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sigh, God's plans go on as best for you and me. How when we called, he heeded not or

Because his wisdom to the end could see; And even as prudent parents disallow Too much of sweet to craving babyhood, So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now Life's aweetest things, because it seems

shrink,
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this portion for our lips to drink,
And if some friend we love is lying low,
When human kisses cannot reach his face,
Oh! do not blame the loving Father so!
But wear your sorrow with obedient grace.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweesest gift God sends his friend,
And that sometimes the sable pall of death
Conceals the fairest bloom his love can send.
If we could push aside the gates of life
And stand within and all God's workings see, We could interpret all this doubt and strife And for each mystery would find a key.

apart;
Time will reveal the hidden cups of gold
And if by patient toil we reach the land,
Then many feet, with sandals loose, may

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stand—
I think that we shall say "God knows the best."

How Mrs. Peet went to Prayer meeting.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

(MARY E. Q. BRUSH, IN AMERICAN MES-Mrs. Darius Peet watched the minister's back as he walked down the path to the front gate. It was a straight, martiallooking back, for the Rev. Mr. Baynard had once served in the army; hence his military bearing. He also carried other soldierly attributes into his pulpit and pastoral work.
Just now he had been engaged in looking up
one reported as "missing" from his ecclesias-

"Mr. Bayard remarked that he hadn't shed back the big rocking-chair into its ustomed place in the corner.

we have in stock Five Roses, Five Stars, Five Diamonds, Marvel, Perfection, Hurona, Pride of Diamonds, Marvel, Perfection, Hurona, Pride of Maria to manage those young ones, and as meetings. One feels the need of a little spiritual rest and strenth to hearten one ouse—he's got one of his cross-grained streaks, and eaten his supper and gome to "I kind of wondered whether he'd missed Lucy Maria's. Told about all the days of the village to "caucus" or "primary" or chivalry and King Arthur and tournaments. we have Meal, Corn Chop, Feed Flour, Middlings,

Moulie, Bran, Chop Feed and Oats.

There, one Knight'd battle against another
and they'd fight all for honor and glory, and and they'd fight all for honor and glory, and when the folks'd see the knights were get-Also a full line of first-class Groceries, Crockeryting tuckered out, the king'd tell the herald o blow a trumpet for a halt, that'd give the knights a chance to take breath and rest. So they'd lay down their weapons for a while, drink refreshing draughts, tinker up their armor if it was out of order, and may-be, if they'd been wounded, their wounds ₽ Before buying it would pay you to see our goods and get our prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. ould be bathed and balm put to 'em. So they'd get all heartened and could fight on again. Seems to me the prayer meeting bell s just like that herald's trumpet ! But, oh dear ! I haven't been inside that chapel Rev. F. F. Eddy, of Halifax, while dis-

door in I don't know how many weeks !" Mrs. Peet sat down with a weary thud into her low rocking-chair, and drew her sewing work forth from the over-flowing basket at its side. She was putting very large patches on a very small garment. It was suggestive of her daily efforts, the patient striving to bring up a large family on a small

"I've been struggling a long time, and feel like a real tired-out knight!" said Mrs. Peet, sadly, as she nipped off the ragged edges of the abyss her son Tommy had made in his trousers. "A real tired-out knight!" Short and lean and faded with much buffeting from that big opponent, the world, lace meshes contrasted prettily with her there was not much about her to suggest the there was not much about her to suggest the golden days of chivalry, the gay glitter of faded outlines of her face into seeming youthtournaments and the stalwart knights who fulness. took part therein; but, be it known, not even
King Arthur himself had purer face, more
Twilight still lingered and the distant hills
had faint touches of pink on them, and so earnest eyes or more steadfast purpose to did the silver-curves on the creek braiding deal valiantly with the sins that do beset the green skirts of the meadows. But us than had this plain, middle-aged woman. darkness brooded nearer the house, for the

all you require is a glass of hot water, a lit-tle sugar, and thirty drops of Polson's Nerv-iline. Take it real hot, and in the morning you will wake up without a cold. When depressed or tired, try Nerviline; it will tone you up better than stimulants. Nerviline wards of all sickness and keeps appeals well "Darius don't believe in prayer meeting," tall evergreens and locust trees cast black Mrs. Pest continued. "He says the Bible shadows, falling sharply on the clover that says, "Go into your closet and pray," My!" lay like drifts of snow all over the front with a sigh I'd be glad if he'd do that. He yard, its fragrance as sweet as the dropnever goes into the closet unless it's to get ping manna of old.

the umbrell or boot-jack, and, most gener
Down the garden ards of all sickness and keeps people well. ally, if he can't lay hands on 'em first thing Upwards of 3,100 widows, with, approxi- he uses language that he shouldn't. Now, as to prayer-meeting, it really seems somependents of officers and men losing their times as though he was that set against my lives in the war in South Africa, have already going! Don't say I shan't—isn't that mean going! Don't say I shan't-isn't that mean wants done Thursday night, or he's late to warm whiff of clover-scented breath.

Mrs. Peet was a good milker, and soon the children ! That's the way it's been for a the pail was foaming full, white and warm. es and Darius's mother was here sick She gave the cow's sleek side a commendatory pat and push.
"Go along, Crumple—go along and nibble
the red clover or make your bed among it!

with the grippe, and, well, not a Thursday evening have I had in I don't know when. the red clover or make your bed among it!

Your lot is easier than mine!—a rich meadow in summer, a warm stable in winter,

"I thought you liked 'em, Hannah." But I'm bound to go this week !" Here Mrs. Peet made her back almost as straight as the minister's. "Yes, I'm going, and I'll dow in summer, a warm stable in winter, teetify, foo,! It's hard to speak out in meeting! There's a big lump comes in my throst, but I most know that my heart'll be so filled with joy at being able to come to meeting once more that I can say someseting once more that I can say some-ing, "For out of the abundance of the Mrs. Peet set the pail of milk on a mossy

stump, while she leaned wearily against the Let it be set down to Mrs. Peet's credit "Not forsaking the assembling of yourthat she did make an effort to carry out her much cherished plan. She got the bulk of Thursday's work done in the forencon; she selves as the manner of some is," she quoted. Seems to me I have seen that command out out a calico wrapper for her neighbor, old Mrs. Holland, in return for the latter's promise to come over and look after the children for that evening. When the sun's rays falling asiant the yellow painted kitchen floor told her that six o'clock was near at the folk are over there in the chopse now, singing and praying agents as though somewhere—in Hebrews I guess. But how can I obey it? I've tried and tried and failed.

singing and praying—seems 'most as though I could hear "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Something in her last sentence threw, as It were, a reflection of light back into her hand, she began to prepare the evening meal.

Back and forth she pattered from pantry to tea table, the criep ruffles of her petti-coats rustling gently. A big white apron gloomy soul—"Nearer my God, to Thee."
She looked down humbly and tearfully upon
the white stars of the daisies at her feet. tied over her sateen gowa-for, in order to meeting—made her spare form look almost plump; the soft dark hair just a little sprinkled with white, and released from orimping pins, curied softly around her fore-head and down over the tip of her ears; They had been placed there at the command of the heavenly Father—every golden heart -every pearly detal !

too, with a drunken husband and a cripple

In the midst of the confusion Mrs. Dars sent over her little boy for some dried poppy leaves to make a poultice for a felon, and

Mrs. Peet had to trudge up to the attic to

hunt for the paper bag containing the dry.

streaks of dust on her sateen, she presently

joined bedroom, the door of which presently

Besides, there's the cow to get."

its hook and Mrs. Peet sallied forth.

evidence of her perturbed feelings.
"Come, boss ! come !" she cried.

The evening air was touched with cool-

ness and she shivered slightly. She was glad

that she had thought to tie a worsted "faci-nator" about her head. The 'facinator' was

authority over them.

She turned her gaze upward toward other stars—the eternal ones ! Her heart leaped forth following her gaze.

A strange, broading Presence—ing, holy—seemed to enfold her.

checks with a becoming pink flush.

While she awaited her husband's coming from his work, and the children from their The night wind softly stirred the bunches play, Mrs. Peet thought she might profitof elder blossems leaning against the fence rails—the flowers seemed like soft white ably spend the time in looking over her Bible and settle herself into a proper state of mind. "One needn't expect a blessing, if one isn't ready for it!" she said to herlamps. Somewhere among their green depths, a night bird trilled softly. Mrs. Peet knelt down among the grasses. self. "I do want a real spiritual uplifting

"Lord," she murmured, "forgive that I have rebelled because things have not turnto my soul this evening. Oh, how glad I'll be to sit down on them prayer-meeting hanches and hear Georgianuy Burt play the ed out as I planned! I longed for thee and thought I could find thee best among my chosen ones and in the house of thise abode. organ, and see the folks coming in—dear, old Mrs. Bender with her 'pumpkin hood,' and Deacon Gregg's pink, bald head, and But thou art here as well as there ! Aye, God was there! The "blessing" so

softly to herself-much need she has to cry '...My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your child ! Oh, my ! how glad I'll be to see all singing Miriam's song after she and her folks had gotten over the Red Sea !"

was in better humor; his pet candidate had tions were in vain. There seemed to be a combination of all earthly powers against a happy consummation of her plan!

The supper she prepared se carefully waited a whole hour. Darius came home He found his wife carefully mending his late, and what was worse, he came home

cross! Mrs. Holland sent word at the last minute that she had spraised her ankle and couldn's come; the children, tired with a deprecatory cough. "You've been out, I s'pose—prayer meeting, ch?" Mrs. Peet looked up brightly. There was from long play were unusually troublesome and rebelled strenuously at having Lucy Maria, red-haired and autocratic, placed in a happy light in her gentle eyes.

> "Yes," composedly, "the daisies, the little bird, and the stars, and-and-'rever-

"The Hannah Wilkins."

"This is a powerful fine mornin', Hannah." Old Mr. Stubbs sat by the open door, enjoying the soft June air and the acent of the roses and syrings that came in and mingled agreeably with the odors of coffee and bacon

milked the cow, either. He came home late, I suppose he thought she was milked. Well! well! it does beat all!" proportion so common to inhabitants of rural districts. Her black hair was drawn tightly There was a subdued murmur in the adopened, and Lucy Maria's head, with its radiant halo of tawney locks, peered out. at the back of her head. The scanty folds "I've got 'em quieted down ma,' she said tail of the large cheerful kitchen. with an important air. "They're all in bed,

and I'm going to tell 'em about Goliath. Mr. Stubbe, "and that bacon smells good. You can go right on to meeting if you want Breakfast 'most ready ?" strange depression of spirits seized her. She left bruised and baffled in the struggle, ing a step forward, fork in hand, and oraning her neck to look through the doorway across the yard to the gate which was almost hidden

"There ain't any use in trying to go now!" she exclaimed. "I heard the bell ring some by trees. A man's figure advanced from eneath their foliage.
"Oh," she ejaculated, with a peculiar intime ago. It'll take me ten minutes to walk there, and I don't want to go in when everybody's seated and the praying's begun.

tonation and a flash of her black eyes, as she With many a sigh the palm leaf sateen "It's Peleg." said her father. "Mornin', Mr. Stubbs, mornin'." gown was exchanged for an old, faded calico voice was nasal, but with a certain resonant one. The milk pail was taken down from

> none too long. "How do you feel this "Right chipper, Peleg, right ship You see, my rheumatiz ain't never so bad in

stringy from many washings, but its woolly "I've brought you some garden stuff," said Peleg, glancing at the basket on his arm. It contained lettuce, radishes, and a basket of "Thank you kindly, Peleg. You're a good neighbor. Since I'm too old and stiff to garden, we do miss our garden sass

mightily. Walk in, Peleg, walk in," said Mr. Stubbs, heartily. Mr. Wilkins entered and set the basket on the floor, taking out the strawberries and

putting them on the table, which was spread for breakfast. Down the sarden path and across the road went Mrs. Peet. She let down the pasture "Mornin', Hannah. Here's some fruit as

as red as blood and as sweet as sugar." bars with a sharp clatter with an outward Miss Stubbs returned their visitor's greet A square, dark shape rose up against a immediately seemed absorbed in turning over patch of ox eyed daisies, and there was a the elices of bacon in the skillet. Mr. Wil-

"That you, Crumple-good cow!" Mrs. and stood twisting it nervously with berries, Hannah; they're mighty healthy eatin' in the mornin'," he said, haltingly.

"Much obliged," returned Miss Stubbe, carelessly. "Father likes them."

was peering intently into the coffee pot. Her father had risen and was stiffly approaching the table. "Fine berries, Peleg," he said.

"Can't be beat," said Peleg, emph "I s'pose you're countin' on taking the sweet," he added, as he crushed a berry tween his lips.

"There's not a berry to this part of the country."
"Breakfast's ready," anne Stubbs shortly, as she placed the

"Sit down, Peleg, and take a bite with us," said Mr. Stubbs, hospitably. Peleg glanced at Hannah, who was pouring out a cup of coffee. She did not second her father's invitation.

"Thank you kindly, Mr. Stubbe. I gues I'll be goin'. I set my coffee pot on the

Peleg strode quickly down the short stretch of road between Mr. Stubbe' house and his own.

it's bilin' now."

this mornin'," he thought. "Women's strange bein's. It's everlastin' hard to know how to please them. Here I've been tryin to find out how to do it for the last six years, and I'm no nearer knowin' how than when

begun. Yes, they're strange bein's."

His thoughts were still dwelling on the peculiarities of feminine humanity when he reached his door. The latter was wide open, and a number of chickens were independ tepping in and out.

repping in and out.

Peleg began his preparations for breakfast, Somehow, with the remembrance of Hannah's neatly spread table and brown slices of bacom in his mind, the task was not an encouraging one. He decided to content himself with some slices of bread and coffee. As he ate, his glance wandered around the room. The old woman who came daily to care for it did her best, but she had not given it the neat

noticed the difference.
"Now, what's the sense of it?" he thought, a wastin' of things to be runnin' two houses. when one would de, and three of us be the gainers. It looks, though, like I'll have to give up the idea. It don't seem as if she'll ver come round to my way of thinkin'. An' we're both gettin' up in years, too. I s'pose I ain't much of a husband for a smart, likely girl like Hannah."

Peleg had finished his meal and was closing

his door preparatory to beginning work in his garden, when a youth came running down the road. It was Hiram Rennels, the

'lowed I ought to bring it over to you seein' it's marked 'in haste.'"

Mr. Wilkins' corre large, so he opened the letter in a little ex-Her husband was thought to be at the point so worked up thinkin' how you'd contain the point so worked up the

"There's a train in about an hour. You can get it if you look sharp," said Hiram, when Peleg told him the contents of the

Mr. Wilkins did "look sharp," and reach ed the station just in time. It was not until Hannah Stubbs was tall and of the scanty he was some distance on his journey that he thought of the strawberry show. It was only two days later, and now his berries would not be entered. In the excitement of of her blue cotton gown were of the same gotten all about it. Poor Peleg groaned

He had been looking forward all the year "Yes, a powerful fine mornin'," repeated to winning that prize. After four years' trial, he had succeeded in producing a strawberry which he felt was unequalled in the state. And now it would not even be sent in! He felt much tempted to get out at the next station and return home. He could

not lose the premium f Re had counted so much on it. He we to show Hannah what he could do. Well, it was just his luck !

Meanwhile, the news of his sudden call to the city had reached the Stubbs' house. Hiram Rennels, on his way back from the station with the noon mail, had stopped to chat with old Mr. Stubbs, who was si quality. The owner of it was lean, angular in his front yard under a tree. When Hiram and redhaired. His blue jean trousers were had gone, Mr. Stubbs hobbled into the house to tell the news to Hannah.

"Powerful hard on Peleg. He was calcu-

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latin' on takin' that premium for his straw-berries. The show's on Saturday, and he won't be here to enter his berries." Miss Stubbs stopped to take up a stitch in her knitting before she replied. "P'raps he's fixed it up with some one to

"No." said Mr. Stubbs. "Hiram said he'd only time to get his other clothes on and to 'range anything. I guess he's presty

worried between thinkin' of loosin' the pre mium and of his sister's hasband a dyin'." Butler's death," observed Miss Stubbs, dryly

"A ne account human."

"That's so, Hannah, still death's death," said Mr. Stubbs solemnly.

His daughter made no reply to this prefound remark. She appeared precompled and as the forenoon wore on her pretion increased. She apparently some heard her father's frequent expression regret that Peleg's strawberries could

compete for the prize. On arriving at his sister's home, Peleg found his brother-in-law had taken a sudden change for the better, and that he was out

theroughly provoked that he had taken so much trouble and so unnecessarily the straw-berry prize lost for nothing. But it was just like Eliza to get frightened for no reason.
As the train neared Elibury, the town where the strawberry show was being held, Peleg's annoyance increased. He though how different was the day from what he had show the proud possessor of the prize, and displaying it in triumph to Hannah.

A sudden thought came to him; he would get out at Elibury and visit the show. He

premium. But they would not be such fin berries as his, he was sure.
So, when the train reached Elibury, he gos
off and made his way to the place where the

was the town market-house. Many people were passing in and out, and Peleg heard is said that the award had just been made.

He pushed his way in and stopped at the limit of the said of the limit of the said.

first stall. It was prettly decorated with plants and roses, and in the center was a bas-ket of strawberries, large, red, juley and luscious locoking. To the handle of the bas-ket was attached a bow of white ribbon to

the first prize.
"Wonder whose they are," muttered Pe leg, and stooped to look at the entry card stuck in the side of the basket. What he saw caused him to rub his eyes,

and look again. Why, he must be dreaming!
But there in plain characters were the worda.
"These berries were entered by Mr. Peleg
Wilkins of Tilbury, and were grown by him

Peleg stood in incredulous wonder, un-mindful of the jostling throng. He was recalled to himself by hearing a voice exclaim, "Why, Peleg," and looking up, he saw old Mr. Stubbe sitting inside the

"Why Peleg-you've took it, Peleg. You're all right," he exclaimed, rubbing his "Well, I'll be twisted," cried Peleg.

"How did you get here? How's Eliza" "Better," growled Peleg. "Lost all my time for nothin'. How on earth did th

berries get here Mr. Stubbs?"

Mr. Stubbs chuckled. "Well, Peleg I get was that your berries couldn't even be sent in —that Hannah she said that she did not want my peace of mind destroyed, and she guessed she could fix things. And so she

train, and Hannah 'ranged everything."
"Hannah!" exclaimed Mr. Wilkins; them asked breathlessly, "Where is she?" "She went home on the noon train, but I 'lowed I'd stay till the 'wards were made. I knew you'd get it, Peleg, for there's not a berry here as can hold a candle to them." to reach over and shake Mr. Stubb's hand

quarter of an hour. Let's get home."
"All right, Peleg,, I'm willin'," and Mr. Stubbs rose stiffly and come around the stall "We'll get home in time for supper. And I 'low I'm hungry. You'll eat with us, Peleg."

Miss Stubbs was in fact preparing supper when her father and Peleg entered. "They took the prize, Hannah," exclaim ed Mr. Stubbs gleefully.

His daughter received the newscoldly and scarcely looked up from the bread she was

slicing at she greeted Mr. Wilkins.
But the latter was not daunted. He had been doing some thinking since the event of the strawberry show and come to the conclusion that he would not be a "twisted idi

any longer.
"Do you know what I called that berry.
Hannah?" he asked coolly.
"No," she answered carelessly.
Peleg gave a quick glance around the room.
Mr. Stubbe had gone out to the well to get "Well, I thought of calling it the "Han

nah Stubbs' but I've come to the conclusion that "The Hannah Wilkins" would be a bet-ter name. What do you think?" Miss Stubbs was arranging the bread on a plate. When she had the last slice settled to her satisfaction, she looked up at Peleg

"I think you'd better sit down to supper." But the flush which had crept into her cheek was not unnoticed by Mr. Wilkins.
"What do you think of that name?" he in-

"Well," said Miss Stubbs slowly. "It's not a bad name. Now, will you sit down?

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