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A WINTER'S NIGHT.

Dear Ben, how few at present know What hearthstone meant long, long ago, When you and I were boys. The very backlogs of those days, With hickory fagots ablaze, Illumed our family jovs.

The brazen fire-dogs silent stood, The forestick both at once bestrode, And sung and sputtered long; The live codes glowed beneath it all, Anon the severed firebrands fall And cease the forestick's song.

The angry blaze mounts upward quick, And sparks fly outward fast and thick As pent up lightning flashes; Close to the backlog, glowing red, The live coals find their nightly bed, All covered up with ashes.

The candle on the stand burns low; Against the panes the flakes of snow, And driving hail and sleet. The frosty air comes creeping in Through every crack and clapboard thin With steady noiseless feet.

There gathered in a circle round, The family at home are found, All bent on one desire; The wintry storm without assails; Within the wish that most prevails

Close and closer still they pressed; At length the children were undressed, But not a whit too soon; For colder grew the frosty air, And back was put each vacant chair, To give the others room.

But two remained at last to dread The icy coldness of their bed And listen to the storm. The heating pan was then bro't forth, So well was known its real worth

in my garden, setting out some rose I love you, will you be my wife ?" then slips, when Mr. Maynard came to the for a moment I thought all the world fence and said : "Miss Lane, excuse had slipped from under my feet. That me, but it is rather late for slips, and this man whom I had trusted and beallow me to suggest that you water your lieved in so completely could speak such

plants in the evening rather than in the words to one who knew he had a wife! North American, that the best men are denser and higher, the grass reaching morning when the sun shines directly What could it mean? But one look into not in that special attitude. Are the over one's head. * * * Most of the upon them." I was very much sur- the clear honest eyes satisfied me even best men found only among the literary droves of penguins made for one landing prised, but it was so kindly said that I without another word. As he was wait- men-those, for instance, who are count- place, where the beach surface was covmanaged to stammer : "Oh, thank you, I am very ignorant "The lady whom I saw_" "was attach two symbolic imitials to their reet, forming a broad tract leading to a about the plants, but I love them dearly my sister Helen, who came to names, as a result of owning a piece of lane in the tall grass about a yard wide

He smiled and said he hoped I would plained. A feeling of tumultuous joy of political character and action that the entrance to the main street of this part succed, and then he bowed and walked had seized me and I was crying and candidate for political action or reward of the "rookery." * * * Various away. It was really wonderful the laughing together. Then I felt myself should have written a history, composed lateral streets lead off on each side from change that smile made in his face. I gathered in two strong arms, and my a thesis, conjugated a Greek verb, or the main road, and are often at their have thought of it so many times to-day. lips pressed in a long kiss, and I am so declined a Latin noun? It looks very months as big as it; moreover, the road It made him look quite handsome and so happy. Coming home he told me how much as if some specimens of the "schol- sometimes divides for a little and joins kind. I wish his wife would come back, years before he had loved a beautiful but ar in politics," considered these things again; hence it is the easiest thing in then I might get acquainted and learn heartless girl who had promised to be as an indispensable prerequisite to pos- the world to lose one's way. * * It

so much about my garden, and perhaps his wife, but when he, having left town sessing a vote, expressing a political is impossible to conceive the discomfort get a peep into their conservatory. June 22d.-This morning Mr. May- married to another, he had renounced all otherwise no best men at the polls; no ery, haphazard, or "across country," as nard gave me a beautiful boquet of his society save that of his beloved music, honorable men before the people, no one may say. You plunge into one of choicest flowers and said he thought it plants, and books, but when I came, character in party organization, no pat- the lanes in the tall grass, which at once was too bad for me to work all summer from seeing so much of my home life he riotism at conventions, and no integrity shuts out the surroundings from your and then not have flowers, so wouldn't I had learned to love me. I don't know in office? Are all these qualities con- view. You tread on a slimy, black, accept a few of his. I think it was so why, I'm sure, but I'm so glad it is so. fined to the business men who stay away damp soil composed of the bird's dung. very kind in him to think of it. I am Papa laughed heartily when I came home from primaries and polls, because there The stench is overpowering, the yelling afraid his wife can not be the sweet lit- and commenced to ask for Mrs. May- is no profit in them; or do the men of of the birds perfectly terrifying; I can tle woman that she looks or she would nard until I fled up here leaving Philip the study, the closet and the class-room, call it nothing else. You lose the path, not leave him here alone so long, for I and him together. am sure he is lonely and sad. It is only December 24th.-To-morrow we are best befit the "best men" in or out of making direct for some spot on the

for a moment when he is talking that to be married, and I am going to the lit- politics? tle white cottage as its mistress, for I In 1876 the popular vote aggregated are, the instant you leave the road, on the sad look leaves his face.

July 5th .- It's too bad! I thought would not hear of living any where else. nearly eight and a halt million ballots. the actual breeding-ground. The nests complaining when the men of their erect and open, ready to bite, yelling choice are not before the people, that the savagely: "Caa, caa, urr, urr," its red best men are not in politics, mean to eve gleaming and its plumes at half-cock suggest that the one man in twelve or and quivering with rage. No sooner thirteen who stayed away from the are your legs within reach than they are ette-smoking women one soon ceases to polls was or is, in reality, one of the only furiously bitten by 2 or 3 birds-that is if best men in the nation ? Probably they you have not got on strong leather do not. But pushed to a logical com- gaiters, as on the first occasion of visitpleteness, this is practically the sum- ing a rookery you probably have not. ming up of the critics' outcry. Of At first you try to avoid the nests, but course it does happen, and happen con- soon find that impossible; then, maddentinually in a popular government, that ed almost by the pain, stench and noise, the "best men" are not always chosen you have recourse to brutality. Thump, for the fitting place. But we opine that thump, goes your stick, and at each current as well as precedent history will blow down goes a bird. Thud, thud, establish conclusively that the "best you hear from the men behind, as they men" for the work in hand get into kick the birds off the nests, and so you power quite as much, in a popular gov- go on for a bit, thump and smash, whack, ernment, by the untrammeled choice of thud, "caa, caa, urr, urr," and the path the people, as they are in the habit of behind you is strewed with the dead and doing in other systems by the will or dying and bleeding. * * * But you of a quiet smoke, as is also the wife of appointment of the ruling class or per- make miserably slow progress, and, worthe Pretender Don Carlos. Although smoking ladies are numerous in Europe The egotistic growl that the best men dient of stampeding as far as your one often hears it insisted upon here are not in politics is either caused by the breath will carry you. You put down that American ladies are the greatest muttering of mental dyspepsia, or the your head and make a rush through the habitual smokers in the world. "I outcry of disappointed vanity, or proceeds grass, treading on old and young hapnever saw a lady smoke in America," I from a want of faith in popular institu- | hazard, and rushing on before they have had occasion to frequently say in France, tions. We do not pretend to say that time to bite. On the Challengerand always with the unsatisfactory feelthe latter is the native in all cases, but | Moseley. ing that I was not half believed. Once we assert it is so in a large majority. upon a time in Paris I lived several There is an Italian proverb, born of the months in an extensive pension des Napoleonic spoliation of palace and pic demoiselles. In this flourishing school ture gallery, that asserts "that not all was Mile. N., a young American of 22 Frenchmen are thieves, but most of from Boston, a sort of parlor boarder, them are." So we say that a large many the reorganization of that army who had many extra privileges beproportion of the scholarly critics side that of a private bed-room, when who complain continuously that the every other pupil slept in 'a tiny couch best of men are not in politics are in a dormitory that looked exactly like themselves intellectual unbelievers in a hospital. "Ah, but your American popular government, supporters ladies do smoke, and smoke a great deal some shape or another of the idea of more than our Frenchmen," said the ma- limiting the suffrage, advocates of aptron of the school one day. "Mlle. N. pointed, not elected, officials, and too smokes much more than M. le Profesteur, often are opposed even to a generous and if you don't believe it, I will some public educational system. We are not day show you the ashes that come down overstating the fact that our literary asfrom her room." I said nothing. And sailants of American politics and politivet I could have told that which would cians themselves are more or less conhave made madame's golden wig stand sciously antagonistic to both the ideas up like quills on a fretful porcupine and and forms that constitute the vital force reduce the matron to a state of gibberand expression of a genuine republic. ing idiocy. I could have told that, in-They are, in fact, the enemies of repredeed, many cigarette's were smoked in sentative institutions, perhaps both un-Mlle. N.'s room each night, and that consciously and unwittingly so. This great were the ashes thereof; also could can be seen by an examination of the I have told that every night when that books, journals and periodicals in which huge dormitory full of pupils was still for ten years past, their opinions and

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The Critics.

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Who are the best men in politics? In penguin rookeries the grass covers Mr. Francis D. Parkman, speaking for wide tracts with a dense growth, like the so-called scholarly class, says in the that of a field of standing corn, but ing for an answer, I could only say: ed as men of letters because they can ered with a coating of dirt from their and mean to have a garden of them if I make me a visit this Spring, sheepskin, printed in academic Latin? at the bottom, and quite bare with a because I would not go to her," he ex- Is it necessary to purity or superiority smoothly-beaten roadway; this was the for a few weeks, came back to find her opinion or holding an office. Are there of making one's way through a big rookalone possess the characteristics which or perhaps are bent from the first in other side of the rookery. Now you

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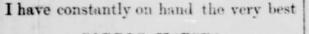
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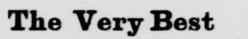
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say :

am crving about it.

"Mrs. Maynard !"

Where are they all at bedtime now? "Around the hearthstone," sayest thou? Nay, most of them are dead. all. It's a great shame for such a noble man to lead so lonely and unhappy a life. I declare I'm so sorry that here I

True we are left, but growing old; The night approaches and the cold When we must to our rest. We ne'er may meet again on earth, But may we ne'er forget the hearth, Where we in youth were bless'd

And if we reach that better sphere, May not our spirits hover near The hearthstone of the past? There meeting, as in days of yore, The dear ones that have gone before, Be welcomed home at last.

Susie's Diary.

BY MYRTELLA May 1st .- Well, we are fairly moved and I am really too tired to write to-

night, but as I promised papa that I would write something each day, I suppose I must try. We have hardly had time to see the place but think we shall like it very well, at least I shall, for I have always longed to live in the coun-

nient and there is plenty of room for my next door. I wonder who lives there; I fence and said

morning. Well, I hope if ever I am showing them to you.

married I can have just such a little

May 5th .-- I am more and more inter- to let me pass out he said : the house to-day for the first time, and place. I don't see how that sweet little girl

could ever fancy such a gloomy, stern looking man. I don't seem to prosper very well with my garden, it's harder work than I thought for, but I suppose I must have patience.

May 10th .- Our next door neighbor, the pretty little lady, has gone away, I

perhaps her brother; he looked so hand was glad to go with him for a while, and and good too.

surely Mrs. Maynard would be back to Papa's merriment has not subsided yet, The population could not have exceeded are placed so thickly that you cannot spend the Fourth with her husband ; but I am too happy to mind his teazing, 40,000,000, which would then have giv- help treading on eggs and young birds she was not. He started off early in the and I hope by my love and devotion to en about 9,000,000 qualified voters. Do at almost every step. A parent bird morning on that great black horse of make happy a life once darkened by an- the doctrinaire critics who are always sits on each nest, with its sharp beak his, and did not come back till nearly other woman's faithlessness. dusk. I don't believe she loves him at

Women Who Smoke.

What one thinks in America of cigar-

think of it in Europe, where it is so fre-July 8th .- Mr. Maynard has been so quent. For does not fat, famous and very friendly of late that yesterday I frolicsome Emily Faithful smoke like a asked him when he expected Mrs Maynard back. He looked surprised and Michigan tugboat? Does not the Duchess of Edinburg enjoy a quiet puff now

and then, and even the Princess of Wales have her pretty little cigarette-I blushed for I knew he must think case which she hides profoundly from me very inquisitive, but I managed to the smoke-abhorring nose of her royal

mamma-in-law? Madame Ratazzi, in "Yes, you know I saw her when we Italy, is said to be a great smoker, and first came here.' so also is Elizabeth Thompson, the artist His eyes twinkled for a moment and

he looked as I never saw him look, but in England. Two daughters of the Duc almost immediately grew grave again d'Orleans, one of whom was the beautiful Mercedes, Queen of Spain, were fond and said :

"I am not sure when she will come," and lifting his hat he walked away. No danger of my asking any more questions, but what a shame it is for him to be treated so. I wish he was well acquainted with papa, for he will

cheer any one up, and I am sure Mr. May 2nd .- The house is quite conve- Maynard needs some one to cheer him-July 25th-The strangest thing hapgardening; but, oh ! how I wish we pened to-day. While I was at work in could have got that sweet little cottage the garden Mr. Maynard came to the

half suspect it is some newly-married "Miss Susie, you have never been couple, for I caught a glimpse of a little through my conservatory ; the flowers creature in a gray dress and pale blue are at their best just now, if you care to shawl, through the honeysuckles this see them I shall take great pleasure in

Of course I went immediately and bird's nest to live in. Such a lovely truly I was rewarded, for never before garden too; they must have very refined had I seen such a collection of rare and taste whoever they are, for the flowers beautiful plants. It seemed like fairy are all of the choicest. Perhaps I may land. When he showed me through his get some cuttings for my garden after a garden telling me of the plants and their while, but I am afraid it takes a great names, and introduced me to the sweetdeal of work to make such a garden as est looking old Quaker lady who keeps house for him. As he opened the gate

"So you are pleased with my little

"Yes, indeed," said I, "I never saw anything half so lovely; you ought to be very happy." But the moment it was said I felt sorry, for the old sorrowful expression came back to his face, and he simply said :

"I hope you will come to stay longer some time and every girl asleep, four of the

saw her drive off this morning with a I suppose he means when his wife teachers, all girls themselves of from gentleman who came in a spring-wagon, comes home, if she ever does. I don't twenty to twenty-two, whose business it see what kind of heart she can have to was to watch and guard that sleeping some and kind that I don't wonder she stay away so, and she looked so pretty fold, stole softly from their bed up to

the attic stairs, across the roof, down a leave that bear, her husband, for I have July 30th-I do wonder what is th

The Vengeance of the People.

criticisms have been set forth .- Mail.

No wonder Russia is anxious to di

ried to death, at last resort to the expe-

European Armies.

A Vienna correspondent, writing to the London Standard, says: In Gerwas fully carried out in 1866, since which time the annual recruiting has produced 1,300,000 men. After mak ing due deductions for dead, sick, etc. the strength of the German army may now be fairly put at 1,250,000 men of the line, and the reserves and the First Landwehr, all of whom are thoroughly drilled and ready to enter the field at any moment. These men are of various ages, from 20 to 32 years. Besides these, the German government can call out the Second Landwehr and the Land sturm, which include all the drilled sol diers from 32 to 50 years of age. These would, after making due deduction, number 1,300,000 men. All these 2,-550,000 soldiers can be marched in twenty-four hours after their being called out, as all the Quartermasters' arrangements are made in time of peace to enable this to be done. From this total must be deducted 200,000 for the fortresses, 150,000 for the coasts and against Denmark, and 100,000 for depots; so that 2,100,000 men are available for real war fare, and the last of whom would only

on the French side are completely

country by means of good railways.

France, of course, good fortresses also

but in addition to the fact that they will

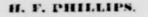
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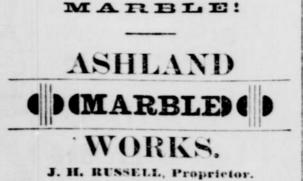
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fully made up my mind that he is a matter with papa to-night, he acts so bear, though she always looks very hap- strangely. Every few moments he would burst out laughing, and when I

May 15th:-The little house is still asked him what was the matter he without its mistress, the master evident- turned it off by asking some question ly consoles himself with music, for I about my garden, or the neighbors, or have heard both an organ and flute there when Mrs Maynard is expected home. lately. But why, I wonder, does he al- I'm sure I don't know when she's exways play such mournful airs ! I sat on pected and don't care; it's my opinion the porch listening last night, and found she's a heartless flirt. I told papa as myself crying just in sympathy. I much, but instead of sympathyzing with don't see what great sorrow he can have, Mr. Maynard he only laughed more with so sweet a little wife. This even- than ever. Perhaps papa's planning ing I had been playing on the piano, and some surprise for me, but I shall be sure on going to close the blinds I saw him to find it out, for I always do. with his head bowed upon his hands in August 15th-How can I write what

an attitude of perfect despair. I do has happened to-night. As I was walk- distinguished General when the proces- est sentiments is not known in Russia. hope, for his wife's sake, the man is not iug up from the village this evening, and sion should pass, and afterwards went to The press dare not print a line which

June 1st.-I wonder what is the matovertook me, and said: ter with my garden, nothing does well. I have hardly one thrifty looking plant something I wish very much to say to bor who asked, "Well, did you see out to her father in some excitement

except the old rosebushes that were here you; will you extend your walk a little ?" when we came. By the way I have and as we just then came up to the found out the name of our neighbors. house he said to papa: The postmaster asked me to-day if we "Mr. Lane, I am going to carry Miss did not live up next to Phillip Maynard, Susie off for a little while, but will see and when I told him I did not know the | that she gets safely back." name of any one in the village, said Papa laughed and called out, "What "He lives in a little house with a pooty | will Mrs. Maynard say ?" garden, and is a mighty queer chap." 'I was so provoked, for I thought Mr. Mrs. Maynard has not come home yet. Maynard would think it so rude. We

If I had a husband I don't believe I'd walked on for a long while in perfect silence, then Mr. M. spoke, and so low leave him alone so long.

skylight, and thus into Miss N.'s room where, with a bottle or two of beer and unlimited cigarettes, they smoked and chatted till-goodness only knows how late-as if this were, indeed, not a pension des demoiselles, but a popular brasserie in the Latin quarter.-Letter to Chicago Inter-Ocean.

He Made a Mistake.

One of Gilrov's prominent citizens, 000. accompanied by his wife and children, came to San Jose last Friday for the ex- it is the only method of reform left to press purpose of seeing Grant. He sta- the Russian people by their governtioned himself on the Court House steps ment. Such a thing as a public meetin order to obtain a good view of the ing where a citizen can express his honhad got nearly home, Mr. Maynard the fair grounds and saw the General questions the infallibility of the authori-

"It is a pleasant evening, and I have turning home was accosted by a neigh- arrested and sent into exile for calling Grant ?" "Yes," was the reply, "and I that a certain Nihilist has been convicted. was very much pleased with his appear- What can the people do under such a ance. He is a man, sir, of intellect and system of goverment? To remonstrate ability." "How does he look ?" was the | will even invite imprisonment and exile. next question. His face is smooth, with There is no alternative but to submit or the exception of a gray moustache; his secretly conspire against the governhead is bald; he wears spectacles and ment. The torch, the dagger and the has the brightest eves I ever saw on a revolver are all the means of redress the human being." The neighbor smiled government has left to its people. and said nothing .- San Jose Herald.

If every year we rooted out one mine. SECRETARY. June 6th .- I was out, as usual, to-day that I could hardly hear him: "Susie,] we should soon become perfect m.

vert her people with a foreign war. dispatch, which we publish to-day, says that the Nihilists of that country finished and are fully armed. They are kindled 2,987 fires in the month of Aufurnished with large stores of provisions gust; many of them, as we know from and communicate with the interior of the previous dispatches, consuming entire villages, and that the loss is estimated at 50,000,000 roubles, or about fifteen on the German frontier, and these are millions of dollars in our money. Th strengthened by smaller barricading forts number of fires in July was 2,883, and the loss 6,000,000 of roubles, or \$4,200,-

ing order before 1881, Germany has the That is reform with a vengeance; but advantage of a convex frontier which would facilitate concentric attacks, such as are regarded by military authorities as the most successful. The strength of the French army is, on paper, 3,600,000 men, but Sir Garnet Wolseley, as well as other authorities, calculates it at only about 1,800,000, among whom are more and suite when they went to lunch. Re- ties. A young girl not long since was than 600,000 undrilled men. Besides this, the state of the territorial army and the Garde Mobile is so doubtful that France is considered to have have ready for the beginning of a war not more than 1,000,000, of whom 400,000 must be deducted for garrisons, etc., leaving 600,000 really available for action. Russia's force, although given on paper at 1,800,000, cannot, as was explained at the beginning of the recent dispute, exceed 400,000 men on the German Extraordinary tyranny justifies extraorfrontier. dinary resistance.

Yeast helps poor people to raise bread for a family.

Marriage is often a mirage.