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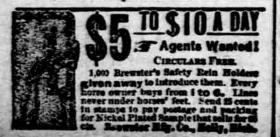
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The long-sought He took the medic looking pill, And twenty minute Yankee Blade.

A STARTLING EXPERIENCE.

BY FLORENCE WELDON.

Josie McClure was always plucky, upearthly, Every one said so, and what every one says is pretty apt to have some truth in reached the station. But what was my her birth, when, a poor, puny, post- She had not gone home, for her tin pail humous little creature, she was sent into stood upon the table and a handkerthe world to assuage the sorrow of a chief lay on the floor beneath. I half heart-broken widow-mother-a glanced in the pail. Her supper was Judge. "Don't I know it! I cat with delicate creature whose near friends ret untouched. The place was growing were few and whose resources were dark and no lamp lighted. Suddenly, slender.

red-headed termagant, some were knew that Josie was "T. W." Whoever spoon victuals till they learn the use of pleased to term her, but these were, it was calling persisted so that I grew as a rule, such of her schoolmates who uneasy. Where could the girl have had cause to fear her wrath for misdo- gone? At length, as she did not come, ings of their own. Big boys who tor- I answered the call, "Well, what is it?" mented their smaller brethren and girls "About the express," the answer came. who stooped to petty meannesses were "There is no mistake." I hesitated, the house made famous by John Wilson Josie's special detestation. But Josie's What should I say? "Repeat instruc- in his "Noctes Ambrosiana." To his school life could not last as long as that tions. "T. W.' is cut for the moment." of most girls. It came upon her all at I knew only that the express would at all proud of the celebrity which had once one day that she had a mission in come from the west, and this was a man been conferred upon his establishment. the world, namely to assist in providing talking at the station fifty or sixty miles On the contrary, he had taken it into for herself and her mother. I shall al- to the east. He answered after a mo- his head to be highly indignant at beways believe that I first put the notion ment: "Matter of life or death. Ex- ing thus put into literature. in her head to become a telegraph oper- press will leave A- in ten minutes. pot of that sleepy village nearly every and wait for special from east to pass. am sir; I'm an individual." master, train-dispatcher and general from here to A" operator all in one.

she stood watching me.

expert."

bright, red-hazel eves. "What makes you think so?"

lose vour head." "No; I am pretty cool. Remember here," it said. "Bound and gagged; when Crittenden's horse ran away with | tied down so I can't get my hands free

as cool that moment as I am now. to something warm and human. Grace was screaming murder." "If you had a position like mine," I her.

laughed, "there wouldn't be much to scare you. It's all I can do to keep this?" awake-some days."

"I'd rather go farther west," said

Briefly, it happened to suit her. She took a few lessons of me. I gave her something of a start. Then she went to the city and took a regular course of instruction. The next I knew she had been assigned to a station 500 miles further toward the setting sun. Her mother and herself removed at once from our midst, and Josie was lost to me, save for a sparkling little

epistle I used to receive every week or ten days detailing her various experihave gotten on without her letters, I scoundrels came on me just as I had missed her so at first. It turned fright- taken a note of the special, so I should

fully dull and sleepy at my station, but make no mistake." I managed to keep awake and attend to things as they deserved. Several and spring moved along slowly. Jomy heart.

"Haven't much excitement out here," occasional train-robbery. No smash- out. We trimmed and lighted it. ups, no collisions, nothing lively. Not I'll call you up and chat a little; then track-you know, to the west. Stop the roundabout way puts me out of the express and tell them-that is all soon. Mother will be so glad to see other lantern and go the other way." you. She's crazy about her chickens. raising an enormous number. And such luck! They're always falling into No, you shall not go alone. I will gothe soft-soap keg or something else. Mother's health is just splendid. As The express is almost here." for me, I've gained fifteen pounds,"

It was this that put the notion in my head. I obtained a substitute and took I ran on.

my vacation in early June. The evening of the next day I

fixture. was pushed back from the auburn hair the corner. Luckily I remembered in curling on her forehead. She gave me time. Then I ran-fast as I could, but a good, hearty hand-shaking and or- feeling pretty shaky as I crossed the dered me into the station.

more than a shed. Do you have it all I mention the bridge. to yourself?"

"Pretty often. There's a man around my little lautern swinging until I sometimes, but he's a lazy sort of a heard a low humming of the rails becreature, and, to tell the truth, I gin and saw a distant light grow bright. haven't much confidence in him. I've "Heaven give me strength." I prayed, got my eye on him pretty close. He and stood there waving my lantern looking character, some stranger friend kept on swinging my lantern. tery; might have been fishing, though signaling. Thank Heaven, the light full directions how to go and you start flung me with furious force upon the at once. Walk fast and you'll be in ground. time. And won't mother be pleased. Then I knew no more. But it was though? You see, I've got my supper all right; the special picked me up and

here in a tin pail. I've got to stay and came along slowly with men out ahead. see the express go by all right-" I interrupted her with the wish that press, so all was well. she would allow me to remain with her. The people on the special made me a nice little present, though I'm sure I Courier.

two and mother's all alone. You can made a great fuss over me. come back after me if you like, though I had run so far, I suppose, they

afraid. Start right along now; it's a but afterward were caught. good mile." She gave me the directions and I set

out, rather reluctantly, it must be con-

road leading to her home. Mrs. Me- up to."

and my own as well. Then I rose to return to the station. thought it was came into my mind and caused me to hasten my footsteps. Time orders." had flown. It was 8 o'clock and after, and growing quite dark. The sky had clouded over, as if a storm were im-

I hurried on; I almost ran, and finally She was plucky from the hour of surprise to find Josie was not there.

day on her way home from school and Other train blocked with freight. For It is not clear what he meant b watch me at my work. I was station- God's sake, fix it right. No direct wire A cold chill ran over me. Where "I don't think I could ever learn to was Josie? How can I call up the send a message," she said one day, as other station? I made an attempt but got no answer. I waited a little, but no "Oh, yes, you could," I answered. Josie. It was growing darker. I rushed "In fact, I think you'd soon become an out on the platform and looked up and down. There was a small shed across She looked up sharply with her the track. I ran over and wrenched open the door, but could see nothing for the darkness. "Josie," I called despair-"Your quick nature and good sense," ingly. Hark! What sound was that, I said. "I don't believe you'd ever faint and familiar, click, click, click, I listened without breathing. "I am

Grace and me? I made Grace drop or stir. Unloose me quickly." out over the rear of the wagon. Nei- I grooped my way into the shed, ther of us was scratched. I was just stumbled over piles of wood and came

It was a moment's work to release

She caught her breath with a gasp. "Back to the station!" she cried "don't waste a second." We ran together. She caught the key and called up the office I had spoken with. "Villainly," she telegraphed. "Wire to A- cut. Station man here in plot. Call up A- by D- and G-. "Too late," the answer came back. Express has left A- by this. Flag

Josie turned and looked at me for an

instant almost despairingly. "Whas shall I do? The special has left there. The express has started. I'm sure I don't know how I should They will meet on the same track. The

"We must flag the express!" I cried. "We must flag both," she said. "This months passed. Winter slipped away may not be all that has been done. While speaking she had turned to light sie's letters came regularly to gladden the lamp, and I could see how pale she

"A lantern," I said ther. She has she wrote. "No Indians and only an tened to a box in the corner and took it

"This is only one," she said. many messages. Scmetimes I think need two. Take this and go down the humor. Take a vacation and visit us I will run to the nearest house, get an-I shuddered.

"Suppose those men come upon you? "Hush!" she said. "Go quickly.

And I obeyed. And as I ran I trembled at the thought of her peril. I trembled so that the lantern shook, but

JOSIE ENDS THE STORY.

bridge on the trestles and heard the "Gracious!" said I; "not much water far below. Sam turns pale when

On and on I ran in the darkness with

went off this afternoon with a queer wildly. The light came nearer. I of his. Where they went to is a mys- stepped from the track, but kept on folks don't fish at midday. Now," she came more slowly; the special was went on, changing the subject with her stopping gradually-when at my ear I old vivacity, "it's just about half an heard voices of suppressed rage. With hour till supper time. I'll give you a terrible oath some one seized me and

And Sam, deap boy, had met the ex-

"No. I haven't enough supper for didn't want them to, Indeed, they

don't mind the walk alone. Haven't knew it must have been exhausting the slightest idea how it feels to be The scamps who laid the plot made of And Sam-oh, well-Sam is my hus

band now.

CONSISTENT. "You can't teach an old dog nev The station stood somewhat above the tricks," said old Judge Dewey, of Yelvillage, the railroad wound past on an low Mound City, when his wife begged embankment, crossing a river gulley on him for the third time to remember to a high bridge a short distance to the eat with his fork at her approaching dinner party; "I'll try not to forget, my I followed Josie's directions; went dear, but I wasn't brought up to it. down through the village and up the Folks ought to do what they're brought

Clure gave me a delightful welcome and He did not remember at the dinner a supper beyond description. We had party. His knife went to his mouth a a pleasant talk of old times and new, dozen times. Next day, when the fam-She spoke of Josie's goodness and filial ily was dining alone, the old Judge deaffection until tears came into her eves teeted his youngest son, Frank, with his knife at his lips.

"Eating with your knife, sir? Leave I shall never know precisely what the table!" thundered the old Judge. "You'll eat bread and milk till further "Really, papa, I think you are too

hard on poor Frankie," said Mrs. Dewey, as the little fellow left the pending, and the quiet of the village was table. The faces of the elder boys and the grown-up daughters showed that they agreed with their mother.

"He ate with his knife." growled the old man. "So did you at the dinner." retorted

Mrs. Dewey, severely. "Don't I know it!" returned the my knife because I was brought up to it, but that boy wasn't brought up to "click, click," from the table. I listened, it. None of my children was brought Josie grew up the delight of her and knew that some one was calling up up to it, and if I catch one of 'em doing mother's heart. A quick-witted, little, this station. "T. W." "T. W." I it, as sure as I live, I'll lock 'em up on

DIGNIFIED.

An English clergyman relates that his father was in the habit of frequenting Ambrose's coffee-house in Edinburg, surprise he found old Mr. Ambrose not

"What right had Mr. Wilson to tall ator. She used to come up to the de- Should switch at P- (Josie's station) about me?" he said. "I tell you what I

but he repeated the statement again and again, with evident satisfaction. The clergymen thinks; that the Scotch are rather fond of hard words. He once asked a station-master whether the 3:25 train went to Campsie.

"Do you want to go to Campsie?" answered the official. "The express does not stop at Campsie. The 12:40 train stops there." The clergyman repeated his inquiry.

Does the 3:25 train stop at Campsie? Such impertinence was more than the station-agent could bear. "Now, look here," he said, looking

very angry, "do you think I am going to be your-your-your amanuensis?" He brought out the word with crushing diguity, and left the inquirer, as he himself confesses, "morally prostrate. A LAWYER'S RUSE.

A Napa County man arrived in town not long ago and went to a hotel, the "Great God!" I cried, "who did name of which shall be undivulged. In the evening he handed the clerk a \$50 bill for safe-keeping, saying: *1 am going out to have a look at the elephant to-night, and don't want to carry much money around with me." There happened to be only that one clerk in the office as he took the bill, put it in an envelope, and apparently stuck it in

the safe. Two days later the visitor sauntered into the hotel office looking rather sheepish and dejected. Waiting until he saw the clerk alone he sided up and said: "I will trouble you for that \$50,

"What fifty dollars?" asked the offi cial coolly.

The guest recalled the incident of his handing over the money for safe-keeping, but in spite of his insistence the clerk denied all knowledge of the matter. Whereupon the man of Napa County consulted a lawyer.

"Procure another fifty-dollar bill," said the lawyer: "take a friend with you, and go to the clerk again. Say you find you were mistaken, and that you discovered the bill in your pocket. Ask him, in your friend's presence, if he will keep it in the sa'e until you need it. Then come back to me for instructions."

The visitor did as he was bid, and returned to his legal adviser the next day. "Now, go back to the hotel alone and when you find your clerk disengaged ask him for your money." This the visitor did, and the money

was forthcoming. "Now." said the man of law, when the client applied for further orders, "take the friend who was a witness to your handing over the second fifty-dollar bill, go with him to the clerk, and ask for your bank note again."

The ruse was entirely successful The clerk, finding that his victim had a alighted from the way train at the town This was as far as Sam could write, witness to the transfer of his money. where Josie and her mother lived-at poor boy. He always shudders when and that a denial would be useless, the station where Josie herself was a he speaks of that night. But it was stepped behind the desk, dug the orignothing, after all, so terrible. I got inal fifty-dollar bill from his pocket, A trim little figure came running to- the other lantern in great haste; not thrust it into an envelope, stepped to ward me. It was she. She had on a from any neighbor, for there was no the safe and, pretending to take it out, plain gingham dress and a jaunty cap time, but out from behind the box in handed back his booty. - San Fran-

cisco Bulletin. AN UNWORTHI SUSPICION. Mr. McSwat picked up a doughnut that lay on his plate, examined it critically, made a mental estimate of its weight and laid it down.

"Lobelia," he said, "did you make "I did, Billinger," replied Mrs. Mc-Swat, proudly. "I'll have a whole plateful of them on the table in a moment."

Mr. McSwat made no reply. He was thinking of the \$10,000 for which he had insured his life the day before and as he looked at that doughnut and then at his innocent and unsuspecting young wife a look of cold, hard suspicion settled on his face. A worn is a weapon so terrible in its

it will strike with the force of a thunderbolt, and slay its victim with the flashing rapidity of lightning. A MILENAN never goes to a dance in pumps. Too suggestive. - Boston

action, and so deadly in its effects, that

A PASSING PACE

Twee but a moment. Long enough to feel
The graceful presence of her quiet grace,
And at her beauty's shrine a moment kneel.
To make the swee ness of her gentle face. To catch a giance from out her downcast
A fleeting light of violet, more rare
Than all the colors of the summer skies,
That but a mement lingered fluttering A momen'. Then she vanished; yet to stay
Within my memory like some distant stre
Ormalic, rising, slowly dies away,
But lingers yet when all is still again.

Or, as a dream that fits across the mind When eare is bound by all-forgetting slee Too soon will vanish, but yet leave a behind A gentle sweetness that the senses keep.

If Fate had but been kinder. Who can tell
Our paths had been the same, and, hand hand,
Together we had wandered o'er the fe'l
And crossed the border of the unknown la

We met to meet no more. Upon the sea
Of life we pass like ships. A moment seen,
A signal shown, a shout thrown cheerily,
Then darkness, waves and distance stretch

The New Evolution. Prof. W. K. Brooks, of Johns Hopkins university, in a recent lecture on "Embryolegy or Evolution," proved to the satisfaction of his audience, by means of unintelligible names and mysterious diagrams, that a man is a direct descendant
of the fish. Prof. Brooks is a benfactor. When some one shall catch by
the tail our alleged but most unsatisfactory the tail our alleged but most unsatisfactory ancestor, the ape, and rid us of that stain upon onr escutcheon, we should become a proud people. Everybody wants to believe in evolution, but human nature rebels at the ape. Resolve us back still further: make fishes the starting point, or the living ses flowers; give us the anemone for a grandmother, even reduce us to a monad, and science will swing on unhampered by

this universal protest. Of course the ape must be encountered somewhere on the line, but it were better to begin at the beginning and skip the intermediate links than to have a certain alliance with these caricatures of men continuallythrust upon us. Monkeys, the very embodiment of the weak side of humanity are unpleasantly suggestive of facts. In the pranks of a frisky old baboon there is too much external evidence to suit the

With fishes for ancestors man may continue not only to evolute, but to retrospect without detriment to his dignity. By all means elect the jelly fish and turn the

monkey out. Reminiscences of Wendell Phillips. Wandell Phillips was another broadguage, lovable character. I lectured with him in many towns, and the more I saw and heard him, the more I admired him. He preferred to lecture to a small and appreciative audience in a town rather than to a large and cold one in a city. One day I surn met him on the streets of Boston. He was wit. going along faster than usual and said he was on his way to Paneuil hall, where there be if you were ever to say anything witty. would probably be a very exciting meeting. President Grant had called out the troops

to suppress riots. There was a great democratic crowd in the old historic hall and it appeared dangerous for a republican to attempt to speak. I entered in front and Mr. Phil lips, just as I cast my eyes on the plat-form, began to ascend it from the speaker's entrance. A democratic orator was | When she had Children, she gave them Castoria. speaking, but no sooner had Mr. Phillip's head appeared above the platform than the people began to shout, "Phillips!"
"Phillips!"

Very soon he was addressing the audience and endeavored to concilliate and pacify his hearers. In all cases where great peril existed to the citizens, he said, it was the duty of the government to protect them. No sooner had he finished the sentence than a number of men began to hiss. The great orator paused and in a gentle way, more in sorrow than anger, he

"Truth thrown into the caldron of would make a noise like that."

It had a wonderful effect, and from that moment until he finished he was not interrupted, save with rounds of applause. What Have You to Exchange?

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Shakespeare has just been discovered at Stratford-on-Avon. It seems that John Wheeler, aged 80, late an inmate of the Warwick Union, who at one time irrreverently cut his initials on the "sacred relic, has deposed on oath before a justice of the peace that it was long the property of his family and known among them, at least, as "Shakespeare's table," and that he remembered hearing his grandmother say that she purchased it from a woman who had bought it at a sale at Shakespeare's house in Henley street.

NOT long ago I saw the original manuscript from which was abridged and drafted the greatest message of President Franklin Pierce, writes a correspondent of the Pertemouth Times. It was in the handwriting of seventeen different prominent men of this country, including cabinet officers and heads of departments, but the most pointed suggestions in it were in the fine, peculiar chirography of Isaiah Minot, who is still living in Concord.

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What a Little Girl Thought.

A little Bhods Jaland avenue girl came puffing into the house yesterday afternoon and met her mother in the hall.

"Why, Plossie," she exclaimed, "I just walked home, mamme.

"Well, you see, mamma, it was gave the conductor the quarter I gave the conductor the quarter and he put it in his mouth and said, 'Is it good?' and I said no, it wasn't, because I never saw anybody eat a quarter and then he handed it back to me and I didn t have any more money, so I got out and walked Conductors don't eat money, do they

The mother explained that "good" didn't always mean good to eat, and Flossie consoled herself with the quarter which she had prevented the conductor from devouring before her eyes.— Washington Star.

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A GENTLEMAN arrived at Palatka the other day having in his possession a tooth weighing over six pounds, which was taken from the hed of Perce creek, south Florida It looked aged and its enamel was nearly gone from the wear of the water. Fou weeks ago a similar tooth was discovered and sent to the Smithsonian institution

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