Of yet diviner key. The courage that undaunted wrought To noble destiny, A name to art and fame allied

By nature's own decree. O singer, lost to light and love, E'en to thy latest breath, The calm serenity of trust And faith unfearing death.

Yet life from blossom sweet to priceless

Held offered palm to thee, And more than these thy womanhood And gift of melody!

All hearts are touched to new accord By this sweet message given: "The song I next shall sing will be The song I love in Heaven. —Good Houskeeping.

HIS LAST CIGAR.

"Hullo! Jack, old boy, when did you come?" and I rose from my chair by the desk to grasp the hand of Jack Marshall, who had most unexpectedly walked into my office one gray afternoon in November.

"Last night. Came in on the midnight train. We were several hours late, and you may guess I wasn't sorry when we struck this old town," answered Jack, as he returned my welcoming hand-shake with one of his own large-hearted grips.

"I am right glad to see you; but what brings you back to our neck of the woods just at this time?" I asked, while I offered him a chair, which he drew up beside the grate. "Business or pleasure or both?" And having seated myself opposite him I leaned forward and punched the fire to get up a more cheerful blaze.

"That's it, Ned; you've struck it exactly. It's both," answered Jack, as he settled down in his chair and clasped his hands back of his shapely

The day was a chilly one, and best to be enjoyed in a nook by the ingleside. I might have busied myself about a number of small matters with profit, but it was all business that would keep, and I didn't get a chance to have a chat with Jack every day. For years we had been the most devoted and confidential of friends, as loyal as Damon and Pythias, and up to this time neither had shared the affections of the other with a rival of

We had never been separated for any great length of time till three years before, when Jack, having grown impatient and restless, determined to 30 west and seek his fortune, and, possibly, if he liked it, to stay and "grow up with the country.'

He had grown very eloquent in his efforts to induce me to accompany him, and for a time I had quite a notion of yielding to his importunities. But the knowledge of how great a sacrifice it would be to the little mother to leave the home and friends so dear to her had finally prevailed, and I staid behind to pound law-books on my native heath, and to forget, as best I could, the rose-colored dreams that I had cherished of wealth and iame coming to me as if by magic in the new west.

I had already been to a great extent rewarded for the sacrifice-for sacrifice it certainly was-by a piece of good fortune, which bade fair to be of considerable financial benefit. I had been taken into the firm by my father's old friend and partner, and I will confess that I had been highly was troubled that I was doing it at chimneys. ther's shoes. To my further questioning as to what good fortune I owed my present visit with him Jack replied in the rich. musical voice that I loved so well to hear:

"You're just right in guessing that I came on business, and that there's a deal of pleasure mixed up with the have been back here a good many times in the last few years if money grew on bushes, as it doesn't, even in the great west, though I've no reason to complain. I've done even better than I expected, but until quite rehave, but it's the old home, after all, | you disappoint her. and although father and mother are gone and the boys scattered. I have a good many tender thoughts about old Marshalltown when I am gone away. But now my plans are more definite, and I have come back to settle up my affairs connected with the estate, and then I shall have burned my bridges

gasped faintly, feeling intuitively that | in my ideas of a lady's dress. I althere was some revelation to be made which would explain what had so doubt it's the natural result of being the fact that it would start for a mosuddenly settled his plans. "You in the dry-goods business. don't mean to tell me that you are going to be married?"

come between me and my best friend. My worse fears were realized when he

answered: "Right again, Ed. Why, you're really quite a mind-reader.

"Is there anything particularly glass across the room.

assure him, feeling ashamed that I principles shone out in her frank, had experienced any emotion but joy at the idea, when I saw how his face lighted up at the mere mention of his you that I watched to see in which matrimonial prospects. "But let's direction she went when she left the nave it. For of course you have come car, which she did only a few blocks be fore I reached my own destination. To soften a trifle toward the girl who had say that I was really smitten would not let the food be plain. cut me out, ir my anxiety to know be the truth. I don't think it entered what she was like, and how she my head at all that I might have fol- Journal of Health.

manly heart.

I hitched my chair near the fire, sharp twinge of jealousy which would I might. "Have a cigar, old boy," I said, as

he seemed about to begin. "No, thank you Ned; I don't smoke," returned Jack, with a smile, which immediately broke into a laugh, as he saw the look of surprise,

almost consternation, on my face. "Don't smoke!" I exclaimed. "Since when, I should like to know? If I remember rightly you were the one most fond of the weed when last we met. I shouldn't have been at all surprised if you had told me that you smoked like chimney all the while by this time, for I used to think you were very fond of your cigar.'

"So I was, but I've sworn off, and I'm not sorry for it, either though when I see you looking down your nose as though you'd lost, your last friend I could almost wish my resolutions were like Rip Van Winkle's, so I needn't 'count this time.'

"Well, well, will wonders never cease?" I said, trying to cheer up a trifle. "Going to jump the broomstick, and have quit smoking. If I was a woman I'd faint." Perhaps," as suddenly a new thought struck me, "your approaching nuptials have something to do with this new whim of yours," I said, a little spitefully, feeling that a great gulf had come between Jack and I indeed, when we could not even have one of the old time smokes together.

"You have guessed just right, for the third time. You are surely very clever, and I'll bet a good hat that you're a sharp lawyer. However, I won't keep you in suspense any longer, for as Nan would say: 'I know you are dying to know all about it.'

"Nan-well, the name sounds rather jolly. On the whole I believe I like it, and now for the love story.

"All right, here goes," said Jack, tipping back in his chair; "but don't be disappointed if it isn't much like a novel, for although I'm free to confess that I'm head over ears in love, I suspect I'm not very good at romancing, after all, and you will bear with me.

"To begin with, she isn't a beauty. Never in my wildest moments have I called her beautiful, though she is just as far from being homely. The first time I ever saw her was in no more romantic a spot than a crowded street car. It was toward the close of a Saturday afternoon last June, when the streets were full of busy people, hurrying, scurrying in all directions, give Worth a pointer occasionally. walking or riding, as the case might every seat is taken. For this reason I could understand the situation perdown in one of the seats usually reserved for smokers.

"I had just lighted one of my choicest, and as I sat so far from her not possibly annoy her, and as she was an entirestranger to me. Idid not feel that I was guilty of an unpardonable breach of etiquette, because I did not see fit to cast my fragrant cigar beneath the jugernautic wheels of the car. I smoked on for awhile, and had caught her eye.

Of course, she looked away instantly, but not until I had seen an expression of surprise and reproach in her honest brown eyes which made me feel a trifle uncomfortable. It didn't seem to me gratified, not to say flattered, to be all. I think I considered myself quite thought worthy to step into my fa- an exemplary fellow before, but that one look set me to thinking and won-

"It is true I had often heard women -and worthy women they were, toorail about the 'vile, filthy habit,' but that always rouses my antagonism, and then I don't care. On the other hand, I had heard ladies mineingly relike harsh or unjust criticism in the mild rebuke which I saw in her eyes as she looked up. There was none of that air about her as though she connotion that sometime I should be par with a sot in the gutter. Only she back here again. To stay, I mean. made you feel that she expected better I've nothing to keep me here as you things of you, and was sorry to have

"However, I shifted my position a little, and tried to feel indifferent; but somehow the cigar had lost considerable of its flavor, and though I still continued to smoke, I could not forget the look with which she had regarded me. She was a lady; every and in the refined ease ofher manners. ways was particular, and I've no

"Well, this little woman couldn't have pleased me better if she had got For a moment I felt an almost herself up purposely for my scrutiny, leminine jealousy, and an insane and I began to feel interested. I stole desire to throttle the girl who had a look now and then when I could do so unobserved, and the oftener I looked the more I felt that there was nothing about the choicest of tobacco smoke in harmony with her. Not that | that something is the matter. This | is probable that the highest point of she seemed an ethereal creature—one | isn't a good, healthy tick. It's only of the sort 'too wise and good for hu- a stor fo a heetic!' moon-struck in my apperance that man nature's daily food.' Not at all. enables you to read my secrets?" and | She was only a nineteenth-century Jack took a squint at himself in the girl who was going home from a shopping expedition; but a perfect lady, "Oh, no; not at all," I hastened to and one whose high ideas and lofty

bright eyes. "Well, I presume I've no need to tell

chanced to and a road to Jack's lowed at a respectful distance and found out where she lived, as they do in the regulation love story. I prefeeling an unmistakable interest in the sume I didn't have the least idea that forthcoming love story, despite a I should ever see her again, but I will confess that I thought about her a obtrude itself, struggle against it as good many times during the next few weeks, and though i didn't stop smoking at this juncture, I never lighted a cigar without feeling that she was looking at me with reproachful eyes, gaged in making the far-famed Karaand after I had lighted it I didn't al- manian carpets. There is the wooden together enjoy it.

forgotten all about it in a little while, ter in which they cool the same, the however, had it not been for an in- wooden water jars made out of the vitation to a reception which I receiv- hollowed stems of pine trees. Everyed not long after my street-car ride. I thing almost they use is of wood, and had no particular interest in the re- gayly decorated with rude patterns, ception except that the lady who gave according to their fancy. When reapt-Mrs. Wells-is an old friend of ing, a Yourouk uses wooden gloves to father's, and she has been very kind to protect his left hand from the sickle. me since I have been in the city. At all events, I went and had the unique shepherd has a long wooden flute, inpleasure of meeting the lady who had cased in a carved wooden case made so interested me. I had paused by of two bits of wood glued together the library door for a short chat with and strung with ribbons and colored Harry Wells, who is a fine young fel- beads across his shoulder, looking for low about my age, when, happening to all the world like the African assegalook up, saw the same pair of eyes re- or some other primitive weapon of garding me that had caused me so war. In it he always keeps a long much uneasiness on the car. They stick with goat's hair at one end to were turned away as quickly as in the clean it, and really the weird music former case, but I was not a little that he produces with this instrument. pleased to see that she evidently rec- known as the Nai, is very striking and ognized me, and, better still, that suitable to the surroundings. she seemed interested.

to your father?"

deed it was all quite common-place, but one thing struck me very favor-

ably, charmed me, I had almost said. "The reception was quite a grand, younger ladies were nearly all in full many centuries, but, once there, much dress. You know that always makes | may be found in the way of legend and me tired, and so, perhaps, you can scenery to occupy the curious mind. imagine how pleased I was to notice Innumerable stories float about the Miss Lawrence's dress. It was as place, says a writer in Cornhill, confaultless as on the previous occasion cerning the existence of hidden treas--stylish, elegant, though not showy, and perfectly suitable. The dress itgathered about her slender throat,

and fastened with a small pearl brooch.

"But to return to Annie Lawrence. be. I had let several cars go by my- I won't prolong the agony by victim- letters rudely cut, and half-hidden self before attempting to board one, izing you any further. I'll cut my under a crust of dirt. With some diftor they were crowded to their fullest story short and tell you that it was ficulty he managed to spell out the capacity, and I had rather walk any all up with me after that evening. I words, "Blessed is he who shall turn time than hangon by my eyelids when never tried to smoke but once after me over. that, and then 'it was my last eigar.' I shouldn't have had the face to have fectly, when at one of the crossings, a asked her the important question till hidden treasure, and that his fortune lady, after a moment's hesitation, sat | my smoking days were over. And even if her answer had not been what it I know I should never have smoked After some very hard labor they sucagain. No. sir; I never would ask any ceeded in turning the hoary giant over. as to feel sure that my smoking could | woman to marry me to reform me. I reformed before I asked her, and I'm eager eyes. the happiest man alive.'

Shall I tell you a secret? Well, I don't smoke either now. There was nothing as romantic about it as there was in Jack's experience. It was simply this, that after a time, in the almost forgotten the little lady's ex- course of human events, I fell in love istence, when chancing to look up, I myself, and the little woman did not burg and Chickamauga that our Amerlike the smell of a good cigar." Accordingly I followed Jack's illustrious their best. Never were they-either example and swore off.

We are neither of us millionaires today because we have saved our cigar so fierce, so determined to win, so remoney, but we are quite as well off solved not to yield. They were then, that she was so particularly annoyed at my smoking in her presence as she financially as though we were human none but seasoned troops, under vet-

Business-like.

Editors, as every one knows, are upon long-winded callers or unneces- without being proud of his country sary formalities. The Atlanta Con- and his race, for never was there more stitution cites a typical illustration. resolute and obstinate and gallant real estate agent, a building and loan losses more unshrinkingly borne. Nor association director, an attorney-at- can it truly be said of either of these business. I've missed you more than mark that they rather liked the smell law, clerk of the Town Council and battles that the beaten army did not you know, old fellow, and I should of a good cigar.' You know that pastor of the village church, was rechestnut. But there was something cently called upon to perform the unlike very different from anything marriage ceremony. He was in a enough for all. Hence it is fitting that great hurry; in fact, the couple both fields-Gettysburg and Chickasurprised him in the middle of a mauga—should be dedicated to the heavy editorial on the tariff.

cently I have all the time had a vague | sidered a man who would smoke on a | looking up from his work. "Do you | Scribner.

The man said yes. "And do you want him?"

The girl stammered the affirmative. "Man and wife," cried the editor. One dollar. Bringme a load of wood for it-one-third pine, balance oak.'

Hectic.

It was a cheap little clock, warranted to run three years, but it inch. It was evident in every detail actually did keep on for six and then. one morning, suddenly refused to do "What does it all mean, Jack?" I You know, I'm something of a crank its duty longer. It was wound, shaken and then given up in despair.

Another series of efforts disclosed ment, and then stop. "There!" said grandma, in one of

its active intervals, "I think it's all "Oh, no indeed," said Charles. "It will stop in another minute. "I don't know about that. It's

"Yes, but you can tell by the sound

Preserving the Health.

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3. Drink water. 4. Avoid spirits and fermented liquors of every kind. 5. Keep the head cool, and sleep

in an airy apartment. 6. Eat no more than enough and 7. Let your supper be light .- Hall's

THE YOUROUK COUNTRY.

Description of the Domestic Life of a Queer People.

Each tent has its spinning wheel and its loom, a hole for working the pedals of which is dug in the ground, and all the women of the tribe were enmortar for grinding the roast coffee "In all probability, I should have berries in, the decoroted wooden plat-When tending his flock, the Yourouk

In one corner of the tent are the bee "'Who is it, Harry?' I asked. 'I hives-long trunks of trees hollowed mean the young lady who is talking out and the ends stopped with dung cakes. The bees travel with them, "Oh, that's Miss Lawrence,' said wherever they go, on the backs of Harry, 'a young lady from Chicago, camels, and their honey resembles who is spending the summer with her cakes of soap, for they boil it, wax aunt, Mrs. Briggs, one of mother's and all, before eating it. The Yourfriends'; and apparently guessing my ouks have not the remotest idea of desire to make her acquaintance, he letters, and carry on their transacled the way across the room to where tions with the outer world by means Miss Lawrence stood. I shall not try of wooden tallies-four-sided bits of to tell you what was said, for I don't wood, sometimes gayly carved, somesuppose you would be interested. In-!times plain.—Blackwood's Magazine.

An Ancient "Sell."

Not many travelers visit Carrara, where the finest of marble is constantaffair, and, as a matter of course, the ly being quarried, as it has been for so

Gold has often been found in the self was cut quite low in the neck, but neighborhood of the town, and not it was worn over another waist of very long ago a crock of gold coins was some soft, lacy material, which was unearthed beneath one of the streets. A most curious experience, however, was that of a quarryman who, in one "Don't laugh," as he saw my amazed of his rambles, stumbled upon an old, expression, "I told you I was a crank deserted quarry, within which, halfabout a lady's dress. I believe I could | buried in grass and brambles, lay an 66 enormous block of heavy marble. On examining it, he found a number of

The man at once jumped at the conclusion that he had stumbled upon was made. He rushed home and collected some of his friends to aid him in was, I had thought the matter over, so the recovery of the concealed gold.

> "Thanks, my friends. I was weary of reposing so long in one position!"

Gettysburg and Chickamauga the Best Battles of the War.

The national instinct on this subject is perfectly correct. It was at Gettysican armies were at their best and did before or after those memorable engagements— so stong, so well officered, eran officers, inured to war, both armies confident of victory, and pretty nearly, taking all things together, equally matched. And no one can a very busy set, with notime to waste read the story of those great battles A Georgian editor, who is also a fighting done, nor ever were severe fight as hard and as long as its more successful antagonist. There is glory perpetual remembrance of the great "Time is money," said he, without battles so worthily fought there-

No Doubt About the Quality of American Soldiers.

Infantry, of course, constitutes the main body of all modern armies, and by the quality of its infantry an army must be judged. The capacity of Americans to make excellent soldiers was proved in the war beyond a question. That hundreds of thousands of men, most of them entirely unacquinted with the elements even of dicipline and drill, were transformed in so brief a period into officers and soldiers was certainly one of the wonders of our ltime. But the material was in the main of the best; the desire to master the new trade well-nigh universal and very strong; and there were from the beginning many opportunities for practising what had been learned. The armies of 1862 were far and away superior to the levies of 1861. The armies of 1863 were decidedly superior to those of 1862. But in 1863 it efficiency was reached in both the Federal and Confederate armies in the East, and certainly in the Western army of the Confederacy.-Scribner.

The Secret of Wifely Success.

An Arab's recipe to make a happy wife: "I advise all women to be as slaves to their husbands if they would have them their slaves. Pay great attention to his dinner and see that he sleeps well, because hunger produces anger and want of sleep bad temper. Be silent as to his secrets; be not melancholy when he is gay, nor gay when he is sad; study his temper and he will | make thee happy and-bless thee."

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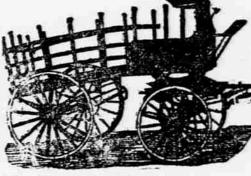
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