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There's Cupid's arrow in thy glands: And this, by love's coercion. Has reached our very heart of hearts, And asked for an insertion.

With joy we feel the blissful smart, And ere our passion ranges, We freely place thy love upon The list of our exchanges.

There's music in thy lowest tone, And silver in thy laughter, And truth-but we will give the full Particulars hereafter

Oh! we would tell thee of our plans; All obstacles to shatter; But we are full, just now, and have Then let us marry, Queen of Smiths, Without more besitation; The very thought doth give our blood

A larger circulation ! LAMENT OF THE DISCONSOLATE LOAFER. They say "a good time's coming." Though it travels mighty slow; But if ever it should get here,

I hope they'll let us know.
I can't get a drop of gin,
And am short of bread and tater, And find that I am getting in Almost a state of natur'. My coat with mud is coated, And wholly full of holes; My drawers are overdrawn : my shoes-Have mercy on their soles!

For they have gaped, and seemed

To cry for pegs and stitches: But though divested of a vest, I've breaches in my breeches. They say this country's free, No tyranny can block up ! But when I has a spree, They puts me in the lock-up. If thus they treat a freeman Of this boasted Yankee nation, I'd rather be a nigger slave, And work on a plantation.

There were terrible mistakes, At the time of the "creation ; For the plan of natur' surely needs A sight of alteration; For thorns or thistles grow Without being hoed or planted, And weeds are always sure to come Just when they isn't wanted.

Why net have wheat and corn Spontaneously growing? And why should taters need Such an awful sight of hoeing? That a fellow's back must ache, And his hands grow hard and horny? I'd go to Californy.

THE THREE MARYS OF SHARPS. They are all dead now-as dead as their scriptural namesakes, so that they may lawfully "become the prey

of literature," and, without any glam-

or of romance, only with the safety of time and distance, be made to live in the memories of the few Sharpsville people who survive them. Three unmarried Pollys they were of different degrees of education and opportunity, but of the same social position, being that of "one that

serves," and of very nearly the same Polly Frank had a story : a sorrowful one, of which I never heard many ears of even a child, else why should and making darns at which the elev- slave than a child. she have told me once that she had a en thousand virgins would have hesson, twenty years old; and when I rily confuse my infant mind by say-

ing she never had been? She must once have been very handsome, for her face was of the when put in competition with skill Grecian ideal type, with a line run- and patience like hers? ning straight from the low forehead to the tip of the nose and following a short upper lip and round chin that Aspasia would have been proud of. So much of beauty was left that age could not wither; with a tall, commanding figure, that never stooped or bent to living man or woman. Blue eyed, fair-haired, and strong-limbed she was as the chariotted Boadicea, or as a danghter of the New Hampshire

hills was wont to be. Had she a father? had she a mother? And why was she scrubbing in any back-kitchen in Sharpsville that happened to want her, when every one knew that she counted kindred with the bluest blood in W., and when she couldn't wash a floor or cook a dinner without making enough classical allusions to astonish a sophomore?

"How came you to know Latin, Polly ?" "Studied it, child, of course. My father taught me, Dr. Frank; and

Greek, ton. Then she would recite in what purported to be that tongue. We never that, on a life like hers, bear-thought of questioning the Greek or pleasure that, on a life like hers, bear-Latin then but there came a day when doubt broke in upon us, and when we doubted everything-I mean so fatal to faith, I was reading in the a warning to carpet-mending and carkitchen, and looking up dutifully, as pet traders as well. I mention the soever her hands found to do, that did usual, said, "Polly, where's Crown Point? do you know?" "Know! of course I know! Crown

Point? why, it is off Cape Cod." She leaned on her mop handle, as on a sceptre, while she asserted this, fixing her eyes gravely on me. If man- heart. Head in her own prophecies. But,

ually to the ground. in the nursery, and rather bore the ills of keeping our own faces clean, than have those hard hands at our most frightful, we shuddered at the "Black legs coming down the chimney," as with the pleasant thrill from

a theatrical catastrophe. Polly had fallen from her high estate of maidenhood at W., and as the custom was, had been discarded by all her large circle of unspotted relatives. both known and unknown, she had some peculiar advantages. People and, being down, she feared no fall. She readily found employment and lived and died among us, an honest, industrious woman, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, and a respected member at

moved by conflicting emotion to ex- benefactress! "If Miss P. is goin' to and tubs, lingers in my memory to claim with angry, bitter personality send me my dinner every day, I want this day, as also the impression of the as he rubbed the chilled surfaces of it hot!" Which was reasonable, di- whole inside of the dwelling freshly his sacred tegs, "I met Polly Frank, vested of conventionalities; and the whitewashed always, boards as well going to the Orthodox meeting, with rebuke was meekly accepted, with a as plastering. It was fearfully and

my drawers on."

I guess that a keen sorrow of Polly in fact hers was, Frank was that serpent-toothed one of her son's alienation. He never came near in all her long life; and she never whispered, but to herself, his name. In those weary years, ones, had she not paid pressed down of his wing against her red cheeks. we lived on another planet.

graceful life, for the sin of her young, foolish days?

vinegar to the feast, nay, rather like trunk with his horns and ploughing cayenne or horse-radish; so biting the ground with angry hoofs, did she were all her sayings, so persistenther await the threatened destruction, fault-finding, so faithful her trans- which, indeed, seemed inevitable. mission from house to house of every But for drunken Joe and a neighbor. item of information unsuited to such who with much clubbing changed

For all that, Polly was as necessary her mischief-making, for who, in her son, as if she spoke to some potentate. the accumulations of carpet-mending consequent on limited means and soclal ambitions? From six in the itated. And then the modest way in tion to Polly's "going out to live," for price of shears. What was seven cents more or less.

She had a dark, bony body, with coarse black hair tightly drawn back in a knot. She wore her thin lips drawn from her teeth; and her black time to mend her own clothes after eyes , restless and roving, saw every- nine o'clock at night;) but she earnthing they shouldn't, and seemed ed it well in a family of sixteen, and A Connecticut paper speaks of a or watching one of the company in like the child's description of Satan, "walking up and down, seeking how he might catch somebody."

Her arrival was the unwelcome sigwater may fall on some minds poison- no market produce now. the vices slip unawares into all floors -scandal being harbored so frequently, even in parlors, as to have given

tion of depravity in the general adise, and croons Methodist hymns but he is getting old now, and don't thing certain. No paper shall beat us rise in some quarters of the imputaing her eyes gravely on me. If manner would have done it, the fortification would have been planted at Province-town, and she doubtless thought it was, or else believed in herself as implicitly as Norma of the Fitful with Ticonderoga; and so, as I said, was by; and, except in a general way the whole fabric of faith came eventwhen informed that with many mil- residence. Whatever we might think of Pol- lions of the same species she was a My Polly! In that state or place rainbow. ly's geography, or even Greek, we sinner, how was she to know? She where you have gone, do you find any "What's the date of your bustle?" were heartily afraid of her knuckles was rich. She owned three houses in one to minister to, to serve with lov- was what an anxious papa of Coble-Sharpesville. But she was snappish; ing diligence, with heart-full, un- skill asked his well-dressed daughter, east and the other set pointing west. scandalous and mean. On the other wearied tenderness, as you did here? after searching for the last copy of his His right knee would head in one dihand, she gave her money to the There was a tie between you and paper. wind pipes. Then the wondrous tales church when she died. The church those you loved closer than that of a Twenty-eight different kinds of another, and the old man would bob by the kitchen fire at night! Even at least ought to tread lightly on her maid to her mistress, and that tie "bitters" sold in Rhode Island for up and down like a Jumping jack after we came to disbelleve one of the grave; and be sure the deacons almay remain in another world. She "strictly medicinal use" are undergo- worked with a string. Presently he

ways gave her "the elements." No doubt, in that future state which relation of unselfish love. is to clear up all the mysterious of Coming to Sharpsville, where she was this, the monkey-like malice linger-drive a nail and split wood if necesscould afford to sympathize with her; and given her an equal chance with penter, and, besides tinkering the feelings, should he merely be labor- he came walking out upon the beach her fellows. Till when, what is there house on occasions, could give form to ing under a temporary aberration. fine a point upon it-hated?

To the poorhouse we all sent her be said to have, in her expressive ver- The greatest treat we had as chilfriendly contributions of green tea, nacular, "no nothing." And so Pol- dren was to go to Polly's farm beloaf sugar, and such delicacies as are ly Dexter may have at least as good a tween whiles to visit her. I rememprovided by the selectmen; as also, from likely to need. These she accepted with a lofty grace, quite her own, leaving us only humble that our offerings were not twice as many and better. Sometimes in my mother's in their manifestations. Even the besters to heater t

wonderfully clean at the Forest farm. corresponding reform.

I should do wrong to say that she Poliy Forest, my third and best, Then, not having the dread of the was a "professor." Sitting in the owned a farm, or rather a part of one, bull before our eyes, having ascertainfront pew where the town's poor were in Sharpsville Swamp; and might ed that he was tightly confined, we paraded in what seemed to me an in- have lived at home, had she so chos- strolled off into the woods that skirt delicate and inconsiderate manner, en, or if she had been afflicted with South Mountain, where we gathered Polly always staved to the commun- that disease of false and foolish pride the tender checkerberry-leaves, or, if ion quietly waiting for 'the elements,' which brings so many girls, in our early in the season, the rich berries that he had a vox humana stop in his which never came. The descons days, to bad lives. But being neither themselves, and the delicate Mayflow- organ. As several of them were comwould not bring them to her, as she self-important nor self conscious, her er. Afterwards, being refreshed by ing round to the concert, Hopkins dehad never given what was called affectionate nature and religious faith ma'am's hospitality of rye and Indi- termined to prevent them from de-"satisfactory evidence" of her fitness led her to devote herself to the inter- an bread and cheese, we set off at tecting the deception. So as engaged to sit at the Lord's table. They est of her employers with an assidui- duek, on our two-mile homeward way a friend of his who sang tenor down might have forgiven her for her much ty and faithfulness that even the and Polly stood at "the delectable at the minstrels to come up and get loving, as He did the other Mary, but Apostle Paul might have made an ex- gate," as we called it, guarding us into the organ case and sing. It was they wouldn't do this without a 'con-fession,' as they called it, and this reliant and independent, she despised and shut her away from our sight. arranged that Hopkins was to give a certain signal and that the minstrel confession Polly would never make. putting herself forward, or out of her I know, my Polly, that the record- was to tune up and warble an air, Of her "misfortune" she would say place, as she phrased it; and she kept ing angel never set down against you while Hopkins went through the monothing, at any time or to any per- that of servant with a pertinacity on- the little whiffs of temper that made tion on the keys. When the concert son. Only she asserted with her ly equalled by her modest dignity. you sometimes even throw the chairs came off, the scheme worked splengrand air, "My skirts are clean;" At the same time she held herself as out of the window, or the little injusfrom which occular saying the dea- the dear friend of us all, and an un- tice that made my brother Ralph beautiful !" "Elegant, isn't it ?" cons might have inferred much, if wearled correspondent when we were hate you. To me you were always "Sounds exactly like a human voice." they had been less eager or curious or away from home; giving important kind, gentle and patient; but who Then there was an encore, and anoth-So she soared about in Sharpsville she suspected might be forgotten in ly I would that I could find a helper it the vox humana stopped suddenly. in an empyrean of her own-which our parlor correspondence. Being a to my domestic infirmities one hun- Then it was heard using the most was well; for in a thinner air, how great reader, with also a pretty taste dredth part as faithful, as clean and dreadful language inside the organ. soon her poor, broken wings would for verse-making, many were the pa- capable, faults all counted in ; would it yelled for help, and Hopkins dashhave brought her, stained and humil- ges of rhyme she sent us always un- there be any question of wages be- ed around to the rear to ascertain iated, to the ground! And after all der the seal of secrecy, for she was tween us? Think of Polly "going to what was the matter. He found that what was anybody in Sharpsville far too modest to make any talk of leave" because there is sickness in his man had been standing on the that he should throw stones at her? | what she was, or had learned. But the family! Think of Polly with- bellows, and that the blower objected

"A dreadful life-(a silent voice.")

distance of a few feet from the roar- lantic Monthly for June. holes made her advent necessary.

Polly Dexter was as mustard and ing creature, tearing at the slight the bull's mind, where would have been my Polly? Polly always adto Sharpsville as the airshe filled with dressed her mother in the third per-

There was nothing to be afraid of. morning (for she preferred breakfast- that I could see in Mrs. Forest, who meant. ing with her customers) till nine at seemed only a pale, stiffish woman; night, she made her needle and but to her daughter she was an object suppose it was a comfort to her tongue fly, transforming, with godher to whisper her sad secret to the motherly skill, rags into ball dresses, every token of her will more like a ed stage. I think Mrs. Forest had no objec. change system has brought down the

which she announced, after many a year at a time, though she never Elihu Burrit calls his forthcoming debt is paid off the next week by the said, "I didn't know you were married, Polly," why did she unnecessayears, that she must raise her price said so; and Polly always formally autobiographical volume, "Five Minborrower sending back her aunt alfrom twenty-five to thirty-two cents a asked ma'am's leave when she came ute Talks.' day, because "wood has raised!" to us, though she was twenty-five or thirty years old. tude" between us. It was always a against it. love matter. It was understood that

> hindering as well as helping her. Before the kings of Ireland overran umbrella. this land, and before the Yankee tennal for the portcullis of silence to de- dency to patent inventions had been about \$4,000 last year, and "refresh- would have loaned to a neighbor unscend before our lips, and the small- so stimulated by ignorance and stu- ments' for the poor city government der a solemn promise that they should est among us, without understanding pidity that a pall of water cannot be \$41,000. why, knew better than to talk before drawn from the well in anatural way, A floating cannon-ball is one of the possible. Polly Dexter. It was reserved for our Polly used to go smiling into the sights at Vienna. It weighs fifty farther experience to show us that it garden and gather eight or ten kinds pounds, and it floats in a cauldron of makes all the difference in the world of vegetables for dinner, preparing quicksilver.

to whom a thing is said, and that a each for the table, and they had a ous as one of hemlock. Being in- Her skilled eye detected the full make us like her. So, as I didn't and get, and where were the crispest cu- her \$2,000 "back pay." it should be life bare—a reminder and her washing was hung in snowy lines last, because it is a sad thought that of flowers and so patient with them in their short-comings and their everneeded pottings that I think she must

perhaps, no good-natured friend told cies unless one is made over; how a her of them. Only everything "shut queen is to take up the role of peas-

whom you loved so much, and in ing analysis by the State chemist from would meet us, and come joiting up to In another world, must she not be whose arms you died, when she, too, an excise point of view. somehow made over, with tentacular went to the world of souls, must have A contemporary, speaking of the instincts which may dimly reach to found you, I think, waiting for her difficulty of a newspaper editor pleaswards something higher, something with the same simple devotion as ing everybody, says! "Even if one unknown and undreamed of here. when you left her, to take up your old sounded the praises of his Maker the

Like most country girls, Polly could ing, in the undeveloped humanity of ary, which I fancy it often was at her the mild way in which it is put in he got to meditating upon some "... Polly Dexter will have dropped away house. She was a pretty good car- Baltimore, to avoid hurting the dog's struse subject, and forgetfire himself. left in life for such as she, but to be her own inventions with some skill. pitied, avoided, and-not to put too A board for scouring knives of her own make, with sundry contrivances But Polly took her betters every and conveniences, lasted in my kitchlast, with three others, of the town's day and all day; and she had no op-poorbouse. day and all day; and she had no op-portunities and no beauty. She might fashion.

particulars of the cat and fox, which pretended you were perfection? On- er air was sung, right in the middle of

which could not be called repentant pid ever so much as brushed a feather The whole thing is as different as if around against the pipes and maand running over, in her hard, dis- They were those hard unspoken sor- She was such a large part of my general demoralization to the machine rows, that admit no sympathy. An child-life, that it is difficult to look and the more the combat deepened oolish days?

intemperate, lazy brother, and a back without seeing her constantly, the more the vox humana stop howlmother, so proud, so unreasonable,
Now that she is gone, I naturally ed. They were separated by the warand we needn't have expected it in and so reticent, that by no chance dwell only on her excellences; the dens and the concert proceeded in a Sharpsville. Nevertheless, there are did a kindly or affectionate word ever more when I contrast her solid vir. minor and melancholy key. But the reasons. Polly Dexter, who was well escape her. To drunken Joe she ad- tues with the flimsey ghosts of such next day they discharged Hopkins to do, well enough connected, had no dressed all her worldless kindnesses. that I now see in every kitchen—her from St. Abednego's and now he story, no mystery, no excuse, and was insisting on Polly's outdoor services faithfulness-weary feet, that with an wishes the bellows man had murdera "professor" besides in good church standing, had no business to be so Polly came near being torn to pieces scended to minister to the wants of heartily disliked and dreaded as she was, in every house where rents and distance of the bull, and only escaped by others; all her thoughtfulness, her waster to the wants of the bull, and only escaped by others; all her thoughtfulness, her bull, and only escaped by others; all her thoughtfulness are bull, and only escaped by others; all her thoughtfulness are bull, and

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mediocrity is often garrulous.

The Indianapolis Journal alludes to "widow woman." Prof. Wise, the balloonist, ought to take a skyeterrier along. The English railways are flooded

with comic American books. Several Iowa towns prohibit the

The death of the newspaper ex-

one suspender. with children about in all directions, reign of terror in that State because a man has been arrested for stealing an

Soup for the poor in Boston cost

The London Saturday Review says to whom a thing is said, and that a sweet freshness and flavor found in that Bret Harte is a story-teller of true be burned up. Since then he has

A Rochester man lay drunk in an to clubs that year, an all-wool overing as it did only thorns and thistles, not the gauziest shadow of tender renot the gauziest shadow of tender rein Property while it was yet night.

A Rochester man lay drunk in an alley all night with \$800 in his pockmembrance need be thrown; but that in Proverbs, while it was yet night. et. It is only necessary to add that stove in each breast-pocket, a gas the Rochester folks didn't know it. Probably the most recent American-

> ism is that constructed by an Illinois paper, which says that Edwin Booth will "tragediate" in a certain town. have a garden now somewhere in par- write an editorial fifty-six yards long, this year to 2011, in order to make the over her flowers as she used to here, push them beyond forty or therea- if we have to get up a corner on doublebouts.

> > down with editorial correspondence, ever since the convention. This will be continued until the passes issued A traveler says that in Spain um-

Country papers come in weighed

devil would be offended."

introduced to a newly-married man. congratulated him warmly, and said :

'em."

better. Sometimes in my mother's eagerness to bestow good gifts on PolAll Operations Performed in the best
manner.

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He Tells About Hophins' "Von Huma-na" Stop and Fiji Domestic Life.

[From the Saturday Evening Post.] HOPKINS' STOP. When Hopkins was organist at it. Abednego's Church, hegave a concert for the benefit of the Sunday school. Hopkins would fib sometimes, and he had told some of his brother organists. drawing from the store-room portions to the extra weight, and finally began of groceries, under some ethical de- a combat with Hopkins' friend And lusion familiar to the Celtic imagina- now the bellows blower had the vox My Polly the third had sorrows of tion! Think of Polly at all the same humana stop down on the floor inher own, as well as Polly Frank, but category with locks and keys, with side the organ, and he was nibbling not like hers. Indeed, I doubt if Cu- modern notions of hire and service! at vox humana's nose and rolling chinery in a manner that threatened

to a neighbor to borrow a little butter or sugar or other articles of diet, is quite common among the savages of Fiji. When a lady in Fiji has some friends to dinner unexpectedly, she goes over to the woman across the way and says: "Yak yak and his family have just dropped in to dinner, and I havn't a thing in the house How do you think your hired girl would work up into a stew? Can I borrow her for a few days ?" Then she seizes that domestic by the hair, and drags herover, chops her up with When an Indiana paper mentions parsley, and carrots, and celesy-tops 'The Stalking Monster' cholers is and cloves, and lets her simmer over the fire. Or may be the other woman The second volume of Mr. Beech- sends over and says : "I'm entirely Mary Jane for a pie ?" And over go William Henry and Mary Jane and they are stuck, with a fork and basted and put on to cook gently, and the ready boiled and suitable for cutting The people of California are clam- cold for tea, or one of her twins cornoring for a paper currency-forty- ed so as to make a nice lunch. Some-There were no "base laws of servi- three newspapers for and fourteen times a woman in this manner will work off a couple of her mothers-in-A Milwaukee boat club has adopt- law, or a rich uncle, or a plump, sectown (four and sixpence a week, and ed a light uniform, described as a ond cousin, and then she will sit as handkerchief around the head and her window and sniff them as they are cooking in the kitchen next door, bow of her late hired girl. The custom seems to us an excelent one, particularly when it is applied to hired girls. We have had girls whom we be butchered and boiled as quickly as

THE WORLD'S END. We have heard from our old ally Professor Plantamour, again. Last year he prophesied that we were to genius. So is B. B. says the Couri- changed his mind. Now he declares structed to "shut up," before Polly, we naturally associated her with the restraint of our position; but indeed, the pod when the peas were ready for a suit for breach of promise, and says the year 2011. We are glad to have she never said or did anything to boiling; she knew what squashes not the plaintiff wants the jury to award the date accurately fixed, for we shall arrange for our life insurance policy don't love her, it may be with a cumbers. Indeed, she had the na- The New York World has coined a to expire in the year 2010. The first slightly accidulated sense of justice tive talent which induced cows to new adjective. It speaks of certain news of the freeze will appear in the that I describe her, and feel a certain give down their milk, even without crossings of Broadway as the "jam- Saturday Evening Post for January 1, 2011, and we shall offer as a premium coat four feet thick, with an air-tight heater in the tail, and an open grate arranged at the collar. The getter up of two clubs will have a pair of skates and a double-breasted pink underskirt thrown in. Persons who wish to compete for these prizes can General Wise in his prime could send their subscriptions now from

breasted undershirts and create a panic in the market.

VERY ABSENT MINDED. The most absent minded man we Mumm. He lost one of his legs in the late war, and he always were a patent artificial leg, full of springs colors are as various as the tints of the ted out in the morning ha would get his leg on hind part foremest, and then he would gostraddling down the street with one set of toes pointing rection and his left would bulge in us to say that he wished we would pitch into the highway department for leaving the pavements in such a while he was down at Cape May one summer, he took a buff-bath early in "Bitten by an alleged mad dog," is the morning, and while in the Water and up the street to the hotel dressed A citizen of Connecticut, recently in nothing but a sad, sweet smile just as the people were coming down to breakfast. Only a ebort "Ah, these Litchfield county girls time ago he hitched his horse to a sulmake clever wives; I've had three of key with the animal's nose pushed close up against the dasher, and started off backwards without notleing the Athol's oldest inhabitant is Mrs. direction. At the end of the first half Dolly Graves, aged ninety-five; the mile the vehicle jammed up against a provided by the selectmen; as also, chance as Burns gave to a worse spir- ber vividly the queer, long, narrow two fifth was the free, and the General shot out over

are never bitten by mad dogs?"