A COUNTRY SCHOOL SCENE. Within a little school-house, grayish white. (One stormy winter day, if my memory serves m

right)
Among the wooded hills of old Vermont,
This homely scene came rippling to the front. The school-room held some three score girls and From hill and vale of every grade and poise— The sluggish dolt the wit, the wild, the steady, Who gathered daily round good Master Eddy.

A famous class in geographic lore
Is called upon to yield its daily store.
As round and round in turn, the class recite.
With ready tongues their questions answer right,
Augusta, cusan, Alfred, Reuben, John;
Horaito careless then, goes stumbil g on,
And, rubbing slowly o'er his drowsy pate,
He gives the products of a southern state
As rice and cotton, sugar cane and coin,
Then adds, 'and backer," placid as the morn.

"Not right " says Master E., in tones demure, 'The southern states no 'backer' grow, I'm sure. "My book says so,' Horatio prompt replies, As, book in hand, across the room he nies.

Beneath the master's gaze he holds the book. Points out the word with triumph in his look; "Ah! that's to-bac-co," Master E. explains. With pitying tones for poor Horatio's p ins.

And still, in memory I distinctly trace The curious look upon that student's face, As dropped and closed his book, and turned h To bear him meekly back unto his seat.

And yet that humble youth a mission filled More grand than e'er the heart of (war thrilled. He heard fair freedom's call in time of strife, And promptly gave to her his all—his life.

I ong may the stars and stripes in honor wave Above that humble soldier's grass grown grave;
There may the flowers of each returning spring
Their fairest hues and sweatest fragrance bring;
While I will learn henceforth, to messure man,
By rule more just than any grammar can.

WHAT SHE FOUND.

Isadore Stafford was a woman to be lilies-of-the-valleys, and one of gold, set with small turquoise stones in heathen the lazy snowflakes fall on the passers-

Yes, the old year is almost gone and the New Year will soon be here. Why am I not happy? Who can tell? I simply know I am not, and for once refuse dreds on New Year's day, who bow themwords, "I wish you a happy New Year."

This woman, envied by all who knew her, nevertheless, was to be pitied. The world had proved to her, as to many another, a golden apple of Sodom, outin, ashes. She had never known poveven soiled her tipy fingers with work; panes and blankets lay wistful eyed, sufbut she had missed also the mental dis. fering children, who almost forget their one. love of parents, sisters and brothersment, made and urged by her guardian, Mercy. lest she should fail into the hands of | was so sweet that no thought of marriage ing a pillow here, or patting a cheek think of the men she has refused! had since ever entered her mind. Of there, the little visitors, as she called "They say he was an old friend, and course she had been sought, and persistently, but with a charming firmness she that they had already reached heaven If so, that accounts for everything. Her had kept her lovers her friends, by the "no" she uttered, and lived the years that came and went, as others weary-

hearted have done. the window. The flakes were falling more rapidly; great, soft flakes that tempted one to raise the face to feel the winged things brush against it; and the children, wild with delight that Christmas so near, laughed and shouted and danced as merrily as if they were one | the world.

with the storm. "Thirty-two! Life half gone, and all spent in a chase after something that does not exist. I'll make a vow on this Christmas Eve, and if I fail to keep it may its ghost rise up to condemn me! From this day no thought of happiness shall enter my mind. It shall be banished with the fairies and hob-goblins I believed in when a child-and quite as mythical as they."

At this moment her eyes fell on a couple of miserable creatures, barely cov-ered with rags that fluttered in the storm like flags of distress, as shivering hands found their way from their folds to beg her a miracle of smartness. of passers-by for a coin."

"There, Isadore Stafford! What have you to say now of unhappiness or misery as long as such people exist in the world? Thirty years! Ten times thirty are three-hundred. If I should live thirty years souls from degradation to humanity, from suffering to comfort. I'll try it! The idea is a new one and pleases me.

visitor's errand might be.

"Are your beds all filled?" asked the aristocratic-looking stranger.

have been compelled to decline some patients for lack of room." And what has been done with them?" "Nothing, I fear."

"Could you get nurses for them if comfortable beds were provided?"

"Yes, indeed!" could be moved?" "To-morrow."

to-night, and I trust you can help me to Kitty! Such joy and clapping of bands fulfil it. A wealthy lady has taken a whim | from Arthur! care and comfort; or, better still, send sprang from the doctor's into the arms the acts. -- Boston Transcript.

nurses and children to her house to- of Isadore Stafford, utterly regardless of morrow. She will keep them until the fact that she was queen of society. benefited, or until you can find room for To Kitty she was a beautiful woman, with them here. There will be a lady in a loving heart, or perhaps she was mere- which come from the breweries of this nothing.

childen to morrow." "Thanks! She will be delighted. You will also send your physician?"

"Of course. into the shadows, jubilant over her suc-

"Home, John." As she rested among the soft, warm

robes she murmured: is dawning. What a blessed inspiration! see. Who knows but that something in the universe I shall find, if not happiness, real blessedness?"

"Is she in her right mind, do you think, Mary?" asked Alice, Mrs. Stafford's | it." maid, of the waitress, when the house

was electrified by her plans. "And that's what I've been wondering manner. Don't I remember going into reply, her room that very day, before she went hands crossed and her eyes having that these children here. You have had to chase the milk expect it will be watered envied. Why not? Rich, a widow and still young, or at least far from old, the still young, or at least far from old, the whole world lay at her feet, and she had did not wish anything, and thought I home to come to when the day was gone." but to reach out her hand and take what | would go down and have a few words she wished; everything but happiness; with my cousin about receiving calls, that had eluded her and never seemed and when I came back she was gonefarther from her than on this Christmas

Eve, when we see her standing by her

for two mortal hours. At last she came

to vow to love and nonor when I knew
it was a lie?" he answered still more bitfor two mortal hours. At last she came
terly. "It is true, I have been happy, a society belle of her guest. "Could not window tapping impatiently upon it with her exquisite fan. Isadore Stafford never forgot her fan. With it she ford never forgot her fan. With it she window tapping impatiently upon it hack, and her face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—be nicer," was the reply. "Did you be nicer," was the reply. "Did you be nicer," was the reply. "Did you be nicer," was the reply. "Oh, yes, off by herself she told me to make every how hereyer sickness and indeed. I read off the receipt to the find the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the line of my duty—start the face shone as if she had but it has been in the li toyed constantly, and those who knew thing ready in all the spare rooms for suffering called me, and the years have cook and turned the patent flour sifter her best could tell from the movements company, and to put up an extra bed in passed quickly because so full of cares " all by myself." of the pretty thing just the state of its the largest. Of course I supposed she owner's mind. Her fans were as unique was going to astonish her friends by worse. I have done no good, and the as herself, and I could no more describe some elegant entertainment, but when I years have dragged their slow length them than I could describe her moods hinted at this she said: 'Oh, no! It is along, each more tedious than the last." them than I could describe her modes and thoughts. Her favorites were a pure better than that, Mary. Entertainments was the foreign and thoughts. Her favorites were a pure better than that, Mary. Entertainments that had so the two talked over the years dollar medicine case should be in every family for emergencies. Sent free en receipt of price to in thickness, and executed by Italy's happiness. I am going to keep the holifinest sculptor; a black jet, at whose edge swayed to and fro in the air frail Year will be really a New Year. You see for him to bring comfort and relief. that sounded very strange. What could New Year's anyhow? With a long, kindly pressure of her hand, he said "Good-night," and shutish designs -- but I am not telling the When she told me it was cripples and ting the door softly, left her alone. story of her toys, but of the woman her- children from the hospital who were How the memories crowded! They story of her toys, but of the woman herself as she stood that wintry day amid coming, I knew for certain she must be came in at every door, and hung about handsome opal pots, price fifty cents. For sale her luxurious surroundings, watching a little out of her mind, but she looked every picture and corner. They sang in by all druggists. Holge, Davis & Co., wholehappened to her, as sure as I'm a sensi- painted pictures of her school-days. Be-

every domestic in the house was conto have my house thrown open to hun- vinced that their mistress would soon be an inmate of a lunatic asylum, when they selves in and out with the senseless saw not one or two, but half-a dozen pale-faced cripples brought into the house and placed in the elegant rooms her side, a day or two after Easter. 'Is- made by genuine artists, who understand their that had hitherto been devoted to the adore Stafford married! The heavens business. great and honored among her guests. must be going to fall! I should as soon Not a thing was allowed to be changed wardly brilliant and desirable, but with- in these rooms. Delicate ornaments, statuettes, pictures, books, all remained erty, never been compelled to toil, never as before, and under the elegant counter-

cipline that results from these, and the pain in the beautiful world where they "The fact of her being married is not found themselves. Nurses cared for as strange as the way it was done, aceven the love that a woman has a right them, and in and our moved Isadore cording to my notion," replied the gento expect when she marries, for hers had Stafford, dressed in a plain black dress | tleman. "I believe in Cupid; that any been little more than a business arrange- and white cap, not unlike a Sister of veteran he aims at will fall. I always fortune-hunters; and when the shackles in sight with her beautiful face, and as but I never thought she'd marry a doc-

and an angel had ministered unto them. maid told a friend of mine that it was J H. HOBBINS & SON, 229 FIRST ST. whom Mrs. Stafford felt particularly at- York. You know she did not receive tracted-a bright-faced boy of perhaps New Year's, and everybody was disap-Once only, and that in her school-girl ten years of age, with great brown, lu- pointed, because it had been a favorite days, she had felt the thrill of happi- minous eyes, and a mass of golden- house for callers. Well, I happened to days, she had felt the thrill of happi- minous eyes, and a mass of golden- house for callers. Well, I happened to factory, 62 Washington street, Fortland, Or. The ness; but this was now so far away, so brown curls clustering over his head. know what was going on behind those faint in her memory, had flashed across He told her his name was Arthur Cleve- closed blinds, while hundreds of elegant her life so suddenly and then vanished forever, that it now seemed a mere dream all the world but Kitty. Kitty was his her basket. Shall I tell you about it?" of her brain. Again she looked from sister, and was a little thing, whom he was drawing in his little wagon the day on which he had been hurt by the run-

away horses. "Oh, ma'am! just think if it had been Kitty!" said the poor little fellow: "I should have died-for she's all I have in | multitude-and all for what? For a few

"And where is she now, Arthur?" "I have not seen her since. A woman | their gifts, and then they were served in took her home and will take care of her | the dinning-room to a regular swell dintill I get well. When will my back get | ner. Of course the doctor was there.

like to see her?" needed, and before night little Kitty was | in her nature, or she would never have playing on his bed, and a crib near by taken such a freak into her head. Wellhad never seen much of baby life, thought seemed happy in socity."

The servants had been forced to believe their mistress no longer insane, but merely giving way to one of those freaks which they had become accustomed to,

though, as Bridget, the cook, said-"Who would ever imagine she'd be longer I could at least lift three hundred guilty of turning this iligant house into a hospital full of cripples and nurses and

"Well, if it's her way of being happy, Who knows but life will be interesting I am sure we need not object. It's all to me after all? How strange if, after the better for us, for if these children traveling the world over to find novelty, were not here the house 'ud be thrown at home!" lear's day, and then we would have to begun her new life by adopting a little The inspiration took thorough posses- be in all day," said Alice. "I, for one, sion of her, and after ordering her car- am mighty glad she's amused herself in and we shall lose her nobby entertainriage she hastily dressed for the street:" | that way, for I want to see my friends at | ments. I think it will be horrid if she

there to have seen her run up the steps | not seen the physician, who came and | society friends; but, after a time, gave a and ring the bell; but the matron did | went at regular hours, and who could not | grand reception, to which all were innot seem to recognize her, and stood in quite understand why his little patients vited; after which she devoted herself to an expectant attitude to hear what her | were inmates of one of the largest pal- | her home and the wretched and suffer-

aces of the city. The night before New Year's at last that number, were lifted into a new came, cold and stormy. Mrs. Stafford world by the power of her woman's "We are over-crowded, madam, and had been out all day, ordering flowers heart. and fruits and all sorts of gitts for her guests, and only returned home when I found it, and blessedness also," she the gas was lighted in the streets. Run- said. . ning up to her room to remove her wraps, her cheeks aglow with happiness and health, she went to her pet's room and found, not Arthur and Kitty and the "How soon do you think the children | nurse merely, but a tall, heavily bearded man, who stood in the center of the room, tossing Kitty like a ball in the "I have come on a singular mission air. Such crowing and laughing from

into her head of opening her house on Mrs. Stafford stood for a moment un-Christmas to some suffering children, seen and unnoticed, enjoying the scene, She does not wish her name to be known and feeling more genuine happiness than in the matter, but des red me to see if she had known in many a year. Sudyou could direct half-a-dozen children denly Kitty turned and saw her, and there was one make-up that I would like that are absolutely suffering for want of reaching out her hands to be taken, to see-a make up for lost time between

"To-morrow, then, at - Lexington | Little I thought that you were the Lady | this rule. There are but few foods which avenue," and bowing, she passed out Bountiful who was ministering to my will stimulate a large flow of milk equal

"I felt very guilty to hear that good ideal-that is easy to see. I have lived a will be gauged by the other food used woman say, 'Christ-like,' when it was merely a whim for novelty, but already I am enjoying the plan immensely. door was only a dream that led me to Everything works like a charm. The old hope for happiness by doing good to world is passing away; already the new others. All selfishness, after all, you to their cows unless all the patrons do

me. A doctor's life has little luxury in | concerned, both modes of watering pro-

you fancy I was like a woman? Ready have no sour or fermented food. to vow to love and honor when I knew

"Poor Allen! Mine has been infinitely

so beautiful and bright I had not the her heart and danced in her eyes. They sale agents, Portland, Oregon. heart to oppose her. Something has blotted out the present and in its place Not only were Alice and Mary, but come a beautiful thing, and every hour a OUR NAME IS ON EVERY PAIR.

> "Of all strange things that ever hapagreeable to gentlemen than this cold, Oregon. Regular prices 25 and 50 cents. elegant creature, that has lived so long among us and has never cared for any-

Mercy.

Every eye brightened when she came thought she would find her fate sometime. These proud icebergs always do; were broken by death, the sense of relief she passed from room to room, smooth- tor and turn into a sister of charity. To

Among these children was one toward | the strangest ceremony ever seen in New

"By all means." "Well, you will scarce believe me when I tell you that her parlors were as brilliantly lighted and as elegantly decorated as if she were to sit in them. dressed by Worth, and adored by the hospital children to enjoy. They were brought down into the parlor to receive eil?" and they say she looked as happy as a girl. She had only met him the night before for the first time since she was a His eyes were all the answer she girl. There must be a vein of romance

told that she was a fixture, also. She | bred people should never have freaks." was not handsome like her brother, but | "Yet this must have done a great deal winsome and attractive, with such cun-ning baby ways, that Mrs. Stafford, who wretched children. I never thought she

"It must have been her own fault then. Worth as much as she is, I think I should manage to be happy," replied the fashionable young lsdy. "You prefer money te friends, then?"

"It is our best friend, I think." "I fancy as Mrs. Stafford she found life rather lonely," was the persistent rejoinder of the young gentleman. "I hope she'll be happy.' "Never fear. Late love marriages are

always happy," replied the belle. "And she was marrid at Easter." "Yes, quietly in church, and she has begun her new life by adopting a little

"To St. Luke's, John." my cousin's." does."

One would think she had often been During these days Mrs. Stafford had Mrs. Dr. Campbell did not forget her ing, until, not ten a year, but double

"When I gave op seeking happiness,

The Pittsburg Commercial, apropos of the presence of Dukes, the murderer at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, advises the citizens not to drive him out of town. The Commercial man has evidently heard of the Oxford Don who, seeing an obnoxious proctor in the hands of the students, cried aloud: "Don't nail his ears to the pump." And they were

A make-up that would be popular: "Yes," said a man in the theater gallery, 'the make-ups were generally fair, but

charge who will see that they want for ly the personification of comfort. Cud- country are all consumed by domestic othing."

dling close to her guardian, she turned animals in the neighborhood of the to look at the doctor and play coquette breweries, and by far the larger part of whim, but a most Christian like act. with him, as babies have done since the it by milch cows. The volume of milk I wish all who have wealth would do like- days of Cain. Mrs. Stafford also looked which a cow will give depends very wise, and I can promise you nurses and up-and bowed. The doctor stood trans- largely on the amount of flesh-producing food she can digest, and brewers' grains, "Is it possible, Isadore, that we meet | which abound in flesh-forming matter, thus-and over the gulf of years and easy of digestion by reason of the treatchanges, stand face to face once more? | ment it receives, responds forcibly to little patients the largest dose of health to brewers' grains, but there is no butter they could have had. Tell me of your- in it. When used as an exclusive diet, the milk of cows consuming it soon "Come into the library. There is lit- ceases to produce any butter. When the to tell. You have followed your used as a partial feed, the butter product the same. It is an artful way of water-"How beautiful you are, Isadore! How | ing milk-the milk being watered bewell all these elegant surroundings be- fore it comes from the cow instead of afcome you! It is well you did not marry terward. So far as the butter-making is duce exactly the same results, and, if There was a tone of bitterness in his not the legal, the moral is the same in voice as he spoke, that for a moment either case. It means something for blotted out all conventionalities of so- nothing, or to phrase it more exactly, it to myself-since I see the change in her ciety, and almost defiantly she said in means money for water. By far the largest part of brewers' refuse goes to feed "Luxuries and happiness are not syn. the cows which supply with so called out into the storm, and seeing her sitting onymous. I have never seen an hour's milk the city or village in which the in her great crimson chair, with her happiness since we parted until I brought brewing is done. The people who puring is done before after milking. Cows "Did you suppose I would marry? Did supplying milk to a creamery should

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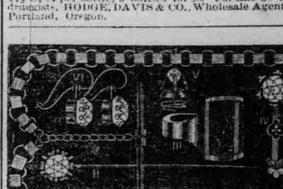
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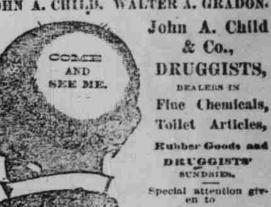
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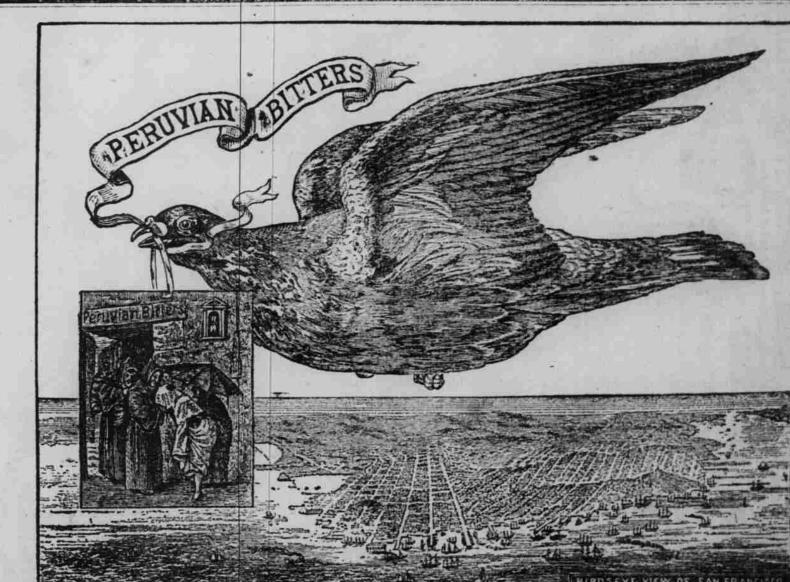
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