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Human Nature Two little children five years old, Marie the gentle, Charlie the bold; Sweet and bright and quaintly wise, Ange's both, in their mother's eyes.

But you, if you follow my verse, shall see That they were as human as human can be, And had not yet learned the maturer art Of hiding the "self" of the finite heart. One day they found in their romp and play Soft and gray, and just of a size, As like each other as your two eyes

All day long the children made love To the dear little pets—their treasure-trove; They kissed and hugged them until the nigh Brought to the conies a glad respite.

Too much fondling doesn't agree
With the rabbit nature, as we shall see,
For ere the light of another day
Had chased the shadows of night away. One little pet had gone to the shades, Or, let us hope, to perennial glades Brighter and softer than any below— A heaven where good little rabbits go.

The living and dead lay side by side. And still alike as before one died; And it chanced that the children came to view
The pets they had dreamed of all the night

First came Charlie, and, with sad surprise, Beheld the dead with streaming eyes; Howe'er, consolingly, he said, "Poor little Marie—her rabbit's dead!"

Later came Marie, and stood aghast ; She kissed and caressed it, but at last, Found voice to say, while her young

"I'm so sorry for Charlie his rabbit's dead!"

## A PUMPKIN SHELL

Poor Patty hadn't been used to it the confinement, the routine, the coneyes, the phantasmagoria of flaunting color, of different costumes and faces; a one minute a face made up of such a straight, lovely Greeian nose, such pink rounded cheeks, such bright laughing e/es, such a dimple in the chin! As Patty's bewildered senses, she would gather the idea of its beauty to her brain, and then it would suddenly vanish, and that nice little minute would be gone, taking with it the lovely face; and all at once another would take its place, with a nose so crooked, a cheek so cadaverous, eyes so askew, and chin so retreating that the heart of our English girl was broken with it all. She would grow confused over the change; the difference in the currency was perplex-ing. Then would follow severe reprimands, scowls and sneers from her su-periors, and mockery from her fellow-

On the morning that Peter Robinson gloves Patty Burr stood there, as usual, behind the counter, and to an outside observer she was her plump, round, soncy, apple-cheeked little self; but if her aunt Martine over scroes the seas could have seen her, she'd have scanned her with a critical eye, then immediately whisked her off to beg, and made many lived, and Peter unwilling to leave her, this arpiator ran off to the store where her white teeth to moisten them, so parched were they and dry. Peter Bob-inson knew there was a pretty girl wait-ing on him, with a trip of the dear old ing on him, with a trip of the dear old mother tongue in her accent that somehow warmed his heart. But he was not a man to give way to any such beguiling, else had he long ago fallen a victim to its snares. In New York city there were plenty of pretty shop girls, and foreign accents of any kind. its snares. In New York city there were plenty of pretty shop girls, and foreign accents of any kind were to be had for the seeking. Peter Robinson had some conceit and bigotry and narrow-mindedness in his composition, but was a splenman who had at first been so obnoxious maes in his composition, but was a splendid fellow in the main. He had mapped out his lifted skirts, and determined to got over to America, not: with the idea shirt bear of the would pick up gold in her streets, or delve it out of her bowels, but that he could pick up gold in her streets, or the had bear bear of the would spend if in the piace of the would pend if in the piace of the would of the word of the word of dingerous fever; and not in a both through of the local standard did in — particularly abic "latter." Bear of the word of the way of a local standard to be context, and the landady, who was a country, and the feer it in a terrible hurry, because the country, as sone start as the standard of the word of the way of a sone standard to be bear the should be saided in the way of gloves, and of how much to be envised were they save the word of the way of a stone, should be suited in the way of gloves, and the boundard in the way of gloves, and the way of gloves, the standard in the way of gloves, the standard

'You're not well, young woman," said Peter, looking at her gravely, and and a picture of Prince Charlie on one lowering his voice to a gentler tone. 'You'd better get home and to bed at won't you?"

There's a place down below here

gloves in his hand, and walked rapidly this sudden recklessness of generosity in the direction of one of the ferries, upon the part of the heretofore canny but had gone but a block or two when, aach, and tea he never tasted when he could get a glass of beer; but this must be the place where that little woman had said she could get a cup of tea, and Peter could not put aside for the life of him this sudden but absorbing interest in that little woman's health. Sure enough, in she came, with a faltering step and so strangely bewildered a manthat face would bend over the counter, and the sweet breath of its mouth reach at the same table with Peter blinked knowingly at one of the waiters, and whispered something which the servitor indignantly denied.

"Nothing of the kind, sir," he said. "She never takes a drop, sir; she's an donest young woman, but hasn't been well of late."

Peter felt an inclination to reach out his arm and knock the slanderer to the floor; but at that moment somebody elso fell on the floor, and Peter was soon

went into the store to buy a pair of climenty in restoring her to conscious ness, the now penitent alanderer ran off gloves Patty Burr stood there, as usual, for a doctor, and when the doctor or a posset for her within the hour; for the poor girl's eyes were somewhat glassy in their brightness, the color in her cheeks had deepened to a flame, and constantly she drew her hot lips within her white teeth to moisten them, so parched were they and dry. Peter Bobinson knew there was a pretty girl wait-

and had a cozy home look, with its dimity curtains and patchwork quilt,

The doctor declared the fever fre once. Never mind the gloves. I'll take this pair I have in my hand, and let them be the last goods you sell to-day, boarders could give full vent to their "It must be near noon," said Patty, the tears starting to her eyes, as they always did at the touch of tenderness."

pity and concern without a qualm for their own safety. Mrs. M'Glosky was a master-hand at beef tea, broths and gruels of various kinds, and had a pity and concern without a qualm for gruels of various kinds, and had a "There's a place down below here where I can get a cup of tea. I don't like to risk my place by leaving it in the middle of the day."

"Retter visk that then something."
"Retter visk that then something." middle of the day."

"Better risk that than something more precious," said Peter, suddenly feeling a greater interest in the health of this strange young woman than that of any one he knew.

He went out of the store with the shock her head knowingly over this strange and walked rapidly.

upon a sign at the door of a bakery, he read that coffee and tea could be had hole in Peter's hoard; but he found one read that coffee and tea could be had within for five cents a cup. He went in and sat down at one of the marble tables, calling for some tea, as he went along, not at all cheated into the idea it was a thing he would have done on any other occasion. He looked upon confectioneries and cakes of all kinds as concections of the afrite of indigestion; a marble table was an abomination to his welling up into his eyes, like those of sight and touch, sending as it did a cold glare to his eye and a chill to his stomting up for the first time in a stuffed chair of Mrs, M Glosky's, They had said she was all dressed now, and he sould go up and see her; and he went up the stairs, his heart getting higher and tigher into his throat at every step, till at last, when he reached her open door, and she held out her thin little hands, and faltered out some words that were quite inaudible, the speech he had counted upon forsook him; his heart choked it, and he could only stand there and look at her, and then go forward was so like him. Nobody else could see and kneel by her side, and hold her two

atty—"my savior!"
"Tut! tut!" said Peter. And then

he could get no further.

For months he had seen her pretty to Patty's full felicity was a little home shorn silken locks all tangled about her fevered face, and the folks about the house had said she'd never live to see floor; but at that moment elso fell on the floor, and Peter was soon leaning over her, loosening her bonnet strings, bathing her forehead with water, and fanning her with a newspaper he had pulled from his pocket.

As there seemed to be considerable difficulty in restoring her to conscioustian the sumactree at the window. How he amaked God for the sweetness of her voice, as she went to tell him all about it! The quality and quantity of a voice at her back to pull away her chair.

Detay than to most folks, there was so little for her hands to do, sometimes they lay folded in her lap for hours together, and this she thought was a sin. It seemed so strangely out of place to Patty to have her food not only prepared for her, but almost put into her mouth, and some one it! The quality and quantity of a voice at her back to pull away her chair.

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The quality and quantity of a voice at her back to pull away her chair. music from his infancy, and seldem had he heard upon the musical stage (his one extravagance) so sweet a cadence. She told him of her home in dear old Surrey, where she had been reared by her mother's sister, who kept a long low red-roofed hostelry there, and how the days went by as like one another as two peas in a pod, until a fine lady came traveling by, and took a notion that Patty would make a nice companion for her, and tempted her off from one place to another, till they reached America, where a change of fortune for the fine lady threw Patty upon her own re-sources, and after a time she fell into a clerkship in the big store where Peter

"And had it not been for you," said poor Patty, in conclusion, "I should have been carried off to a hospital, there to die and be buried among the paupers;" and here her head drooped, and finally it rested upon Peter's shoulder; and what words he said he never could

found her a prey to helplessness and

"If I love a woman," said Shangles getting very red, "I don't care anything about her condition in life; no obstacle of that kind has any weight with me.

"Suppose it's a more formidable obstacle," said Peter; "suppose somebody else loves her, you blockhead, and is going to marry her himself?"

"Oh, that, indeed!" said Shangles,

say so before?' Peter didn't tell him that he had only ately made up his mind to the audacity buthe immediately took Mrs. M'Glosky into his confidence, and they patched up the matter between them, Peter's nat-ural prudence and forethought finding sole vent in his dolefully singing:

"Why in thunder didn't you

"Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater, Had a wife and couldn't keep her." To which he shortly added a more cheerful refrain:

"He put her in a pumpkin-shell, And there he kept her very well."

So, one day, when Patty was well enough to go out and hunt up her old boarding place, where they hailed her as a resur rected ghost, she found in the old hid-ing-place her bankbook as good as new, and as good luck would have it, the bank hadn't even broken during her sickness. but the big door opened to her touch in she went, drew out her money, and though it was a small sum for a wedding trousseau, according to popular opinion, it more than sufficed for Patty, who hated to be beholden to Peter for ever

this necessity. They had quite a wedding, after all for the boarders each and all took a personal interest in the affair, and Shangles, who was Peter's best man, never took his eyes off the beautiful blushing Patty. Mrs. M'Glosky gave them a room on the lower floor, but Pattie brought with her the picture of Prince Charlie, which she declared was as good as a photograph of Peter, it was so like him. Nobody else could see and kneel by her sate, and and irregular features of reter to sate.

"Oh, my best benefactor!" faltered of the young Pretender, but Patty of the young Pretender, but Patty stuck to her opinion. Everything went stuck to her opinion. merry as a marriage bell, and as the months went by the only thing wanting

"If one were a cripple, Peter," she said, "one couldn't be more helpless." Peter said it was too bad; that he wished he could go to housekeeping, but money was so hard to get; and then he would draw his mouth dolefully, and

"Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater, Had a wife, and couldn't keep her."

Patty would be remorseful, and promise never to speak of housekeeping again, until Mrs. M'Glosky would tell her what bad way it was for a young wife to begin, and then Mrs. M'Glosky would sing in a wheezy voice: "She wadna bake and she wadna brew,

For the spoiling of her comely hue; She wadna wash and she wadna wring, For the spoiling o' her gowden ring."

Poor Patty's eyes would fill with tears and her lips tremble, and she would de-clare to Mrs. M'Glosky that she'd be only too glad to do her own work if

"Pool, woman!" he said, testily; don't be showing me your shoddy wares. What I want is a stout bit of wool to suit this beastly climate, where one is first roasting and then freezing."

"The better to insure quiet and a place apart, they put Patty into one of the garret-rooms; but it was as comfortable in its way as any in the house, "You're not well young woman," "If I love a woman," said Shangles, "If I love a woman, "said Shangles, "If I love a woman," said Shangles, "If I love a woman, "said Shangles," the said, so comfortably, with gay chintz covering on the parlor furniture, pretty pic tures upon the walls, curtains of Turkey red, and a glowing fire in the grate; and when they went through to the kitchen everything was so complete, with hot and cold water at the housewith not and cold water at the house-keeper's hand, and copper sancepans by the half dozen that Patty could see her pretty face in, decanters and glasses upon the table, and the kettle boiling away upon the shining range, Patty' heart was filled with envy.

"Where is this happy creature?" she said, for nobody came to welcome them.
"Come over here," said Peter, pulling
Patty to the mantel. "Here she is." And Patty saw ner own face in the looking-glass. Over it, in a gorgeous frame, was this inscription in illuminated letters, "A Pumpkin Shell." And all at once Peter began to sing, in his finest

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater, Had a wife, and couldn't keep her." Then, outside in the corridor, a mad merry chorus took up the refrain:

"He put her in a pumpkin shell,"
And there he kept her very well."
And all the boarders, headed by Mrs.
M'Glosky herself, with the picture of
Prince Charlie in her hand, came trooping in, and took possession of the second floor. They stopped till the clock round the corner rang out the hour of twelve. Then they left Patty in her little hor Then they left Patty in her this day, where she and Peter live to this day, the happiest couple in that quarter the universe.—Harper's Weekly.

A Remarkable Heroine. In the year 1337 the English laid In the year 1337 the English laid siege to the Castle of Dunbar, a strong fortalice placed on some rocky heights overlooking the German ocean, and approachable by land only at one point. At the time the castle was held by the Countess of March, whose lord had embraced the cause of Robert Bruce. The countess was the daughter of Randolph, Earl of Moray, and a high-spirited and courageous woman. From her comcourageous woman. From her com-plexion she was usually known by the familiar title of Black Agnes. The castle of which Agnes was now mistress had been well fortified; and in her hands it held out bravely against Montague, Earl of Salisbury, with all the power he could direct against it. Cannon not having been yet invented, it was cus-tomary to attack forts of this kind with engines constructed to throw huge stones, and accordingly the English general employed this species of force to attack the castle. Agnes, confident of withstanding such attempts, is said to have treated them with contempt. While the English engineers were throwing stones into the fort, she went about her food not only prepared for her, but with her maidens, and, in sight of the feiting schemes is to issue a small calmost put into her mouth, and some one enemy, wiped with a clean towel the tity of notes on a certain bank with enemy, wiped with a clean towel the tity of notes on a certain bank with t spots where the masses of stone had fallen. Enraged at this apparent unconcern, the earl commanded his men to bring forward a large engine called the sow. This was a strong shed, rolled on wheels, underneath which the walls could be safely undermined with pick-sward at large engine called the solution of the place, president, or cash misspelled. Upon discovery the basends a warning through the count pointing out the error. Then the country of the pointing out the error. Then the country of the pointing out the error. Then the country of the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the pointing out the error. Then the country of the proposed that the propo axes. When Black Agnes observed this merchants and storekeepers will lo movement she leant over the castle wall, only for the indicated "catch," and derisively addressed the earl in the following rude rhyme:

Beware Montgow,
For farrow shall thy sow.
On uttering this admonitory hint she caused a huge fragment of rock to be hurled down on the back of the sow, which crushed it in pieces, killing the men beneath, and scattering all who were near it. "Said I not so?—Behold the litter of pigs!" was the ready jibe of the brave commandress of the castle. The siege was ultimately abandonded, after being invested for neteen weeks.

shoulders of men who had a bit of time to spare. In the mean while Peter was hard to be suited in the way of gloves, because he wanted so much for his money, and it seemed to him there was a fault in the showing up of the goods.

The landlady's heart melted to her at once.

"I'll do what I can for you, Mr. touching details of her during her sick-plain folks like ourselves, and have just touching details of her during her sick-plain folks like ourselves, and have just a fault in the showing up of the goods.

Robinson," said good Mrs. M'Glosky; ness have won my heart. I believe I gone to house keeping upon the second of the second for house paint, well nigh neutralize the never been able to get her sweet face from my mind and memory, and your touching details of her during her sick-plain folks like ourselves, and have just gone to housekeeping upon the second of the second for house paint, well nigh neutralize the culture of the school-room and justify the most persistent efforts of these village improvement associations.—New York Observer.

Items of Interest. The rag-picker's story—the cellar.

Best shoe for summer-"Shoo fir Brigham Young's widow is gradu

The hen becomes the rooster he sun goes down. No bird is actually on the wing.

vings are on the bird. "Troublesome" is the official de ation of a Colorada post-office.

The most prosperous dentists les

It is said that a little kerosene mi with starch will give linen a nice glo How to be contented—look at the h in Jones's coat sleeve and then at neat patch on your own.

Why are country girls' cheeks well-printed cotton? Because they warranted to wash and keep their c

Prof.—" Miss Q., tell me what is to instrument called by which we ascer musical pitch?" Miss Q. (hesitating—"A pitch-fork." Audible giggling A Western editor throws up sponge with the remark that "it do

pay to run a paper in a town wh business men read almanacs and p their teeth with the tail of a herrin Vegetation purifies the air-fir

because it absorbs carbonic acid; condly, because under the influence sunlight it exhales an equivalent oxygen; and lastly, because it produces on the condition of the conditio

Of ninety-two persons killed at Asl bula, the Lake Shore road has sett for eighty-three at a cost of \$453,000, a little over \$5,400 for each person. T sum is about the average allowance

A bat about a farmer's room,

Not long ago I knew
To fly. He caught a fly, and then
Flew up the chimney flue,
But such a scene was never seen, (I am quite sure of that),
As when with sticke all hands essayed
To hit the bat a bat!

—Hoo

In a recent case for assault, the fendant pleaded guilty. "I think must be guilty," said he, "because plaintiff and I were the only ones in t room; and the first thing I knows that I was standing up, and he was doubled over the table. You'd bett call it guilty." Mrs. Carruthers' house was infect

by rats. Somebody told Mrs. Carrui soak it benzine, touch a match to it a let it go, all the rats would be driv from the house. Mrs. Carruthers act on the suggestion: the rats disappears so did the house, and Mr. Carruth was obliged to retain a lawyer to recov his fire insurance.

One of the most suc

The principal characters by while steel may be distinguished from it are as follows: After being polished steel appears of a whiter, light grant, without the blue cast exhibited; steel appears of a whiter, light grinue, without the blue cast exhibited a liron; it also takes a higher polis. When steeped in acids, the harder a steel is, of a darker hue is its surfasteel is ignited sooner, and fuses we a less degree of heat than malleak iron, which can scarcely be made to fit without the addition of powdered characteristics. coal, by which it is converted into step and afterwards into crude iron. In to vitriolic, nitrous and other acids, statis violently attacked, but is longer idissolving than iron. After meceratis according as it is softer or harder, it pears of a lighter or darker gray col-while iron, on the other hand, is whi

Fumigated Letters.

Complaint was made to the post-off department in Washington last Janu<sup>II</sup> that letters received from Persia febeen perforated by some sharp inst<sup>D</sup> ment. Inquiry was made at once of <sup>II</sup> Persian postal authorities as to the early to which a reply was received at <sup>IC</sup> to which a reply was received at <sup>IC</sup> post-office department recently, da<sup>IC</sup> post-office department recently, da<sup>8</sup> Teheran, to the effect that the perfe Teherah, to the effect that the perfections complained of were made during the fulnigation at the Russian fronth to which all letters from Persia wisubjected during the existence of an plague in that country, and the estiliahment of quarantine regulations. The letter from the Persian postal depiment concludes: "I am happy to deform you that the plague has disapped. form you that the plague has disappeded, and the quarantine has been

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