## THE STAR.

## The Coquette's Plea.

Some deem me but a fickle thing, That wanton flits from flower to flower; A brainless creature, wild and weak, Whose only purpose is to seek Amusement for the present hour.

Some think because I smile and laugh, And gaily talk and lightly sing, 1 have a superficial heart-Where friendship never finds a part, And sorrow never leaves a sting.

With crimson tint my cheeks may glow And full of joy my eyes may beam, Yet stifled grief may inward swell-My heart may long to say faaewell 'To fancied hopes of young life's dream.

Who would still the ringing laughter? Who would change the cheerful face? Who would dim the eyes of splendor? Who would miss the voice so tender-The form so full of winsome grace?

I care not what the world may say, Whether it either praise or blame-To store life's path with mirth and glee, And scatter sunbeams thick and free, At home, abroad, shall be my aim.

With stoic calmness prudes declare By uttered words our thoughts are known;

If joy glows brightly on the face, And in the eyes no tears they trace-No heart beneath is plainly shown.

Graver than the emblematic leaf The cheeks of grief and tears will grow Nor all the thousand forms of prayer, That falls in ears of earth or air, If once they come, can make them go.

Since trifles make the sum of life, And all is mortal, 'neath the skies, Why wrap the form in icy chill? Why check the joys that gladly thrill? eyes?

While words bring joy to weary hearts, And fill the soul with happy mirth; While acts can lighten loads of care-Bring pleasures sweet and pure as rare, So long I'll vex the prudes of earth.

SELECT STORY.

The young man drew her hand ter, Bella Selton lay unconscious of what after Ralph's arrival, and died, leaving The old Ritter, somewhat reluctantly yielded to his daughter's wishes. He through his arm, and they sauntered up was passing round her.

bought a small cottage near the old the garden-walk. Gothic monument, and repaired thither Ralph Trumain and Bella Selton were cause of Bella's swoon and subsequent ada, returning to his native land a with her. Daily now did Hulda resort companions since childhood. Ralph illness, discovered the paragraph con- wealthy man.

distaff in hand, while she poured forth and had been left in the care of Squire he greatly feared that Ralph Trumain was electrified by learning that Ralph her innocent prayers, till she was known Selton, whose wife had died at Bella's had perished, yet he set to work to dis- Trumain, who. for sixten years, had through all the country round as the birth. Ralph was as dear as a son to cover, if possible, a clue to his fate. been considered dead, had returned. the squire, who fondly hoped to see He wrote to the captain of the "John Two weeks later there was a wedding 'Spinnerin am Kreuz."

About fifteen months had thus rolled him married to Bella; but an unexpect- Lawrence" wrote to the consignors of at Selton Hall, which every one declaraway, and one evening Hulda was edevent came to change the current of the "Rose of Canada" at Liverpool. ed to be the grandest they had ever kneeling on the old moss-grown step, as the young people's lives. This event and wrote to Ralph's uncle at Hong- seen; and looking fairer beneath her was her wont, when suddenly she heard was the receipt of a letter from an Kong: Two of these letters were an- bridal veil than ever she had looked in the approach of a quick footstep, and uncle of Ralph's his father's brother, swered before Christmas, the captain her youth, Bella Selton became the wife turning round beheld a pilgrim near who had long been thought dead, having giving the particulars of the finding of of him whom she had mourned as dead her, making his way to the well-known left home in his youth, and though di- the long boat; the consignors informing years before, and yet clung to the prohalting place. The instincts of love are ligently searched for, his relatives had the squire that Ralph Trumain had mise she had made-to wait for him, no keen, and notwithstanding the double discovered no trace of his whereabouts. sailed in the "Rose of Canada," which matter how long.

disguise they were soon in each other's It seems that he had settled in Hong- had undoubtedly been lost with all on arms. After the sweet joy of meeting Kong, and having amassed a large for- board. had been expressed on either side, Hulda tune, wrote home to his brother, being Long before the last letter had reachwith a blush inquired what tidings the in ignorance of his death. wayfarer had brought of Adolph, and The letter, addressed to Ralph Trn- thinner than formerly, had taken her learned that on reaching Damascus, main, was, of course forwarded to young accustomed place in the household; be-Walter was informed of the Sultan's Ralph, who, upon opening it, discover- fore spring came her form was as round who had been picking pockets for twenty death, which had taken place two ed that it was intended for his father, and her cheeks as pink as ever : but that month's previously, and that the Aus- and was from his long-missing uncle, she grieved for the playmate of her child- a sentence in the State prison, had been trian slave he was in quest of, had, by Both he and Squire Selton lost no time hood, and the lover of later years, was operating for several weeks so extensivethat generous monarch's desire, received in answering the letter, and informing plainly seen in her quiet, sad manner. his liberty. His subsequent fate, it had the absent man of his brother's death. Years passed by, and Bella recovered travellers on this road. Some of his been very difficult to trace, notwithstand- As soon as possible, a letter reached her old cheerfulness. Suitors came, but victims had expressed the determination ing the most minute researches, as no Ralph from his uncle, requesting him she encouraged none. Her every-day to flog and tar and-feather the first pickone seemed to know with any certainty to come to China, and promising to make life said plainly, in the words of Marian pocket captured. whither he had betaken himself. From him his heir.

one informant he had received the Though sorry to part with him, Squire mournful tidings that Adolph had fallen Selton could not do otherwise than into a profound melancholy and had counsel him to go, so preparations were died of a broken heart. Hulda was made for the journey, and Ralph was to deeply touched, but declared that, with- start on the morning following the comout more positive information, she could mencement of this story.

not cousent to exclude him from her Well, children, said the Squire, who country round blessed her; not a house finally the thief procured one with a life; so that notwithstanding her father's sat smoking in the porch, as Ralph and did sickness or sorrow enter but Bella gentleman who resided in Portland, and anxiety to see her at once and happily Bella stood before him. He was a stout, Selton found her way to, bringing sun the detective occupied the correspond-Or hide the charms that please the married, she obtained his censent to hearty looking man of forty-five years, shine to many a darkened home. wait at least another year in order to with a good natured expression on his give him time to appear. The stipulated term was drawing to don't look so down-hearted.

were seated round the fire, they were house. startled by the clatter of hoofs in the Ralph threw himself down on the Bella, my child, he had said, why cently committed. He also advised his court-yard below, and in a few minutes steps, and surveyed the scene before won't you accept young Granville? He fellow-traveller that his prisoner was a figure, muffled in a martial cloak, him with a sigh, stood on the threshold.

Gray:

jovial countenanco. Well, children ! as for a son, yet he hoped that Bella neighbor as a detective, and informed a close, when one evening as the old Bella murmured something about once did he mention the subject to Bella was taking the man opposite, who was

her hand in her twenty-second year. Are you sorry to leave the old place, much to see you settled.

Ralph his sole heir. As soon as possible Squire Selton, in searching for the after his death, Ralph started for Cano

to the spot, working with her fingers, had lost both parents at an early age, cerning the "Rose of Canada." Though The following day the neighborhood

## A PICKPOCKET'S JOKE.

An amusing instance of the inability ed the Squire, Bella, much paler and of the public to distinguish an honest man from a thief, happened some time since on the Portland railroad. A thief years, and who is at present serving out ly as to arouse the indignation of the

About this time the thief was wanted . . I can love no more. for stealing a large amount of bonds My heart lies buried beneath the sea, from a gentleman on a Brooklyn ferry Yet why should I give my days to grief, boat, and a detective was sent to Port-There is plenty of work in the world for land to arrest him. He secured his man and started for home. They experienc. And work she did; the poor of the ed some difficulty in finding seats, but ing seat on the opposite side of the aisle. Squire Selton had mourned for Ralph The thief introduced himself to his would forget him and marry. Only him, in a consequential tone, that he Ritter with his daughter and her lover seeing if tea was ready, and entered the when a rising young lawyer asked for a well-known pickpocket, to New York to ansver for a bold robbery he had re-

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would make you happy, and I wish so probably the very man who had picked so many pockets in that neighborhood.

Legend of the Saffron.

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LL present were deeply moved as the unheard of generosity of Ad- well before my final return to the wars; overcome by conflicting emotions ex-claimed,—Hulda is right; her hand How, exclaimed Walter, did you then How, exclaimed Walter, did you then How, exclaimed Walter, did you then How is that you should both go free. does not belong to me; I should at this think I would meanly and cruelly take noblest of men; base indeed should I Adolph, good and generous Adolph, Hulbe, and unworthy of such a friend, if I da is yours, and yours only, and you placing his pipe between his lips. did not recognize it to be my paramount only are worthy of her.

berty he so readily sacrificed to me.

of two hundred golden florins, with upon his breast the cross of the Knights vessels. which to pay the ransom of Adolph, to Templars, whose vows he had taken. whome Hulda sent a written message in My only happiness, he continued, now has not forgotten the land of his birth. these significant words,-

"Your gift combine all the required do not make my task more difficult than "Rose of Canada." conditions-my hand awaits you."

Walter was gone, the walls of Rau- spare me a loving remembrance.

were risking their lives for her.

he knew not what. It was amid these was never heard of more! conflicting thoughts that Hulda herself The wedding of Walter and Hulda paper that lay folded on the table. Turnpre\_occupied both.

Father, she said, I know you have Liebach, where they planted with great and read: understood my sorrow since Walter left success the seeds which Adolph had us, and I have every hope you will ap- transmitted from the East. It is, thereprove of the vow I have made, and con- fore, to him that Austria is indebted sent to the request I am about to lay for the valuable herb which now flour- August, in the Indian Ocean, lat. 20 deg. before you.

Speak on, my child, said Heinrich, Saffron. I have no doubt your wish is reason-

able.

It is then, father dear, resumed Hnlda, that you will allow me to retire for a time from this life of care and luxury. LL wait for you. Ralph, no matter exposure and starvation. A blanket and Two noble knights have, for my sake, how long it will be. I'll trust in abandoned their native lands, and the you, and wait for you. home of their ancestors, and are incurassume a new captivity, and I, the cause air, the setting sun shining slantly on of all, am living idly in the home of my her head, and a stray white petal from

Adolph v. Liebach! exclaimed all my boy? asked the Squire. three in a breath, but the returning wanderer waved them back. Friends, said he mournfully but ten-

derly, I come to witness your happiness for a moment, and to take my last fareself.

olph was thus revealed, and Walter, I wish to pronounce my satisfaction at engagement between you; in three years hope it; five years is a long time, Bella. to another part of the car, and com-

hour be groaning in alien bonds but advantage of your absence to rob you of cision, Mr. Selton ? inquired the young for the magnanimous friendship of the the bride who is yours by every right? man gravely.

duty to return to Syria, and, by resum- Adolph's surprise was great, but he the home of his childhood to find his blossoms loaded with perfume the air cal who stole my money. I know you. ing my chains, restore him to that li- replied with a melancholy smile, What I uncle in far-off China,

did, Walter, I did with entire sincerity A month after his departure, Bella ing slowly in the west its rays lighting had not escaped I would have shot you

it already is. Farewell, and sometimes

mused sadly on his daughter's fate. peared. Those who remained looked at spring.

Hulda's cheek grew paler day by day, each other; the whole interview seemed The summer passed, and autumn came blossoms fell on her head, as she stood, ed with,and her eyes looked anxiously from her like a strange and mysterious dream, with its ripened fruit and golden grain; her forehead resting against the tree. Gentlemen, I trust you will use no turret-windows, as if ber thoughts were and to this day it is whispered that a little later and the trost set in, and A step on the grass startled her, and violence toward this unfortunate man. travelling in the direction of those who Adoph v. Liebach had been slain in the trees waved their leafless branches she turned round. A tall, sunburnt I cannot permit it. He is my prisoner.

Bella's Promise.

The speaker was a fair-haired girl, clutching the paper, her eyes strained ring hardships, of which we know no not exactly pretty. but with a delicate, on the paragraph. Five minutes later thing, in foreign climes. The one sighs oval face, glowing with health, soft, the Squire entered the room. the love of mother and sister, pursues figure. She stood under the apple-trees ing, eh? Well, let's have breakfast at his way over unknown lands, willing to loaded with blossoms that perfumed the once.

Yes, sir, replied Ralph, but-But what, Ralph?

I-I should feel happier if there was an engagement between Bella and myword.

either or both may change your minds.

May I consider that your final de-dropped.

Yes, Ralph, replied the squire, re- of Canada.'

Next morning Ralph Trumain left

Graf Heinrich embraced the youth, of purpose and nothing can new alter and her father received letters from him. up the windows of the old house, as a like a dog. You say you are not a thief; with tears, and approved of his resolu- the resolution I then took-and as he He was in Liverpool, and was about to fair-haired woman passed out of a side that you are a thief catcher? Do you tion. He placed in his hands a purse spoke he opened his vest and displayed sail for China in one of his uncle's door and walked towards the orchard. suppose, with your villainous face, you

You see, Bella, he wrote, my uncle leant against an appletree.

After that no news from Ralph reach- O, Ralph, Ralph ! my poor lost Ralph ! around the unfortunate detective, and ed the Selton's so they concluded that living or dead, do you know that I am in spite of his protestations, persisted henstein repeated no echoes but those of With these words he hurried out, he had sailed for China, and did not waiting for you still!

Palestine, and that the muffled Knight in the November blasts, when Bella, man, with long brown beard, and curl- He is in the hands of the law, and the Graf Heinrich's concern argumented who visited the inmates of the Castle of sitting one morning by the cheerful ing chestnut hair, stood before her. For law must take its course. with the sadness of his child, and he felt Rauheustein on that winter's evening, wood fire in the dining room at Selton a moment Bella's heart stopped beating, Fortunately, perhaps, for the detect that some step must be taken, though was the spirit of the departed hero, who Hall, awaiting the appearance of her and she grew pale, but the next instant tive, the train reached New Ysrk about

one day adverted to the subject which was celebrated in due course, and Wal ing it over, a heading, 'Lost at Sea,' ter settled upon his wife the domain of caught her eye. She glanced over it

> NEW YORK, Nov. 20th.-The brig John Lawrence, from Singapore, Brown, master reports having picked up, on the 3rd porch, where Squire Selton sat dozing. ishes throughout the land, and is called 15 min. south, long. 75 deg. 31 min. west, an old acquaintance, who wishes to see

a long boat, bearing the name Rose of you, Canada, with the body of a man, apparent ly a sailor, in it. It is supposed that the vessel was wrecked in mid ocean, and that the occupant of the boat perished from an empty bottle were found in the boat. you a welcome for him?

No cry escaped from Bella; she sat

Dear papa, Bella replied, I cannot. would wait for him, and I will keep my was the prisoner and he the officer.

No, no, my boy! there must be no Squire solemply; but I can scarcely proaching storm. The gentleman moved

And the years passed on bringing no fore of over \$200, and he was still very tidings of Ralph Trumain or the "Rose angry. He stepped over to the detective

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Sixteen years to-day, she murmured, cars; and I, for one, will assist in so consists in knowing that you are happy: the vessel I am to sail in is named the and it seems like a dream; sixteen doing.

years since I promised to wait for you ! A crowd of excited men gathered

Hulda's soft sighs, and the old knight threw himself on his horse and disaps expect to hear from him till the next A soft breeze rustled the apple- about to hurl him from the platform of boughs above her, and a shower of the flying train, when the thief interfera

father for breakfast, took up a news. she sprang towards the new.comer.

Ralphl Bella !

united at last.

to papa, Ralph, and she led him to the "Reading obituary notices."

Papa, she said, here is a gentleman,

Oh-ah-yes! Very happy to see you sir, said the Squire, starting up. 1 believe I don't remember you -RALPH !

Yes, Mr. Selton, it is Ralph; have Is printed and published by the Proprie-

A thousand, my boy, a thousand, cried the Squire, shaking hands with Ralph as though he intended to wring off his arm; and there's that ladyin infidel chains, the other, forsaking truthful brown eyes, and a slight, trim Good morning, Bella! Kept you wait- pointing to Bella-she has waited all that? And, Bella, child, see if tea is ready; we mustn't let curiosity get the Bella, child, are you so interested better of hospitality, here the Squire Advertisements inserted on the most lib. stopped for want of breath.

childhood, sunned by a father's love, the apple boughs lying on her fair hair. in that paper that you can't leave it ? After tea Ralph Trumain gave the served by attached domestics ; this can- It won't be for long, Bella; only Still no answer. continuation 25 cents. not be; I must withdraw and labour three years, said her companion, a tall Is the child asleep ? Bella! Squire and his daughter a detail of his and pray for myself and for them. On handsome youth, with curling chestnut He advanced and laid his hand on adventures; how he was wrecked in the AGENTS. stone cross, beside which pilgrims halt young-you, only seventeen-I, twenty, break the spell that bound her; with panions, on an uninhabited island, where BRIGUS...... "W. Horwood. stone cross, beside which pilgrims halt young—you, only seventeen—1, twenty, break the spent that bound her; with panions, on an unmabled island, where is the pilgrims halt young—you, only seventeen—1, twenty, break the spent that bound her; with panions, on an unmabled island, where is and, where is and, where is and, where is an one wild cry she sprang from the chair, they remained for fourteen years, and is three years won't seem long to either of us. "R. Simpson. "R. Simpson." "C. Rendell, three up her hands, and dropped sense-for China whither they went knights ; there let me devote my time to A shower of snow flakes fell on Bella less at her father's feet. for China, whither they went. some useful work, and spin for the poor, from the apple-boughs above her. that his uncle was dying, and hastened BONAVISTA ...... " A. Vincent. till heaven, touched by my humiliation, Let us go in ; it is almost tea-time. filled the house with calls for help. shall send them safely back.

He likes to play practical jokes, con-Something whispers to me that Ralph is tinued the thief. On the train we have living, Five years ago I told him I just left, he made several believe that I

The real detective sat watching his God grant that he is living, said the prisoner, all unconscious of the ap-I know that, papa, and still I have municated the information he had just hope, was the reply, and so the subject received to several friends. One of them had been robbed a few days be-

and, in a very lond voice said, -

So they have caught you at last, you Again it was May, and the apple- miserable cut throat! You are the rasround Selton Hall, The sun was sink- I saw you when you took it, and if you Down at the far end she stopped, and can make me think you anything but a thief? You ought to be thrown from the

in abusing him shamefully, and were

this time, and he escaped.

AT a spirit meeting the other night a And the long-parted lovers were re- gentleman requested the medium to ask what amusements were most popular in The first words Bella said were, come the spirit world. The reply was,



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