## Current Literature.

NOT UNTIL NEXT TIME.

BY B. D. BLACKMORE.

I dreamed that we were lovers still, As terder as we used to be, When I brought you the daffolil, And you looked up, and smiled at me.

True sweethearts were we then indeed, When youth was budding into blocm; But now the flowers have gone to seed, And breezes have left no perfume.

Because you ever, ever will, Take such a pro ked view of things. Distorting this and that until Confusion ends in cavelings.

Because you never, never, will Perceive the force of what I say; As if I always reasoned ill-Enough to take one's breath away!

But what, if riper love replace The vision that enchanted me, When all you did was perfect grace, And all you said was melody?

And what, it loyal heart renew The image never quite foregoue, Combining, as of yore, in you A Samson and a Solomon?

Then to the breezes will I toss The straws we salit, with temper's loss, The scal upon your lips anew The peace that gentle hearts ensue.

On, welcome then, ye playful ways, And sunshine of the early days, And banish to the clouds above Dull reason, that bedarkens love!

### The Story of a Spelling Match.

The first spelling match of the season was to be held in the Frickett school tremendous majority. house on the evening of the tenth of the farms for twenty miles around were greatly excited over it.

was the principal subject of conversation, and every one present had something to say about it. There was no reasonable doubt as to the two who would be elected to "lead sides," for George Channing "Debby Rawley," cried George in a clear ringing ed to "lead sides," for George Channing and Henry Lisbon had never failed yet to receive the greatest number of votes, and took their honors as a matter of grew deadly pale. It did not seem possible to her that she had been honored and her that she had been honored

But nothing was known as to their probable choice of followers, and some She made a motion to rise, then sank anxiety was felt on the subject, particu- back in her seat again, trembling all larly among the girls, with whom George, over. by reason of his handsome person and pleasing manners, was a great favorite.

Henry Lisbon was a tall, shy, rather awkward-looking young man, who was elected a leader principally because he was an excellent spetter, and inspired his to see the contemptuous glances which followers with courage and confidence. It was flattering, of course, to be chosen as his first assistant; but it was considered a far greater honor to be thus favored by George, and there were several girls who would have felt very glad had they been sure of standing next to the latter during the match, the sharer of his hopes and fears as to its probable results, and the battle began, those who in fession in Chicago, had soon been able to pay off her debts, and now after three down at once. One by one they were years of hard work, she was taking a vanquished, until at the end of an hour much needed vacation of a few weeks the recipient of his smiles and whispered confidences.

George was greatly amused at the unusual attention he received from the girls at the paring frolic. He knew what it meant, but kept his own counsel, and gave no one any satisfaction as to his

"I havn't made up my mind," he said to Lidy Wheeler, who, made bold by anxiety, at last asked him to relieve the general suspense. "It is a very grave pansed to turn over a new leaf. "I dematter, and requires careful considera-

The evening of the tenth was clear and cold, the sleighing was excellent, and as cutter after cutter and sleigh after sleigh emptied its load of merry young people at the door of the old school-house, it became evident to every one that the spelling match would be one of unusual interest and competition.

At eight o'clock the voting began. Every one present was required to write on a slip of paper the name he or she wished to lead, and these slips were

wished to lead, and these stips were dropped into a hat. When counted the two gentlemen receiving the greatest number of votes were declared elected. In view of the popularity of George Channing and Henry Lisbon, this voting was a mere form, and George, sure of the result, paid no attention to it after deceiving in the bat, his own vote which positing in the hat his own vote, which

positing in the hat his own vote, which of course was for Henry.

He was mechanically counting the number of people crowded on one of the forms near him when it suddenly occurred to him that it would be well for him to decide whom he would favor with "first call." With this purpose he looked about him, meeting, as he did so, many half-dazed earnest, almost entreating glances from as many pairs of bright number of people crowded on one of the forms near him when it suddenly occurred to him that it would be well for him to decide whom he would facor with "first call." With this purpose he look-cept the schoolmaster who could spell od about him, meeting, as he did so, many half-dazed earnest, almost entreating glances from as many pairs of bright eves.

His inclination pointed to Rose Addison, but he knew such a choice would rouse a great deal of ill-feeling and the first spelling-match of specific property. The had not to the window and watched her as she walked away There was a look of pain and chagrin on his handsome face.

"I would give a thousand dollars this manute," he said, speaking aloud, "If a study at home at night," said Debby, in a low, unsteady voice; and with a little nod she walked away from him and went out into the night.

At ten o'clock the schoolhouse was docking under the nearest pump. My conscience will never be easy until I tell

jealousy, for he had chosen Rose on sev eral occasions the previous winter.
"Bother the girls!" he thought; "there

is sure to be a fuss, no matter how I

As the words formed themselves in his mind his eyes fell on the gaunt form of Debby Rawley, a girl of about sixteen years of age, who had never before made her appearance at a spelling match, but whom he knew quite well nevertheless, having had occasion to call several times upon her grandmother, with whom she

Debby was called "odd" by her neigh-bors, and perhaps they had some cause to think her so, for her poverty obliged her to dress in all sorts of outlandish garments which had belonged to various dead relatives, and her consciousness of her grotesque appearance caused her to assume a cold and reserved manner, which, while it protected her from open ridicule, was calculated to give the impression that she was both rude and

She was attired to-night in a faded, shrunken green, worsted diess, trimmed with shabby ball fringe. About her shoulders was a rusty black shawl, and her head was covered with a red woolen hood of her own manufacture. She sat in a corner of the room, her bare, red hands wrapped in one end of her shawl and her feet tucked out of sight under her dress to conceal her worn and patchod shoes. She looked as she felt, very lonely and ill at ease. No one present recognized her by so much as a look, and her heart was filled with bitterness and She wished most earnestly that she had not come, had not exposed her-self to such coldness and neglect. But she was too proud to go home. That she thought would be too open a confes-

sion of her pain and chagrin.

George's eyes sparkled with mischief as he looked at her.

"I'll do it," he thought. "It will be a capital joke, and will give the girls some-thing to talk about for the next six week

At this moment the counting of the votes was concluded, and the school-mas-ter announced that George Channing one whither she was bound. and Henry Lisbon had been elected by a

house on the evening of the tenth of November, and all the young people on the farms for twenty miles around were

reatly excited over it.

At Rose Addison's apple paring frolic The room was so still that the ticking of the week previous, the coming contest the big clock over the blackboard could was the principal subject of conversation, be distinctly heard. George had re-

with first call by this handsome young fellow with the laughing brown eyes.

George saw her confusion, and was touched by it. "Come, Debby," he said kindly; "Pm

She rose then and took her place by his side, too much dazed and bewildered were directed towards her.

There was a subdued whispering among the girls for a moment, but it ceased as Henry Lisbon called for Rose Addison, and the rest of the choosing proceeded rapidly until all were enrolled upon one side or the other.

The schoolmaster took up the spelling and a half Henry Lisbon, George Channing and Debby Rawley were the only ones left standing.

The excitement ran high, and all eyes were riveted on the remaining contest-ants. Debby's cheeks were flushed, her eyes shone like stars, and she had appar ently entirely forgotten her shabby clothes and the neglect with which she had been treated in the beginning of the

evening. "We must n't be beaten, Debby," whispered George as the schoolmaster pend on you, remember.'

"I'll do my best," whispered Debby in

return, smiling up at bim.

The spelling continued, and opinion was about equally divided as to which side would win; but at last Henry Lisbon failed on a common word of only two syllables, and a deatening cheer resounded through the old schoelhouse as, with a forced smile, he took his seat.

All was confusion at once; every one crowded around George to congratulate

and shake hands with him; but he was not too much engaged to notice that Debby had left his side and was trying to force her way through the crowd to

He hastened after her and stopped her just as she was going out.
"Surely you are not going yet!" he

"Yes, I must," she answered, "Grand-ma will be anxious about me."

"But you ought not to leave me to bear the burden of our honors alone," he said, laughing. "You ought to stay and take your share. If it hadn't been for

of which George little dreamed-was

go to town. His way led by the small farm of Debby's grandmother, which badly managed for many years, yielded but a meagre living for two women.

Debby whonever business took inm to Chicago, he never had courage to make his confession. And perhaps it was just as well that she never, heard it.—Hilus. Christian Weekly The next day George had occasion to

Debby was at the window of a front room as George drove by; but the next moment she had thrown open the door, and, without hat or shawl, was flying down the path which led to the gate. "Stop!" she cried, "I want to speak to

George shouted "Whoa!" pulled up

his horses, and jumped out of the wagon.
"Anything wanted in town?" he

asked. "No, no," said Debby. "I—I only wanted to thank you for choosing me last night." the quick tears springing to her earnest eyes. "It—it was so kind of von," and then, her tears falling fast by this time, she rushed back into the house before he had a chance to say a

word in reply.

He stood still a moment, staring after her, then climbed into his wagon again and drove on. He didn't resume the whistling of "The Last Rose of Sum-mer," which Debby's appearance had interrupted. His face was very grave and thoughtful.

For nearly a mile he let Dobbin and Whitefoot choose their own gait. Then just as the wagon was entering the town, he roused himself with a start.

"Comfound it all," he muttered. "I wish now I had asked her out of kind-

There were several other spelling-matches held in the Prickett schoolhouse during the winter; but Debby did not attend them, and George, who entered college in the spring, saw her only at long intervals during the five

At the end of that time Debby's old grandmother died, and Debby, after selling the farm to a Norwegian who had recently come into the neighborhood, left her old home forever, telling no

Seven years later, George Channing, who had become a lawyer and was enjoying an excellent practice in Detroit, was disturbed one morning, while engaged in his office on a brief, by the entrance of a tall, good-looking, well-dressed lady, who, instead of returning the business-like bow with which he greeted her, advanced towards him with both hands outstretched.

"You don't know me?" she cried.
"You don't recognize Deborah Raw-

Deb! little Deb of Grundy county!" exclaimed George. "It can't be pos-

"Be a little more respectful, sir, in addressing me," laughed Deb. "Doctor Rawley, if you please," dropping him a little courtesy.

"Doctor Rawley!" repeated George.

"Oh, nonsense!"
"It's true," said Deb, still laughing.

Sit down, and I'll tell you all about

And then in a few words she gave him the history of her life since she had left her old home. With the proceeds of the sale of her farm she had gone to college in Michigan and taken themedical course, graduating at the end of three years with high honors.

Her money was exhausted by that time; but an old professor, who had taken a warm interest in her from the beginning, paid her expenses to New York, where she spent a year in a hospital, learning much that she could never have learned anywhere else. Then she began the pratice of her own pro-fession in Chicago, had soon been able among the lakes and rivers of Michigan.

"Look at me," she said. "I'm not yet thirty, and I am in the possession of a good pratice, and am on the road to fame and fortune. Don't you think I have cause to be thankful to you Mr. Channing?

"To me?" said George. "What do you mean? I've had nothing to do with your success. It is due entirely to your talent and perseverance."

"No," said Debby," "it is due to the kind words you spoke to me at that spelling match nearly twelve years ago. I had never had any attention or ten-derness shown me in all my life before, and when you in the kindness of your heart honored me—poor, despised, and shabbly dressed as I was—with 'first call,' I knew how to appreciate it. And you told me afterwards that I had surprised you, I made up my mind to surprise you still more some day. I lived on those words for five years, studying harder than I had ever done before, and then the chance came for me to have the instruction I so ardently desired. I seized it at once, and—behold me a

flourishing physycian!"

She ended with a laugh, but there were tears in her bright, dark eyes

"I refuse to take a particle of credit to myself," said George with a great carnestness. "Please don't accord it to me even in your thoughts."

"Honor to whom honor is due, al-ways," she said, rising to go. "If it had't been for you I should probably have vegetated on that little Illinois farm all my life."

George went to the window and watched her as she walked away. There was a look of pain and chagrin on

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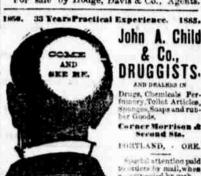
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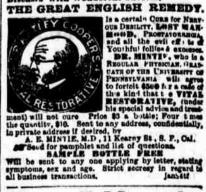


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