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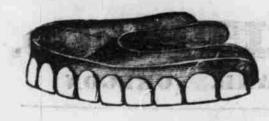
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The following item is from the Christain Union Having arrived at Hutching's, and sufficiently rested from his fatiguesgreatly less than he had previously not to delay, saying she would oversupposed they would be-the traveler take it by the it reached Inspiration not lived in friendless solitude and naturally asks, "Where shall I go? Rock. What shall I see?" Yankee like the host will answer, "How long time can waited for nothing more, but started you givey this valle?" According to down the valley at the top of the the reply to this question will be the horses speed. It was, however, about better fate than to feed the birds and obviate any considerable shock to her programme of his "guide, philosopher half an hour before Mrs. Yelverton beasts of prey. and friend," which he cannot do better appeared to follow them, when than to follow. Certain things, scattering snow-flakes had already however, he will not fail to see. He begun to fall. She would not be will go-early in the moining, if dissuaded from setting forth, started at possible-to Mirror Lake, from whose of a pace not interior to that of her surface the reflection is so perfect that, predecessors. Near the lower end of while laoking at it, he will wonder the valley, and where the briddle path whether he is looking into the water or begins to asend the mountain side, she the sky. He will go to Vernal and looked about for her escort. Neither She succeded in finding and keeping the possible, until some suitable opportu-Nevada Falls, taking a day for the traveler or guide was there. She excursion, and finding it filled with pushed on, the snow now falling quite delight. Elsewhere these cataracts rapidly, as fast as she could until she came to an immense bolder around would be stupendous; even here they reached Inspiration Rock. But no which the path made a sharp angle. feeling perfectly safe under his guidare imposing. On his way to them he gentleman and no guide; was there. Turning this, what should contront her ance. will notice how the valley devides into Hoping still to overtake her country- but a huge cinnamon bear! Ot course different gorges at its upper extremity men, who seemed to be flying from her, the frightened horse instantly wheeled, her host; "in your present condition and, if curious, will try to trace out she urged her horse onward as fast as and made his way back some little you would fall from your horse before indentations on either side, as was following grew fainter and fainter speed. Then his rider reined him in, illustrative of the theory that they until they wholly disappeared, and the She looked around some time. Golin persistent responce; nor would she were violently sundered, and, if brought path itself was not well defined. Still the opposite direction she could not. together, would fit each other she went on until she came to a swamp If her life was to be preserved she indifferently well even now. He across which her way led. She put must go in that. So after a while, she four miles that day before reaching will also find Piwyuck Cave just below her horse at what she supposed the urged her horse down the mountain Clarke and Moore's, where they spent the Vernal Fall, and the rocky parapet right crossing place, but he refused to again, and around the rock. To her Orders attended to wifh accuracy and prompt; breast high on the summit not without take it and sought another. She dared great joy the bear was gone, seeming interest; while at "Casa Neveda? almost within a stone's throw of the Nevada Fall, and right at the base of "Liberty Cap," he will find rest and comfort. "If "Liberty Cap" or Clouds Rest" is to be ascended - and both are accessable even to ladies-this is the point from which to start. Leaving the Casa early in the morning, a party can "do" either mountain, and descend to Hutchings' in time for dinner-Then there is the Yo Semite Fall. I Will Pay The Highest Worthy of more than one visit at both its foot and its summit; while if

> their original intention. or two with you."-

Glacier Point were not taken on the

way into the valley, it must not be

forgotten now,. No difficulty, indeed,

programme for a fortnight, every

day's features will embrace something

new and interesting. Who is forced

with a firser desire to revisit the vallep

than he had to enter it the first time.

He will scarcely wonder that Hutchings

and oue or two other families should

have made their permanent home in

somarvelous a place though it be so far

in the wilderness; and certainly will

will be found for making up

"I am very happy to see you madame," was the reply, "aud I shall ble."

do what I can to make you comforta-In fact, she remained just four months. It was October, and near the time of driving and heavy snow storms before she was reapy to go. Whosoever was not prepared, if need were, winter in the valley, therefore, must speedily prepare to leave it. Three English gentleman were also in the valley, accompanied by a single guide. and Mrs. Yelverton decided to go with human ear to listen to her parting them. The morning came, threatening sigh, no gentle voice to speak a coman immediate storm. Horses were forting word, and no friendly hand to saddled, and the gentlemen booted and to close the sightless eyes or give her spured, ready to mount. But no lady lifeless form a decent burial. appeared. After a while Mrs. How such a curse, though from a drops of brandy from a pocket flask

projections and possible. But the tracks of those she distance with the greatest possible the long day's ride were over." net allow him to go where he would to have been as much frightened by fearing he would sink in the mire; her as she was by him. but to force him to go where he would | With revived courage, she now went not she was unable.

her steps hardly less cifficult. At length | side of the path, was quite a precipice, she remembered passing not far back she lost her balance and feel down the a large pine tree, out of which the declivity between twenty and thirty fire had burnt, near the ground, almost feet, landing among bushes and in seme the entire heart. Back to that she depth of snow. The shock to her retreated, and found it large erough to already over taxed and exhausted frame Here, therefore, drawing her shawls and wraps about her as well as she Reviving, she recalled her recent expecould, and leading her horse into the rience and present condition, and real friendly covert as it would permit him | ized that if her life were not to termito depart hence without spending four to enter, she passed the night, holding nate then and there, she must make a or five days, will find himself tormented the briddle rein in her had. What desperate effort in its behalf. Accordwere her fears and hopes, her phsical ingly she dragged her behaggered and and mental sufferings during the slow her bruised and bleeding limbs out of down through the pine tree tops, it rather stumbled than walked a little remembered shat grizzly and cinnamon prostrate tree, lying close to and near. arriving, she said to her host; "Mr. He had endeavored to acquiesce in his more of earthly grief or gladness. but without avail. Finding her utterly immovable, and losing his own Brittish nobility launched at his much abused wife the most tesrible malediotions. Might she live friendless and alone, in complete destitution and They were to leave on a certain day; degredation, Might she die with no

returned with the report that the lady known; and ia Mrs. Yelverton's Irish horsewoman, and knew the path for night long the dreadful malediction likely of realization. For if she had pinching want, she certainly appeared Impatient to be gone the gentlemen likely to die in as bitter louliness and desolation as malice itself could desire. while for her body there seemed no

But all things earthly sooner or later come to an end, so the night wore away emerged from her covering, mounted her turned his head toward the Valley. down the mountain side, when she

on her way. But whether-for the And now, with snow eight or ten purpose of increasing her circulation, inches deep and rapidly increasing, the or for some other reason she ere long shades of night were falling. What ditmounted and attempted to walk. to do in this terrible strait! To She had not proceeded far, however, proceed on was impossible; to retrace when, making a mistep where, on one admit not only herself, but the head was so great that she swooned. How and about half the body of her horse. long she remained insensible she could not tell; probably not many minutes moving hours, and while the wind the bushes, succeeded once more in was roaring and the snow was drifting finding the path, down which she would be difficult to imagine. She distance. She came then to a large not be surprised that many who go bears, if not verry common, were not ly parallel with her way, and on the there prolong their stay far beyond unknown in those regions, and that it leeward side of which was almost bare was not at all impossible that one of ground. Here exhausted nature re-Of this number was Mrs Yelvertor, them might pay her a visit before fused to do more, and here, therefore, so well known to fame, and who came morning dawned. She remebered, too, she lay down to die. That is, she became so nearly miserably perishing in the the terrible cursed pronounced on her unconscious, and had she not been valley two or three years since. On by her husband at their last interview quekly found would have known no

Hutchings I have come to spend a day wishes, admit the invalidity of their But it happened that Mr. Hutchings tish Courts had declared legal, and requiring their presence at Mariposa; confess herself something else than a and, notwinstanding the snow of the virtous and honorable woman. To previous day and night, they set fourth this end he exhausted all his means, that morning on their journey thith er whether of argument or entreaty, When near the fallen tree, Mr. H. who bribery or threats, within his power was somewhat behind his companion, suddenly heard him call, "Hutchings, Hutchings! for God's sake, hurry up! to temper, this beautiful specimen of Here is a dead woman!" Instantly divining who it must be, as he had been not a little anxious for Mrs. Yelverton's safety, Mr. Hutchings rushed forward to find, by a glance, his suspicions verified. A slight examination, however, showed him that life was not extinct. Asking his neighbor to kindle a fire of the dried leaves and dead wood scattered around, himself succeeding in forcing a few Hutchings, who had gone to her room really cursed as well cursing creature between her teeth, and in quickening a

to ascertain the cause of delay, affects some superstitious minds is well her circulation by chafing her hands and feet. Soon a blazing fire was was somewhat unwell, but would soon temperament there is probably no slight burning, and in time the almost frozen be ready to leave. As she was a good streak af superstition. At any rate all woman was restored to consciousness and partial strength. Then, lifting some distance, she requested the party was ringing in her ears, and seeming her upon one of their horses, these good Smaritans gently conducted her back to the hospital house she bad left on the previous morning. Here Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings so successfully ministered to her needs as not only to he revive her drooping energies, but to system, or injury to her health from her tearful adventure.

On presenting herself next morning. which she did in good season, Mr. H. without bringing a visit from either said to Der, "Madam, it is very necessawolf or bear. As soon as it was fairly ry that I should start to day for light, benumed and almost frozen she Mamposa. You, of course, are wholly unequal to such an undertaking. You horse, and, there was nothing else to do will therefore remain here, where as good care will be taken of you as path, and was making good progress nity presents to take your departure."

"Mr. Hutching," replied the resurrected woman, "I shall go with you.

"But that is impossible," exclaimed

"I shall go with you." was her listen to any dissussives from so doing Go, therefore, she did, riding twenty the night. The next day they rode to Mariposa, nearly or quite as, far; where on the following morning she bade her four months' host and the savior of her life, a grateful adieu, and disappeared from his sight on her way to San Fran-

And here, perhaps, the reader begins to think it is quite time for the writer to follow her example, and vanish away. This I will make haste to do by saying that the best route by saying that the best route by which to leave Yo Semite, affording some new and glorious views, is by way of Gentry's, and the new stage route-concerning which I could hear nothing in San Francisco-via the Tuolume Valley Big Oak Flat, and Chinese Camp, striking the railway at Burnett's. By this route the traveler passes directly through Tuolome grove of Sequoias; through a most wonderful pine forest, capable of yielding fifty millions of feet of lumber to the acre; over a region which shows what surface mining has done for parts of California down some long, winding hills, where if he have a seat on the outside of the coach, he finds sufficient occupation i holding on; and reaches his hotel in San Francisco, as he can do any other route, on the second evening after leaving Hutchings.' If when he does he does not "thank God and take courage," he must be-If will not attempt to say what.

How HE LOST THE OPPORTUNITY. -A useful hint to many young men may be derived from this little story which the Springfield (Mass.) Union prints: "Not long ago a young man marriage, which both Irish and Scot- and a neighbor had business urgently of this city had a most favorable opportunity to enter a business house in this State, at a large increase over his present salary, with a prospect of soon getting a place in the firm 'His recommendations were first class, and the officers of the institution were decidedly pleased with his appearance. They, however, made him no proposals, uer did they state their favorable impressions. Al gentleman of this city was requested to ascertain where the young man spent his evenings and what class of young men were his associates. It was found that he spent several nights of the week in a billiard room on Main street, and Sunday afternoon drove a hired span into the country with three other young men. He is wondering why he did'nt hear from the house concerning that coveted