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ASLEEP ON MOUNT WASHINGTON.

LUTY LARSON.

Upon the mountain's stony breast,

I lay me down and sank to rest;

I feel the wind thrill of the blast,

Defied and welcomed as it passed,

And made me lullaby the psalm

Of strife that meets immortal calm.

Crated and rocked by wind and cloud,

Safe pillow on the summit proud,

Steadied by that encircling arm

Which holds the universe from harm,

I know the Lord my pillow is

Upon his mountain-tops asleep.

CHILDHOOD.

JULIA G. JONES.

Merry and joyous, loving and gay,

Laughing so sweetly this fair summer day,

Picking each daisy for more gazing down,

Smiling thro' weeping with never a frown;

Contented with little and caring no more,

Pleasure thy game, and love thy play more;

Rich in living, yet happy in death,

Rich in giving nor hoarding thy wealth;

No thought of the future, no pain for the past,

The present but ours, by no one to be lost;

Mirth in thy court, and music and joy,

To thy young heart, and no other alloy;

No care for the morrow for food or for home,

Will that thou truly and conscientiously

Keep the fair pages of thy Childhood and

Unrestrained and unalloyed clear, fair as the

Truth.

A GHOST BY DAYLIGHT.

BY T. Z. TIMBERLAKE.

It is almost useless to tell you the story,

because I know you will not believe it.

I have not alluded to the circumstances

for the last twenty years, and I quite

intended never to speak of them again;

but whatever you may think, I will

write you a true and conscientious

account of what occurred. Twenty years ago I

was a very young man. Like most young

men, I was hard up. I had just passed

my final examination, and had been

duly dubbed a lawyer. One day, as I

was sitting at my desk in the office of

the *Law Times*, looking out for something

to do, I came across an advertisement,

setting forth in glowing language the

fact that, in a country town, there was

a small lawyer's practice (capable of

great extension) by an energetic young

man, the advertisement avowed) which

was to be sold for a mere trifle. In

those days I had greater confidence in

my own abilities than I have at present,

and the perusal of this "legal fiction"

(I can call it nothing else) fired my

young imaginations. I saw myself in

stalled in a cheerful and business-like

office, overlooking a quaint old-fashioned

street, and shaded by tall trees growing

at the back of the house. I imagined

myself as the Register of the County

Court, and the receptacle of the family

secrets of all the families for miles

around. I said to myself that I was not

ambitious, that I cared little for the

worry and anxiety of the busy town. A

friend, who was a country life, the esteemed

friend of the clergy, and the possessor of a

lovely wife—these were my desires, and

she were meant, or whether her affec-

tions were in any way previously occu-

piated, without the slightest hesitation, I

gave her all my love. Ah, it's a long

time ago!

Sitting at my dinner and thinking

over the events of the morning, I came

to the conclusion that it was the duty of

every man, and especially of a country

lawyer, to go to church; and accordingly,

contrary to my usual custom, I again

went to church in the evening. She

was there. I forgot the text. After ser-

vice, as I had nothing particular to do,

I followed her home. She knocked at

a large and handsome house; and after

she had been admitted by a man servant,

I casually walked past the door in an

unconscious manner, and noticed "Dr.

Stanton" engraved on the plate. Then I

turned in for the night; and the follow-

ing day I settled down to work; but I

grieve to say that the matter uppermost

in my mind was how to obtain an intro-

duction to Dr. Stanton. At length I

accomplished this. I forgot exactly

how I did it, but it is easy enough, as

you know, in a country town, the doctor

was a very agreeable man, and had

a large practice; and after a week or

so of nodding and chatting about the

weather, the crops and the ministry, he

asked me to dine with him on the follow-

ing day. Well, I went to dine with the doctor

and was duly introduced to his niece,

Clara Stanton. She was still in black,

and appeared low spirited; but she re-

ceived me very kindly, and during the

course of the evening we had a pleasant

chat together. She was well read, not

at all bashful, and as I happened to

have just finished reading a book in

which she was particularly interested,

we began talking at once. Miss Stan-

ton, I could see, was interested in the

conversation, and brightened up consid-

erably, so that on my leaving she ex-

pressed a wish that I would lend her

the book we had been chatting about,

which, as you may imagine, I was only

too happy to do, especially as it made

such a good excuse for calling again.

The doctor was to all appearances very

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