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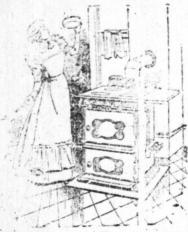
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You were hurried too much to say; The loving touch of the hand, dear, The gentle winning, tone, Which you had no time nor thought

With troubles enough of your own

For life is all too short, dear, And sorrow is all too great, To suffer our slow compassion, That tarries until too late; And it isn't the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you a bit of a heartache At the setting of the sun.

-Margaret Elizabeth Sangster.

A LOCAL PARAGRAPH.

"The time has come for the American people to act. Shall fifty million patriots sit supinely by and let conscienceless rascals tear the stars of glory from the flag they love and trample its proud folds of crimson and white into the mire of national dishonor? Not while the deeds of '76 still shine through the mists of years in unexampled spleador. Not while the memories of 61 yet live in the hearts that thrilled with the stress of that heroinc struggle. Not while"— Joel Snively, editor of the Meloogic Monitor, laid down his pen with a

Outside the dusty little window the green waters of the hay were sparkling in the sunshine. A keen north breeze was driving great huddling masses of white-shouldered clouds over a field of dazzling azure, and only a man who loved the sport with the wholesouled earnestness that filled his entire being could know how the fish must be biting on such a morning! Oh, to be out on that gleaming ex> panse armed with rod and line, with only the sun and clouds for company and a thousand pounds or so of gamy vertebrates playing about within reach

of his cunning hook. But also, it was Friday morning. On Saturday some two hundred impatient subscripers would expect the weekly dish of personal, political and intellectual pabulum which his facile pen had long served to them on that day, with more or less punctuality, according to the season. His duty clearly held him to his post at such a time, however, much his inclinations might have led tim clsewhere.

So, with another lingering glance at the scene without. Mr. Snively took up his pen and resumed the stirring appeal which was to awaken fifty million patriots to action and incidentally convince the Republicans of Meloos that it was their duty to vote for Joe

Gridley for poundmaster. So engrossed did the editor become in this pleasing task that he did not hear a step upon the creaking stair a little later. If he had he would have known at once that it was a women and Future and a lady who was approaching, tor long and often painful experience no enabled Mr. Snively to deternine with unerring accuracy what sort of mercon was climbing the somewhat perilogs ascent to the editorial sactum almost as soon as his foot touched the first

But for once the editor did not hear the soft footfall on the stair, so he was very much surprised and not a little disconcerted when a fresh, sweet voice, almost at his elbow; said "Good Morning, Mr. Snively," and looking up he beheld his neighbor, Mrs. Tracy, her plump figure buttoned into the saver has called to see you trimmest of blue serge yachting suits, brimmed hat and in her hand a fish pole, pointed, bress-tipped, elegantthe very perfection of dainty useless-

Without waiting for a response to her greeting she briefly made known her errand. She was anxious for a day's fishing and had been told of an Elysian spot, where the fish were so plentiful they were actually to be had for the asking. Unluckily, however, her own boat had not come, so she had wentured to ask if, in case he was not using it, Mr. Snively would be so kind as to lend her his yawl, it being impossible to hire one in the village. Mr. Snively was delighted. Mrs. Tracy was a pretty widow of uncertain age but no uncertain charm, who

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albeit the talk was wholly of reels and rods and spoonhooks and other instruments of slaughter.

All things, however, are bound to come to an end, especially in an editorial office, so it wasn't long before Mrs. Tracy took her leave, escorted down the stairway by her delignted host. At the door they were met by a spicy

breeze straight from the pine woods across the bay, Mr. Snively sighed. "Where is this wonderful place you are going to?" he asked. "Ah, that's a secret," she replied

"I promised I'd never, never gayly. "Oh, well, then I suppose it's a crime to even guess." And once more the editor sighed as he glanced out at

the sparkling waters. "But you've been so kind," exclaim ed the widow, noting the sigh and immediately filled with compunction. "It seems ungracious of me to keep it from tyou who love so to fish." And then as she saw him give another wistful glance bayward she burst out impulsively: "Promise not to betray me and I'll tell you-It's Patchang Lake!" 'Patchang!" cried Mr. Snively in eurprise. "Why, I never heard of a fish

itor's own some aix months before In the course of a rather decuitory acquaintance the genial bachefor, whose ideas of the fair sex were there common to his kind, had discovered that his fair neighbor was a cheery itt body of sound political views and excellent literary tastes (from the first she had been a prompt and paying subscriber to the Monitor), but beyond that his imagination had not soered. Now, however, behold the pretty wid ow invested with a wholly new interest. She was fond of fishing!

Eagerly Mr. Snively assured his visitor of his pleasure in putting his boat at her disposal and gave her exhaustive directions as to the means of obtaining it. A delightful half-hour of conversation followed. As though it were a magician's wand the dainty fish pole had placed the editor and his glest at once on terms of the most charming intimacy and the former dedn't remember ever to have enjoyed a conversation so much in his life,

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"That's the charm of it," she rel ed gleefully, "and the man who told me about it (such a dear, dirty, old fisherman he was) was fearfully atraid some one else would find it out; so don't betray me." And she hurried away with a parting smile that made the dusty ofice seem duller than ever when he got back to it and reluctantly commenced setting up his editorials, for Mr. Snively constituted the whole working force of the Moni-

And his task, too, seemed harder than ever, after the interruption. Thoughts of his pretty visitor kept intruding themselves into the midst of his most impassioned apeals to the voters of Meloogic.

How blue here eyes were and what bewitching little rings of hair the wind had blown up under the big hat.

And then the fishing. The editor of the Monitor shook his head. Could it be possible any man living could have a soul so lost to honor as to play a joke on a woman who looked like that ? It seemed impossible and yet Mr. Snively was as sure, there wasn't a fish within a mile of Patchang as he was that there wasn't a free silver man in Meloogic.

Perhaps then Mrs. Track was sitting in that yawl vainly waiting for the bite he felt certain she wouldn't get if she sat there till the United States got an honest government. And he was actually staying at home and deliberately abandoning a friend to such a fate!

As this agonizing thought occurred to Mr. Snively he dropped his type and started for the door. But once there he paused and slowly returned to his form, only to find it more and more impossible to keep his mind on his work.

At last he gave up in despair. Taking a hasty survey of what 10'd already accomplished he found his collumns tolerably full, with the exception of perhaps a single paragraph on the local page. By hard work the following morning he might hope to set up his pages and would trust to luck

for the missing paragraph. Like all fishermen, Mr. Snively was a firm believer in luck. He was also a man of action when he chose and within five minutes of this calculation he had locked-up the gittorial department and was on his way to Patchang Lake.

When he reached that shallow sheet of water a little lady in blue serge gat in a boat in the centre thereof, with an expression of virtuous indignation on her sunburnt features. "What luck?" called the editor from

the shore. "Luck!" cried the fair sportswoman, dolefully. "There's not enough water in this lake to catch cold in, much less a fish. All I've got for my trouble is a mighty poor opinion of fishermen in general and one dirty one in partica-

"Come over here," said Snive'y. know a pond not a . nousand miles away where the fish lite like mosquitoes. If you'll try t I think I can raise your op'nion of dishermen before I'm a day older."

"I can't," confessed the widow, blushing with anger and mortification. "I'm stuck-in the riud."

One moment the man of le tated on the bank and then, with an inward prayer that he might at leact be spared to get out that week's paper. he waded boldly into the expanse of treacherous mud that rolled between him and beauty in distress.

The next morning the editor walked into the Monitor office clad in his Sunday clothes. With his accustomed methodical neatness he pulled off his coat, hung it behind the door, and carefully drew over his linen sleeves a pair of black alpaca ones. Then he lighted his pipe and took his place at the form.

There, just as he had left it, was the vacant space at the end of the local column still yawning for the missing paragraph.

Mr. Snively regarded it for a few minutes reflectively-then he took up his pen, as a smile gradually spread itself over his face until it reached his eyes. It still lingered there when a little later he finished and parter to glance over his work.

What he read was this: "The editor of the Monitor, after many years of bachelorhood, has had the good fortune to incur the risk and responsibilities of matrimony. He was married this morning to Mrs. Gertrude Tracy of Eim cottage and asks the congratulations and good wishes of his subscribers in this the happie hour of his life."—Edgar Temple Field in Chicago Times Herald.

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Sill we can bear this: Bitter, alss!
Life hath its burdens—
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Vanishing ever—
The sands in the glass;
Time will not linger:
Let the dream pass!

Why, in the shadow—
Why, in the gleam,
Should we sit sighing
Over a dream?
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Vainly, alas!
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