, under Madge's sway, imagined they and gratitude which I have always felt He had written for a housekeeper, and had enjoyed a taste of Paradise, found had expected to find a stout, elderly per- out the difference, and were quickly rel-

"The child is out of danger," said "I suppose that is a matter for congrat

"You suppose, Sir Geoffry?" "I have known a child grow up to be absurdity of such a proceeding in a man a woman when she had better have died

The subject had an unpleasant fascina-Col. Goole, and as a gentleman who had tion for her, and at last she determined

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in which he had erst revelled, came back "No," he said, somewhat nervously, "I sonage, of motherly presence and dubious egated to the Inferno. If Mr. Drage grammar, who would take care that his could have come, he might have had dinners were ordered, his rooms dusted, some softening influence, but he was of

his well-being, and to the comfort of all recognized something more than his ordinary cynicism, and made up her mind This influence was shown in odd and that, in his reference to Bertha, he was various ways. To Captain Cleethorpe, as alluding to a daughter of his own who

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