Billy and the

KATHARINE TYNAN in the Sketch.

youth generally were agreed to call the late Mr. Benton an heir or hieress, there was no one for the money to come to but her nephew, Billy. She was the soul of good nature, and I didn't, catch me encouraging you, when, without it, she might have along. This is my young man, Mr. passed for a tradeswoman. But there could be no real vulgarity about a person who, however fat and red-faced and rolypoly and fond of bright colors, was yet overflowing with the milk of human kindness, and so kind

kindnesses. Billy adored his aunt. He was a would assure you that Billy was real- snack of something there." ly quite wide-awake, not such a fool Presently Billy found himself. to

He belonged to a very smart regiment which has usually at least a well liked, although his best friend alone. couldn't say he had been exactly bridlant. But, then, what did Billy want they became a little more intimate, with brilliancy, seeing that he had and the girl referred shyly to having been born with a gold spoon in his seen Billy's face between the bon-

Mrs. Benton's one desire unsatisfied was to see Billy married, and well Clara," she murmured, "but she found field and strolled on into a wood. time became rather incoherent. Suffice married. The desire to have Billy's out somehow. And one day she had son in her arms was a corollary to a long look at you from the other down in a green shade, where the on- though he wouldn't acknowledge it, name, written in plain English and the first. She wanted to see the suc- window. And she said you could be ly sound was the summer hum of in- was really so pleased with his niece's cession assured; that once done, she trusted. But I never supposed she was fond of saying that she would be was going to speak to you." ready to depart in peace.

She and Billy quite understood each Billy.

Benton had often said to him. "It is looks after me and is quite jealous if just the one thing we lack. If she has I talk to other girls." birth, I don't care if she hasn't a "I should be just the same mysecond garment to her back."

quite agreed with her. Still, he was I think it's awfully good of her to Mme. Elodie's shop windows. Now he ing niece of old Gran's whom he had in "colonel;" "gn," there is the "n" slow to give her heart's desire lead of the standard of t slow to give her her heart's desire. look after you, you know, and—to—to was fathoms deep in it. He was go—buried away somewhere in the depths io "gnat;" "yrrh" is the sound of was fathoms deep in it. the young women of the keep aristocracy unexceptionable in every you know." way were ready to share Billy's great was postponed.

cut from Piccadilly to Putnam going to live at Tooting." Square, where Mrs. Benton's great

town house was. street nearly given over to milliners, which made Billy smile indulgently at modistes and other persons whose her in the darkness. He was to beprovince in life it is to make ladies come well acquainted with that sound beautiful. Something drew him to a in her voice in the time to come. She stand before a bonnet shop. He had had not hee humorous mouth for nonever done such a thing in his life be- thing. fore-at least when he was alone-but | Presently they were at Earls' Court Fate was working out its designs and, after they had had "a snack," with him.

big bow of panne, he saw a face that, Court could produce, and they all did leaned back till his face was against as he described it to himself, knock-full justice to it-they sat in as seed him silly. It wasn't that it was cluded a place in the gardens as they beautiful. Billy had run the gauntlet could find. But that was not very And-' his voice was full of delighted done is furnished by a speech deliverof many kinds of beauty. It was a secluded, and Billy repressed an ingirl's face, pale, with very blue eyes. clination to suggest two hansoms for He drew her face down to him and 22, which has been dubbed "Foresilky like a child's. The eyelids, long ter opportunities for conversation him. and half-closed, gave the eyes a lan- and went so much more slowly, and "You will have to marry me," he guishing look. The mouth was thin he was quite hungry for the murmur said. and humorous, the lips faintly scar- of the soft voice at his ears, with the

Billy stood an instant looking into it. the eyes, feeling, as he said afterward, as though he had been shot than the one out, since the friendship He laughed out. through the heart. Then he lifted his had grown so much. Under cover of hat and passed on. But after that the darkness, Billy kept touching the said, "and quite able to maintain a he took to haunting the quiet street blue coat with reverential tenderness. and Mme. Elodie's windows.

But how to set about it?

Billy ought to have been dressing for Hope-Violet Hope. Her great am- no idea what a terrible person he the Plymouth boundaries extending a course, to add fat by the use of fish the contrary, was haunting the gray shop of her own. street where the blinds had just been Then Billy told her his name and be satisfied with me, I mean," said lantic to the Pacific, and from the firm and natural. The blood is thorpulled down in front of the hats and made her guess at his occupation. She Billy, playing in an infatuated way costumes, the little door by the side made two or three guesses, bubbling with a loose tress of Violet's hair. of Mme. Elodie's shop opened, and with laughter. A shopwalker? No? there came out the face of his She had guessed that because he was about your business." dreams. It was under a soft white so tall and straight. A hairdresser? hat, with blue convolvulus in it. It Billy pulled a face in the darkness, to disregard him, sweetheart, shouldsurmounted a long blue coat, which and felt her tremble at his side. Billy would not have found amiss in "No; a Guardsman," he blurted in our way." his own world.

The girl was not alone. She was hurts to his vanity. keeping very close to a large, red- "I knew you were a soldier," she a person of character and decision. ed those things for a joke. But a had drawn himself back in the shad- I suppose, since you are not in uniow of the shop fronts, the red-faced form?"
girl suddenly pulled up sharp in front ""Yes, on furlough," said Billy, menof him. He noticed the other girl daciously. tug at her sleeve in a terrified way. But the red-faced girl was not one to be hindered

"I say," she said to Billy, "you're in earnest, aren't you?"

"Because, if you aren't." she said. "you may just hook it. Violet is not would be so jealous."

Bonnets to be trifled with." Billy was dreadfull disturbed. He Everybody liked Billy as every one saw the cheeks of the other girl flush head all the time-"would you and Billy. Now I should never marry liked his aunt, whom the golden with a painful red and then fade to more than their usual whiteness. He Mother Benton. The lady enjoyed the claimer of anything but the utmost began to pour out an incoherent disenormous revenues of the Benton es- reverence for Miss Violet. If she detate, and, since she had never given sired it, he would go away and never come back again.

"Stow that!" said the red-faced young woman. "I knew you were honest the minute I set eyes on you. If her good heart made a tady of her young man! Well, you may come William Sanders."

> A fourth person had now joined the group, who remarked to Billy, following the introduction, that he was his servant, sir.

"And, now, where are you two that she had learned a simple deli- gents going to treat to?" asked the cacy in the manner of performing her red-faced girl, whose name Billy presently discovered to be Clara. "We've got to be in at half-past 10. A beastfat, white-faced youth, with small ly shame, I call it. Violet here, is eyes, and shapeless features, who gave all for grass and trees. But I tell her one the impression of always being she'll have to put it off till Saturhalf asleep. His brother officers day. I vote for Earl's Court and a

as he looked and other things of the his amazement, on top of a 'bus gosame kind, and generally wound up ing west through the lighted streets. by adding that he was no end of a He remembered dimly that he was good fellow, which was true. Billy due at dinner in Berkeley Square, but was quite as good a fellow as his he was not in a mood to have his perfect contentment disturbed by such a trifle as a broken engagement.

The long line of lamps in the deliportion of its quarters in town, and cate summer haze stretching away by is popularly supposed to exist for the trees of the Green Park was the had taken it badly. Now and again ornamental purposes, although in way to paradise for Billy. Stars came times of war it has occasionally dis- out overhead. The people on the proved that idea. He had never giv- 'bus talked in whispers. They were Benton, but that was soon forgotten en his aunt a moment's reason for mostly couples with their arms about anxiety about him. At his prepara- each other. Billy and Miss Violet sat tory school, at Eton, at Sandhurst in front, separated from their comhe had been invariably honest and panions; they might almost have been

At first they were silent; presently nets.

"I never meant to have told "I am very glad she did,"

ther.
"She must have birth, Billy," Mrs. "And, oh, please, you mustn't think her vulgar, because she's so kind. She

self," said Billy. "And I shouldn't Billy would assure his aunt that he think of thinking Miss Clara vulgar.

"Oh, she doesn't let me know fortune. But somehow Billy's little soul, except Mr. Sanders, and he's affairs always hung fire, and year af- really so wrapped up in Clara that ter year Mrs. Benton's going in peace he's a part of her. He's a most respectable young man, a green-grocer's was in it. Besides, she couldn't mored that the Hon. Mrs. Benton had One day Billy was taking a short manager. When Clara's married she's

There was a suffocated sound in Miss Violet's voice, as though she were en-He was passing through a quiet joying a huge joke all to herself,

which Billy insisted on standing-it Suddenly, between an osprey and a was really the best dinner Earl's It was framed in pale, fair hair, going home, since the 'bus gave bet-kissed it, and she did not prevent

The drive home was even better Billy, dear." and felt the contact with it thrill aunt. She had other views for me. He didn't know in the least what through him with a shock of delight. You will have to placate her, darto do. He wanted to know the owner Miss Violet was very frank about ling." of the face, as knew the young ladies herself. She had lived with her par- "And you," she said, "youwill have years ago have become a nation of

in Park Lane or Grosvenor Square, ents and brothers and sisters in an to please my uncle. You've no idea of eighty millions of people; that their At last the thing was done for him. poor that she had to do something to mamma! I can twist them about my flower's total of £2,400, or \$11,600, One evening of summer twilight, when earn a little money. Her name was little finger. But Uncle Gran! You've to a thousand billion of dollars; that a particularly smart dinner, but, an bition was some day to have a bonnet is!"

out, anxious to prevent any more

faced girl, with a much more flam- said, as though suddenly repentant. boyant taste in costume, who looked "Papa * * is a soldier. I only guess- ers." As they passed close to Billy, who Guardsman; how nice! On furlough,

"Oh!" She seemed about to burst out with something, and then stopped. "Go on, please," he said, his head to her.

man in uniform. The other girls littl wretch I am!"

"That reminds me," said Billy-it know an inn in a delightful secluded much money it will bring us in." part of Surrey where we could have

tea. Will you come?" "I should love to. But can you-" "I can get leave." "And-won't it be very expen-

"I think I can stand it." "I suppose Guardsmen are very well

paid?" He could feel her big eyes on him

in the darkness. "We are pretty well off, as a rule," he said, lightly.

He thought the week endless till Saturday should come. But it came afternoon. Two o'clock found Billy at Victoria, He had arranged with the guard for a reserved first-class compartment before the rest of the party arrived. Violet was in white, with a bunch of pansies at her belt and lavender ribbons in her big hat. Billy thought her lovelier than ever. 'What toffs, to be sure?" cried Clars, resplendent in a hat trimmed with cherries and delighted with her firstclass carriage.

Billy didn't mind Clara's looks or her language, or Mr. William Sandwas so completely swamped in love by this time that he had neither eves nor ears for any one but Violet. It was Billy's first love affair, and he he had a little qualm on the subject of "the old girl," as he called Mrs. in the delirium of looking at and listening to Violet.

They strolled through grassy lanes give up my dreams of a bonnet shop! country tea, with cold ham and eggs and crisp green lettuce and honey. After it was over they had still a consent to any addition to my incouple of hours to spare before they come." need make for a train.

There was a tree trunk for Violet. knowledgment about Mrs. Benton, wonder about my nationality and the Billy, in his immaculate gray frock however. She is still singing her pronunciation of my name. I can on the moss at her feet. While she been a Benedict these five years back, said before, it's English spelling.' was settling herself, with a soft frou- and Billy's son reigns more autocratifrou he surreptitiously kissed the hem cally over his great-aunt's heart than the clerk. of her skirt.

she was so kind and loving, he ing moonier than ever?" Billy was no wiser than thousands of so. Only now and again she spares

unwise lovers before him. He was grateful to those unknown had brought Violet up with the speech and manners of a lady. But if it had been otherwise-if it had been possible to imagine Violet otherwise - he would still have loved her, have let every other consideration go for her sake. A look at her face, demure in

"Violet," he said, "I love you! amazement-"you love me!"

"It is very soon," she whispered, stifled merriment never far away from "and you know nothing about me. And - I know nothing about you,

"I am perfectly respectable," he wife. But-I have the dearest old and here is what he sees according to

Oxfordshire village, but they were so how imperious he is. Poor papa and wealth has increased from the May-

"I hope he'll let me down easy -"He's quite capable of sending you

"In that case we should just have n't we? We can't let anybody stand "It would never do to displease Uncle Gran. And then Aunt Min;

I looked to Aunt Min to finance my bonnet shop and to get me custom-"You don't suppose I am going to let you keep a bonnet shop?' "Oh, Billy, you'll have to!

don't know how much money is /to be made out of it." "I have plenty of money." "For yourself. You can't imagine what luxurious tastes I have. That was what made me think of the bonnet shop. I want heaps of money. My

"I hope so," said Billy, lifting his "I was only thinking how nice it genteelly. They are horrified at me. would be to walk out with a Guards- You've no idea what a money loving

"So long as you don't think of marrying for money-'

had never been really out of his "I did even that before I knew you, Miss Clara, and, of course, Mr. Wil- any one else, no matter how rich he liam Sanders, come into the country was. I shall run the bonnet shop for with me on Saturday afternoon? I both of us. You don't know how "You darling!"

"I'll ask madam for leave next Sunday and take you down to Oxfordshire to see the family. Papa and mamma are dears. You won't need to be the least bit afraid of them." "You think not?"

"They've always let me do everything I wanted to do." "Just like Aunt Sarah with me.

A little cloud fell over his face. "But Uncle Gran is a terror. You won't mind if he's rude, Billy? thinks so extravagantly about his family. And, of course, dear, though the Guards! What made you enlist. Billy? Was it to fight?"

"As a matter of fact, I didn't enlist." Billy stammered over his who contributed to the work, the reconfession. "I-I-went in in the or- sults of which Depew describes in his dinary way. I'm-in fact-I'm Captain own peculiar way. Benton."

"And Uncle Gran's your colonel, so now you know how dreadful he can material prosperity, but for the prin-

"Lord Grandison?" "Yes; Lord Grandison. He'd have bonnets to make me the fashion. Freeman's Journal. Billy, don't tell me you're so disgustingly rich that I shall have to

"You shall make them for pleasure.

It is no use recording the other flinging hay at each other in a hay- as, in fact, the conversation after a lates the conversation: They found a delightful place to sit it to say that Lord Grandison, sects and the singing of birds and the choice as Mrs. Benton with her nefalling of a little stream far below. phew's. There was no lack of ac- it just to make people guess. They coat and light trousers, flung himself "Nunc Dimittis," although Billy has hear them talk about it. But as I

ever his father did. He had been falling in love all "'Cute beggas, Billy," say his brothose weeks when he had hung about ther officers, "to unearth that charm- '"olo," there is the sound of "ur" ing to marry Violet if she would have of the country! And who could have him, and as soon as might be. It supposed what he was up to when he not spell Turner, what does it spell? would be hard on "the old girl," but used to disappear and turn up look-

thought, wistfully, she would forgive Clara, Mrs. Sanders, runs a very don't register their names phoneticalhim when she knew how his heart smart bonnet shop. It has been ru- ly." half an hour to give Clara her ideas for new hats and bonnets. And, judgpeople in the Oxfordshire village who ing by her smart clientele, Madame ite than her own.

THE PURITAN MYTH

The descendants of the Puritans are nothing if not modest. They would have us believe that if it had not the shadow of her hat, made even the been for their progenitors the Amerithought of "the old girl" vanish. He can continent would still be a sort of a barren waste. This idea they have done their best to popularize. A sample of the way in which this is ed by Senator Depew on December fathers' Day."

We do not know whether Depew lays claim to Puritan descent. But whether he does or not makes no difference. He is just the sort of person to accept the Puritan myth, for no other reason than that by dint of reiteration it passes current as the truth. In the speech to which we have referred Chauncey Depew imagines that Miles Standish returns to life,

the veracious Chauncey: "He finds that the 101 people who landed on Plymouth Rock only 282 few miles into the then unknown wilderness, now reach from the At-Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic circle. and that the whole of this vast domain is filled with great cities, give place to a healthy complexion thriving villages, prosperous farms, manufacturing centers, and a selfgoverning people, the most intelligent, the most prosperous, happy, and wealthy of any nation in the world." The assertion that "The 101 people who landed on Plymouth Rock 282 years ago have become a nation of

exclusively of descendants of the Puritans. It would be safe to bet that not one of those who listened to Depew's

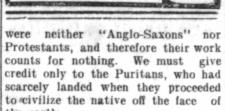
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He the earth. The assumption that the Puritans were the first to plant the seeds of Hon. S. C. Wood. at last, and turned out an exquisite you're a gentleman, still—a private in civilization in what is now the United States is on a par with the other assumption that the descendants of these Puritans were the only persons

If we are to believe Depew we are indebted to the Puritans not only for ciples of constitutional liberty which were proclaimed and defended by Catholics long before Protestantism fits if he knew where I was. But we found a foothold in England, Cathoare really very poor. I didn't see that lic pioneers in the cause of constituer's cheap cigar and broad stripes. He having Lord Grandison for an uncle tional liberty are, however, not to made up for the money we were al- have any aredit, as all credit must be ways wanting. So I persuaded mam- reserved for the much-be-praised and ma first-if you have mamma, you much-overrated Puritans who, if we caa always have papa-to let me are to believe their eulogists," were learn bonnet making. What's the good the greatest benefactors of the huof having a beauty aunt if she doesn't man race the world ever saw. Is it give you a life some way or other? not time that all this nonsense about Lady Grandison has only to wear my the Puritans should cease?-N. Y.

ENGLISH SPELLING.

The man walked up to the hotel register and signed his name, with a dear. I don't think I could really flourish, "E. K. Phtholognyrrh." "Look here, Turner," said the clerk, who knew him very well. "Is somebody on your track? Where did you They left Clara and Mr. Sanders foolish things these young people said, get that outlandish name?" Chat re-

"'My boy, you're slow," replied Turner, airily. 'That's my same old pronounced as it is written-just Turner. Look at it. Of course I do "Will you kindly explain?" asked

"' "Pth," there is the sound "t" in "phthisis." began Turner; "er" in "myrrh." Now if that does for me that the majority of men

stand out against Violet for long. a share in it, but that is really not THE CHURCH IN THE PHILIP-PINES.

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