THOUGHTS IN SEPARATION.

We never meet, yet we meet day by day Upon those hills of life, dim and immense; The good we love, and sleep—our innocence. Oh, hills of life, high hills! And higher than

Our guardian spirits meet at prayer and play. Beyond pain, joy and hope and long sus-Above the symmits of our souls, far hence An angel met? an angel on the way.

Beyond all good I ever believed of thee,

Or thou of me, these always love and live. And though I fail of thy ideal of me My angel falls not short. They greet each

Who knows? They may exchange the kiss we Thou to thy crucifix, I to my mother. -Alice Meynell in New York Tribune.

THE VILLAGE PRIDE.

white curls on her forehead danced like street children. Yet the labor had no perceptible effect. The metal shone like light, but so it did when she began to clean it. It had shone like that yesterday and the day before, and indeed every day for 60 years. There was a smooth circle all around the knocker where her delicate hands had worn into the hard, black wood of the door. Nevertheless the old lady rubbed away just as she had done every morning since the spring of 1833, when she was brought, a bride, into that house. She was the pride of Greenwich village then, and she meant to be still.

On this particular fresty merning Mrs. Leveen tarried longer than usual at her task. After the lion's head was satisfactory even to her sharp eyes she worked on. But it was evident in the glances she shot across Bank street that her attention was not given wholly to the work of her hands. Neither was it diverted to her customary inspection of the neighbors' knockers. Theirs glistened like hers, and, besides, every time she looked up her eyes turned to but one door, that of the house in front of which stood two sturdy horses and a

Pretty soon the door opened and a young man in a carter's blouse came out. He saw the old lady across the street, though he pretended not to. He busied himself estentatiously about the horses' heads for a moment and then had seen him. She bent herself earnestly to the knocker and in a few strokes finished it off. The she faced toward the street and fixed the truckman with her eyes till he had to look up.

"Good morning, Aunt Martha," he said as he doffed his can.

She beckened to him to come to her. "Good morning, Percy," she answered pleasantly as he approached her, cap in hand. "Come in a moment. I wish to speak with you.

The interview be had dreaded for weeks was upon him now. He knew from the first it was inevitable, but day usual calls on his aunt and avoiding her sight and summons. Now that she had caught him he was glad. As he followed the old lady into her prim, comfortable sitting room he made a ritiful figure of humility, but in the meckness of his soul there was the cheerfulness

"Sis down, Percy," she said in the sweet toned voice he leved.

He took the chair she indicated and she seated herself in her old rocker. "Percy, dear," she began, "is this true that I hear-you mean to marry

this girl?" "Yes, Aunt Martha. I was going to York Fest, tell you, but knowing as you were ag'in it-knowing that you would not like to have me do so-I was afraid to corie to

Gentlemen don't do that, you know."

kind and sympathetic. You should have other. "Ne," was the laughing answer,

made money since he's been there."

"How long has he been here?" "Going on 25 year. Oh, he's almost an old Ninth warder now. He's some | der-nay, even may have chanced to in politics, and his family is right in it. " Percy. I never knew them."

"I know, but you wouldn't. It ain't my fault. I wanted to have them all must claim the lion's share. The time ever to mother's so as you could be in- will come, perhaps, in some autumn troduced to them."

would answer this, but did not. She gather about him and clamor eagerly was silent a moment before she pro- for his adventures. But until then he geeded:

"So her father is a grecer?"

like well enough." "Mr. Jamison is a gentleman, my dear. The misfortunes of his family can never alter that. The Jamisons are of the oldest Greenwich families on both sides. He is a grocer by necessity. This

"Well, Aunt Martha, it's as good as being a truckman, and better.'

Mrs. Leveen winced. "You might have been a judge like your father or a senator like your grandfather. I wanted you to enter political

life." "Politics is pretty low down these days," Percy remarked. "It ain't what it was. Besides, I tried to get an office from Mike McNamara, but he said I wouldn't do in any office where the pay was as much as the trucking pays. And I guess that's about so."

The last sentence was cheerfully spoken. Mrs. Leveen looked at her nephew's ruddy cheeks and sighed. "I do wish, Percy," she said gently, "that you could have found some one in-Greenwich. That part of Hudson street where these people live is way beyond the outskirts of the old village, cat

where the hog fields were till the immigrants began to settle around us." "But what's the difference, Aunt Martha? It's all one now. There ain't no Greenwich any more; it's all just New York city. So what is the use of three months standing after use of two th' matter?"

pretending?" tone amaged his aunt almost as much for years and would not be without it. as the sentiment he attered. Never be: J. R. Crouch, Rio, Ills., says Ballard's black night. The Swede's lantern was fore had he failed to show her respect. Snow Limment cured terrible pains in overturned at a point some yards from On the contrary, the humbleness of his back of head and neck when nothing in front of the barn doors. It contained it did not become one of her own blood Price 50 cents. that an ordinary Ninth warder did. J. E. Bush, Mgr.

The old lady straightened in her chair, the lines about her mouth stiffened, and her eyes glistened like her knocker, as she answered:

"Percy Dean! You forget to whom you are speaking. You forget yourself, sir, and your good breeding is evidently suffering from the associations you permit vourself."

Percy was frightened. The last time he had been rebuked in this temper by his aunt was when he was a toy. He meant no offense.

"I beg your pardon, Aunt Martha,"

Mrs. Leveen took her knitting from every few thrusts of her needle, indigthe habitual expression of kindness returned to her face.

Mrs. Silvester Dean Leveen was pol- to town, Percy, and I shall not detain low on the foor of the grocery store. ishing her brass knocker. Her long, thin you much longer. You may tell me "Could you see the whites of their hands rubbed and rubbed till the little something about this young-this girl eyes?" said the man who was seated on

How old is she?" She is going on 19, Aunt Martha." "Is she cultivated, educated? Come,

Percy, tell me all about her." 'She went through the grammar school, I think, but she had to work after that. So she can't play the piano or sing, but she is a nice girl and can old man's exact social weight. "Mr. tend the house and cook, now that her Fleming, you never was frightened mother's dead.

"That's right. She ought to be able to manage her husband's household. But tell me more about her. Is her voice soft, are her manners gentle, is she modest? Describe her to me, my dear. Is she pretty?"

Percy was encouraged by the few words of approval he had wen. "Aunt, she's a beaut, that's"-

"What do you say-a what?"

"I mean she's a beauty. She's got blue eyes and blond hair and the nicest, in the tone of their laughter there was biggest, reddest cheeks. She ain't what you would call quiet; she's more lively like. You ought to hear her laugh when we're down on the docks nights with the rest of the crowd. I'll bet you could hear her across the river in Hoboken. And jolly? If she gets a mug as is too how an orderly sergeanf ranked, but fresh, she can jolly him along to beat then it was understood to be somewhere the bund. But she's on the level too. just shy of a major general's stars. So She does the square thing by her old when old Henry admitted that he had man every clip. The housework has to been frightened there was a laugh. brothers, just slaves for them, and yet she does it as willing. But then she's in the other army was aiming at me in turned back to the truck. Mrs. Leveen | good to everybody; always ready to particular, and only me. And it seemed behind or sick or have company, and she sticks up for horses and cats and all like that. You wouldn't believe she the river. She's a good looker and a good dresser, and when she's out in full rig -well, say, she's a sight. The other fellows don't do nothing when we're

Percy stepped short. Mrs Leveen had risen suddenly, and she stood erect before him, tall and white and proud.

"Why. Aunt Martha!" he exclaimed. "That is enough, Percy. Thank you. after day he had put it off, emitting his I see I have been wrong, all wrong in this matter from the first. You shall, have your way, for it is right. I con-

"Ob. Aunt Martie," be cried, springing up and seizing her hand to kiss, "I am so glad! But I knew you would after hearing about her. And, say, aunt, you ought to see her once. You couldn't help but like her and admire her. Everyledy in the ward does. Why, do you know what they call her, the men down at the Grapevine? The way you looked then made me think of it. They call her the pride of Greenwich village."-J. Lincoln Steffens in New

The Telling of It.

The other day at a social function I same upon two friends, one of whom "Don't twirl your cap, my dear | had just returned from a luxurious vovage round the world in a millionaire's He stuck his cap between his knees. steam yacht. "Have you found anybody "I am serry, Percy, you felt that willing to sit down and hear you tell way. It is my intention always to be about it?" mischievously asked the

been quite sure I would have heard your | "I have not even ventured to make the story through with understanding. Now attempt.' And I applauded this discretell me ererything. She is the daugh- tion, for 'telling about it' is the most ter, I am told, of a German in Hudson dangerous indulgence possible to one who would be loved as a companion. It "That's right, aunt. Her father has is the way that bores begin, and a first the biggest corner grocery over there, | yielding to the enticement has often led and be has made his pile-I mean has no one of those fatal cases of self consideration which stamp the afflicted speaker forever with a brand.

He may have seen a ghost or a murmeet an emperor in his shirt sleeves. No matter: let him be silent upon these subjects in which his own personality twilight, at the end of a long house The old lady looked as though she party, when the whole company may should cling to the first precept of conversation, which commands him to leave "Yes, like Mr. Jamison, who you ample room for the display of wit in

others. - Scribner's.

The Rhine Fortifications. The early Remans found the swift current of the Rhine sufficient defense against the gigantic Germans, but to possible danger every ford on the upper peared later that one of the purposes of will not penetrate glass. Eyeglasses, if Scrofula for twenty-five years and most person of whom we are speaking is one protect the penceful settlers against all horse and an unwashed buggy. It applace on the lower stream was fortified, After quelling some boisterous frolic photographed, come out black. This of the time was under the care of the and thus a chain of posts was extended from the sea to Strasburg.

Nearly all the elegant buttons are now shown in three distinct sizes designed for one costume. Many of the smaller buttons are veritable jewels in their artistic beauty of color and design, and they are set exactly like actual gems on low mountings of whitened silver or pure gold or pearl. Jet, plomb colored enamel, and bronze buttons set in riveted points are all familiar styles. Some of the handsome jet and iridescent cord passementeries have buttons to match which are not intended to have any strain upon them, but are merely used as decorations all over the cloth or

other costume. Relieved of Terrible Pains

R. E. Merse, Traveling Salesman, Galveston, Texas, says Ballard's Snow Limment cured me of rheumatism of lottles. J. S. Doan, Danville, HL, says I The inipatience in the young man's have used Ballard's Snow Liniment it presented to their eyes its usual ap-

WISER THAN BOOKS.

My love than books is wiser far. I scanned the countless pages Where all the words of wisdom are-

The prover is of the suges. I fain had known what meant a kiss. What were component parts of bliss. But, though I conned them o'er and o'er,

It was no plainer than before. At last I found my love, and he Explained it clearly, all, to me. -Katrina Trask in New York Times.

THE VETERAN.

Out of the low window could be seen three hickory trees placed irregularly in the table and worked busily at it till a meadow that was resplendent in she was quite calm. She looked up after springtime green. Farther away the old, dismal belfry of the village church nantly at first, then coldly, and finally loomed over the pines. A horse meditating in the shade of one of the hickories lazily swished his tail. The warm "I dare say you are in a hurry to go sunshine made an oblong of vivid yel-

> a scap box. "Nothing of the kind," replied old Henry warmly. "Just a lot of flitting

> figures, and I let go where they 'peared to be the thickest. Bang!" "Mr. Fleming," said the grocer. His deferential voice expressed somehow the

much in them battles, was you?" The veteran looked down and grinned. Observing his manner the entire group tittered. "Well, I guess I was," he answered finally, "pretty well scared sometimes. Why, in my first battle I though the sky was falling down. I thought the world was coming to an

end. You bet I was scared." Every one laughed. Perhaps it seemed strange and rather wonderful to them that a man should admit the thing, and probably more admiration than if old Fleming had declared that he had always been a lion. Moreover, they knew that he had ranked as an orderly sergeant, and so their opinion of his heroism was fixed. None, to be sure, knew

be done before she's in for the game. "The trouble was," said the cld And she slaves for her little sisters and man, "I though they were all shooting so darned unreasonable, you know. I wanted to explain to 'em what an almighty good fellow I was, because I thought then they might quit all trying was that way, though, to see her at a to hit me. But I couldn't explain, and ball or dancing on excursion boats up they kept on being unreasonable-blim

-blam-bang! So I run." Two little triangles of wrinkles appeared at the corners of his eyes. Evidently he appreciated some comedy in gloom this recital. Down near his feet, however, little Jim, his grandson, was visibly horror stricken. His hands were clasped nerveusly, and his eyes were wide with astonishment at this terrible scandal-his most magnificent grandfa-

ther telling such a thing. "That was at Chancellorsville, Of course afterward I got kind of used to it. A man does. Lets of men, though, seem to feel all right from the start. I did as seen as I 'got on to it,' as they say now, but at first I was pretty flustered. New, there was young Jim Conklin, old Si Conklin's son-that used to keep the tannery; you none of you recollect him-he went into it from the start just as if he was born to it. But with me it was different. I had to get used

When little Jim walked with his grandfather, he was in the habit of skipping along on the stone pavement in front of the three stores and the hotel of the town and betting that he could avoid the cracks. But upon this day he walked soberly, with his hand gripping two of his grandfather's fingers. Sometimes he kicked abstractedly at dandelions that curved over the walk. Any one could see that he was much trou-

"There's Sickles' colt over in the medder, Jimmie," said the old man. "Den't you wish you owned one like

"Um!" said the boy, with a strange lack of interest. He continued his reflections. Then finally he ventured, "Grandpa-now-was that true what

you was telling those men?" "What?" asked the grandfather. "What was I telling them?"

"Ob, about your running." "Why, yes, that was true enough, Jimmie. It was my first fight, and there was an awful lot of noise, you

Jimmie seemed dazed that this idol, of its own will, should so totter. His stout, boyish idealism was injured. Presently the grandfather said: 'Sickles' colt is going for a drink. Don't you wish you owned Sickles' colt,

The boy merely answered, "He ain't as nice as cur'n." He lapsed then to

One of the hired men, a Swede, desired to drive to the county seat for purposes of his own. The old man loaned a

of the farm hands and boys in the garret the old man had that night gone peacefully to sleep, when he was aroused by clamoring at the kitchen door. He grabbed his trousers, and they waved out behind as he dashed forward. He could hear the voice of the Swede, screaming and blubbering. He pushed the wooden button, and as the door flew open the Swede, a maniac, stumbled inward. chattering, weeping, still screaming: "De barn fire! Fire, fire! De barn fire!

There was a swift and indescribable change in the eld man. His face ceased instantly to be a face; it became a mask. a gray thing, with horror written about the mouth and eyes. He hoursely shouted at the foot of the little rickety stairs, and immediately, it sermed, there came down an avalanche of men. No one knew that during this time the old lady had been standing in her nightclothes at the bedroom door yelling: "What's th' matter? What's th' matter? What's

When they dashed toward the barn, pearance solems, rather mystic in the demeanor had been a grievance to her; else would. Every bottle guaranteed. a wild little conflagration of its own, ribbons or long slips of iron or steel and even in their excitement some of being fed to machines, which cut out to manifest the same awe before her | Sold by The North Platte Pharmany, those who ran felt a gentle secondary | the nails complete at one stroke.

vibration of the thrifty part of their minds at sight of this overturned lantern. Under ordinary circumstances it

would have been a calamity. But the cattle in the burn were trampling, trampling, trampling, and above this noise could be heard a humwas glad, terrible, this single flame, like the wild banner of deadly and tri-

had come with all the pails of the farm. | called by the dector, who was then in giving out water with a sort of reluc- factor had lived, was as plain to the to be filled only after the wheezy wind- not think of the gentleman's name. lass had bowled many protests at the As time went on this failure of mem-

wonderful ferocity. the same blanket and rescued one of the | the name.

frenzied horses had smushed his hip.

into dangerous situations.

terror, crashed into the Swede. The end of his story he said, with great im-Swede had been running to and fro, pressiveness: babbling. He carried an empty milk pail, to which he clung with an uncon- presented to my mind more than 40 scious fierce euthusiasm. He shrieked years ago, and I have not been able to hoofs, and the milk pail, rolling across from that day to this. the floor, made a flash of silver in the

cow and dragged the paralyzed Swede | ment, for he thought he had told a to the open air. When they had rescued | pretty good story and could see nothing all the cows save one, which had so in it to provoke mirth. It was some time fastened herself that she could not be before the truth of the matter dawned moved an inch, they returned to the upon him. front of the barn and stood sadly, breathing like men who had reached the final point of human effort.

Many people had come running. Some one had even gone to the church, and now, from the distance, rang the tocsin note of the old bell. There was a long flare of crimson on the sky, which made remote people speculate as to the where-

The long flames sang their drumming cherus in voices of the heaviest bass. The wind whirled clouds of smoke and cinders into the faces of the spectators. The form of the old barn was outlined in black amid these masses of orange

And then came this Swede again, crying as one who is the weapon of the sinister fates: "De colts! De colts! You have forgot de colts!"

Old Fleming staggered. It was true; they had forgotten the two colts in the box stalls at the back of the barn. "Boys," he said, "I must try to get 'em out." They clamored about him then, afraid for him, afraid of what they should see. Then they talked wildly each to each. "Why, it's sure death!" "He would never get out!" "Why, it's suicide for a man to go in there!" Old Fleming stared absentmindedly at the open doors. "The poor little things,"

he said. He rushed into the barn. When the roof fell in, a great funnel of snicke swarmed toward the sky as if the old man's mighty spirit, released from its body-a little bottle-had swelled like the genius of fable. The smoke was tinted rose hue from the he thought that his horse preferred flames, and perhaps the unutterable mid- standing still on the rank or drawing nights of the universe will have no the cab. power to daunt the color of this soul. -Stephen Crane in St. James Budget.

X Rays and Diamouts,

One excellent use to which the new X rays can be put should interest women. It seems that by their aid one can readily determine whether diamonds are real or false, for the rays pass quite through real diamonds, leaving them transparent, and not at all through false a false one all the stones would turn blood diseases and has no equal. glassworker who got a bit of glass into his finger. By the aid of the rays it was discovered, extracted and the workman cured. -St. James Gazette.

Been a Bay Himself. Practical Father-I want to buy a watch for my boy-the cheapest you

Honest Dealer-I'm afraid I can't warrant the cheap ones to keep very good time. Practical Father-Oh, that doesn't

matter. Just make it so he can open the back of the case. -Strand Magazine. Invited to Call. He-I suppose that sap headed dude

She Ne. Once was enough. Come

and see us when we get settled -De-

troit Free Press. The writer who has time to explain everything has not much time to write. The reader who is too indolent or indifferent to look up references ought not to

has proposed to you a dezen times.

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THE NAME CAME BACK.

And For Awhile the Doctor Could Not See the Humor of It.

It is a familiar contention among psychologists that an incident once thoroughly presented to the human ming like the song of innumerable bees. | mind cannot be effaced from the mem-The old man hurled aside the great ory. In this connection Dr. Cyrus Hamdoors, and a yellow flame leaped out at | lin, the well known missionary to Turone corner and sped and sped and waver- key and the founder of Robert college. ed frantically up the old gray wall. It | Constantinople, is reported by the Washington Star as telling a humorous story.

Among Dr. Hamlin's friends and substantial helpers was a Philadelphia They flung themselves upon the well. It Turkey. Every incident connected with was a leisurely old machine, long dwell- their interviews, even to the street and ing in indolence. It was in the habit of number of the house in which his benetance. The men stormed at it, cursed doctor as if the events had occurred but it, but it continued to allow the buckets | yesterday, but to save his life he could

ory caused him serious annovance, and With his open knife in his hand, old he adopted all sorts of expedients to Fleming himself had gone headlong into bring back the name. He would take the the barn, where the stiffing smoke letters of the alphabet one at a time and swirled with the air currents, and think over all the surnames he had ever where could be heard in its fullness the heard, but to no avail. Then in his terrible chorus of the flames laden with | imagination he would start down the tones of hate and death, a hymn of street where his friend had lived, enter the house, go through the ceremony of He flung a blanket over an old mare's introduction and repeat word for word. head, cut the halter lose to the manger, as nearly as he could remember it, the led the mare to the door and fairly kick- conversation which had taken place beed her out to safety. He returned with | tween them, but still he could not recall

work horses. He took five horses out When, after 30 years, he returned to and then came out himself with his his native land on a visit, he took the clothes bravely on fire. He had no whisk- trouble to go to Philadelphia, in order ers and very little hair on his head. to settle the question which had been They soused five pailfuls of water on puzzling him so long. He visited the him. His cldest son made a clean miss house, but found only strangers, who with the sixth pailful because the old could tell him nothing of the people man had turned and was running down | who had lived there so many years bethe decline and around to the basement fore. So finally Dr. Hamlin abandoned the barn, where were the stanchions | the search, thinking that here at last of cows. Some one noticed at the time was a case where something had been that he ran very lamely, as if one of the thoroughly presented to the human mind, and as thoroughly effaced.

The cows, with their heads held in | One night, after he had returned perthe heavy stanchions, had thrown them- manently to this country, he attended a selves, strangled themselves, tangled large dinner where were several disthemselves-done everything which the tinguished psychologists. During the ingenuity of their exuberant fear could evening the conversation turned upon the subject of memory, and the well Here, as at the well, the same thing known scientific principle was discussed. happened to every man save one. Their This was too good an opportunity to be hands went mad. They became incapa- lost, and Dr. Hamlin proceeded to relate ble of everything save the power to rush | his experience at length, as an example of the opposite kind.

The old man released the cownearest He was, of course, listened to with the door, and she, blind drunk with great interest, and as he approached the

like one lest as he went under the cow's | think of the name of Captain Robinson

When his climax was greeted by a hearty burst of laughter, the worthy Old Fleming tock a fork, beat off the doctor looked round in great astonish-

Rock Pictures In Oregon. W. B. Whittemere while in Alturas, Or., recently discovered some remarkable hiereglyphies about 15 miles northeast from the north end of Warner valley on the edge of what is locally known as the "desert" in Lake county. Mr. Whittemore says the hieroglyphics had been cut with a sharp instrument in the surface of the hard basaltic rock. They cover the face of the biuff for a distance of about three miles and consist of pictures of Indians with bows, arrows and spears, besides deer, antelope, dogs and wolves, geese, ducks, swans and reptiles of various kinds. Intermingled with these animals are characters which, of course, he could not decipher. He says that the execution of the pictures was very good. and he is satisfied that it could not have been the work of ordinary Indians. Throughout the entire distance the char-

acters and pictures are in rows. The Indians of the vicinity have no knowledge of the meaning of the hieroglyphics or of the people who ages ago chiseled them on the surface of the rocks. From the description given, the picture writing bears a close resemblance to that found in Mexico and Central America. If this supposition is true, a careful study might reveal to the archæologist some insight into the origin or wanderings of a dead and forgotten civilization. - Ccr. San Francisco Call.

There is a story of an inquisitive old gentleman who asked a cabman whether

"Well, sir," replied cabby, "I think, on the 'ole, he'd rather pull the cab. You see, he reads the names over the shep winders and they makes him

"...h. "-Strand Magazine.

ones. A real parure when photographed all the mineral mixtures in the world would show only the mounting, but in cannot cure. E.S.S. (guaranteed purely

> could cure her, but he filled her with arsenic and potash which almost ruined her constitution. She then took nearly every so-called blood medicine and drank them by the wholesale, but they did not reach her trouble. Some

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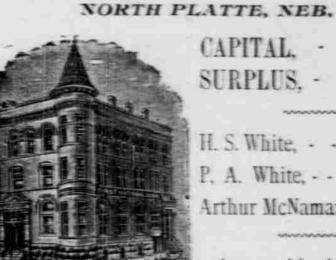
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