# WILLIE LEE.

His name was Willie Lee, but no one her daily visit was what he lived for and thought of calling him Willie except his looked forward to. When it grew eister: Willie was poor and homely. His halr was what might be called blue white, his eyes were pale and without expression; and he was altogether u very plain person. He and his sister Mary had a little house in the outskirts loved her with a love that only such of the city near the car barns. His close people have who have never loved before. proximity to the barns doubtless was what led him to think he would become forgot that he was poor and homely, a a car conductor. At any rate, he did thing that he had never forgotten before, become one, and Mary, as she used to that she was as high above him as the be weeding in her little garden beside heavens are above the earth. When he the street, would look up and see him beld her little jeweled hand in his, as pass and say to herself:

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"Now, don't he just look fine with those blue clothes and brass buttons?"

navy blue of the clothes painfully would come in sometimes to see him, but brought out the sickly pallor of his face and made his sleepy eyes dimmer. To for Helen and would not talls to her. her he was handsome and the uniform One day Mary saw her eyes filled with made him handsomer. Mary was partial tears, and she put her arm around her. to uniforms. There was a policeman in "Don't cry, Rachel, he will see the light that suburb for whom she had the great- by and by," she said, and Rachel broke would go out to watch for Willie's car | cared for me, but he don't now." going by on its last trip the policeman | One day Mary said to him, "Willie, I used to come and hang over the gate and | don't think you treat Rachel just right." she would tell him what a good boy Wil- but he never heard her. Willie was a Lie was:

much about Willie. He never met at said he was at liberty to go back any their gatherings in the office and stables time when he was able. The policeman, and song and danced and joked as the too, was in a hurry for Willie to get others did. Half of them did not know well. Mary had promised him that the his name, but the time keeper said his friendship begun last year over the onion car was always on time and the nickels beds should terminate in a happy wedhe turned over were always right in ding, and he had been scanning intently number

either. They said be opened and left as she would consent to become his. open the door in winter and shut it in close on the scats, and gravest offense of all he would make the mengo inside the car when there was room instead of looked at him with her great liquid dark standing on the rear platform in a crowd. eyes, full of tender solicitude, and asked still he never violated a rule of the com- attempted to speak, but could not. pany, and the keenest "spotter" could demeanor.

say to Mary, "Girls are a nuisance. I well by Easter, won't you?" And she trying to get up a flirtation with Willie, going to be married on Easter Monday, he was adamant. A neighbor, rosy and I want you to come to my wedding. cheeked Rachel Moore, had loved Willie had moved down to them. Willie liked seemed uncertain, and he fainted. Rachel, too, after a fashion, very much "It is warm and he is still so weak, used to say to him, "Willie, suppose I to her alarmed calling. should die, what would you do for ; Mary was quick witted and she knew ceived.

time he ran on car No. 113. A man fainted. She was busy with her wedhad shot himself in it once, and another ding preparations and just stopped at had fallen off the front platform and bro- the gate one day to ask if he was better ken his log, and Willie was always hav- and wondered if Mary thought he could ing treuble when he was on it. One February day car 113 started from the barn at its usual hour with Willio Lee as conductor Everything went on did not come again. well all day and Willie was flattering himself that he was going to escape ill Willie heard the carriages roll past on when we are least conscious of her presence. It was nearly night and a rain set that had been strangers to tears for in, a rain that froze to everything and made the track very slippery. A young lady who often weat down on Willie's car asked to be left off at the avenue and Willie rang the bell. She stepped off, but as fate would have it another car was coming from door to see if he was asleep, and as his the opposite direction, the track was eyes were closed she concluded that he slippery, a new driver was managing was. She sat down on the low stool the brake, and instead of stopping, as is and as her face was partially turned the usual efiquette in such a case, the away from him Willie opened his eyes car came on. Willie standing on the and looked at her slyly. step took in the situation at a glance. and though he was always slow he made this the exception. He jumped from the car and almost threw the girl from the track just in time to save her, but he slipped and fell and was ground under the horses' feet and the cruci wheels Then the car stopped and the passen gers crowded out and around him. "Is he dead, O! is he dead?" cried the girl whom he had saved, and she krelt down beside him, took off his cap and brushed the damp hair back from Lisforehend. "No, he is not dead," said a policeman, Mary's policeman, who happened for once to be where he was needed. "He lives just below here. We will carry him to the house." They picked him up and carried him gently into the little. cottage. Mary was overcome with fright and would have fainted had not "Teddie" been there to assure her that Willie was all right, "only hurt a bit," The next day the young lady whom Willie had saved came down in her carriage to see how he was She swept in through Mary's little kitchen like a queen, and Rachel, who was sitting on the step of the back door, looked at her in amazement, at the long scalskin cloak and the diamonds in her cars, "My, nin't she grand? " also said to herself. wonder if Willie knew her before? 1 wonder if he would have jumped right in front of two great big horses and a heart all turned and told itself seemingly car if 1 had been in her place?" Jealous little Rachel! Of course he would have done it just the same had the person been the lowest of the lowly. Day after day Helen Carpenter came to inquire after "the brave fellow," as will be a double weshill of in the little cot. cess. I played 'Hamlet' for the first time." she called him, and when he began to get better she brought him flowers and hot house fruit and all corts of things shat he could not eat, and would not Shave dared to had he wanted them. She twought him books, too, and read to him by the hour stuff that he did not hear. He did not care for books, but he liked

to look at her as she sat by his side fead ing He liked to hear the tone of her voice and smell the perfume of the violets she always wore, and after a while warmer he began to sit up by the window in an easy chuir she had sent from her own home, and she would come and sit on a stool at his feet and talk with him about herself and her daily life until she made him her abject slave and he She was the light of his life and he she sometimes allowed him to do, he

for her a thousand times over. His sister's eyes could not see that the Rachel was entirely forgotten. She he would always be sleepy or watching est regard, and in the evening when she down and sobbed, "I used to think he

would have been willing to have died

long time getting well. Another man The men at the barns did not know had taken his car, but the superintendent 'the house hunters' directory for a suit-Willie's passengers did not like him able place to put his bride just as soon

One day Willie made up his mind to the heat of summer. He made them sit tell Helen when she came again just how much he loved her, and when she cause in and sat down at his feet and All this served to make him unpopular. him how he was, he took her hand and

"You are weak yet, aren't you, Mr. never have reported him for a single mis- Lee? How angry you ought to be with me for having been the cause of all your Willie did not like girls. He used to trouble. But you'll hurry up and get wouldn't let one of them get on my car childishly laid her cheek against the if I could help it." There was no use hand she held. "Do you know, I am

"Go to her wedding! Go to her wedever since they were children and played ding!" He said it over to himself, then in the dust of the road before the city the room grew dark and everything

as he loved Mary, but he never thought and I suppose I talked him to death." of marrying her or any one else. Mary she said to Mary, who came in answer

housekeeper?" Mary didn't think of pretty nearly what had happened, and dving, she was thinking of the police- she told "Teddie" all about it that evenman, and Willie would answer, "Don't ing and said she loved Willie, of course, talk about such absurd things. Mary." but she thought be had treated Rachel That was all the satisfaction she ever re- badly, and may be this would be a lesson to him

come to her wedding

# THE LOVELY VIOLET.

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Mediaval Times.

The Poets Know More Than the Scientists of Such Things-Shakespeare's Reference to the Violet-The Superstitions of

According to the scientists, who are a duil sort of folk, however, and who love to hide their ignorance behind long names of tearned sound, the violet is a genus of exogenous herbs of the order Violacce and is a native of the northern temperate zone. But the poets know a taking it my wife got up and went to great deal more than the scientists, for they were torn before them and will survive them and the poets tell us all about the creation of this fragrant flower When Jupiter was in love with lo and changed her into a heifer, deeming that common grass and flowers were no fit diet for a sweetheart of the king of gods. he created the violet that she might feed upon its damity petals And, it is added. when to died violets sprang from her body Shakespeare alludes to this old

tradition when he says: Lay ner F the earth

And from her fair and unpolluted flesh

And from her fair and ampoilated flesh May values spring The Greek name for violet was Ion, and possibly because that suggested Ionia, whence the Athenians were fabled to have spring, the flower was a great fa-vorite with the Athenians, who adopted it as their badge and loved to weave it It as their badge and loved to weavent into the chaplets which they wore at banquets, thinking, indeed, that it was a guardian against drunkenness.

Alcibiades went to Agathos crowned Sappho." The Athenian orators, when striving to win the favor and attention of the people, were wont to address them as "Athenians, crowned with violets!"

Among the Romans also the violet was highly esteemed. Ovid, in speaking of the ancient sacrifices and contrasting their noble simplicity with the garish display of more degenerate times, says that "if there was any one who could add violets to the chaplets wrought from flowers of the meadow he was a rich man." And Virgil, to emphasize the desolation of nature mourning the death of Daphnis, speaks of the violet as replaced by the thistle.

THE VIOLET IN THE EAST.

In the east the violet had a great reputation among those races whose religious were rather emotional than mystical The Arabian poets, like their brother bards of other climes, bade the wealthy and haughty learn humility from this lowly wayside preacher. It was a favorite flower with Mohammed, and hence has acquired a peculiar sanctity in Moslem countries. "As my religion is above others," quoth the prophet, "so is the excellence of the odor of violets above other odors. It is as warmth in winter and coolness in midsummer."

It is likely that it was from some long Yet it was through a girl that Willie's For several days Willie was too weak foreground of popular homage that the life was changed. How these women do to sit up again in the easy chair. He violet became the badge of the mediaval change our lives, some in one way and seemed helpless and unconcerned as to minstrels, as in the poetical contests of some in another! Willie was supersti- whether he got well or not. Helen had Toulouse, where the prize was a golden tions. He said he was unlucky every not been to see him since the night he violet. Clemence Isaure places the violet among the flowers with which victors in the gai science were crowned. The superstition still survives in widely scattered countries that to dream of the violet is good tuck. In Brandenburg "No, I do not think he can go," Mary and Silesia it is held a specific against said and she said it coldly, and Helen the ague. In Thuringia it is a charm against the black art In many parts of rural Germany the custom is still observed of decking the bridal bed and the luck for once, but she lurks around us the pavement and he turned his face to cradles of young girls with this flower. the wall and the tears came into hiseyes, a custom known to have been in use among the Kelts as well as among the No one, indeed, names the flower but to praise it, no one uses it but for some pretty, useful or poetical purpose. Its popularity is highly creditable to human nature. Except that in some regions of the east it has been used to flavor sherbets, and that in Scotland it has been mistakenly used as a cosmetic, it has been universally cherished only for its modesty and its beauty and its delicate fragrance.

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Alcibiades went to Agathos crowned with ivy and violets. The only lines that have survived from Alcæus' ode to Sappho begin by addressing her as "Violet crowned, pure, sweetly smilling Sampo ". The Athenian arators when device is a fraud.

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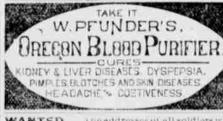
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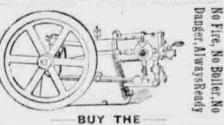
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It was the day of Helen's wedding, years. Rachel had brought in a bouquet Greeks of Easter flowers and placed them on his table. There were violets among them: everything to remind him of her. Just in the dusk of evening Raclud herself came in. She paused a moment at the

He never thought Rachel pretty before. In fact, he had never thought much about her, but now as she sat between him and the fading light he noted the roundness of her cheek, her white throat, and the pretty curls of brown hair around her face and neck.

"I wonder if she would do just as Helen did had she been in her place," he said to himself. "Would she have come here and made me love her and then have cruelly told me she was going to be married? Yes, I suppose the would wemen are all alike, coquettes, every one of them.

Rachel was thinking over her life, and by some strange, unexplainable mesmeric sympathy Willie's mind went back over the past too. What a friend she had always been to him and Mary, and how bravely she had fought her own battle of life thus far. "Educ is a noble little woman." he said to humself, "and I wish I was worthy of her." Then the clock struck, and Enchel started up. She drew a half sighing breath, paused a moment, then stooped over him and lightly touched his lips with hers. Before he was aware what he was doing he had proceed lissarm around her neck and premaxi fuer le di divites brenst "Do you

then have one. Harde Kachel? They say because heptions by whomever spoken, and Willie was certainly cloquents The love that was shut up in his Herald. without his aid to finchel, and when Mary came in she found them sitting hand in hand, a new sweet light in their faces.

When the June roses blossom there tage and "Teddle" and Willie will both be happy. Willie has gone back to his car. He mays he likes the road and likes the work, and ideases the day that good fortune came to him through misfortune. -Katherine Hartman in Dausville Ad vertiser.

CORPORAL LA VIOLETTE.

In modern France the flower has been adopted as the emblem of the Bonaparte family "Corporal la Violette" or "Papa la Violette" was the title bestowed by his partisans upon the first Napoleon after his banishment to Elba-significative of their confidence that he would "return again in the spring

Early in January, 1815, a number of colored engravings made their appearance in Paris representing a violet in full bloom, with the leaves so arranged as to form the profile of Napoleon. Underneath was this significant motto, "II reviendra avea le printemps." The phrase became an imperial toast, and the flower and color were worn as a party distinction And, in fact, the sentiment was realized. When March 20, 1815, saw Napoleon enter the Tuilleries, after his escape from Elba, he found the grand staircase filled with ladies, who nearly smothered him with violets.

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On the death of Napoleon III, also, the visitors to Chiselhurst word or carried there bunches of violets. - New York .

Disheartoning.

"How are you getting along?" asked a traveling man of an acquaintance who had gone on the stage.

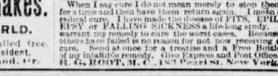
"Oh, I have met with a share of suc-"Did you get through all right?"

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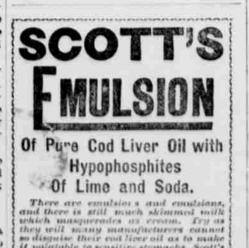


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