In pride of our minstrelsy. And 'mid the strings of our harp somewhere But that where could notwell be told— For all were gilded there and fair, There nestled one string of gold,

And whatever tones our minstrels brought From the cords they waked from sleeping Into the music all unsought

A thrilling sound came creeping. For softly above the pulsing beat, The surge of the song an I shiver, With clearer sound and note more sweet,

The golden string would quiver. And heavy hearts, oppressed with grief, broke At the harp-throls into sobbing; In every heart an echo awoke

From the golden string's wild throbbing. And mortals thought that one soft note Had slipped from the great pearl portal,

Down the dim depths of space affoat, From the sweet choir immortal The fountain drops with a liquid chime On the brook that flows to the sea.

We are drops in the stream of time, Sweeping to eternity. There came a dawn in the early spring,

When never song remains unsung, When birds were lightest on the wing, And the world again feels young. The meadows sparkled with morning dew,

Birds sang in their wildwood bowers, Fluttered their little wings, and grew Mad with joy, in sunny showers. The nightingale piped his sweetest lay---Spring's the time for song or never---

The sweet time came and died away, The harp was stilled foreyer. The wonted breezes touched the strings, But they echoed back no token, Mourners sobbed as the sun went down,

Our golden string lay broken,

THE LOVERY QUARREL.

BY SAFIZ.

"Never, while I live," said Miss Rashleigh, "never while I live, will I see your face again!"

She meant it when she said it; and as she spoke, she threw her betrothal ring towards her lover, who had offended It missed him, and rolled down upon the

floor, and over the sill of an open china closet-one of these old-fashioned closets that used to stand on either side of the mantlepiece. She did not notice where it rolled; he

did though; and after she had left the room, he turned to pick it up. The ring she had worn would always be precious

Miss Rashleigh went straight to her own room, as miserable a girl as ever lived; and a moment later Grandmother Rashleigh bustled into the drawing. rest of the party in a state of bewilderroom, pushed the green closet door to, ment and terror past description. annuals and books of poetry straight on the table, pulled down the shades, arranged the chairs mathematically against the wall, and bustled out again.

"I've had these things fifty years," she sail to herself; "and there's Cornelia with her beau with no more respect for them than if they were so much lum-Then she closed the door behind her,

and went away to her own room upstairs, where a fine silk patchwork quilt was in the frame, a surprise for said Cornelia. Grandma Rashleigh gave every young

person of the family something of her own manufacture on his or her wedding-

"Now," the old lady had said, a dozen times, to Tripheny King, who was helping her, 'I rather think Cornelia will have the best thing I've done; and there's a bit in it in every handsome silk there's ever been in the family, and of her father's and grandfather's wedding vests.

"Yes'm; it's a real memorial quilt," said Trepheny. "It takes you, mum, to

plan such things." The quilt was finished and bound that afternoon; and Tripheny's job of quilting being over, she went home, but she carried about the village the news that she "was sure all was over between Miss Rashleigh and Mr. Spear. She'd heard Cornelia say something to her grandma, and the old lady was furious." "He would never have done that if he

had cared for me, you know, grandma," Cornelia was saying at that moment. "Stuff and nousense! He loves the ground you walk on," said the old lady. 'You'll never get such another, Cor-

"I shall never marry at all. I hate men!" Cornelia answered.

And then her grandmother made the house too hot to hold her and she went over to her mother's, her usual course

when she fell out with grandma. Three days passed. At the end of the third, Piety Pratt stepped in at Mrs. Rashleigh's-young Mrs. Rashleigh, as they called her, though she was nearly fifty, for grandma was old Mrs. Rash-

"I expect you'll feel upset when I tell you the news, Cornelia," she said. "You've been too cruel this time-he. he, he? Orville Spear ha'nt been heard of since he was at your house. His mother says he went over to explain and make up, and he never came back-he. he! She thought maybe he'd stepped over to his brother's, but he hadn't-he. he! I reckon he's drownded himself!" "I don't know why the whole town

should talk over my affairs, and every meddling old maid giggle about them!" cried Cornelia.

Piety jumped to her feet, seized her parasol, and turned towards the door. "Good afternoon, Miss Cornelia and Mrs. Rashleigh!" she said, with a con-temptuous courtesy. "I'll remember my manners, if other folk forget theirs. Only there's other folks as likely to be old maids as me, and I fancy it's Mrs, Spear's affairs now if anything has hap-

pened to her boy!"
Away flounced Miss Pratt. "You've put Piety into a rage, Cornelia," said Mrs. Rashleigh. "That's a pity; she has a long tongue!"

But Cornelia was crying.
"Oh, mother, dear," she sobbed, sn't true, is it? Orville did feel dreadfully. Won't you see, mother?"

But at this moment Sally, the little servant girl from Grandma Rashleigh's, came flying into the room, without any more warning than if she had been shot from a gun.

"The old missus says you are to come over at once, both you ladies!" she cried, standing before Mrs. Rashleigh, and repeating her lesson like a parrot. 'There's something of importance, and y ou're needed at worst."

"Get your bonnet, Cornelia," said her mother. "I'll just put on this sun hat. What is it, Sally, do you know?"
"I know it's something dreadful. Missus is almost wild, and there's lots of folks there. Something about Mr. asked Garibaldi what religion he pro-

hurried away together, and, entering! taught by precept and example."

grandma's parlor, found there assembled more of the members of the Spear

family, and a friend or two besides. He Orville had indeed disappeared. had never been home since his visit to Cornelia; and now the alarmed relatives were anxious to get all the information they could regarding the interview be-

tween Orville and Cornelia. "I had reason to be angry, Mrs. Spear," said Cornelia, proudly; "good reason; and I took off my ring, and gave it back, and went out of the room. That is all I know. I don't know when he went or where. I-I thought he wouldn't mind so much. I believed he had stopped caring about me." "He ought to now, at all events," said

grandma. gone traveling without a change of here.' clothes. Oh, you wicked girl!"

"I hope," cried the eldest Miss Spear, "that he'll haunt you!"

"I could kill you, you hateful thing!" cried the youngest Miss Spear. Cornelia had kept up bravely until now; but when her two friends turned upon her thus, she gave a little scream, and fell over on the sofa. She was in a dead swoon and the water they sprinkled in her face did not bring her to. · Grandma grew frightened.

"I hope it isn't an attack of heart disease." she said. "Poor child! she looks as if she were dead." "Oh, do not say that!" cried the

mother. They gathered around Cornelia and did all they could for her; and soon she recovered and sat up; but all her pride

"Oh, dear!-oh, dear!" she sobbed. "I wish I had died! I wish I had never come to! Oh, Orville! Orville! what has become of you?" "Oh! oh!" moaned the mother.

"Oh! oh!" moaned the sisters. And Cornelia's head fell back again. "Emma, get the lavender out of the china-closet," said grandma to her daughter. "Onick! It's on the corner

Mrs. Rashleigh rushed to the closet. "It won't open!" she cried wildly. "It's a patent lock," said grandma; 'locks as it shuts. Here's the key."

And Mrs. Rashleigh flew back to the door, opened it, and uttered a shriek. There on the floor, huddled up under the shelf, lay poor Orville Spear.

He was white and limp.

Cornelia sat and ssared at him in the

most awful way: She thought him dead, but the more experienced matron saw that he was yet living.

Sally was sent post-haste for the doctor; and there in Mrs. Rashleigh's drawing-room he found Cornelia and Orville Juliet in the scene at the tomb, and the pleasantly .- [Woman's Journal.

picked up the fallen magazine, set the At last, however, both were conscious, and seated in arm-chairs, regarded each other, while the observers kept silence, and Mr. Orville Spear uttered the first

words. "Of all confounded fools-" "Who, dear?" asked his mother. "Me," said Orville, regardless of gram-

mar. "Who shut me in?" "What were you in the closet for?" asked grandma, with a guilty consci-

"To pick something up that rolled there," said Orville. "The ring:" asked Cornelia, fran-

tically. "Yes, the ring," said Mr. Spear. "More fool I! Some one banged the door to. I shouted, and howled, and kicked, and no one heard me."

"Oh! oh! oh!" shrieked Cornelia. "I believe you hid there just to kill me, for no other purpose than out of revenge.

"You banged the door on me," said Mr. Spear. "A jealous woman will do anything.

"I banged the door, Orville!" said old Mrs. Rashleigh; "I! You'd left everything flying. I just pushed it as I passed; and you ought to bless your stars that you are alive; for people don't go into the drawing-room, sometimes for a fortnight, in this small family. We use the parlor much more; and I'm deaf, and so is old Hepsiba, and you might have died there. Yes, and you'd have killed him, Cornelia," added the old lady, "throwing his pretty diamond ring on the

"Oh!" moaned Cornelia, "Oh!"
"It wasn't her fault. I was a confounded fool all through!" cried Orville. "I knew that closet had a spring-lock. No; don't blame Cornelia."

"I shall always blame myself!" sighed Cornelia. "Oh, how pale you are!" "And how pale you are, Cornelia!" sighed Orville. "Did you really care

when you thought I was dead?" "Ladies," said Grandma Rashleigh, 'now that Orville has had his wine and biscuit, and is getting on, let us go into the other room, and leaves these two young folks to talk things over to-

She led the way; the others followed. When the tea-bell rang soon after, Orville and Cornelia came out of the drawing-room, arm in arm, and the weddingday was fixed.

An Impending Crisis.

A colored man baving applied for a situation in a family in Cass avenue, and given the name of an old colored man in in the market as reference, the gentleman drove down there to see what he

"Yes, sah, I know de party you menshun," replied old Zeke, as the subject was broached.

"Is he honest?" "Under certain circumstances he

would be, sah." "Is he reliable?"

"Well, sah, I 'specks he am."
"Is he truthful?" "Y-e-s, I think so."

speak up very promptly. Is there any- in spite of their disastrous loss by the thing wrong with him?" "Lemme ax you a few queshuns," re-

plied the old man. "Do you keep eberything aroun' de ba'n picked up and locked up?"

"Den take him." "But about his being reliable?" "Oh, he'll be dar at meal time an'doan' you forgit it."

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The Swan's Party.

A swan once wished to give a party and everything was arranged for it; but his servant, the frog, made a mistake in the invitations, and when the swan was smimming about near the shore of the pond watching for his guests, to his surprise there came the cuckoo, the swallow, the nightingale, the sparrow, and the duck. He had expected the duck but what could he do with the other guests, who were not used to the water? The duck waddled on, plumped into the water and whispered to the swan: "What kind of guests have you invited, god

father? What can they do in the water?' "That is just what I should like to know," answered the swan, "My ser-"My boy is dead, I'm sure! I shall vant, the frog has played me a stupid have the pond dragged!" said Mrs. Spear, amidst her tears. "He left all must be merry on the land. The gentlehis money at home. He wouldn't have men and ladies would all we drowned

So they both went ashore and bade the guests welcome, and the frog was immediately sent off to find worms and beetles so that the strange company might at least have meat.

It was very unpleasant for the swan andduck, and it was very warm, so they went to a cool place. At first the other guests, the cuckoo, the swallow, the nightingale, the robin and the sparrow walked quietly with them, but they soon fell into their accustomed ways; they hopped and fluttered first, then flew in all directions.

"Where are they all, cuckoo, sparrow, nightingale and swallow?" said the swan, impatiently. The cuckoo, who heard his name

called, flew down, and said, proudly: "Here I am, what do you want?" "Oh!" answered the swan, "I only wanted to know what had become of my

dear guests." "That I can have the honor of telling you," said the cuckoo. 'I have seen them all. Mr. Sparrow is sitting on a bough yonder with his bill wide open, while Miss Nightingale sings beautifully on the birch tree. Mrs. Swallow is flying over the brook and playing with the little flies, one of which she swallows now and then by mistake. Madam Robin is hopping about under all the bushes, so I do not know where she is just now; but I will soon see."

Thereupon the cuckoo flew away, and the swan and duck looked at each other sorrowfully. "What will come of this?" asked the

"I will tell you," said the swan, and jumped into the water. "Our company has left us in the lurch; now we will do the same by them."

And then he raised his slender neck in the air and swam proudly around in the water. The good duck followed his friend, who led the way into a mass of lying quite unconscious, like Romeo and | rushes where they ate their supper very

A Brooklyn Heroine.

Miss Tillie Trimble, who lives with her parents at 92 Fourth place, became known as a heroine in that part of Brooklyn yesterday. On Monday afternoon she caught a burglar in the house. After giving an alarm she grabbed him around the neck and held him, with the assistance of her mother, till a policeman arrived. Miss Trimble is a very prepossessing young lady, nineteen years old. She has regular features, fine complexion and teeth, dark eves and a trim figure, but not a girl whom an acquaintance would think could be depended on to capture the burglar. 'Now, tell me all about it, Tillie," remarked her mother, when the reporter called last evening. Her father puffed a pipe, but all the time looked proudly at his daughter. "It was about 1:30 in the afternoon," began Miss Tillie, "when mother and I heard a noise up stairs. It sounded like something dropping on the floor. I first thought that one of my brothers had come home. I went ub to find out, and entered the bedroom back of the parlor. There is a hall room which is entered from the bedroom. The door to it was open, and as I peeped in I saw a man fumbling at the bureau drawers. He must have heard me, for he turned suddenly around and made a leap for me. I gave a jump towards the door and he ran after me. His big foot came down on my right foot and hurt it badly. He stumbled against the foot of the bed and I succeeded in reaching the hallway. I fell down the stairs and he rushed after me. I reached the street and yelled, 'thief, robber!' and ran back into the house. I met him coming out and I put my arms around his neck.'

"Is that the first man you ever hugged?" asked the father. Her two big brothers giggled, but she paid no at-

tention. "In a moment," she continued, "mother had him by the collar, and he tried to break away, but we held on, and he dragged us into the front courtyard. He asked me what I would take to settle it and let him go, and I said that nothing but a policeman would settle him with me. Several men came to our rescue, and finally Officer Cassidy arrived and took charge of him. There were \$60 in money and several gold watches in one of the byreau drawers that he tried to rob."- Eastern paper.

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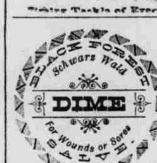
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