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ALL BUT LOVE.

O, wee is me, through all my days
Wisdom and wealth I both have get.
And name and fame and great men's praise,
But love—ah love! I have it not.
Three was a time when life was new,
But far away and all for jot:
I only knew her eyes were blue.

I only knew her eyes were blue, But love, I fear, I knew it not. We did not wed for lack of gold, And she is dead ni I am old All things have come since then to me Save love—ah, love and Arcady.

THE CONVICT'S MESSAGE

The judge who presided at the trial referred to it as "one of the most singular and dramatic episodes in the annals of c.ime." For my part, to recall the affair is to feel again the flush of intense excitement, the strain of acute suspense.

When the directors of our railway appointed me as bullion manager, I went down to Felixbourne and saw Mr. Laidlaw. Mr. Laidlaw was chaplain at the convict prison at Felix-

"Mr. Laidlaw," I said, "I like Angela very much indeed, and we want to get married."

"My dear boy," said the good old fellow, putting his hand on my shoulder, "if you are earning enough to make my girl comfortable you have my consent."

The chaplain's house at Felixbourne was quite close to the prison walls. From one of the top windows you could see over the high confines of the prison into the yard where the poor wretches, in their gray Scotch caps and hideous dust-colored garments, marched in squads working out in dead silence their melancholy time of punishment.

"Four parcels of bonds for Paris, sir." said one of my men entering the office one evening.

I was reading again a disquieting telegram I had just received. Handed in at my office in North London and unsigned, it begged me in urgent terms to go down to Felixbourne by the 6 p. m. train. I fumbled the form into my pocket, and told Johnson to bring the parcels in.

They were from Thistlewhaite & Co., the brokers of Cornhill, and were consigned to Caron, Lippmann et Cie., of the Rue de la Banque, Paris. The declared value was £1,200, but as it is usual to state five per cent only of the gross value to the railways and to insure the remaining ninety-five per cent with the underwriters, I knew that the real and actual sum was over £20,000.

I locked them in one of the chests in the presence of Johnson, enclosed the feuille de route to our continental agent, and sent the usual telegram advising dispatch.

"I shall leave you, Johnson, to take the guard's signature for the chest to-night," I said. "I shall not be able to stay to see the 6:30 off." I hurried off for the train and just caught it. In another hour and a

half I was at the prison gates. "No, sir," said the housemaid, "they went away this morning, master and missus and Miss Angela did, to Oxford, sir, and they are not com-

ing back until to-morrow night. Me and cook is in charge, sir." I was astonished. I looked at my watch and found it was too late to catch the last train back to town. "Your usual room is ready, sir,"

said the girl, "if you thought of

stopping." I was aroused about 6 o'clock the next morning by much tapping below my window. Six or eight selected convicts doing some necessary repairs around the front of the house were working on ladders under the superintendence of three warders, who, with their loaded carbines in hand, patrolled the lawn beneath.

I dressed leisurely and then sat down to write a line to Angela. As I did so a shadow appeared at the window, and raising my eyes I saw the close-clipped face of a burly, middle-aged convict. His number was 249. He did not look up, but commenced stolidly to paint the woodword.

"Dearest Angela," I wrote, "I received yesterday a mysterious-" "Guvnor!"

The man was painting away and did not look at me. "Guvnor!"

This time I am sure that it was he who spoke. "Will - you -do- a - chap-a-

good-turn?" This in a hoarse whisper, with one

syllable running into the other, and making of the sentence one huge impossible word.

"Will - you-write-down-fivefifty-five-Mill-Road-Walworth?" I did so on an envelope before me.

"Will -you-go-there-and-teil my-wife-that-Jim's-hat-isburied - at - the - back of the-

Almost without thinking of what I did I wrote down the words. "Thank--ye."

The figure went up the ladder a few steps and I saw nothing but his coarse gray stockings. I considered for a moment. The message seemed an innecent one, but I think I determined to ask Mr. Laidlaw's advice in the metter when I next saw him.
I finished my letter. I hurried

downstairs, had breakfast and caught an early train up town. A cab across the city brought me to the door of my office in time to receive the morning telegrams from the lad as he was bringing them in

I opened one from our French correspondent and read this-"You advise four parcels in chest None received here. Explain. - Des-

vignes. I don't think I am naturally a pervous man, but as I gated at the type-written telegram I must confess I felt unstructe. I sent for Johnson "Did any one come in here after I

left and before you took the Paris chest to the train?"

many. One was lame and sat down there in your chair near the iron chests. Other one took me to the door and asked me to took through his letter case for his note of advice from the sender."

"Had they anything with them?" "Yes, sir; lame gent had a long cricket bag. I offered to carry it out to a cab, but he said he could manage it."

"Give me a description of the men." I sent for the guard's address, and then wrote down all the information, to be sent to the city detectives in Old Jewry. The guard lived on the Surrey side of the water, and in order to clear up an important point I jumped into a hansom with my man and drove at once to his house. The guard was in bed, and in reply to my questions assured me that the chest was empty when he received it. Shortly after starting he had shaken it, and there was no sound.

This decided the matter. I told the ma to dress at once, swallow his b. 'tfast, and write out his statement. As I opened my pocket-book to read again the description of the

scription Johnson had given to me.

I thought of my dear girl, and I thought of my future career. I suppose this braced my faculties up to the requisite point.

"A couple of pals of mine are going to call here directly." I said. "Straight 'uns, I hope," said the lame man.

"Straight as a needle," I answered, "and as honest as the day."

This latter encomium did not seem to carry much satisfaction to my hosts, and I turned the conversation quickly. They handed me some cigars, and as I took a light from the pipe of the man on the sofa (shading the while my face with one hand) I could see that he was the other individual whom we wanted.

As I stepped back to my chair the woman leant forward to the window and slightly raised the blind. think that then my heart stopped. Fortunately the elder "boy" took

exception to the action. "Do you want everybody to know we're here, you fool?" he growled. Silently I thanked him for his unfilial words. I was not anxious to

be recognized just yet. There was a knock at the door, and I was asked to answer it. As I did so I had just time to whisper to Johnson and the guard "Prepare for Press, Central City. a row," and then led them quickly through the passage. The old lady had followed me out and caught sight of the uniforms.

"It's a plant" she shricked, and rushed back to the room.

The "boys" hurried out; and there was a sharp, a flerce, a desperate struggle. The two thieves fought as for very life, but we were three strong men with a grievance. The

ends of which protruded feathers of birds and the foot of a hare. They any superiority he wants to rise in were intact, and I sent them on the some other profession and join another

quire for a value parcel from Ger- intentioned message.

BANK FAILURES.

The Panic Getting a Strong Hold Once More. CHICAGO, Ill -R A. Wells, a lumber

dealer, assigned this afternoon. PORT ANGLES, Wash.-The First

National bank has temporarily suspen-CINCINNATI, O -Louis Snyder & Son

paper company, has failed. Assets \$100-000; liabilities. \$300,000. CHICAGO, Ill.-The Columbian Excur-

CINCINNATI, O .- The firm of Reenkomah Bros., manufacturers of furniture at 225 and 227 Clinton street, made an assignment this morning. The assets are \$100,000 and liabilities \$40,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills.—The Illinois Fuel company, heavy mine operators with headquarters in Chicago, confessed judgment today for \$28,800 in favor of the Commercial National bank of Chi-

It Won't Work.

south with state bank currency—"wild cat money"—and let the silver west look out for itself.—People's Voice.

It Won't be so When the Populists

get in. Betts the best and most honorable of all the state house thieves was sent to the penitentiary so quick that he had no time to kiss his mother-in-law good bye. Betts didn't steal money enough out of the deal to keep out of the penitentiary. Boodle talks and always held the floor at Lincoln.—Independent

The Labor Movement,

"I agree with those thinkers who now adays assert that the most important fact of present human society is the great labor movement," sald W. L. Sheldon in an address before the St. Louis Ethical Society. "I mean the extraordinary fact now to be witnessed where a mighty class all over the world is at last seeking to uplame man's crutch gave me a cut lift and elevate itself through its own across my forehead, the mark of efforts. What is needed more than anywhich I still bear; the old woman, thing et is that it should develope an which I still bear; the old woman, too, was, on the whole, rather a nuisance. The dim light increased the difficulties of the situation, but we secured our men, and they were in half an hour safely housed in the Carter street police station.

The four parcels of bonds were found in the house, packed ready for transit in a large hamper, out of the condition of their class. The trouble has condition of their class.

were intact, and I sent them on the same night to the rightful consignes.

The telegram had been sent by one of the gang who had acquainted himself with my habits, and the keye had been copied from those shown te an interested stranger by an amiable, but too considing captain of one of our boats. "Jim's hat" was found by the police to contain stolen dismonds of considerable value. The "boys" were sentenced each to five years' penal servitude, and have, no doubt, at one or the other establishments which Sir Edmund du Cane rules, encountered their excellent father, and thanked him for bis well-"Yes, sir, two gents called to in- father, and thanked him for his well-

The State Printing.

One week ago yesterday, June 23, was

the time fixed for the opening of bids for the state printing for the next two years. This was the second time this spring that bids were opened for this work. The first was on May 3d, when a combination was made among the bidders by which the Journal was to secure the bulk of the work at prices which would have netted it something like \$25,000 beyond a legitimate profit. At this stage the Typographical union took a hand and entered a protest against the lecting of the state treasury in such a manner. sion company made an assignment to-day. The company controlled three hotels. Lack of patronage caused the protest had the effect of causing the bids on all but one class of the work to be thrown out. Whether the impeachment proceedings then pending had anything to do with this action is not known. But it is very probable that it was considered unsafe to rob the state farther until it was known what was done about the old robberies, and the board ordered that proposals be again advertised for. This was

his by 'fast, and write out his state ment. As I opened my proket-book to read again the description of the visitors, the envelope with the address given me by my friend the convict fluttered out. The guard's wife picked it up and glanced at the weiting before cetarring it to me.

"Io you know the address" I asked.

She said it was hut two streets off.

She said it was hu SEATTLE, Wash., June 27.—The application of Thomas Earl and Angus Macintosh for the appointment of a receiver for the Seattle, Lake Shore & Esstern railroad was granted by Judge Hanford in the United States circuit court today, and Thomas Reeves Brown of Tacoma was appointed receiver. An application for an account of the affairs of the company is also granted, but the petition for the annulment of the traffic contract with the Northern Pacific is denied.

won't lie they will furnish a good excuse to a man who will, and he did it successfully. The Journal's bid was made out in typewriter with blanks left in which to write the amounts. For example: "1,500 tax blanks, per page \$2....."
Over the second blank and after the decimal mark, with nothing intervening, was written in ink a figure "4." This would naturally be understood to mean "cents," and was so construed by the board and allowed by Mr. Hathaway until it was seen that this construction would give the work to the other bidder. Then Mr. Hathaway comes forward with that patent adjustable conscience which has patent adjustable conscience which has made him famous and tells the board Cleveland's policy to be to consolidate the business interests east of the Misissippi, and throughout the southern states, against the west; hold the east with a gold standard policy, and the south with state bank currence. "The state of the figure means "mills," and not "cents," and that he is entitled to the work. Even the state printing board, steeped as the members are in crimes against the people, hesitated to accept this interpretation of the bids and took twenty four hours to think it over the south with state bank currence. this interpretation of the bids and took twenty four hours to think it over. They evidently "thought it over" profitably, as the work, or rather class 5 of it, was given to the Journal at their meeting on Thursday afternoon.

By this action the board has stultified itself, if stultification is possible to a body made up as it is, and has driven one more nail into the coffin of the ring which contacts it.

However, even with this part of the However, even with this part of the work going to the rat Journal, the Typographical union may well feel elated over the fact that \$25,000 or more has been saved to the state by the protest made. It is especially gratifying to that union that this particular member of the Grand Orthodox der of Peculators will not pocket this neat sum of unearned state money.— Weekly Unionist,

Must Return.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: United States Commissioner Edmunds has decided that Lee Kee, a Chinese laborer, "is unlawfully within the United States" and unlawfully within the United States" and directed that he be removed to China at the cost of the government. A half-dozen Mongolians were recently arrested for violating the restriction law and Lee Kee's case was selected as a test. Of the 1,500 Chinamen in Philadelphia 900 have registered. What disposition will be made of the remaining 600 is not known.

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