## THE STAR!

## The Way of the World.

I can't see why you were ever born, Said the lily with wondrous scorn, Turning her graceful head away To where the ugly acorn lay.

The violets laughed at his hard brown head.

The clover jeered from its lowly bed : Even the roses, proud and bright, Wished the creature out of sight.

Let's take him off, said an active breeze, To some of his fellows under the trees; He worries our sweethearts all the day We ought to carry him quite away.

Done said the breezes, one and all, We'll blow him over the garden wall. What right has he with that form and

face, To make his bed in that pretty place?

They lifted then the ugly cone, And blew him over the wall of stone ; Then laughed at the figure, grave, and brown,

Which the acorn cut as he tumbled down.

But he freed himself from his second bed ; Rose and lifted his graceful head Up to the sun, the sky, the shower, The truest friends of his hidden power.

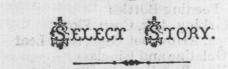
He grew at last to a mighty tree, Strongand leafy and proud vashe; And breezes gathered from east and west, Glad to play in his giant breast.

Just in the shade of the wall of stone, Weeds and grasses and bresh have grown Trace of the lily is nowhere seen ; No shrub is left of the rosebud green.

The violets' purple head lies low, Dead and buried years ago; And the clover, last of the old, old race, Peeps shyly out of the littered place.

The wall is crumbling day by day, And the oak looks down in his stately ed up, until it seemed transformed.

On wall and rubbish, and clover staid, Then gathers them all in his giant shade



Walter Clayton giving a graphic and the coming day, but the doctor sighed, ludicrous description of my adventure and said to himself, that his chances of satisfactorily, until the doctor had the yet he had worked hard. that afternoon to Diana, who was look- happiness were almost over. Hope, that ing wonderously lovely, with the moon- had lived so long in his heart, was well-There was no more charming girl in all whispered sweet words of comfort and light glimmering softly down upon her nigh dead. The new year was coming, the midland counties than Laura Fulton, love that renewed his hopes. After all, fair face, and nestling tenderly in her but it seemed to be bringing nothing The only wonder was that everyone; did they said, something might happen that yellow hair.

I must confess, Miss Lee, he wound So he walked down the snow-covered Carlton did. She had a tall, slender, come; the time expired. and the young up with, I was not a little startled when streets of Strutton, wondering why his graceful figure, with white hands, that doctor waited upon Mr. Fulton, prayshe discovered my egregious mistake in lot should be a sad one, when others might have served for a duchess, with ing for an extension of his probation. reference to her. How her eyes did looked bright and gay. It was bitterly pretty, tapering, rose-tipped fingers, a I will give you until Christmas, was flash and scintillate, and her strange, cold. The Christmas snow still lay sweet, fair face, with delicate bloom up- the short reply, no longer. piquent face light up! For the moment frozen upon the ground—frozen so hard on cheek and lip, a white brow, large, And for the next six months Allan she was magnificent in her anger, and I that walking was a dangerous exercise. limpid blue eyes, clear and shining, full Carlton toiled rather than worked. He could not help admiring her, although The winter wind howled and moaned as of love and trust, a wealth of fair hair. saw the justice of Dr. Fulton's inten-I cannot devist myself of the impression though mourning the sorrows, the dead that crowned one of the prettiest heads tions. No man should ask for a wife that she is a regular termagant. But hopes, the lost joys and wasted hours of come-let us return to the parlor.

tered the hall, and were lost to view. pathy, and their branches swayed to and Later, as I was standing alone, terribly fro as though to pacify its wild laments. 'eunuied,' watching the gay, motley Across the dull gray sky sailed heavy crowd of people that thronged the room, laden clouds, and people said as they Clayton up to me, and immdiately there we shall have snow to-night.

were left alone.

lating to our adventure did he say.

we were sitting, and then, wondering Will no one help us?

ter said, sarcastically.-

on your admirable success this evening. happy new year for him. If you play your cards as skilfully in the A few words will tell why :

the dying year-wailed and sobbed un-And offering Diana his arm, they en- til the tall trees bent their head in sym-

followed an introduction, after which we But this young doctor heeded neither the gray sky nor the wintry wind. He He began conversing in a gay easy had a picture before his mind : it was of manner, I joining in once in a while, a fair-haired girl, with a sweet face and until, finally becoming interested in wistful eyes raised to his own; one who what he was saying, I listened with the had clung to his arm only a few hours deepest attention, but not one word re- ago, saying with a voice that had pierced his heart:

I saw Diana glaucing over to where Oh, Allan ! can nothing be done?

what Walter Clayton could see in her He had caressed the fair head, and plain, unpretending little sister to thus clasped the pale, white hands in his own, rivit him to her side; indeed it seemed while he whispered of hope and comfort; exceedingly mysterious to me that I but he knew as he did so, that the future could even for a moment interest him, held nothing for him and for her but but thinking that I would make him blank, dreary sadness and separation. aware that I had received the education he knew the time was coming when he of a lady, if I did not look like one, I should not be allowed to look on that talked on and on in my gayest, wittiest sweet face, and think its smiles were all strain, and that he was amused I could for him. He knew the fair head must

ing wistful eyes grow dim with tears. That evening, as Diana and I were Therefore the young doctor felt sad ascending the stairs to our room, my sis at heart as he listened to the joyous greetings of his friends and neighbors, Allow me, puss, to congratulate you and said to himself that there was no

future as you have done this evening, Strutton is a pretty little market you will certainly become the envied Mrs town in Shropshire, clean and pictur-Clayton. Your adventure was uncom- esque, built in the midst of a beautiful country, and surrounded by purple hills and ash woods. The number of its in-If I do become Walter Clayton's wife, habitants is not great. They have no t will not be by your willing consent! manufactories, the poor live by agricultural labor, the higher classes have most And with this taunt, somewhat sharp- of them productive farms, or even still ly given, I left her, and was soon in the better live on their incomes-simple, kindly people, satisfied to live and die, Days and weeks glided by, and mys- as their parents before them, without sweeping the floor in its rich luxurance. bright, glorious September morning- quiet, out-of-the-way Strutton no one good society, even something beyond my reply was, for I loved him passion- The fact was that Dr. Allan Carlton He had no money to buy a practice, think so badly of his position. He looked at me curiously as I con- none to go into partnership with, therefore he detormined to begin life in some You suit me exactly. Hester, he said, little town where his expenses would be far different for my daughter. I expectyou are the dearest girl in existance, These two advantages, he thought, he be hard. I like and esteem you; you ton felt satisfied with his prospects. He child loves you. I am disposed to give

So matters went on very slowly and from reaching the stipulated sum, and

tive heart.

Soon after Allan Carlton came to he pursued it, fortune seemed to fly Strutton he saw and loved pretty Laura. from him. He had fewer patients dur-At first it was without any hope; but in ing these last six months than ever, and 1 observed Miss Ray leading Walter met each other and exchanged greetings a short time he saw that her sweet face all his riches calculated to the utmost

blushed its brightest crimson for him, farthing, did not exceed three hundred her shy tender eyes drooped when his pounds. It was useless, he knew, to ask own met them, and her little hands flut- Mr. Fulton to give him longer time, or tered and trembled in his grasp. All to expect him to go back from his word. this the young doctor noted, and it gave So in silence and sadness the young lovers watched the coming of the New him hope. So one evening, the end of a bright Year.

June day, when the fragrance of the I will see you some time about New hawthorn filled the air and the red Year's Day, Mr. Fulton had said to roses were bending their dew-laden Allan. I am busily engaged until then, heads, Allan told the treasured story of and we must have some kind of settlehis love, and that not to unwilling ears. ment.

It was worth a king's ransom to see The doctor knew what that meant; the vivid, beautiful glow of happiness his time was ended. He had tried and that lighted up her fair tace-to see her failed. He had worked, saved, deprived shy eyes droop so as to hide the love- himself even of comforts, but all in vain. Happiness and love had been within his light in them.

That hour in the evening gloaming grasp, yet he must see them escape him. was one of the happiest Allan and Laura The only treasure in life he had ever ever knew. It ended all too soon - coveted or longed for had been placed, there were stern realities to face. They as it were, in his hand, and he must see by the way his handsome face light. soon droop with sorrow, and the trust both had the same fear-it was, that renounce it. All this without any fault Mr. Fulton ] would not think Allan of his own.

wealthy enough for his child and As the time drew near, he had been obliged to tell Laura; and, to his other heiress.

Laura had no mother-she had been troubles were added the bitter one of dead for many long years. Her father seeing that sweet face grow pale and sad, was a stern, gloomy man, who had but the bright smile vanish, and the deep two sources of happiness : one was his blue eyes lose their light. He knew daughter, the other his money. He was how much she loved him ; but he knew. proud and fond of Laura; he delighted too, how thoroughly good and high-prinin her beauty and accomplishments; he cipled she was. If her father forbade had always intended her to make what their engagement and marriage, she he considered a good match. He thought would obey him at any price, even her-to use his own words-Good though her heart broke in the effort. There would be no clandestine love enough for anything or any one. Knowing all this, the lovers felt affair-no elopement with Laura Fulafraid. Still Allan went boldly next ton. morning to know his fate. Two days before the new year, he had This was a different thing from tell- gone as usual to spend an hour in the ing his love story in the evening gloam- evening with her. Then he told her ing to willing ears. At this interview what he feared was coming on them, there was nothing said of love or con- and she had clung to him, saying : stancy, not one word of the hopes that Oh! Allan, can nothing be done? can make life so bright to young and happy no one help us ? lovers. It was all prose and matter of He saw no hope, although he had tried to give her some. To increase Mr. Fulton asked Allan what his their distress, Laura had had the misprospects were, how much his profession fortune some few months back to attract brought him in per annum, if he had the attention of John Elton, the Banker any money saved, and a variety of reported the richest man in all the counother questions more agreeable to world- try side. He admired her very much ly fathers than to unworldly lovers, and knowing nothing of the young doc-He had thought with complacency of tor's love, or, if he knew, ignoring it, he the little account he had in the Strutton went to her father, and asked for his Bank. When he named it, ono hun- daughtor's hand. It went to Mr. Ful-You and Miss Ray, Diana, had bet- who worshipped beauty, would not be medical training, and there his advan- trifling he wondered he ever could have such a munificent offer as the banker been proud of it. made, such settlements and jewels, but But the stern man who listened to the he told him that if at the new year he young lover's story did not appear to still cared about the matter and renewed his offer, so would undertrke to give You must be aware, Mr. Carlton, he him a more favorable reply. said, that I have looked for something From that moment Mr Fulton never with your impulsive ways, and weird un- moderate, and his chances of making a ed her, with her fortune and avantages folly of preferring a penniless doctor to ceased to impress upon his daughter the

save sorrow and disappointment to him. not love her as desperatley as Allan year. The something, however, did not

ever seen out of a picture. Her beauty until he can support her. He would was the least charm; the greatest was have grieved at the thought of bringing her loving disposition, and tender sensi his beautiful Laura to a home of privat tion and penury. But in proportion as

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But, puss, how do you like my ap pearance? Am I not looking superb this morning?

Superb?

I gazed upon her in amazement. She was looking grandly, royally beau- terious as it seemed to me, Walter Clay. making any sensation in the world. tiful, the dazzling fairness of her com- ton was ever at my side, notwithstanding To this quiet little town there came, plexion enhanced, this evening, by the the fact that Diana arrayed herself con- three or four years before our story opens costly robe of dark blue silk which tinually in her most enchanting dresses, a stranger-a young doctor, who hoped, shrouded her matchless Juno like form, and favoured him with her brightest, by dint of patient industry, to make a and fell in graceful folds about her, most bewitching smiles; and on one good practice. Why he had selected fact.

Her queenly head was adorned only the day before we were to take our de- knew, for he was indisputably clever and with its heavy bands of fair, sunshiny parture from  $L_{--}$ , Walter Clayton talented. One could tell from his man-hair, and fastened in that careless, unex- astonished me greatly by asking me to ner that he had been accustomed to plained way by a single arrowy orna- become his wife.

ment, diamond-tipped, which gleamed It is perfectly superfluous to say what the best to be had in the little town. with her every movement. I turned away fairly dazzled, to make ately, although I asked him playfully- was the youngest son of a large and exa slight change in my own plain appearance, remarking, as I did so, ter descend to the parlor immediately, ashamed to own as his wife one as plain tages ended ; for there was no ready moand not wait for me. I will join you and awkward as myself-one, too, who ney, and he knew that his future depresently.

When they were gone, I began to look regular termagant? over my wardrobe selecting therefrom one of my costliest dresses, a curious cluded. blending of gold and scarlet, which became me well.

Then, smothing my abundent brown canny, Jane Eyre countenance. To me practice somewhat above the average. to marry well. Still I do not wish to wealthy a banker. hair, I was ready to go down,

There was an unwonted brilliancy in and would not change you for a thous had secured in Strutton. There was have done your best since you have been hope of her fathee's relenting. Laura my eyes, and a vivid color in my cheeks, sand Dianas. How you ever contrived but one doctor in the place, and he was in Strutton; you have shown good and thought, but for this, which was not wholly unbecoming; and for me, I was looking unusually well, our first meeting, is a mystery beyond to make yourself appear so hideous at were wealthy, and altogether Allen Carl-and courage. Yet one more reason, my although, alas! I could never be any- my solution.

But smothering the pangs of envy that ment, she took it very cooly indeed, and Street a house that was always re-But smothering the pangs of envy that ment, she took it very cooly indeed, and Street a house that was always rething but plain. arose within me, and flooded my soul as appeared very much pleased at my good splendent by means of bright windows. end of two years you can show me that intends it or not. I thought of Diana, I prepared to de-luck, as she termed it, in getting so dazzling, white blinds, and a glittering you are in a position to support a wife, scend, murmuring, as I went,-

at least make Walter Clayton acquaint- and left the room,ed with the fact that I was a lady and not a servant, as he had the audacity to think me.

ing curiously the myriads of silvery world to me, I say, stars that followed each other in speedy succession until the heavens were com- venture I ever had ! pletely filled. 99118 TOTAVI-

Footsteps near me caused me to look my husband-my kind, handsome Wal around, and I had barely time to con- ter. ceal myself behind a green, tangled vine full of clustering red and yellow berries -for I did not care to be seen then in my present rebellious mood-when Wal-

monly well managed, I turned upon her angrily. Of that I am assured.

land of dreams.

How be came to choose me instead of pensive family. His father had given my gifted sister, Diana? And if he, him an excellent education-a first-class

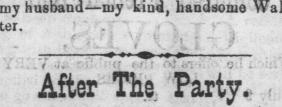
resembled a servant, and was in fact a pended entirely upon his own exertions.

wealthy a husband; but I am sure door-plate, on which was engraved the I will give you one. That if I were not handsome, I would that I heard her murmur, as she turned name of Dr. Carlton.

Outwitted by a mere schoolgirl! But what cared 1?

I was very happy then, and very hap-My face was now burning with anger ; py now, although five summers have passo, instead of going directly to the par- sed into oblivion since I became Walter lor, as was my want, I went out up- Clayton's wife ; and looking back upon on the piazza and leaned over the rail- that memorable day, when in wind and ing breathing the fresh air, and watch- rain I first met him who is now all the Blessed be the first last and only ad-

Which wish is devoutly sanctioned by



him; he was a general favorite, and out. You have saved some money. If considered everywhere as a great acqui- at the end of two years you can show sition to society. But, as in the words me a ballance of five hendred pounds, I of the song, money comes slowly in, the will put five more to it, and we will make Is printed and published by the Propriepractice was long in growing. Everyone arrangements for purchasing a partnerliked the young doctor, praised him, ship with Dr. Black. If, failing this, considered him clever, amiable and tal- you can show me you are making clear ented; but his rival, Dr Black, had two hundred per annum, I will do the been for so many years amongst them, same; but. understand distinctly, if you that he understood, it was thoroughly fail in both these objects, then at the exbelieved, every separate constitution in piration of two years 1. shall consider Strutton. For long years he had been Laura free, and the whole affair ended. the confidential medical adviser and in. she must not wait the best part of her Price of Subscription-THREE DOLLARS per timate friend of everyone whose patron. life in a long and useless engagement.

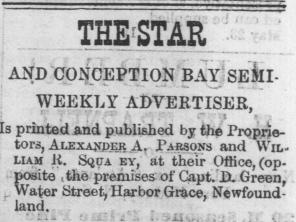
age was worth having. People did not Now, my advice to you is--work and Advertisements inserted on the most lib like dismissing an old acquaintanc with save.

Nay, he interrupted, as Allan was

The townspeople liked and esteemed about to express his gtatitude, hear me

out some definite reason, and there was Work and save Allan did. The renone in this case. However popular ply was so much more favorable than continuation 25 cents. ter Clayton, with my stately sister leanand agreeable the young doctor may be, either he or Laura had expected, that in ing on his arm, swept by me and seated themselves a few rods off. I could distinctly catch every word A happy new year and plenty of stranger came to dwell at Strutton, Dr. saw no difficulties. AGENTS I could distinctly catch every word uttered by them. I would willingly have effected my A strange feeling, the nature of which A strange feeling the nature of which A s I was incapable of analyzing, came over me, and rooted me to the spot; and I grew hot and cold alternately, as I heard

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