THE STORY OF A LIFE,

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, 'Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors." As the solemn words fell upon the sorrowful, hushed throng around the open grave, I looked up at the cold, winter sky and around purple mountains.

- This was the end, then, of this fair woman's life. To be laid in the dark, not end in that horrible tomb. For three | tion of her bright hopes. score years it had shed its sweet perfume upon the hearts and lives around her. find the joy of her youth, her tired hands | ful for him.

cease from their labors. long to hear it all—the story of that lovely old face, with its sweet dark eyes and snowy hair. She was laid away for her long rest, with the heavy earth upon her heart. The last sad word had died away over her lowly grave, and we

the places which should know our dear old friend no more forever. That evening, as we sat together around the glowing wood fire, I asked the dear grandmother to tell us the story of Miss Margaret's life. She took off her spectacles and polished them slowly with her handkerchief, looking, meanwhile, thoughtfully and very sadly into the fire.

Then, turning round to us, she said: "You all loved Miss Margaret, chilloveliness as one who knew her in her vonth, and through all the years of her than I. From our babyhood we bave other self. Our homes stood always where they do to-day-mine here, her's just over the way. Our mothers were dear friends, and the friendship ended to-day in the grave began with our first less, strong and tender, she was by his repped ground, and is trimmed with a prattle and tottering footsteps."

The dear old voice was very tremulous, and the glistening tears fell upon her folded hands. She was sadly shaken by the death of her life-long friend and companion.

"When we were six years old we commenced our childish school-life together. Side by side we plodded through the first stages of our new career, and playtime and study-time we were inseparable. So the years went on till we were great ended. girls ready for the academy in the adjoining town of Alden. No, there is none there now. This was forty years ago, my child. Our parents were very turned and left the room, waving aside anxious that we should benefit by all the advantages offered in such a promising day. When night came, a pate-faced, our lives together.

"How wonderfully pretty Margaret was growing! She was always very slen der, and peculiarly graceful. You know how handsome she was, even in 1 er old age. She had beautiful dark brown, wavy hair; her grey eyes were very lovely; her small, pale face, with its delicate nose, fresh, dewy lips and firm little chin, was delightful to look upon.

by all who knew her. "In our seventeenth year we left the academy. Margaret was to return at the autumn term as teacher. How we enjoyed that bright summer. We took shining river, and spent happy hours in the saddle, covering miles of beautiful dead to his childhood him beside his father. All beautiful things are soon over; the tion. She went to Alden Monday morn-

was very happy in her new life. Another interest had arisen in my young life, but it could not eclipse the beauty of my Venus. I was your grandfather's promised wife, and in the spring time we were to commence our new life together.

"It was about this time that I first noticed a change in my Margaret. I could not define it. In her sweet eyes there shone a solemn, holy light. A tremulous sort of beauty seemed to rest on brow and lip. She grew more beautiful when all's over.

The ways they are many and wide,
And seldom are two ways the same. Side by side way we stand at the same little door, when all's done! each day. Her sweet reserve was never The ways are many, the end is one broken even to me.

"It was a beautiful day in the latter part of the winter when Margaret came to me with a new look upon her pure face—a look which a woman never wears

Margaret did. "'Kate, I have something to tell you,' she said; and when she was she told me the story of her betrothal.

academy at Alden. He had taken charge | ing business?" of the institution when Margaret went her sole support. His brother was in | silent partner." college at his expense, and, with this double responsibility, he had hesitated "Large? How much you tinks I made about speaking of his love to Margaret. on dot west I sold you for two dollars? I He finally decided to tell her of it and | make shust twelve shillings." explain to her his situation. He said wait for him during the years which | bundle and walked out. must necessarily intervene before he I would wait for him forever-for I love | I lose a customer. How can an honest

him. So they were engaged. Margaret wore | Wall Street News. his modest little ring, and I do not think the sun shone upon a happier pair

of lovers. He was worthy even of her. "The spring came, and with the first for women in the manufacture of feathersong of the birds and the perfume of the edged braid. She began by making flowers I was married. It needed but large collars for children out of two the fruition of my Margaret's love to braids connected together, or aided in complete my happiness. We went housekeeping in a part of this old house, and thus, you see, Margaret and I were and knitting cotton. This was four years still together. She came and went from | ago. The demand speedily outgrew her her school in the sweet springtime, full powers of supply. She now has seven of deep, quiet happiness. When the hundred women working for her, many summer came she went home with Mr. of them being married ladies, who wish Edmonds to visit his mother, who had to have a little money of their "very written constantly to her since the en- own." Seventy-five thousand collars gagement. She returned to us in season | were supplied last year to the wholefor the re-opening of the academy, where | sale house which takes Mrs. Chapman's she was still to teach. She and Mr. Ed- | work.

monds taught and studied together. He was a fine scholar, and she was fast following in his footsteps. Their love and happiness increased with every passing

"The winters followed the summers They were making plans for their new the whole body; the faces are deeply upon the brown, desolate hills and bare him of much responsibility. She spent ish women inside their houses is quite meadows. A few sombre pines near by many happy hours with me and the lit- different. There their figures are to be mouned drearily, and the wintry wind the ones, for she was very fond of my seen, after they have laid aside the haik came sweeping down upon us from the babies. She was not a girl to talk—as I and yeil. The principal characteristics were too sacred for common conversa- which the rich women are fond of excold, lonely grave on this bleak winter's day. The end? In one sense, yes; in fer to it; but I knew how her loving article of clothing looks like a shirt

voted to any weman as Mr. Edmonds show off a light complexion, while wo-was to her. He seemed to look upon men with dark skin wear white tulle), Such lives do not end here. She had was to her. He seemed to look upon men with dark skin wear white tulle), gone home, where her sad heart would her as a treasure too precious and beauti- is perfectly transparent; the wide

was ready for them at Alden, where, after a few weeks' trip, they intended to locate. How I should miss you! But low silk very much embroidered with slowly and sadly retraced our steps to the utmost.

Edmonds came into Margaret's par-lor looking fearfully ill. He stoutly in-sisted that it was nothing but a slight generally chosen for these handkerchiefs. cold, and laughingly refused 'to be The forehead is adorned with silver ordoctored' as he expressed it. The next morning he was unable to rise, and the doctor pronounced his malady diphtheria silver decorated richly with small coins of the most malignant type. As the long which hang from one temple to the day were away he continued to grow other. Chains, coins and strings of dren, but you could not appreciate her worse, and at nightfall was delirious pearls, often of a very costly kind, cover and suffering terribly. Margaret fol the neck and breast in a very extravabeautiful pathetic life. We were nearly told him if there was any langer she worn over the barefeet or white stockthe same age, she a few weeks younger wished to send for his mother and ings; they are rounded off in front and brother. Kind old Doctor Seaton, who made of yellow or red leather. been constantly together. I cannot re-member the time Margaret was not my his hand gently upon her shoulder, and only said:

"Send at once, my child." Margaret never left him. Pale, tear- white matelasse satin figures on a side day and night. His mother, too, was with him on the third day, when the. end came.

"The sunset light stole into the room as he opened his eyes upon Margaret and smiled. A sunbeam fell aslant upon the pillow and lit up the face with angelic beauty. Margaret knelt down and laid her head beside his, and when a few minutes after, we raised her, he was dead. The beautiful young life had

"Margaret stood looking down upon the dead face of her love without a sound. She bent down and kissed him, then any assistance, and no one saw her that institution. We began this chapter in hollow-eyed woman issued from the room, and spent the long, dark hours with her dead.

"This was the end of her beautiful dream, my sweet Margaret. The next morning she came to breakfast looking as if years had passed over her head. Her eyes had great dark shadows beneath them, her lips were drawn with suffering. But from this morning of her sorrowful life no one ever heard of a Sweet-tempered, modest, dignified, she was the idol of her parents and admired loving father and mother she was the spirit of devotion. Well as I knew Margaret, I did not dream of the strength which lay behind that frail exterior. To Mrs. Edmonds she was the dutiful, loving daughter, and together they took their long walks in the woods, rowed on the dead to his childhood's home and laid

the saddle, covering miles of beautiful "I never, in all the years, heard her country, during the long summer days. bright laugh again. Patient, sweet, strong of soul, unselfish, her life henceautumn came, and it was our first separa- forth was spent for others. And thus seasons came and went, and found ing, and Friday evening always returned her ever at her post of duty, her to us again. "The weeks passed on, and Margaret afflicted. A more beautiful life I never knew. And now the waiting is over, and she has joined the lover of her youth up

> yonder. The dear old grandmother leaned her head against the chair, and with closed eyes and trembling lips closed the story of her friend's life by repeating, softly:

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"My frient," replied the other with a there in the autumn. He was the son of very serious look on his face, "let me widow, who was poor, and lived in a tole you shust like a fadder. Doan go distant college town, where her younger | into de second-hand peesness yourself, son was a student. Mr. Edmonds was but lend me your money and become a

"Not by a blamed sight, for I haven't that he had not the presumption, even if paid for it yet and won't take it!" exshe could return his love, to ask her to claimed the stranger as he dropped the "Vhell, vhell," sighed Moses as he could have a wife and home of his own. looked after him, "efery times I tell der "'I told him,' said Margaret, "that | truth I lose money, and efery time I lie

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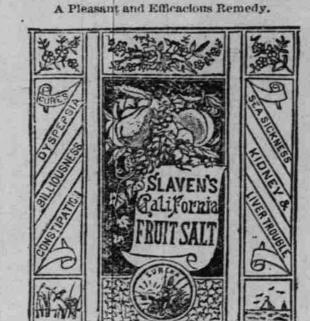
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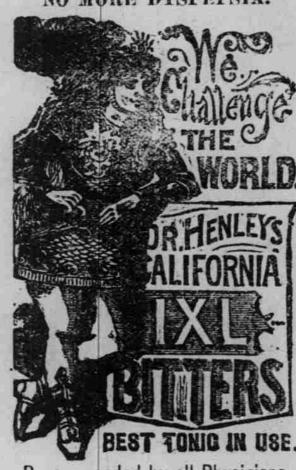
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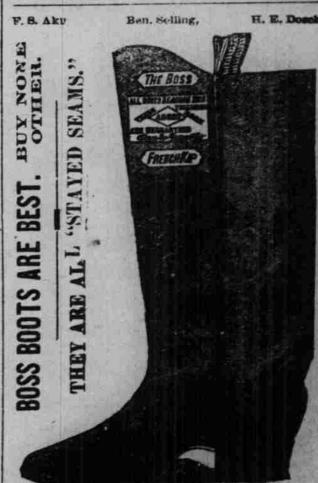
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