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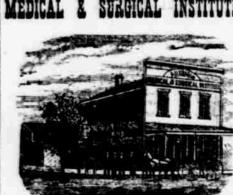
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# THE LETTER.

'Any letters?' asked the Widow Wadsworth, turning from the counter to the corner of the window over which swung a placard bearing the legend 'Post Office' upon it, and glancing through her spectacles at the small row of jars which were Columbus Nebraska. 417-1y made to do duty as letter-holders. 'Any letters for our house, Mr.

> Bristol? Mr. Bristol, senior, who was too rheumatic to weigh groceries, was deaf as a post, and had perhaps the least possible talent for reading dubious manuscript that could be found in the person of any living man, and besides, could never find his spectacles, roused himself from a nap in which he had been indulging, looking bewildered, and seemed for a moment dubious as to what he

should do next. Seeing that Mrs. Wadsworth's eyes were fixed on the jars, he finally decided she wanted a letter, and, reaching up, slowly took a few of them down, and with much deliberation spread them before her like a pack of cards.

'I've put my specs some'eres,' said he but where, I dunno. Look em over and sort out what's yourn, Mrs. Wadsworth.'

This was old Mr. Bristol's style of performing the business of postmaster; and, as it was an honest place, little harm came of it. Often people carried their neighbors' letters to them when they happened to pass their gates, and the only registered letter that ever yet had been sent to Kornkill was considered an insuit

to the community at large. 'They might ha' known no would ha' meddled with it,' said the

old postmaster. The farmers talked the matter over as they jogged home side by side in their wagons, and the summer visitor who did the strange thing, was made to feel the indignation of her hostess. But that was long after the evening on which Mrs. Wadsworth asked if there were

any letters for her house. Peering over the little row spread before her, she saw there was onea small envelope-addressed in a delicate hand to 'Jas. Wadsworth.' "That's Jim,' said the old lady.

Who can have writ to him?" There was no more. She put her single epistle into her pocket, pushed the rest toward Mr. Bristol, and nodded at him. Mr. Bristol nodded in return, rejarred the letters, perched himself upon his stool and went to sleep again. Then the younger Bristol helped the old lady into her chaise, handed in her basket of provisions, and she drove away with the letter in her pocket and a queer feeling half fear and half anger, at

her heart as she said over and over again, talking aloud to berself,-'Who has writ to Jim, I wonder?' Maggie, the maid, came out to carry in the basket when Mrs. Wadsworth stopped at her own gate, and she herself walked into the kitchen. There was a great fire there, and on it the kettle was boiling, the steam rushing from it in one long stream. Before this fire

Mrs. Wadsworth stood and warmed her hands. 'I wonder who has writ to Jim? she said. 'If I thought it was that

girl I'd throw it into the fire!" Then a story she had heard of some one who had feloniously opened an envelope by holding it over the steam of a kettle occurred to her. 'I wonder whether this one would open in that way,' she said. 'It couldn't be any great harm just to satisfy myself that it isn't from her.

I think, according to law, I'd have a right: I ought to, anyhow.' Then the hand which held the letter outstretched itself. The stream of steam beat against the flap of the envelope. In a moment or so it

hung loose and wet in her hands. 'I'll go and put my bonnet away, she said, in an unnatural sort of tone. and hurried up stairs. 'I'm his mother,' she said again, and she sat down in her chair and drew the letter from the envelope. 'It's right I

Just this :-I was naughty; please forgive me. Isn't that humble enough? And if the pic-nic to-morrow. Your own

not told his mother. Oh, how hard The next day a coffin stood in the

things have gone so far, and he has her so.

wife for Jim. I think it's my duty | who stood longer than the rest looknot to give it to him. I'll think it ing at the still, white face, and at her over.' Then she opened a drawer own request was left alone with it,

uables or money, and thrust the letter in and locked it up. She had time to think the matter over before Jim came in, for he was

late, and 'that girl' grew more distasteful to her every moment. 'Going to the pic-nic, Jim?' she asked, as they sat over the tea. Jim replied that he had not tho't

'I'd go if I was you, and take your Cousin Miranda,' said the old lady. I think she expects it.'

Jim, only moved by the remembrance of Nellie Barlow, and a wish to make her jealous, readily agreed to the proposition.

He took Mirauda to the picnic next day, and Nellie was there and ter have it. I only kept it for your saw them together, and remember- good, Jim. She ain't the girl for ing her note, written in a moment of softness, when the wish to recall letter.' certain angry words she had said to Jim was strong upon her, she grew sick with shame. She held out her hand in reconciliation, and he had not taken it. Could anything make woman more indignant? After

that she had never even looked at him. Old Mrs. Wadsworth, having kept Jim's letter a few days, felt that too much explanation would be necessary were she to give it to him after so long a delay. Besides, it would he well for her son that he should not see it. He would, of course, marry his cousin Miranda-only a cousin-a girl she liked, and who worth. never set herself up above her mother-in-law; a girl who did not, like

But Jim did not marcy Miranda No one will ever know whether Miranda would have accepted him or not. After a while she married a Mr. Wiseman, who was better off than Jim, and old enough to be his

Nellie, too, married. While her heart burnt with resentment toward her old lover, she chose a new one, a dark, moody, silent sort of a man, who carried her away to the city. whence there came rumors now and then that she was not happy-that her husband led a wild life. Once some one declared that he was a very madman in his jealousy, and locked her in a room at times. But no one knew whether it was true or

not. Her parents would never say anything about her. As for James Wadsworth, he had gone to church to see her married. and had gone home with a headache. The next day he was delirious; a brain fever had set in, and the doctors shook their heads over him. What he said in his delirium only his mother understood, but if she could have undone the deed she had done she would have thanked God.

For weeks he lay at death's door and then a pale shadow crept about the house-the wreck of bright. handsome James Wadsworth. His beauty was gone and no one felt sure about his mind. He answered sensibly enough when he was spoken to, but voluntarily he never spoke. After a while he felt strong enough to do farm work, and did what his

mother suggested, and she grew used to his altered ways. So matters rested when, ten years from her wedding day, Nellie came back to her father's house in a widsat upon the old homestead porch. Jim is but a boy, and I'm his mother. and stood for a moment staring at ent, in thinking about her future

they were, and went home. His mother saw him coming. He sought no path. As the bee flies, he gained the doorway at which his

without a look. 'Jim, my boy, what is it?' she

Then she cast her eyes over the never spoke to her. Then he began to babble; he uttered Nellie's name; 'DEAR JAMES :- I know, after my he reproached her with inconstancy conduct, it is my place to write first. -called her tender names in one breath and cursed her in the next. you do, please come and take me to Then he gave one wild cry and sprang up in his bed and dropped back again with his eyes staring 'It's from that girl,' said Mrs. toward heaven. He was dead. The Wadsworth, 'it's from her. And mother knew that before they told

it is to bear! I don't want Jim to low-ceiled parlor, and in it lay a Queensware. marry; but of all girls that one.' pale statue with closed eyes-all that And she rocked to and fro. 'There was left of James Wadsworth. One has been a quarrel,' she said, at last, by one the friends and neighbors 'and she's written this to make up. came softly in to look at him, and If he never got it he'd never speak. went away more softly, often in tears. I know his pride. She comes of a At last came one woman-a fair best seat in the room to an invalid,

of her bureau in which she kept val- while curious people in the other room wondered whether it was true that Nellie and Jim were once engaged and had quarrelled, for this was Nellie in her widow's weeds who had come to look at Jim for the last time. And as she stood there an inner door opened, and an old lady crept in. It was Mrs. Wadsworth, broken down at last, and with the strange, restless light of an unsettled intellect in her light blue

> crossed the room and stood beside the coffin. 'Jim,' she said, 'here's your letter. I've been thinking it all over, and since you take it so hard, you'd bet-Wake up, Jim, here is your

> eyes. She held an old letter in her

hand, and it rustled as she slowly

But the white, frozen hands lay still upon the chest, and other small woman's hands grasped it instead. Nellie knew her letter and knew all

the story now. 'Here is your letter, Jim?' sh whispered, and she laid it under the white flowers upon the bosom, and, stooping, kissed the waxen hands and brow. 'Oh, Jim, Jim,' she said. and let her black veil down over her face and went away.

And the village gossips, who start ed after her as she passed down the village street, wondered again it life. she had been engaged to Jim Wads-

At His Old Tricks. In speaking of the actions of the wo presiding officers of the legislature, in appointing committees, the Lincoln Globe pointedly says:

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> when a pretty young woman enters the car they watch for the first chance to put her fare in the box. Why don't you watch just as eagerly to wait on your wife? Again, my and punishment. young busband, you and your wife must cultivate mutual confidence. Distrust of each other is the bane of human society everywhere.

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Wisdom by impulse is to be trusted by those only who have habitually used their reason to the full extent of its powers in forming the heart and cultivating the judgment. A man who has little or nothing

to do with other men on terms of open and free equality needs the native sense of five to behave himself only with a fair average of pro-Never chide your husband before company, nor prattle abroad of af-

fairs at home. What passes between two people is much easier made up before than after it has taken air. Beware of drunkenness. It impairs the understanding, wastes the estate, banishes the reputation, consumes the body, and renders a man of the

brightest parts the common jest of an insignificant clown. Some people are very glad to have you pray with them after the doctor has looked seriously at them, but with returning health they smile at their own tears and your expressed desire for them to lead a better

It we live rightly here we shall pass into the other world to live happily there. Hence we need not mourn the absence of friends who have gone to another country and are enjoying life there. There are a great many people

who would like to be relieved of drudgery, Coleridge's words, or better, the gospel words would point out the way. The upward path is one of perpetual victory. There is an indirec! way of getting the things of this world, and that is by way of

# the kingdom.

The Sister. No household is complete without sister. She gives the finish to the family. A sister's love, a sister's influence-what can be more hallowed? A sister's watchful care-can anything be more tender? A sister's kindness-does the world show us anything purer? Who would live without a sister? A sister is a sort of guardian angel in the home circle. Her presence condemns vice. She is the quickener of good resolutions, the sunshine in the pathway of home. To every brother she is light and life. Her heart is the treasure house of confidence. In her he finds a safe adviser, a charitable, forgiving, tender, though often severe friend. In her he finds a ready companion. Her sympathy is as open as day and as sweet as the fragrance of flowers. We pity the brother, who has no sister, no sister's love. We feel sorry for the home which is not enlivened by a sister's presence. A sister's office is a noble and gentle one. It is her's to persuade to virtue, to win to wisdom's ways; gently to lead where duty calls; to guard the citadel of home with the sleepless vigilance of virtue; to gather graces and strew flowers around the home altar. To

### in a holy office. Training Children.

be a sister is to hold a sweet place in

the heart of home. It is to minister

The grand blunder which almost

all parents and nursemaids commit is that when the child takes a whim against doing what he is wanted to do-will not eat his bread and butter, will not go out, will not come to his lessons, etc .- they, so to speak, lay hold to his hind leg and drag him to his duties; whereas, a person of tact will almost always distract the child's attention from its own obstinacy, and in a few minutes lead it gently round to submission. We know that many persons would think it wrong not to break down the child's self-will by main force, to Look out for your habits, young come to battle with him and show his room and to bed. For hours he man. Don't get into the habit of him that he is the weaker vessel; but neglecting the little courtesies of life our conviction is that such struggles in your home. Just see the young only tend to make his self-will more men in a bobtail horse car sit for- robust. If you can skillfully conward on the edge of the seat, and trive to delay the dispute for a few minutes and get his thoughts off the excitement of the contest, ten to one he will give in quite cheerfully; and this is far better for him than tears

> lover she was afraid wouldn't stick, covered her lips with glue and invited him to kiss her. Owing to the fact that she had previously posted her father when to pounce into the parlor, the plan worked admirably.

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Patience on a monument, is all well enough, for poets, but doctors plant their patients beneath.

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