We count the broken lyres that rest
Where the sweet walling singers slumber,
But o'er their silent sister's breast
The wild flowers who will stoop to number?
A few may touch the magic string,
And noisy fame be proud to win them;
Ains! for those who never sing,
But die with all their music in them.

Nay, grieve not for the dead alone, Whose song has told their hearts' and story; Weep for the voiceless who have known The cross without the crown of glory? Nor where Leucadian breezes sleep O'er Sappho's memory-haunted pillow, But where the glistening night dows weep O'er nameless sorrow's church yard willow.

thi! hearts that break and give no sign, save whitening lip and fasting tresses. Till death pours out his cordial wine, Slow dropped from misers's crushing pro II singing breath or echoing chord. To every bidden pang were given, What endless melodies were poured, As sad as earth, as sweet as Heaven!

> (From the Golden Age.) How Alvin Came Home. BY AUGUSTA LARNED.

It was dreary work cutting carpet-

between the pressure; the between the betw

home. The news had traveled two or three hundred miles by rail and stage before it came to her hand; but Patience watched for it with a beating heart. The account of a bloody battle generally drove her to bed with a bad headache, caused by the harder aching of her mother heart. Rachel's sympathies were mainly on the mother's side; she did not think so much of the stricken wives or desolate young maidens mourning over their dead. She had one of those intense but narrow natures which Puritanism develops, with little imagination, but strong and fervent feelings. Her mind was so deeply religious that the whole of life was invested with a sort of sacred ardor; even her joy found home. The news had traveled two or three hundred miles by rail and stage

That night Patience scarcely slept at a sacrifice.

Lord would again put him into her arms to tell the control of the

the singer's seat, in her pretty straw camp had sisters and lots of relation; bonnet trimmed with pink ribbons, Patience met the overture rather coldly; still she was obliged to confess that the sweetest voice which rose above Deacon Spicer's wheezy bass viol, was Huldah Ray's.

Once when Patience was sick with a warke night to pray for him; the worked and saved or him; the worked or him; the wo

her face to the wall, and spoken but a bore a pang for his sake. He had gone few words in a rather repellent tone. Then if any one had peeped under the second place! brim of the little brown hat as she went off the stoop, they would have seen a dimness about Huldah's lashes. There were things which the neighbors suspected, if they did not know for certain, and there were things which Deacon Spicer, being postmaster, thought he knew, for he peered at every letter that came in the lean mail-har from High-

had both pathos and dignity. Such a tall, straight, large-eyed woman could not be easily approached by the gossips, so they left her alone with the music of the pine trees sighing around her lonely house, thinking of her boy, getting him closer to her intense, strong heart, and skipping all the interval, and living in the time of his return when they should of me that she will have to love you.

away in the army, and long lists of killed and wounded filling the newspapers. She had cut up Alvin's little coat. It was the first coat he ever had, and she remembered how proud he had been of the buttons and pockets, and it went to her heart to shred it into slits. The room where Patience Faning sat was very small and humble. It was the family record, and date of her boy's bent down to her as the soft at the short a

rested in the longer twilight, and lived over the life she had led first as wife, then as mother, afterwards as a lonely widow with her boy at the war. Patience had always lived in others. It seemed a sthough her heart had no separate action of its own, and received its pulsations from the beating hearts of those she loved.

When Washington was a single part of way; but every heart-beat seemed a century to Patience, with respect and liking, but all the passion and romance of her being had come through motherhood. She was old; she had not thought of the intoxicating day, and Alvin run right into the mess, just like such a hair-brained young feller; he must have fit with all his might and main. You see the Cap'n he has went home, and Alvin has got promoted for gallantry. And the boy, you see—bless my soul, it heat would over the biss which narrows the world over again, to a single pair, and makes a new believe for the greatest none. The New Norruwest is not a Womant's with respect and liking, but all the passion and romance of her being had come through motherhood. She was old; she had not thought of the intoxicating day, and Alvin run right into the mess, just like such a hair-brained young feller; he must have fit with all his might and main. You see the Cap'n he has went home, and Alvin has got promoted for gallantry. And the boy, you see—bless my soul, it heat world over again, to a single pair, and makes a new believes.

Patience follows.

spring, as soon as the ground grew mellow, he came with his ox-team to plough the garden. By carpet making and odd bits of sewing, l'attence was able to supply all her slender wants. Not a penny of her boy's carnings had ever been touched. That money was sacred. Patience had already spoken to Enoch Holbrook about putting it out at interest. In the long winter evenings, when she only heard the slow tick of the clock in the corner, or the sough of the wind in the pine trees, her brain was busy with plans for her boy's fature.

Deacon Spicer brought the paper in every third day, after he had slowly spelled it over for an hour or two at the cames and the ploud of the limbs. He never will give a MASON & HAMLIN ORGAN, of FIVE octaves, one want to give you a mother's blessing.

'Come here, my child; I know that the remulous shadows spotting the coarse want at lavin lose and alvin lose each other, and I hank God for want to give you a mother's blessing.

'You shall have as warm a place in my want to give you shall have as warm a place in my want to give you shall have as warm a place in my on shall have as warm a place in my on shall have as warm a place in my on shall have as warm a place in my on shall have as warm a place in my on shall have as warm a place in my on the

sort of sacred ardor; even her joy found expression in some grand old covenanter's hymn, that seemed to fill the pauses of the wind in the forest grove near at hand.

Patience had looked forward many the grove, where the tassels on the old the pause of the wind have faced over the could not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet with happiness to sit down to any work in the house. She went out into the pine grove, where the tassels on the old statement of the old himself; Human favorite pies. But when these were could not speak a word; but Patience was so quietly, supremely happy she was so quietly, supremely happy she could not speak a word; but fitting the house was so quietly, supremely happy she test if the could not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet the fill of himself; Human favorite pies. But when these were could not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but Patience was too unquiet to the old not speak a word; but was so quietly, supremely happy she was so quietly, supremely happy she was so quietly, supremely happy she was so quietly.

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dah Ray's.

Once when Patience was sick with rheumatism and Huldah came to offer her services, bringing a loaf of her mother's snow white bread done up in the cleanest of towels, she had turned the cleanest of towels.

came in the lean mail-bag from High-lands.

Rachel was blind, but her blindnesss If I go to see her she never asks me to

the time of his return when they should grow each to the other as the acorn grows to its cup.

of me that she will have to love you, Huldah, for my sake, I shall tell her all about it to-night. I meant to have

The room where Patience Faming sait with its worn, leather covers open at the family record, and date of her boy's first room she had furnished with things eked out and scraped together by the hardest toil. For more than twenty years she had lived in the old dilapidated gray farmhouse, in a narrow round of duties, centering at the cradle of her sick husband; and yet she had tasted keenly most of the joys and sorrows that belong to woman's lot. Her sphere had never seemed mean or inadequate to herself, for holding her child in her arms she felt that she possessed all the dignity and honor earth has to bestow.

But the tears would drop sometimes as a half-tremble in the old man, is an ever vine shadows where the row of potted plants had been, for it was spring and the geraniums and heliotropes were out in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door yard beds, and she resed in the little door, wider, and little door, with the seemed a century to Patience over the life she had led first as wife, then as mother, afterwards as a lonely day, and alter covers open at the family record, and date of her boy's bed down to her knees. In the long, lade of her boy's she had though don't do not hough do not be don to her kind of loss that could cone to her hander of post farmhouse, in a narrow round of duties, centering at the cradle of her sake husband; and yet she had tasted have been assier to bear if he had been brought home feet foremost he had been brought home feet f

When Washington was threatened, and danger menaced the frontier, Alvin had grown moody at home because she opposed his wish to join the volunteers. If was the dark hour of her country's peril, and Patience turned upon him trembling and pale to the lies.

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"You are not deceiving me," she live now that her boy had no more need of her? Is it not written a man shall leave father and mother and cleave unto

arms. She had given her ewe lamb; she sat aione.

Her farm consisted of a few acres of rather stony land that lay close to the house where she lived. Her husband had been a cooper, working at tubs and barrels off and on the busy time of the year, and Alvin had learned the trade too; but the little shop was closed now; and the fields were let out on shares, and ever since he marched away in the coat of army blue, her boy had seent back his pay to the widow, and her cruse and pasket were never empty. Her neigh-

spelled it over for an hour or two at grewdark, quite forgetting she had gone would know what that sweet consent had cost; there lies the pathos of many

Patience had looked forward many times to the possible harm that neight come to Alvin. She had thought of her loneliness that perhaps might end only with the grave; and how in some distant autumn day when the crickets were chirping in the stubble, she might feel glad that she had plucked out her heart and given it to God, remembering that he who would have his life must lose it.

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