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Never a kiss she gave him when
Swift she vanished from out his sight,
Lost as fades in a marish fen
Phosphor gleams of the witches' light.
Stanch was he and her faithful knight—
That indeed she could not gainsay—
Murmuring not at her sudden flight;
Ah, willew and welladay!

Back he turned to the haunts of men, Mingled in with the bitter fight, Caught the thread of the world again, Never doubting in all despite;
Knew no wrong that was not her right,
Smiling still in the olden way.
Not resenting a fancied slight;
Ah, willow and welladay!

The Instructive

Of course he's busy. It takes him about ten hours a week to study out the diplomatic possibilities of his next encounter with his landlady. Then meal ticket and look for chance in-Chinese laundrymen before he adopted definitions of "extreme necessity."

All this may not profe that Jenkins is willing to work, but he is, and he proved it last week. He "offices" with an eminent lawyer. This means, in his case, that he gets deskroom in exchange for his services as office boy, court messenger and a few more important vicarious duties. In the same office with Jenkins there is Stack, the clerk, whose chief excuse for being there is that he is nephew to the aforesaid eminent one. Then there is Harkins, the stenographer, who really works and who is the envy of both Jenkins and Stack because he draws a good salary and is allowed postage on his own mail. Stack's salary is \$7.50, but as he lives with his uncle and pays no board he is really the aristocrat of the office. Jenkins gets 2 per cent on

the bills he collects. Razor Honing and Scissors Grind-Washington Street, Florence, Oregon.

"Mr. Lord, I'm not getting along very well, and I don't know exactly what to do to improve my affairs. of course I don't want to leave you, but the fact ation, go into some trade - quit the rant table christening the collection

your place. I'd start a collection agen-cy. You can do it right here in my of-"Now, Har old accounts, and you can get as many more as you want by advertising."

erally flew about the town till noon.

Others talked as if they would like

their own good, Jenkins thought., Some were so poor that he knew they would never pay.

He got back to the office about noon broken in finances, but not in spirit. "I hope you will enjoy your dinner. He almost lost his temper, however. It is the same as myself and the chilwhen Stack laid down the paper cover. dren are having at home."—London Aned nove; he was reading, took his feet swers.

News spenish many without town

down from the steam radiator and asked:

"How much did you get?" He even fancied that he could hear Harkins laugh when he answered: "I didn't collect a cent. Hard luck, isn't It? I ran into a gang of tough ones and then ran out of car fare. Any answers to our dunning letters?"

"Not a glimmer," mourned Harkins. Stack looked glad of it. He loaned Jenkins a half dollar for car fare, tharged it up on the company's book and resumed his warm place in the

When the young lawrer was gone out, the clerk sidled up the stenographer and said: "Say, Hark, I thin . we're on a dead one, don't you?"

"I hope not, for Jenk's sake. He's so h earnest," said the stenographer.
"Well, it's Jenk's doings. He suggested it, and I guess he needs the mon-

worse than we do."
"But if it falls?" "Well, if it fails I think Jenkins ought to stand the losses. I'm out five-fifty already, and it's his fault."

"But he's doing all the work," suggested Harkins. "Well, so he ought." And Mr. Stack went back to his novel.

The young lawyer worked like a When car fare was gone, he walked, even ran, after his supposed victims. He quit going back to the office and worked far into the night. has sat before a big empty desk for He pestered the life out of every debtnearly two years without earning or who showed the least sign of paying enough to buy a whole suit of clothes. up, and if they offered him a dollar he took it and asked for two. In the meantime, a few answers to advertisements came into the office, but Mr. Lord selzed upon them as "too deep for the boys." Nobody called. Stack bethere is his affair at the restaurant. He gan and finished three paper covered has to keep watch of the holes in his novels. Harkins plodded away indoors, both wondering how long Jenvitations to more sumptuous meals. It kins' nerve would stand the hardships of chasing his prey through ice and

At noon on Saturday Jenkins appeared at the office. He looked thinner than ever. His shoes were worn out. He had a piece of red flannel round his neck and his voice was a husky wirisper. Harkins didn't have the heart to ask him how he fared, but Stack yell-

"Hello, old man! We thought you had absconded with the firm's money!" Jenkins was very silent. He sat down at his desk and began to make out his statement. Stack watched him with curious interest as he piled up the few checks and greenbacks which represented the first week's business of the Calumet Quick Collection company. He had collected \$240, and the net earnings of the company at 10 per cent amounted to \$24-just \$8 for each of the three stockholders.

"Good boy!" said Stack, picking up his share. "You're a wonder. I didn't think you'd make it go."

Harkins, being what Stack calls "a chump," clushed when Jenkins handed him his share of the profits.

"I'll tell you, Mr. Jenkins," he said.
"I don't feel as if I was entitled to any Two weeks ago, however, somebody of this money. You and Stack here did bought him a good dinner, and then all the work, and you ought to keep my share for stamps and car fare, eh?" But Jenkins insisted, and the stenog-

"All right," he laughed; "I'll take it on condition that you take dinner with me this evening. We'll celebrate the week's success-kind of christen the

business. What do you say?" Jenkins and Stack promised, and at is if I don't commence to take in a lit- 7 o'clock that evening the three parttle more money I'll have to get a situ- ners were sitting together at a restau-

w."
"Now, see here, Jenkins," said Mr.
"Now, see here, Jenkins," said Mr.
When they got to the coffee. Jenkins let his bomb fall upon the festal board

"Now, Hark and Stack, as to this fice. Take in the other boys; get up a collection company. I don't know little stock company. It doesn't require whether it is 'the quick' or 'the dead,' any capital, and if it's run right it but I want to announce that, so far as but I want to announce that, so far as ought to pay. I'll give Stack all my I am concerned, it is dissolved, evaporated, vanished. Here are our accounts" He pulled out the package. 'They are supposed to represent \$8,000 at last was his chance. He thanked of good accounts. You can have them. His partners looked at him in aston-

Ishment. "You're joking!" they cho-"Why, we have just got to work!"

"You mean I've just got to work." Stack and Harkins each contributed as said Jenkins. "Well, I'm done too. I'm out \$5 for stamps, I've worn out a pair of shoes, I've done \$100 worth of the county to represent large company of solid that was not expressed in the amount meanest work on earth, and I haven't financial, reputation; \$936 salary per year, payatof paid up capital. Jenkins contributed got anything but \$8 and the grip. This is the first square meal I've had for two weeks, and I tell you the quick collection business is all off."

The next day Stack said to Harkins that Jenkins wasn't such a mark after all. As for the young lawyer, he is in doubt whether to go back to the farm or look for a more congenial place to "office," for now Mr. Lord, the eminent attorney, says that Jenkins has "no sand" and will never get along unless he learns to "love work." - Chicago

The Toper's Dinner. Instead of going to their work one

Monday a number of workmen entered n public house determined to spend the day there. About noon a woman looked in and

"I supposed you are not coming home foot, in street cars and in trains he lit- to dinner today, so I have brought you your share." So saying, she placed a dish and plate,

carefully tied up, in front of the toper and went away. "Looks well after you, your wife Many had left the city for good-for does," said a mate. "Suppose we taste and see what it's like?"

"Aye, let us have a taste," said the husband as he untied the bundle But the plates were empty, and there was a note with them which ran as fol-

It may not be generally known that it is considered a serious offense for a German soldier, no matter what may be his rank, to appear in public except in uniform, even though he be on furlough. The army regulations strictly enjoin that he must always wear bi

A certain Lieutenant Schmidt, who was engaged in some lively adventure or other, dressed up as a civilian and was having altogether an enjoyable time until, on turning a corner, he un

ant Schmidt lives? I am his brother from the country and am paying him a

congratulating himself on his lucky cape, hurried home and put on his uniform with all possible speed.

He thought, of course, that he had

from the country pays you another vis-it I'll have him placed in close confine-ment for 30 days."

"I did think I would never come to see you again," said a cousin of the

porcelain 'crown' from one of my new front teeth, and as my dentist was out of town on his vacation I had to walt for his return. I didn't dure to smile when any one was looking at me, for fear of showing the ghastly metallic back' to which the porcelain had been attached. It was a strain, Maria, but I was equal to it, and I did not want to have to explain."

bloom and apparently behave in all respects like plants are really animals. The petals of the anemone, rese really tentacles to catch food and put it

stomach, where it is digested. The sea cucumber has a flattened body. It sea cucumber has a natural occasionally moves at a snail's pace over the mud or sand, digging its petals, or arms, into the sludge for food, to obtain which it swallows a fair proportion of mud. It has power to sting and so keeps away its enemies.

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Whether on him would sorrow light,
Thus to rander from out his ken,
Fading an disappearing quite;
Though he bent to her beauty's might,
Never a prayer had he to pray;
Curse on him for a stubborn wight;
Ab, willow and welladay!

Prince, when the bards of earth recite,
They strike the chords and insistent say,
Some will love, though the loved one amite;
Ah, willow and welladay!
-Ernest McGaffey in January Woman's Home

Case of Jenkins *******

Jenkins is a bright young lawyer, who took him nearly a year of finance with celluloid. What leisure he had was until lately occupied with a sort of credit correspondence with his father, upon whom he is at liberty to draw only in cases of extreme necessity. Jenkins has written home many really able

such an unwented courage rose up within him that he decided to approach the eminent lawyer with whom he "offices" and ask advice. To the lawyer

Jenkins' eyes bulged with joy. Here his superior repeatedly, and that very I wouldn't give \$4 for the bunch." day the Calumet Quick Collection company was formed. Jenkins wrote a long letter to his father, explaining rused. that postage stamps were an "extreme necessity," and then drew for \$5. much, and the new concern began life with a stock of enthusiasm and hope uted most of the enthusiasm, but Stack and Harkins hoped for the best. The work was so divided that the young lawyer had to do all the outside work. The stenographer, of course, could not leave the office except for meals, and the clerk argued that it would pay to have some one at headquarters to meet customers and clients; so, with some misgivings, Jenkins agreed to this ar-

The young lawyer was determined to do or die in his new venture, and to Record. this end he came down to the office about daybreak on the morning of his first effort. He had a package of statements an inch thick and a long book in which the names and amounts were listed. He began work at 8 o'clock with 65 cents for car fare in his pocket and the autleipation of swift and cer- said, addressing one of the party: tain success shining in his eyes. On Some of the men he sought were

A few hughed at him. Nobody paid him.

expectedly met his colonel.

The lieutenant did not, however, lose his presence of mind. He pretended that he had never seen his colonel before and in a changed voice asked: "Can you tell me, sir, where Lieuter

little visit, but I happen just now to have lost my way."

The colonel quietly gave the desired information, and Lieutenant Schmidt,

taken in his superior officer, but such an idea was rudely dispelled when on the next day he met his colonel, and the latter said: "Lieutenant Schmidt, if your brother

Guarding Her Teeth.

It is easy to misunderstand and easy to be misunderstood, and sometimes, happily, it is easy to give and to accept

prominent society woman who had come to the country to visit her and was about to start homeward. "It's kind of you to ask me, of course, but I remember that when I was at your house in the city, two years ago, you did not seem glad to see me. You were kind and hospitable, of course, but I remember you did not smile once dur-ing the entire two weeks of my stay."

To her astonishment, her city cousin

burst in a a fit of laughter.
"Maria." she said, "just before you came I had the misfortune to break the

have to explain."

And her smile, now without a mechanical flaw, re-enforced the renewed invitation.—Youth's Companion.

Anemones, sponges, the sea cucum-cers and certain other growths which

The sea lily so exactly resembles the common lily that it is difficult to realize that it is an animal and belongs to the starfish family. It has a stalk two feet long, with a disk for a body. The tentacles close round the disk, which has a mouth, and completes the de-ceptive likeness. They are the oldest form of animal life on earth, and their

ossils are called "stone Illes." These creatures were believed to be plants and many people still refuse to

believe otherwise.

An English physician, commenting on the tendency of London bred persons to die young, says that they drink too little milk. Even in the country "milk is not such a common article of dlet as it was in past years, and children are not nourished according to

hygienic laws." A new virtue is ascribed to milk by The Practical Druggist, which says it is the best general preventive of the absorption of poison by the human On the Atlantie.

young man do you find him? Clara-Oh, he seems all right, but a little empty, perhaps.

Mother (who always takes things literally)-My dear Clara, what a very shocking remark. I know he was yery ill the first few days out, but faucy noticing such a thing.-Pick-Me-Up.

Mother-That gentleman seems very attentive to you, Clara. What sort of a

An Epitaph.

In the churchyard of Leigh, near Bolton, will be found a tombstone bearing the following amazing sentence: "A dirtuous woman is 5s. to ber husband." The explanation seems to be that space prevented "a crown being cut in full, and the stonemason argued that a crown equals 5s.—Notes

and Queries. His Indiguant Inquiry.

He (on his knees)—Darling, I love
you with all my heart, with all my soul

and with all the strength of my being.
She—Are you in carnest, Clarence?
He (reproachfully)—In carnest, Say.
do you think I am bagging my trousers
this way for fun?—Puck.

lowa almost from the date of its eye State. Hawkeye was the name of a noted Indian chief, who in the early days caused no little trouble along the western border of American civilian-

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