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jortunate resolution; for, with the trial

The Poet's Corner. Finish Thy Work.

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The night is coming down-till then Finish thy work ; then welcome rest ; Till then, rest never ; The rest prepared for thee by God Is rest forever.

Finish thy work ; then wipe thy brow ; Ungird thee from thy toil; Take breath, and from each weary limb Shake off the soil

Finish thy work : then sit thee down. On some celestial hill, And of its strength reviving air Take thou thy fill.

Finish thy work ; then go in peace ; Life's battle fought and won; Hear from the throne the Master's voice: "Well done! Well done!"

Finish thy work ; then take thy harp ; Give praise to God above ; Sing a new song of mighty joy And endless love.

Give thanks to Him Who holds thee up, In all thy paths below; Who holds thee faithful unto death, And crowns thee now.

Unlocking the Shackles.

A STORY OF A FRONTIERSMAN.

The sun was just setting, at the close of a long hot day in June, when Ernest Black and myself drove our waggons up to the bank of Red River, on the Indian territory side. We were hauling freight for the United States Government, and were on our way to Texas for a load.

We signalled the ferryman, living on the Texas side, and as soon as he came over, began to cross. The boat was too small to put over both waggons at once, so I crossed first, and came back to assist Ernest.

and it sometimes took both of us to do you.

Jurt as the ferry boat neared the road, with a double burden on Lis back. uncomfortable covering. A young man of noble appearance, but looking very weary and harrassed, rode in front; behind, a beautiful girl, nearly white, but with sufficient Indian blood piquant charm to the features.

young man without dismounting, spoke stranger turned : to Ernest:

'Sir, I am a white man, and some days since had a quarrel with another, trust me I shall not be wanting." in which, unfortunately, he was acci- "I am glad to have been of service to

brother. The one on the boat approached the wagon, and was about to raise the sheet when Ernest, with his eyes gleaming dangerously, spoke to him:

"This wagon is in the employ of the United States Government, and no one but a regularly authorized official can search it.

his hand on a pistol, ready to assist his

The fellow, however, persisted; but as he laid his hand on the sheet a well directed blow from Ernest floored him. The one on the bank started to draw

quick with the pistol on the frontier, where a man's life may depend on his 'getting the drop' on some ruffian. The ferryman, terrified at the scene

now, at a sign from Ernest, pushed the boat from the bank. Ernest, keeping the prostrate man covered with his pistol, spoke to the one

left behind: 'I shall take your companion with us, as a hostage for your good conduct. If you shoot after us, he suffers. Remember.

We crossed the siver without accident, the baffled ruffian on the bank making reached the Texps side, Ernest turned behind, we set out. to me:

Frank, drive my waggon up the bank to where yours is, while I see this fellow back across the river. Beecher, take your skiff and row him over; he will hardly hurt you. If he tries, I will put a bullet throug himh."

After seeing his captive into the skiff, first discharging all his weapons, he spoke to the now cowed man: "When you get to the other side,

stand on the bank till the boat returns. He had two reducery states, which If you attempt to get into the bushes, or securely chained, the chain carried he had two relactory antica, which If you attempt to get into the bushes, or securely chained, the chain carried of one bottle, the patient was already had always to be held in a ferry boat, try any other treachery, I will shoot around a tree and fastened with a pad-better, and when four bottles had been

and returned, and Ernest came up the matia Mountains, over which we were Chickasaw Nation side, a large, power- bank to where the wagons were. Mean- going by a bridle path-a wild, desolate respondent. ful horse, but evidently nearly exhausted while had driven up the hill and reliev- and a fit place for a deed of crime. I came into view around a bend in the ed the occupants of the wagon from their began to fear, from the looks and words

made no movement till all was safe. The young man jumped to the ground, my body down into some one of ravines and with a simple grasp of the hand and which we were constantly crossing, and showing through the clear skin to add a the earnest words, "I thank you both,"

assisted his companion out. They rode up to the waggon, and the Earnest now came up, and to hum the

in some measure pay so great a debt,

dentally shot. I am pursued by his you," said Ernest, simply. "I think entreaties it would have been of no brothers, who are close behind, and who you are safe for the night. There is no avail. Let my fate be what it might, I have sworn to kill me on sight. I ask other ferry within about twenty miles, must meet it in silence. Many were the your help to cross the river, if possible, and they will not cross any one after thoughts which passed through my mind night. Red River is took high to swim

"Not much of an accident. I saw the which broke with a loud crack. Lily's whole thing, and he shall swing for it," mothers we e light sleepers, and they said a voice behind me. awoke imm dia ely. Not seeing me,

"I turned, and there stood one of the other brothers, with levelled rifle bearing directly on me. I attempted to speak, but he would not allow it.

"March straight to the house, and if you try to get away I'll kill you like a dog. I would shoot you now, but for the pleasure of having you hung,'

"My own protestations, and Lily tears and entreaties, were of no avail and to avoid immediate violence, his revolver, but before he could do so I thought it best to comply. On the way had him covered. One learns to be to the house we were joined by the other brother, and after a few words in som language unknown to me, they both bur ried me on. The old man was not at home when we reached the house, and before nim, had remained quiet, but after another consultation they chained you and baffle them. Our horse, good me securely, and then made preparation for a journey.

"As I gathered from hints (purposely | Thanks to you, I hope we are safe now. let drop), they intended to take me t Fort Smith to be tried. I did not ex actly see the object of this, since, if the Herndon and ... iss Lily to the railroad,

case were once brought to trial, I could where they took the train for Fort easily be cleared by Lily's evidence. "After sending some of their servants to bring in the body, they mounted me

on a horse, tied my hands behind me, the air resound with curses. When we and with one riding before the other "Lily begged to be allowed to go, but

they refused. It was a lonely country where Mr. Williams lived-no houses within twenty miles-or she would have gone for help to stop them.

"The first day's travel passed without incident. My captors were tacturn, saying nothing to me and but little to each other. At night they loosed my lure of all the remedies which had been hands sufficiently to let me eat, which applied, the directors of the Poorhouse was a little more than I expected; but after supper my hands and feet were lock. The next morning our journey The ferryman put him across the river was resumed. We had reached the Kia-

which passed from one to the other, that They were nearly smothered, but had I would never reach Fort Smith. It

would be an easy matter to kill me, cast invent some plausible excuse for my disappearance.

"As night came on they frequently stopped and held consultations with "I owe you my life, and if ever I can each other, casting the while glances of mingled hate and triumph upon me. It was easy enough to tell the meaning of this; but even if had condescended to on that hurried ride, but it is needless

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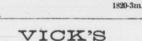
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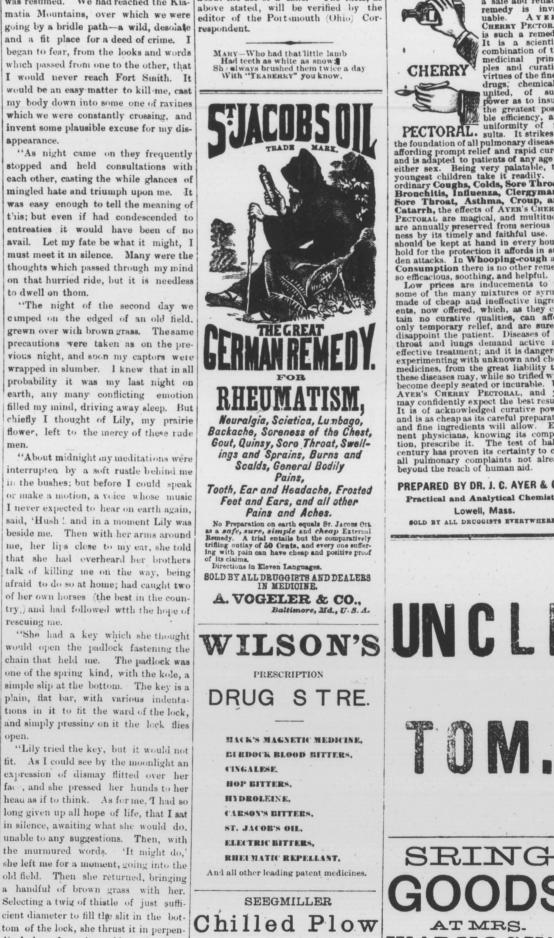
are expected to over the West. "Ah!" he ex tenderly to him you in these a paint our fut ments of the said en v, row's shday.

you won't buy for mother. every time sh up!" "Go to Hens scrate when they are no one has eve garden and hem from doin A man who

imprisonment clemency, and much affected b months.

"So you en museum, did man of his ac "Oh, yes, and camel there that eyes around a looked like you poetry at evening

Portage la F and Gomorrah have heard of stoves, dead be the theft of an tum of the Revie The editors co of this deed of s that "some ene haps some Gern for a limburger one for a scent. While Colone on his estate or an old man, evi "Colonel. I hae the old man, "though it gri that I hae serve a lang year." I ed with pity at duced to such p shillings for you the money; but what capacity yo "Well, to mak a ten years i' the stealin' an auld cal, as he quietly The Fren



"Why do they ____ began Ernest, over. If you remain with us to-night, but the strangar cut him short.

"Time presses, sit; you must answer wagon, and the rest of us must take the cumped on the edged of an old field. yes or no. If not, I dislike to shed ground. You can tell us, then, how you grewn over with brown grass. The same blood; but if I am too closely pursued managed to get into this scrape." And the gleaming of the

blue eyes finished the sentence.

written there, showed no trace of crime. while the rest of us, at some little dis-

traniping of horses' feet, rapidly ap. dles, guarded by our faithful dog. proaching, could now be heard.

with you? Get into the waggon and warning. under the waggon sheet, which you will Then the stranger, whose name was in the bushes.

The young man dismounted, assisted such a plight :of the girl who was riding behind him, and did as directed, cowering down in the bottom of the wagon.

After depositing the sheet so as to as if it had only been carelessly thrown dle and bridle, turned him lose and reterned to his team.

Ernest turned to me:

justice to escape, but I will risk it, engaged. Loose the boat and put off, Beecher," he added, to the ferryman.

At this moment, however, a pair of saddle.

dressed Ernest:

"Have you seen anything of a man "Three days ago the explosion came. Selecting a twig of thistle of just suffiand a woman on one horse anywhere I was walking with Lily, when the cient diameter to fill the slit in the bothere?

wagon and the sheet in it, an a both men dishonorable conduct. dismounted.

asked Ernest.

Nation, and is trying to get away, the the struggle the pistol went off, and he wards of the lock. Then she pressed on woman with him, and I want to arrest was shot dead. I stood for a moment, all the ends, and the lock flew openim. If you help him to get away it stunned with horror, when Lily's voice so quietly that not a link rattled. will be the worse for you. I believe he roused me.

is under that sheet, anyhow. And he stepped on to the ferry boat. you when they see you. They will swear horses, but unfortunately had gone but The other remained on the bank, with it was no accident !'

to dwell on thom "The night of the second day we we can make the lady a bed in the

After some further discussion, it was arranged, and we went into camp. Sup-Ernest took another look at the open, per over, and the horses staked off, the manly face, which, whatever might be young lady retired to one of the wagons. filled my mind, driving away sleep. But Then he spoke, and fast, for the tance, reclined on the blankets and sad-flower, left to the mercy of these rude men. Nothing could come within a hundred

"I suppose you wish to take the lady yards of the camp without his giving us interruptea by a soft rustle behind me

ind there loose. I will hide your horse Henderson, gave us an account of how I never expected to hear on earth again, he happened to come to the river in

"Some months since, I was in the me, her lips close to my eat, she told Chickasaw Nation, buying up cattle, that she had overheard her brothers when I became acquainted with a Mr. Williams, who had married and settled among the Indians. I found it conve- of her own horses (the best in the counin, Ernest led the horse a short distance nient to go very often to his house- try,) and had followed with the hope of from the road, and after taking off sad- about cattle, I persuaded myself at first; rescuing me. but I soon had to acknowledge that the

attraction was his daughter Lily, the would open the padlock fastening the I had witnessed the scene from the young lady who is with me. She is only chain that held me. The padlock was boat which by this time had reached the an eigth Indian, well educated; and as one of the spring kind, with the kole, a bank, and the waggon drove in. After to her beauty, you can see for your- simple slip at the bottom. The key is a giving the ferryman a caution to silence, selves. She soon began to look with plain, flat bar, with various indentafavor on me, and I asked her of her tions in it to fit the ward of the lock, "I may be helping a fugitive from father. He was willing, and we were and simply pressing on it the lock flies

"But there were three sons of the old

man by a former marriage with a white fit. As I could see by the moonlight an woman, who hated me from the start. expression of dismay flitted over her horses, covered with dust and sweat I think they had hoped to get possession face, and she pressed her hunds to her came round the turn in the road, and of Lily's property, but knew that if I head as if to think. As for me, I had so their riders drew rein at the river side. married her there would be little chance long given up all hope of life, that I sat They were two powerful, evil looking of that. Matters went on, however. I in silence, awaiting what she would do. fellows, with belts stuck full of revolvers was too happy to care much for them, unable to any suggestions. Then, with and a rifle across the pummel of each although they became more unbearable the murmured words. 'It might do,' from day to day. They bore no good she left me for a moment, going into the

The elder looking one of the two ad- reputation in the country, and I was old field. Then she returned, bringing warned against them more than once. a handful of brown grass with her.

youngest of the three met us, and after tom of the lock, she thrust it in perpen-As he spoke, his eyes roamed to, the a few insulting words accused me of dicularly as far as it would go, breaking it off a quarter of an inch from the lock.

"It was more than I could stand, and She did this with other staws, until the "Why, what do you want of them ? I sprang toward him to strike him. He whole key-hole was full, breaking them attempted to draw a pistol. but I closed off evenly on the outside, though of "He has killed a man in the Choctaw with him and tried to take it away. In course the inside ends fitted into the

"Lily unwound the chain, and I was

"Oh, fly ! fly ! The others will kill once more free. We started for the

a feet when 1 stepped on a dry stick,

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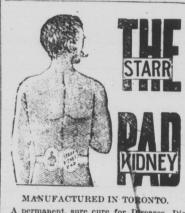
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