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This, though a story of real life, is so full of mysterious events, that to one unacquainted with the facts, it may appear as a romance of the first magnitude. To all such I will only say-but now that I think better of don't believe a word they utter.

with saw-dust. marrow of your bones, that neither | years afterward. It is almost in- charge supply the poison for typhus | by her husband asking her when she house nor occupants had ever been, credible, but it is too true. Jason's and diphtheria. nor ever meant to be on a level with death was caused by the oxen he was Near the time of the great Hegira supply of clothing, "where that half the common herd. The buildings driving. He had a heavy load of from Nanvoo, the Droeds brought dollar was he had given her only were almost surrounded by dense oak rails on his wagon, and the cat- home with them several pieces of last week," and the little Ptolemnies woods, yet there was an open space the becoming frightened at some property belonging to the Prophet all out at the toes too, and their which was the farming land. This object, ran down a steep hill. The Joseph Smith, and held them for sale. white linen suits so badly frayed space might have been natural, and wagon was overturned, the load I don't remember now but three they couldn't go to the temple anit may have been the work of the thrown on him and he was found things. First, the mummies above other Sunday. I don't know how keeps constantly on hand all kinds of woodman, who couldn't be induced dead by the roadside. My heart referred to, second, a buggy, and last it was done, but one of the twins to spare that tree. When I affirm seemed torn from my bosom, and as a baby's cradle. Now, if you will who so kindly furnished us the that the woods were compact I speak for his poor mother, she has never allow me to reverse things some- horrible entertainment, opened the on behalf of the wooded portion of been the same woman since. While what, I will begin with the cradle. | queen's mouth and took out a por-Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, if you wondering daily how we could en- This modest little piece of furniture | tion of the jaw-bone. That was the will, while the states farther west dure it, we were once more to be than these, can pile up their timber scathed as with lightning. When trifle over three feet long, with had seen an end of all perfection. so solid as they like, for you know the excitement over the newly dis- breadth and hight in proportion. I shouldn't have been surprised after

> same condition. that draw so many times the sable curtains of death around that fireside, shall be related in the words of the old gentleman; and as I have introduced the aged patriarch I had better describe him, otherwise I shall have the whole family on hand at once and not be able to do them justice. If so many others hadn't taken the words out of my mouth, so to speak, I would remark that he was a "gentleman of the old school," but laying the "old school" on the shelf, he was that happy union which real goodness of heart combined with a polite and dignified exterior makes; and when I allude to dignity I have no reference to that whose parent is ignorance, and pomposity born of prosperity the natural offspring. His dress-no, I will not descant at this distant day upon the garments worn by that sad-hearted man. I feel that it would be sacrilege when I reflect how many years he has been wearing the robes of the saints. Though I may say his dickeys (they were dickeys in those days) were immaculate; and I know the female portion of the household were apt pupils in the lessons taught by our grandmothers who through thick and thin, always managed to "put the best foot foremost." Sad,

CHAPTER II. IN WHICH THE OLD GENTLEMAN TELLS the soldierly feats they would be HIS STORY.

gray-haired old man! Peace to his

ashes? not a bit of it; peace to his

memory,rather, and his weary spirit.

flood-tide of their vengeance upon the tap of the drum and come home go and see it, as any ten-years old covered with glory-and mayhap child would have been; and obtainus, we couldn't have suffered more. Sorrow was a stranger to us 'till our brickbats. Had they but had the ing our mother's consent after donlittle Willie was killed. This, dread- Harvard professor there to suggest | ning "spick-and-spanchan" dresses ful as it was, proved to be only the to them the "striking of the key and aprons, off we started through beginning of a series of calamities note of the structure," they might the dim woods. Arriving at the it I shall do nothing of the kind, for that have brooded over our hearth- have raised the building and also house, with curious glances at that the more people try to vindicate stone and crushed us to the very raised themselves in the estimation other mysterious building on the themselves, the more other people earth. I now believe he was not of an admiring world. When they opposite side of the drive, we were destined to linger here long. I dwelt upon the humiliating thought shown into the large pleasant sitting-The Droods, (I call them Droods | think some children are gifted with | that perhaps there were meetings of room, where standing in a kind of because that isn't the name,) had so a peculiar spiritual significance, and the Latter Day Saints held in that recess was a case that might have many strange experiences, and acci- you feel that they are surrounded building (they had forgotten what been a cupboard as far as the extedents, not to mention calamities, it with a divine presence that envelops their forefathers came to America rior appearance was concerned, but will be no wonder if you declare it them like a halo. Willie was like for) their valor and blood rose to 76 the interior department! Shades of "an over true tale." Almost every this, and his mind developed faster degrees Revolutionary heat, and the pyramids, the Ptolemnies, the writer tells of the beauty, wealth than his body and altho'he was only nothing but the report that was cur- Sphinxes and ever so many things | zling, bewildering sort, and her and general magnificence of their four, he was so precocious he might rently believed that several pieces of that are now silently but surely characters, and as this family had have lived an age. No one knows cannon in the chamber could be being covered with the sands of an more than the usual share of these 'till they have passed through the trundled into position at a moments three commodities, I shall be no terrible experience, what it is to notice kept those valiant defenders stood, (the mummies I mean), like exception to the rule. I couldn't have a loved one brought in to them in submission and obscurity. But overlook these things and keep with- dead, who had gone out perhaps an years afterward when the place had in the domain of truth, and to do hour before full of life and beaming passed into the hands of strangers, this I shall give the plain matter-of. with happiness. Willie started one they no longer discussed the quesfact details, and if that don't prove morning with one of the older boys tion to go or not to go but went in Fine Soaps, Brushes, dry enough, they can be sprinkled who was going to the field to plow. crowds, and by twos, and threes, You know a greater part of the and single, and what do you sup-The Drood family had once been plowing in the eastern states is done pose they found? Turn the key in wealthy and influential and were with oxen, and as ours were thought the lock and come nearer, and I will yet well-to-do, but you could see to be gentle, the boys often rode tell you. Is that some one behind ing on blocks of wood to be on a "better days" written on every thing, them. Nothing pleased the little you? Oh! no, its only a shadow. and it was painfully evident that fellow better than a ride of this kind They found an out door cellar. I those days referred to the past. The for the reason that it was out of the have seen them since, and they are a house, a comfortable brick building, usual order of things, but it was the | decided | improvement on those stood back from the road on a little means of his death. The oxen so abominations under the dwelling eminence, with a "thus-far-and-no- quiet before, now became refractory, house, where the noxious, and obfarther" sort of style, and when you and as nothing could restrain them, noxious vapors steal up always,

those eastern folks have a way of covered lead fields of Galena was at The corners were dovetailed togeth- that to have seen them do anything. thinking that our sylvan retreats are its hight, Lyman being young and er, the head-board rounded, and If the whole troupe had stepped open to criticism, and we know they ambitious, caught the infection and something higher than the foot, and down and out in their little white would rejoice over prairies in the couldn't settle down again to farm in each side near the top was an aprons and taken their water pitchlife, and as he was so auxious to The family composing the Drood make his way in the world, we let to admit the fingers, and carved in a the temples to hold their mumbled household were the father and him go, but his mother said she fanciful manner. This was the cra- mummeries, I should have accepted mother, and I don't know how many | would never see him again and she | dle the infant Joseph was rocked in, | it as a part of the programme. I boys, besides the three girls. The never did. They were at work in a and over which his mother sang was frightened and fascinated to the story of the boys will form a chap- new vein, and the props not being lullaby's, and in all probability ask- extent of being unable to move or ter of death and disaster, while the sufficient to support the roof of the ed that heaven's blessings might rest | make any sign, - and what was that? history of one of the daughters, if subterranean chamber, a ton or more upon her child. Once as I was sit- Was it a fancy, or did the queen placed in the hands of a writer of of the quartz came down on him, ting in it rocking and singing with give me a sly look, as though she fiction would furnish details thrill- Those who escaped heard him say a pretty babe by my side, an older would say, "mum's the word." ing enough in their rehearsal, on "Oh! dear." That was all; then we sister who enjoyed making startling Whatever it was I went home and which to build the foundation of a were stunned into submission, tho' announcements said, "Do you know to bed where I stayed all next day, first-class novel. But as I only pro- in our hearts we have ever since that cradle you are in was Joe. and couldn't raise my head from the pose to state the facts in the case, I heard the echo of that sad farewell. Smith's?" and I having a mercurial pillow without a deadly faintness shall divide a chapter between the The old man once so proud-spirited disposition, arose like a jack-in-a- coming over me. All the unique girls and a case of mummies, which sat with eyes cast down, and I can box, gave that infantile pacifier one engravings in Fox's Book of Marthe family had in their possession. easily imagine he was thinking of square look, then propounded a tyrs marshaled themselves in line The girls, an older sister and the two living sorrows, so much harder to string of questions as long as the and came pell-mell down the vistas younger, who were twins, will be bear than the dead ones. A friend mentioned because of their extreme who was once well acquainted with of them to be answered. When the sand fiery dragons, and consolidated loveliness, and the mummies, on the Droods, thinks there was yet an lady, (mother of the baby) seeing nightmares, with a dozen pairs of account of their premeditated ugli- other son, who went to the Mexican my breath was nearly exhausted, legs spiece, and each particular hoof ness; but ugly as they were they had war and was never heard from, but came to the rescue and said, "Yes, endowed with a delirium tremens of a history, and a somewhat singular as I am not quite certain of this I this was really Joe. Smith's cradle. its own. What I suffered I shall one too, which I shall come to by will not try to substantiate it. and by. The chapter of accidents A DEVIATION WHICH TREATS OF IN. mother." Then as if in answer to seating beyond the limit of human CIDENTALS.

worse than evclones. The Droods had shown an utter sies and amenities of life by falling with their neighbors in their religious belief, which to most people is equivalent to an irreligious disbelief. They had embraced the faith of the Latter Day Saints, thereby forfeiting according to the views of some, the right to this world and the world to ome. When I described the Drood mansion, there was one building, and a very important one, that I left out entirely. There was a carriageway leading from the house to the gate, and this building, of peculiar import, stood or one side, and the house on the other. That this family should have a mysterrous edifice standing apart from the mansion proper and that it should be constructed with no windows to speak of below, and a flight of stairs on the outside, was without precedent in that part of the country. And to make the crime of a more heinous nature, no one, not even the preach-

er of those parts had ever had an

opportunity to look inside the gloo-

my walls. Taken all in all it was a

grievance that could hardly be tol-

erated. The young bloods of the

neighborhood often expatiated in

one of the four, all the others standcame in contact with its inmates, you | Willie was thrown against a stone | through door-ways and cellar-ways, instinctively felt they were to be wall and killed. A casualty so and throttle you unawares; that lay selves in getting the water. There of a consumptive nature. It is beapproached in the same manner. strange in itself was still more so on the carmine, and furnish the fuel was a sorrowful expression on the You were impressed to the very when repeated in my family ten for scarlet fever; and the free of queen's face, left there, I imagine,

fatality. If fate and the furies had battle morn they would gather heard of the weird show to be seen

was of cherry wood, and only a crowning horror, and I felt that I open space to lift it by, large enough ers and started for the well, or to moral law, without waiting for one of my childish memory like a thou-I bought it myself of Joe. Smith's never be able to tell. It was naumy looks of perplexity and skepti- endurance to be pressed to "eat At this juncture of the happenings | cism (I had been wondering if Mrs. | something." I abhorred every tho't I must digress, and I hate digression | Smith's feet were all right, and of food, for were not the edibles whether there were not a pair of kept in that necessary adjunct to horns developing under her broad the culinary department known to disregard, as it were, for the courte- frilled cap, we had heard such hor- our utilitarian mothers as a dresser rid stories of the Mormons) "and or cupboard, the very twin of that into the hallucination of differing she was one of the finest old ladies one wherein those other wretched I ever saw." At that time in the things were kept? Bah! I was west if any one was particularly mortified and disgusted that there them to quit it; but say, "I can't." good they were "fine." As some of had been a world at all where folks my readers may desire to know could be brought to light after being what eventually became of the cra- dead three thousand years. That dle I can only tell them it was dis- dreadful lapse of time was as over- seem to forget that character grows. posed of by the family just mention- powering to me as the mummies that it is not something to put on ed, and years after when a sanguine had been, when all the years I had ready-made, with womanhood or Englishman instituted a search for known anything about had only manhood but day by day, here a it, to make his fortune, as he said, no reached eighteen hundred.

trace of it could be found. The buggy, I believe, was sold at now is that I should keep all those public auction, but I saw it last only horrid feelings and weird fancies to mail. Look at a man of business, sixteen or seventeen years ago. was then owned by a neighbor who for over forty years was deacon of the Presbyterian church, and who by a marriage came near being a relative of mine. Fifty-two Sundays be sick and faint on seeing what in the mornings, work, plays, studin the year did that kind, honest man drive by on his way to church in that veritable buggy as I then thought, but when I inquired of the deacon about it, he said, "Well, I don't know, the rickety old thing has been mended so often, I doubt if there is any of the original in it now."

CHAPTER III. THE MUMMIES AND THE GIRLS.

the presence of their lady-lovers on The mummies, as before stated, were once the property of Joseph only too happy to perform to uphold "I am not given to superstition, their own and their country's honor Smith; but why they were left with smuggled into the most prominent but I must aver my family seems to to "find out what that thing was for the Droods, or what became of them, piece of kitchen furniture, and one to break it.

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whole lot by remembering till the

crack of doom that dried beef busi-

ness; and I'm sure too that I obeyed

long enough the ghostly injunction

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that "mum's the word." I now arrive at the point where it becomes an imperative duty to introduce the "Drood girls," as they were called, and if you could realize how handsome they were, you wo'd wish you had known them before. Helen shall be disposed of first, by being first in the order of primogeniture. Her beauty was of the dazcareer in society was something like the appearance of a new star in the

unappreciative world, - there they planetary world. [To be continued.]

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so many columns of dried beef,

which they so much resembled, that

for years I perfectly loathed that

useful article of food. It was said,

says, "tobacco is a powerful narcotic with how much truth I cannot tell, poison, its direct action upon the that they were king and queen of body being to enfeeble the system, Egypt, and daughter and son. The thereby destroying the tone of the quoudam son who was the tallest stomach, and retarding or deranging the digestive punction, to say nothing of the immense drain of the level with him, was only about four saliva and which drain is continually and a half feet high; he was also the kept up by the use of this filthy and handsomest one, and his Royal noxious weed. Its use hastens the Highness, the king, next. The manifestation of the symptoms of queen and young princess looked as those diseases to which the person though they had scratched around is disposed, and most decidedly so pretty lively to get bread, while the when those important organs,-the men folks had only to amuse themlungs, are weak, and liable to attacks yond my comprehension why so vast a number of civilized and educated men and women should wanted money to purchase the spring resort to the use of an article so positively injurious, uncleanly, offensive, and which has not one redeeming quality in its favor. Young man, you, whose system is yet uninjured by this plague of civilization, reflect well before you make the attempt to use tobacco in any form-before you enslave yourself to a master whose exactions and oppressions know no bounds. You may become a man without the use of tobacco. Aye, a much better man than with it. Above all other articles in common, use, tobacco is one that slowly but surely impairs the whole nervous system : the taste becomes perverted, so that simple fluids, and simple diet become insipid and unpalatable. The tobacco consumer is obliged to resort to stronger fluids for a beverage, and to high-seasoned and stimulating food to satisfy the benumbed taste which this poison has produced. Never will temperance become a general matter, until tobacco ceases to be an article of daily consumption. Yet some of the most strenuous advocates for the supression of the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, are perfect inebriates with regard to tobacco. Parents, guardians, ministers, friends, and all who feel an interest in the health, happiness and morals of the rising generation, I beseech you to take the advice of one whose long experience and exensive researches have fully convinced him that this scourge of the human family is yearly creating disease, and dragging thousands to an untimely grave; and employ all your influence, accompanied by example, to prevent those who are to watch over you, and who are to become your legislators, when your locks shall have been silvered by time, from becoming the slaves of this foul, unnatural, relentless ty-

Boys, HEED THIS .- Many people little, grows with the growth and The queerest part of all this to me strengthens with the strength, until good or bad, it becomes a coat of myself, and let them think I was prompt, reliable, conscientious, yet "coming down" with the prevailing clear headed and energetic. When and therefore fashionable disease, do you suppose he developed all ague. To some it may appear these qualities? Let us see the way strange that a child of that age sho'd in which a boy of ten years gets up others would regard as worth going ies, and we will tell you just what miles to see; but it was no more so kind of a man he will make. The than to turn faint the first time I boy who is late at meals and late at school stands a poor chance of being a prompt man. The boy who neglects his duties, be they even so vidual who wore them. There is small, and then excuses himself by one thing I never intend to forgive, saving-"I forgot! I didn't think," if I live to be a hundred years old, will never be a reliable man. And and that is the total depravity of the boy who finds pleasure in the suffering of things will never be a queen delivering up her jaw in that noble, generous, kindly mannered off-hand manner. It wasn't enough | gentleman.

rant - tobacco." Although men

know that tobacco is injurious, and

that if they use it, undoubtedly their

boys will also, yet they fail to exer-

cise enough "will power" to enable

Where there's a will, there's a way

that the entire household should be

saw a pair of wooden shoes. It

wasn't the shoes so much as the

commiseration I felt for the indi-

that benighted object, the mummy