The stove was cold and the kettle wouldn't boil. So she tilted the can and poured on a little oil: Gone to meet the man who blew cut the gas. Crimes lead to greater crimes, and link so straight What first was accident, at last is fate; Guilt's helpless servant sinks into a slave. And virtue's last sad strugglings cannot save.

There never was a goose so gray, But that, soon or late, An honest gander came that way, And took ber for his mate.

Where is the man who with power or skill To stand the torrent of a woman's will; For if she will, she will, you may depend on't, And if she won't, she won't, so there's an end on't

Twas morning of election day. He came down feeling fresh and cheery. And bending o'er her chair, remarked, "Who are your candidates, my deary?"

She humped her pull-back just enough To make her favorite paj er rustle; "Their names I don't remember, but You'll find them somewhere in my bustle."

When Eve brought we to all mankind, Old Adam called her wo-man; But when she woord with love so kind, He then pronounced it woo-man; But now with folly and with pride, Their husbands' pockets trimming. The ladies are so full of whims. The people call them whim-men.

While much has been said of the conductaire. Who punches your ticket or gets your fare; And also of the polite barbaire, Who daubs your face with his wet lathaire, We should not torget the corn doctaire, Who tells you to sit in his easy chair, And rolls up his sleeves as you sit and stare. While he sharpens his knife and gets ready to pare Your favorite corn off as slick as a hair, And takes what money you're able to spare; Be it more or less, he don't seem to care, For he's very indifferent, this corn foctaire.

Her's was a face Whose occult charm no limner's art Could steal; whose nameless grace Illusive was, as light that falls Where waters part.

A face so fair, So haunted with sweet mysteries. It seem'd a face astray from heav'nly scenes And not of one who e'er Had breakfasted on buckwheat cakes. Or dined on beans.

AN OLD WOMAN'S STORY.

Many years ago a girl and her old great-grandmother sat together-the girl

Said Great-grandmamma Hudson, siting very straight, not lolling, at her force? seventy-eight years, as did her great-

granddaughter of eighteen: fools, but old folks know that young could part us?

"That's because you are old, grandma," sobbed Linda.

"No; it's because I was once young," said the old lady.

"But he's the only one I ever loved, or ever shall love," said Linda. "Papa, is so cruel to me. Why should he think ill of Lewis? He doesn't know anything about him. I shall die if we are separated."

"I was going to die, too, if we were "but I didn't."

"Oh, tell me, please," c:ied Linda, "had you a lover? Did they separate you? Oh!"-she put her arm around her great-grandmother's knees-"oh! I never knew you had a love story-that is, that kind of one."

"Yes," said the old lady, "I had lover; and I had a mother and father." "You can have many lovers, but never more than one father and one mother.

"Folks think of that when it's too late. "When father said that Cecil was Lord knows who, and he should not come to see me, I remember I almost hated him | ditch.

for it." "When mother said she did not like the young man either, I almost hated

"Cruel creatures that stood between me and my young lover-that was what my dear parents seemed to me then; just what yours seem to you, Linda, I

have no doubt. "And I was worse than you, my dear, ever so much worse; for it seemed so wicked to me that any one should take it for granted a man was not good, and worthy of love because he was a stranger, that I utterly refused all counsel, and made preparations to run away with Cecil and marry him at Gretna Green, a place in Scotland where runaway couples used to go at that time to be married by

an old blacksmith. "Everything was ready.

"I had my jewelry in my bosom, and my little bundle of clothing on my arm, and was creeping out of a little side door of our house, that led into the garden, when a hand came down on my shoulder and a voice cried out:

"My girl, my girl, is this the way you use us?' and there was my father. "Dear, dear, it's so many years agoso many years ago -but I remember that

moment so well. "The long, dark hall, with its polished

floor and low ceiling, and the tall clock standing in the corner at one end, tick-"Outside, the moon shining faint and

white, and the dark ivy growing on the low stone wall, over which I meant to climb, and on the other side of which Cecil stood quietly waiting for me.

"My father's face was as white as that of a ghost in that light, and his hand shook as he held mine.

"'Oh, tather, father,' I cried, 'if you'd him. only let me have my will in this one thing. You can't make a girl love or hate by saying so.'

"He stood, holding me firm and fast "Do you think I want anything but your good?" said he. 'Would I not be glad to have you happy? You little simpleton, do you know that if you had left my house this night, you would have gone to your ruin?"

"Outside was my lover and his kisses; inside my father, stern and hard, as it had kissed me; those hands held mine seemed to me.

to prison when I had a chance of heaven | are in no condition to molest them.' before me, as he bolted the door. " (It is imeline who has betrayed me,' highflown things then):

I said; and though they would never admit it, I knew my maid had proved

"Well, they locked me up in my room. How often, I cried out: "I shall die if I am separated from Cecil?" "I am very old, but when I think

of it the old ache and pain come back

"My girl, he had eyes like black diamonds and an elive cheek, and red, I loved you.' soft, pouting lips, and your men with padded shoulders, and thin arms and legs, and hollow chests, wouldn't look like men standing beside him.

"Oh, he was a beauty, and, though you might not think it now, so was I. "It was a dreary time, and my health broke down under it.

"I had a fever, and called for Cecil in my delirium, and when I was well again the doctor said I must have change of air, and nother decided to take me with her to the seaside: but first we were to go by the stage coach to London, and visit an aunt I had there.

"It was the day of stage coaches, and the day of highwaymen.

"Going over a certain common on our way, coaches had more than once been stopped; the men were armed always, and the women trembled when they saw horsemen riding towards them.

"'Your money or your life,' was their word, and they kept it. "'If we should meet the highwaymen, said my mother; but I was not afraid. I did not care whom we met, or what hap-

pened to me. "We rode away from our home in the bright daylight, and we stopped for dinner and to change horses at an inn, and

then we rode on again. "It would be night long before we si reached London.

"I sat in the coach with my head on my mother's shoulder, thinking of just | R one thing-Cecil and our parting. "Should I never see him again, never, Be

"If he knew where I was would ie not follow me and carry me off by

"Could I not somehow let him know, and escape from my aunt's house in Lon-"Young folks think old folks are don, and be married, so that no one "Oh, I was so miserable-so misera-

"Nothing like making plans that can

come to nothing, and burst like bubbles when we have thought them out fer "The afternoon faded out and the su

set, and I saw nothing of it. The moon "'See what a lovely moon,' said m

"But I had not cared te look at th separated," said great-grandmamma; moon since I saw her over the garde wall that night, my love on one side an I on the other. Ah, me.

> "Rumble went the coach, crack wen "Suddenly there was a tumult.

"Gentlemen,' cried the guard-'gen- Wheat..... tlemen, I am afraid we are to have some trouble here. fo: to your weapons, gen-

"Then the coach came to a stand. "The shricking women clung to-

"Four masked men rode to the door. "The coachman and guard lay in the

"One of the gentlemen was bound, the other was old and lame.

"They were rifling his pockets while "They took out a gold watch and a

purse, and a snuff oox with diamonds "They had already the other's money. "Then one-the largest, the handsom-

est figure-bent over us. "'Don't fear, ladies,' he said in a soft voice. 'All we want is whatever valua-

bles you may have about you.' "Mamma began to scream. "The lady who sat next her fainted. "We could not see the man's face for

he was masked and we were in the shadow of the coach. "Something shines on your finger, he

said, 'let me see it.'

"He caught at the chain on which I wore a locket with a curl of Cecil's hair. "'Don't take that,' 1 cried, 'Don't take that.'

"I clutched it.

"Our heads were close together. "I saw his chin and mouth under his

"At the same moment my face was

thrust into the moonlight. "'Amy!' I heard him whisper to himself, and I knew Cecil.

"Meantime something had happened. "Two gentlemen had ridden up. "The one who had been bound was

"For once the tables had been turned upon the robbers.

"Then one had ridden away, two were bound, and one lay bleeding. "This last one was Cecil.

"I knew now that my father had not been wrong. "Cecil was even worse than he thought

"He was a highwayman, a bad man, and a companion of bad men; a creature who cut purses on the public road "They were not all ignorant men. these highwaymer, by any meacs.

"Many had good birth, education and "Yes, he was a bad man; but how country."

could I hate him all at once? been right in parting us; but those lips serves.

"'The ladies need fear no longer,' said "It seemed as though he led me back one of the gentlemen. Those fellows "Then he said, (men didn't say such

"'How merciful is the gentler sex. It is compassionate to the erring as well as the virtuous.'

"For I had torn my hand from my mother's, and knelt beside Cecil. "They thought I pitied a wounded robber, that was all.

"But this is what we whispered in the "'Amy, you know what I am now, but

"And I answered: "Cecil, I hate your deeds without

"Those were the last words we ever spoke-the very last." "Did you never see him again?" said

hating you.'

the girl.

"Oh, Grandmama, never again?" The old woman looked into her eyes. "He was a very bad man, my dear," she said. "Very bad, and I never saw

"I believe he died a shameful death one day at the hands of the executioner. "But, you see, it was because I have been young, not because I am old, that

I said you young tolks were fools. "It was a good while, yes, a good while, after that night in the stage coach, before I came to my senses sufficiently to thank dear papa for his watchfulness over me, and be really glad that I had never been Cecil's wife.

"But I did at last, my dear-I did, a last; and I married my good husband, your great grandfather, whom you never saw, and we were always happy. "The heart of woman is a mystery and has been since Eve, my little girl."

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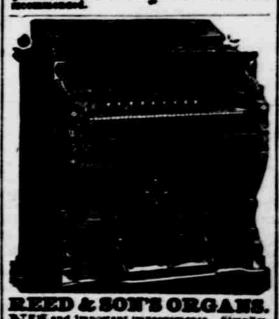
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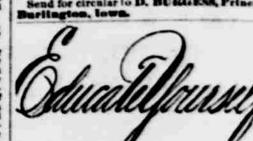
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