Why?

BY BUXE BLUFF. Two chubby hands with snowy daises filled, Upon a laby breast with paises stilled: Soit golden rings around a forchead white. Two blue eyes hid by waxen lids shut tight.

So short a way his little life-road led, So much of life seemed stretching on ahead; He came but just in time to see the snow— Has gone again before the dalses go.

Oh! God knows why his little life was done So soon, almost before it was begun; You know he died the while his soul was whit As are the flowers his wee hands clasp to-night

Nellie's Victory.

"Do you think George has ceased to love you, Nellie?" "I don't exactly mean that, Aunt fary. But certainly George has changed. There was a time when he never left home in the evening; now he never stays at home an honr after din-

"It is a grave charge for so young a

"I wish it was only the foolish fancy you seem to imagine, Aunt Mary." "I do not think it is altogether fancy, Nellie. But I want to get at the whole truth of the matter, and to see if we cannot find out the cause of this change. Surely George is not unkind to you." "He is always finding fault, Aunt

"With what, Nellie?" "Oh, all sorts of things; the house, the baby, my dress."

"With no other ground for com-The little wife blushed deeply, and made no answer. Mrs. Carr, her soft eyes bent lovingly upon her neice, said, very gently, "Where does George go in the evening, Nellie?"

"I would rather have you here."
"Then I will stay. You have the first claim, madame," and he bowed with graceful, though laughing, formality.
"Thanks! I was thinking how long it

"He is at his sister Kate's a great deal, and—and Kate—says he is very fond of hearing Mrs. Gordon sing." "Mrs. Gordon. Do you know her?"
"She was Jane Wilbur, and Is now a widow. Her brother is Kate's hus-

"Yes, yes. But Nellie, you play and sing far better than Jane Wilbur." "Not now, Aunt Mary. I never prae-

"But George is so very fond of music, I am sure you cannot neglect yours, if you try to make home the most attrac-tive place in the world for your hus-band."

Again that deep, burning blush.
"I don't think the piano has been
opened for a year, Aunt Mary."
"Nellie!"

"So few married ladies keep up their music. Many are obliged to give up their accomplishments to attend to the details of household duty."

"This is not your excuse, Nellie. Your husband's means allow you a good, competent girl, and Maggie is a jewel of a nurse. Do you really find your time taken up 20

"And you think in that short time on have lost your husband's affection, at least in a measure. I do not think so, but I will tell you where I think the trouble lies. George, as you well know, was brought up and educated in a home where refined and elegant ladies presided over every detail. I think, dear, when he met you he saw the same refinements, the same taste and gentle manners, that make his sisters so much beloved in society, and such charming ter," Nellie said, demurely, inmates of the home circle." "Thanks to you, who filled a mother's

place to me. "I was very glad when George told me of his love for you, darling. I be-lieved him to be an honorable, true man, one whose wealth was the least attraction to my Nellie." "You was right. He was, he is all you thought him."

"He married you, believing he would carry to his future home one who would make it, not merely a place to eat and sleep in, but a home of taste and refined pleasure. He made the house a gem, as I know, he brought into it a lady, and when I sailed for Canada there was in no circle of society a more charming drawing-room than Mrs. George Hunt-ley's, nor a more devoted husband than the one whose name that lady bore. I return, and you tell me all is changed. e, is the fault on your husband's Have you made his home what

he hoped it would be?"
"No," said Nellie, in a low tone, "When you come to see me again, dear, tell me you have won your hus-band back again. Jane Wilbur was the rival of your girlbood, but she must not mar your married happiness. Let your husband see that the charms that won him can still hold his heart fast."

Very slowly Helen Huntley wended her way homeward through the hot streets. She was pondering over her Aunt's words, whose love for her she knew was only second to a mother's. Too truly had she said that her husband had not found his hopes of a home fulfilled. As Helen reviewed the past year by the light of her newly roused. by the light of her newly roused con-science, she marvelled at the many instances of patient forbearance she re-called, and owned in her heart that the fault-finding of which she had complained was very gentle, and very often omitted where grave cause existed. It was hard to define exactly the day and may be kept soft and free from shrinking, if properly washed.

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refrain from throwing herself upon the bed to rest; and surely her long walk was a good and sufficient excuse for this

When two-thirds dry office a pull again; fold and roll up hard for a little while, and iron and press till dry.

Never wash flannels in cloudy or

The large airy room, cool and dusky, was very inviting, but Helen thrust aside the temptation. Hastily divesting berself of her waiking dress, she put

old Georgie; and then, returning to her room, the little woman proceeded to make her own tollette, recalling her husband's favorite colors, and exerting husband's favorite colors, and exerting hereafter, her own taste. A crisp, cool white mushin, ruffled and trimmed as fashion dictated, with knots of blue ribbon at tated, with knots of blue ribbon at tated, with knots of blue ribbon at mestic disappointment." uriant waving brown hair, transformed the pretty face and figure and bright-ened Helen into a most attractive hostess. Only ten minutes left for the dining room. Jane was sure to have a neatly arranged table; but a touch here and there removed all the stiff primness of Jane's work, while a tall vase of June roses made the dining room fragrant and

when a pleasant sense of rest and relief crept over him. The long closed blinds or the open windows admitted the cool evening breeze, softly stirring the lace curfains; years of freeze the freeze they are the control of t stood here and there, and upon the open piano were scattered loose sheets of

In this pleasant room a chubby boy in white was running to meet papa,

miring look in his eyes, and felt that idence that he had an attack of the fell THE LARGEST STOCK! her work was appreciated.

Dinner passed off pleasantly. Encouraged by her success so far, Nellie chatted gaily, and George found himself lingering over the dessert of fresh fruits

till long after his usual time for leaving the table. "You are not going out?" Nellie said, as she saw George advancing ominously towards the door.

"I was going to Kate's. Will you not come with me?" "I would rather have you here."

was since we had a game of backgam-

"I hoped you were going to play for me," with a glance at the piano. "I will. To-night you must remem-ber that I am out of practice, but after-wards I will not claim that includence. To-morrow I will resume daily prac-"I wish you would," was the carnest

reply. "It has really grived me to see such musical talent and culture as yours beidg wasted." It was cause for regret. Even in that prelude the skillful figers regained some of their cunning and force, and when at

last Nellie said she was tired, both were amazed to find two hours had flown by. Three weeks passed away, and then Kate came to spend an evening with

her brother, accompanied by the pretty widow, Mrs. Gordon.

Nellie had scarcely admitted to her-self why she chose her softest and prettiest muslin for that evening's wear; why was she so very careful in the ar-rangement of the Pompadour roll her husband declared so becoming to her "No. I could practice, but—but—but
well, I scarcely know how I got out of jewelry and crisp new ribbons for hair
and necktie. face; why she selected her prettiest set

"Nellie, will you allow me to tell you a few plain home truths without giving you offence?"

"Aunt Mary! Do you think you liantly; she sang well; she chatted with "Aunt Mary! Do you think you could offend me? Have you not stood in the place of confessor to me ever since I was a wee tottling child? Say what you will."

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Kate said, "You have quite deserted us, George. It is three weeks since you have spent an evening at our house." "Impossible. It cannot be so long." Nellie turned her head away to hide

her glad smile of triumph. "But it is," Kate persisted; "we were counting the days this morning." "I will come with Nellie some evening next week. Where has the time

"There were two evenings at the thea-"Yes, and we have been learning some new duets. And I am reading Owen Meredith's last new poem aloud to Nellle, and we are contriving some addi-tions for the conversatory, that take time to calculate and plan. Then Nellie is helping me about some papers I want to get in order, and—"

"Stop! stop! You are pardoned," Cecits Kate cried, laughing at her brother's earnest face. "Only, when these pursuits will allow you to spare one evening, pray remember that you have a sister. Nell, Walter was saying last week he wanted to hear you sing that Brindisi he used to admire so much. I am so glad you have taken up your music again. We are all so proud of

"I mean to keep my practice up now," Nellie said. "Georgie is getting so big that mamma cannot make him Amity. an excuse for laziness any longer." with promises for an evening at Kate's soon, the party separated, George escorting the ladies home. Nellie sat thoughtfully in the deserted parlor, wondering if her husband would soon return, or be detained by Mrs. Gordon's

charms till a still later hour.

The full time to be allowed for the walk had passed, and a doubt was creeping into the young wife's heart, when a ringing step upon the pavement, and the rattling of a latch key in the lock

announced her husband's return.
"Waiting for me, dear?" he said.
"You have come quickly," she answered. For answer he took her in his arms,

and while he looked lovingly into her eyes, he sang in low sweet voice— "There's no place like home." So Nellie won her victory, and she kept the advantage gained.

To WASH FLANNELS. - White flannels may be kept soft and free from shrink-

when the drawing-room was closed except for weekly cleaning, when the fine-toned piano was first doomed to silence and solitons. If your first suds is a strong country the flamed will retain a first suds. As the young wife entered her own room after her long walk, fevered with the beat of the day and her own train of thought, the little clock upon the mantel warned her that she had only two hours' time before her husband would be home to dinner. It required an exercise of her newly roused resolutions to when two-thirds dry bring in; snap and when two-thirds dry bring in; snap and pull again; fold and roll up hard for a

stormy weather, and always iron as soon after bringing in as you can. If they lie long folded they will shrink.

on a loose wrapper, and hurried to the drawing-room.

Half an hour there altered materially the aspect of affairs; for Helen wanted neither neatness nor taste, when she chose to exert them.

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Vested interests - Money in the waist-Yakima A visit to the nursery and two-year- cost pocket,

The Prussian Government will use

Theodore Tilton is buying up and sup-pressing all the copies of his biography of Mrs. Woodhull which he can find. Rev. Dr. Storrs says that Henry Ward Beecher has "wasted voice enough to make two thunder storms" by talking

When George Huntley opened his of foreigners, proportionally, than any hall door with his usual weary sigh, his foot had scarcely passed the threshold shows 335,303 natives and 300,839 foreign-born.

curtains; vases of fresh, fragrant flowers difficulty he experiences is to live without an income. A loony brakeman on the New York Central Railroad declares that a phan

In this pleasant room a chubby boy in white was running to meet papa, while a smiling wife spoke a few words of welcome. No fretful woman with untidy dress and rough hair, no boy banished to the nursery to-night.

George was a philosopher. He made no comment; but Nellie felt the added tenderness of his kiss, and noted the admiring look in his eyes, and felt that

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