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Little girls of long ago.

Rowing up and down the river,
Singing in a birch canoe.
Sticks for do'ls their only playthings,
Feet that seldom donned a shoe:
Watching mother at her spinning.
While she hummed some old tune low,
Crowding round the cheery fireplace,
Little girls of long ago.

Mush and milk their daily diet;
Eaten from a pewter bowl;
Always happy and contented.
Dancing on from goal to goal,
Busy as the bees in summer
Helping father oft to sow:
Gathering up the nuts and apples,
Little girls of long ago.

Indians everywhere about them.
Wolves at bedtime howling near.
Yet they did not know the meaning.
Or the misery of fear.
Following their elder brothers.
While they hant with gun and bow,
Brave as any older settlers,
Little girls of long ago.

Bailding houses every autumn.
With the brown leaves scattered round.
Taking tea with bits of china
Neatly laid upon the ground.
Sliding on the ponds in winter,
Trudging through the drifted show.
To some distant neighbor's quilting,
Littlegisle of long ago.

Little girls of long ago.

Snow-white grew their shining tresses,
And at last they sweetly slept:
On their low mounds daises blossomed,
Round and round the tvy crept.
Many a line they-we left to tell us,
Early pleasures, later woe.
Dead and gone, our great-grandmothers,
Little girls of long ago.
—(Findley Bradley in The New York Observer.

@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@ A LITTLE JOKE.

A day or two before Easter I was sitting in my office finishing up some scraps of work and ever and anon casting happy glances at my portmanteau, which stood in the corner. I was just off to spend a fortnight with my old friend, Col Gunton, in Norfolk, and I was looking forward to seeing him again with great pleasure. We had not men for ten years, and I had never been to his place or seen any of his family. It would be defightful.

The telephone bell rang. "Oh, confound it! I hope that's nothing to keep me!" I exclaimed, and

rose to see to it. "Mr. Miller, are you there?"

"Yes." "All right. . I'll come round." A few minutes passed and then my

clerk announced, "A lady to see you,

eighteen was ushered in. She stood still some way from me till the door was closed. Then she suddenly rushed toward me, fell at my feet and ex- circumstances Iclaimed, "you will protect me, won';

"My dear young lady, what in the world--"You're the famous Mr. Miller, aren't you-Mr. Joseph Miller, the philan-

"My name is Joseph Miller, certainly. "Ah! Then i am safe!" A d she sa: Goodby." own in an armchair and smiled con-

fidingly at me. "Madam, said I sternly, "will you have the goodness to explain to what owe the pleasure of this visit?"

"They told The to come to you." "Who?" "Why, the people at the police sta-

"The police station?" "Yes, when they let me go-because it was a first offense, you know. They said you always took up cases like mine, and that if I stuck to you I should be well looked after."

It was quite true that I had taken an interest in rescuing young persons from becoming habitual criminals, but I was hardly prepared for this.

"What have you been doing?" "Oh, nothing this time-only bracelet." "This time?"

"They didn't know me up nere," she explained smilingly. "I've always practiced in the country. Wasn't it lucky? But really, Mr. Miller, I'm tired of it; I am indeed. The life is too excitingthe doctors say so-so I've come to

The case was a strange one, but I had no time to investigate it now. It wanted only half an hour to the time my train left Liverpool street.

'What is your name?" I asked. "Well. I will have your case looked into. Come and see me again, or, if you are in distress, you may write to me—at Col. Gunton's Beech Hill, Nor-

folk. I shall be staying there-" "Going now?"

"I start in a few minutes." "Oh, I'll come with you!" "Madam," I answered with emphasis, "I will see you -out of the office first." "But what am I to fo? Oh, it's

nonsense! I shall come. I chall say I belong to you." I rang the bell. "Show this lady out, Themas, at

once." She laughed, bowed and went-evidently a most impudent hussy. I finished my business, drove to Liverpool street and established myself in a firstclass smoking carriage. I was alone and settled myself for a comfortable cigar. I was rudely interrupted. Just as the train was starting the door opened-and that odious young woman jumped in.!

"There I nearly missed you!" "I can hold no communication with

you," I said severely. "You are a disgrace to your er-sex." "It's all right. I wired to the col-"You've wired to my friend, Col.

Gunton?" "Yes; I didn't want to surprise them. I said you would bring a friend with you. It's all right, Mr. Miller,"

I won t know who you are or what you are, but ile Gantons are respectable people, and I am a respectable man, and-"

"There's no reason why you should promenade up and down, Mr. "Miller, It's very uncomfortable for me. What is the meaning of this insolent behavior?"

"Why not be friendly? We're off now, and I must go on." "I shall give you in charge at the next station."

"What for?" On reflection, I supposed she had committed no criminal offense, and with a dignified air I opened my paper, "I don't mind your smoking," she said and took out a box of chocolates.

I was at my wits' end. Either this girl was mad or she was a dangerous and unscrupulous person. She was quite capable of making a most unpleasant and discreditable commotion on the platform at Beech Hill station. What in the world was I to do? "Shall we stay long at the Guntons'?"

she asked, "You, madam, will never go there. "Oh. ves. I shall!"

"I'ndeed, you won't. I'll take care of that. The police will see to that." "I don't care a fig for the police. I shall go and stay as long as you do.

They told me to stick to you." I became angry. Any man would have. But nothing was to be gained by losing my temper. I took out a

soverning. If you'll get out at the next station, I'll give you this."

She laughed merrily. "I thought you went in for personal supervision, not mere pecuniary doles," she said. "I read that in your speech at the charity organization meeting. No: I'm not to be bribed. I'm going to the Guntons." "It's absurd. It's preposterous. What will-what will Mrs. Gunton

"Oh, she won't mind!" answered my companion, with a confident nod. "She's used to girls like me." "You surprise me," I retorted sar-

castically, but she only laughed again. I returned to my paper. An hour passed in silence. . The train began to slacken speed as we

neared the station next before Beech Hill. She looked up and said: "Would you really rather I didn't come with you?" I had passed a wretched hour. This

girl was evidently bent on blasting my character. "Madam," said I, "if you will get out at this station. I'll give you a £5 note."

"What? I heard you never gave away a farthing . They said no one could get a penny out of you." "It is true that I disapprove of indiscriminate charity, but under the

"Think I am a deserving object? Well I'll take it." With a sight of ,ellef I took a note

from my pocketbook and gave it to "I'll pay it back soon," she said. "Never let me see your face again." "Apologize for me to the Guntons.

She jumped out lightly and I sank back murmuring

"Thank heaven!" After I got rid of her my journey was peaceful and happy and I forgot my troubles in the warm greeting my old friend Bob Gunton and his wife gave me. The girl must have ned about the telegram; at least Bob made no reference to it. He had a fine fam. ily of boys and girls and presented them to me with natural pride.

"That's my lot-except Addie. She's gone to see some friends, but we expect her back every minute. They keep me alive, I can tell you, Miller,"

After tea my host and hostess insisted on taking me for a stroll on the terrace. It was a beautiful evening and I did not mind the cold. As we were talking together I heard the rumble of wheels. An omnibus stopped at the gate. "Ah, the 'bus," said Gunton. "It

runs between here and our market I hardly heard him, for my herror

I saw, descending from the 'bus and opening the gate, that girl! "Send her away!" I cried. "Send her

away! On my honor, Bob, as a gentleman. I know nothing about her." "Why, whats the matter?" "I solemnly assure Mrs. Gunton and

yourself, that---"What's the matter with the man What's he talking about?"

"Why, Bob, that girl-that barefaced gill!" "That girl! Why, that's my daugh-

ter Addie!" "Your daughter?" The little minx walked up to me with a smile, dropped a little courtsey and

said: "I knew Mr. Miller, that it wasn't true that you would refuse to help 2 really deserving case. The others said you would, but I thought better of

And she had the effrontery, then and there, to tell her parents all about

I think parents are the most infatuated class of persons in the community. They laughed, and Mrs. Gunton said: "How clever of you, Addie! You must forgive her, Mr. Miller. My dear girls are so playful!" Playful! And she never returned

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One of the out of the way modes of getting a living in London is that prac-ticed by the wine tasters of the London docks. These persons, who are supposed to have palates of exquisite delicacy with much knowledge of wines, hand about the docks, where they are hired by both dealers and buyers to accompany them to the vaults and give their opin-ions of the various wines submitted to them for examination. Though they carefully avoid swallowing the wines they taste, yet their calling slowly saps their health, and they become at an early age physical wrecks. The sensations which they experience in sampling the wines of the most delicate and subtle nature. It was one of these men who detected the flavor of iron in a pipe of wine into which a shingle nail had fallen.

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But still the Irishman persisted, and

went on to say:
"Now, listen to this. How do you know that ye've traveled as far as any buman "Because," replied the doctor, "I came to a huge wall of ice that no one could being can get?"

get around."
"What did ye do then?" "Well. I conversed with my staff of men on the subject." men on the subject."

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