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### ALONE.

I think that I am quite alone Since that strange alght, the mystic night

tonger, And as you whispered them life changed to be Something capt, giorified, sublime, to me.

The soft gloom hung about us like a well.

Only the glimmer in the western skies Crept in to show your lips were passion pale. To read the rapture in your half closed eyes, And then these words were spoken, and the rest

Morning and daylight swept away the dream, Life clasped her fetters and resumed her sway, Only a coff, sweet knowledge, like a gleam

Lingered around each hour of all the day. And even the bitter ring of the farewell With a gentler note upon the spirit tell.

And since, my darling, though broad leagues

of space Are spread between us, though dim, dull and

In the sumshine of thy face, Is life without the cunshine of thy face, Is life without the echo of your foot. So all encompassed by your love am I That my blank ways are trod contentedly.

Since in all cvil things I think how you Would southe them-in all happy things I think

How you would prize them-set to measure

true, There is no discord in our perfect link, With thought, faith, hope, with life and love

Four own. How cni, your chosen ever feel "alone?" ---All the Year Round.

## HOW HE ESCAPED.

now called Eelgium was known by the name of Flanders, or perhaps it would woman is right," he muttered to the be better to say that Flanders was the crowd. "There is only a nest of chillargest of the several feudal provinces dren sleeping together like pigs in a sty, included in thatterritory. Latterly, however, Flanders comprised not only what to hide, much less the Earl of Flanders." is known as modern Belgium, but also a large part of Holland and northern France. The ruler of the country was called an earl, and in the latter part of the hard of White Hoods, as they were called, pushed on, while the earl, with a thankful heart for his wonderful pres-

the fourteenth century Louis de Malatin ervation, went to sleep in the company wore the coronet, which he had inherited of the young children. Sorely wearied from a long line of earls, all of whom by fatigue, he slept as soundly in the lay sleeping in glory in the abbey of mud hovel of the poor widow as though Blandigni.

The proud and wealthy burghers chambers, chafed under the sovereignty of the this feeling of independence was very strong. The earl, who noted the popular disaffection, made haste therefore residence to the city of Brages, where he arms of her illustrious bedfellow. had a strong castle.

Now, Earl Louis was neither a wise statesman nor a brave general, and he him last night when he came in." foolishly augmented the public ill will by endeavoring to rob Ghent of its su-perior advantages. Four noble rivers the Earl of Flanders your protector." supplied the city with its commercial and manufacturing facilities. Bruges had no river, and to a body of dikers were sent to construct a canal by which room, where he found the pions widow the waters of Ghent might be conveyed to Bruges. But the mcn of Ghent fell upon them and put them to death.

Earl Louis then dispatched another company, which met with the same fate. These were decided acts of rebellion, but the men of Ghent were in the right, and the carl was in the wrong. Kings and ure.

The carl of Flanders was very angry thee now, but" with the men of Gheut, and he sum-

reached by a ladder. Never before had the powerful Earlof Flanders entered so miserable an abode. The woman conthat hums Tranced 'mid har stars to listen, when, mine own, "Conceal thyself, and quickly, for I ducted him to the loft and showed him the northwest and great waves that

Those few short words areas from heart to hear thy pursuers already at the door," she said, pointing to the straw, The earl hastily crept in among the slumbering children, taking the young-est one in his arms. There was no little quarreling at first.

"How big brother Max has grown," said one little girl as she snuggled close beside the mighty potentate who had taken refuge in that rude bed.

"Why can he not come to bed earlier and not awake us?" grumbled a flaxen

haired boy. But they soon became quiet, and the earl lay still with Gretchen slumbering beside him and flaxen haired Hans snor-

ing fearlessly. Meanwhile a lond pounding had summoned the widow to the door again. "Where is the man who has just en-

tered thy hut?" demanded a savage Gan-"Art thou not mistaken?" she answer-

ed. "I am a widow and live her alone with my children." "Nay, but we saw the light upon the

way as it glared forth from the open

"I did but open it to throw something into the street. If there be a man within, search and find him."

The man casts a quick glance within. He saw the ladder leading to the loft, and taking the light from the widow's hands he hurriedly ascended. A row of During the middle ages the country children huddled together was all that he saw, and he descended again. "The crowd. "There is only a nest of chil-Uttering cries of balked vengeance,

he had lain in one of his own palace

The next morning was the Sabbath, feudal lords, and in Ghent particularly and the great earl was awakened by the wondering cries of the children.

"How funny! Brother Max has come to bed with his clothes on," cried the litto depart from Ghent and removed his tle girl, who had slept all night in the

> "Hush, Minna," cried Max himself. "It is some friend of mother's. I heard

"Nay, but I am a friend to you all,"

The children were hushed to silence at the mention of that great name, and the earl presently descended to the lower singing her Sunday morning hymn.

"And who art thou, to whom Louis of Flanders owes his life?" asked the earl. "I am the widow of Dolph the Diker, whom the wicked men of Ghent slew when he was at work for his lawful sov-

ereign. "I cannot restore to thee thy husprinces very seldom stop, however, to think about the justice of anything. band," said the carl, "but I never shall forget thy generons kindness in risking forget thy generons kindness in risking They care only to scenre their own pleas- your own life to shelter me. Here is a purse of gold crowns, all that I can give

"God forbid that I should take it when

THE MONTEREY AT SEA.

The Monterey, on her trip from the south encountered a heavy blow from gave the monitor an opportunity to show her qualities in stormy weather. At times the forward part of the deck was six or seven feet under water, and looking from the bridge or the pilothouse, water only was in sight, the front part of the ship being covered by the waves.

While this watery commotion caused nconvenience and annovance to those who were exposed, the officers and the men below were having a comfortable time. In the wardroom the motion was so little noticeable, even 'during the heaviest seas, that inkstands and glass fruit dishes were not removed from the polished oaken sideboard.

When the waves were at their height the Monterey was turned into the trough of the sea in order to test her roll. At one time the roll was 21 degrees, and the usual roll in the trough of the heavlest seas was 17 or 18 degrees. The usual roll of a vessel in such seas is 40 de grees

The great guns, Big Betsy and her mate, were tried in the roughest weather. The firing test was thoroughly satisfactory. The guns were firmly held without injury to any apparatus, and the recoil was not noticeable on board. -Bulletin.

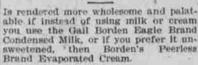
BRITAIN'S FLEET OF WARSHIPS.

In the British naval estimates for the current year it is expected that there will Be a total of 302 vessels in commis sion in November, as against 281 at the corresponding period of last year. The first class battle ships will be increased from 12 to 18. The greatest change in any squadron will be made in the chan- KENTUCKY WHISKEY nel fleet. For a long time past the admiralty has recognized the necessity of strengthening this squadron, and during the past twelve months several change have been made, the principal one of Erickson & Wirkkala, Proprietors, which has been the substitution of vessels with high freeboard for those with low freeboard. The squadron, which now consists of four battle ships, three cruisers and a torpedo gunbeat, is to be strengthened by the addition of the Re- Astoria National Bank pulse and Royal Oak, first class battle ships of the largest type in the world, each having a displacement of 14,150 tons, the Barfleur, first class battle ship

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overcame them in one battle, but in the to retreat to Bruges. Here he was be-sieged by the enemy, led by the brave "When I have my right young man of great promise.

at the success of the enemy, for the strong walls of Bruges seemed to laugh to scorn all attacks of a besieger. But there were traitors within, and one night time before, and the following night he the earl was aroused from sleep with the tidings that the city gates were opened. He instantly summoned his soldiers.

to meet the foe, shouting the warcry of his race:

"Flanders for the lion! Flanders for the earl!"

He was preceded by torchbearers and trumpeters, and a man bearing a banner on which was the famous Flemish lion wrought in gold.

And now up the streets marched the men of Ghent, shouting: "Death to the earl! Down with fendal tyranny!"

"My lord," said Robert de Mareschant, against them-they outnumber us 10 to 1.

"Flanders for the lion!" cried the earl. But when he saw the numerous and well appointed host and heard the murderons cries his heart misgave him. "What shall I do, Sir Robert?" he

nsked.

"Order your torches out, then exchange clothes with me and get out of the city if you can." replied the faithful officer.

So the torches were extinguished, and hurrying to a darkened stable the earl Just before Toplady was about to be orand the esquire exchanged clothing.

who had seen the finsh of the golden coronet on the earl's helmet and the sheen of his velvet mantle under the glow of the torches, were rushing in swift pursuit.

Robert. "I am the earl and you De Mareschant,"

But this deceit was quickly discovered, and wishing for no man's life save a sermon on the Annunciation, a pike the carl's the rebeis hastened in all directions after the illustrious fugitive. Hard pressed, for he saw his enemies seventeenth century sermons seem to before and behind him, he rapped at the have been valued at about 5 shillings door of a low cottage. His knock was responded to by a peorly dressed wom-an, who held a babe in her arms.

"I am Louis, thy sovereign, and evil men seek my life," cried the earl. "Give at Newport, R. I., was known as the me shelter and refuge, and St. Mary "prisoners' friend." She devoted nearly me shelter and refuge, and St. Mary will reward you."

"I am only a poor widow, but such as I have I give you. My lord, enter." with only one room. The left above was | Home For Women in Providence.

moned an army by which he hoped to thou needest the gold more than I," in- moved to their new offices, over A. V conquer his rebellions subjects. He terrupted the woman as she put the Allen's store. purse back into his hands. "Thon art next he met with defeat and was forced | not yet out of danger, and it has cost us

"When I have my rights again, the and energetic Philip of Arteveld, a widow of Dolph the Diker will not regret that she entertained her sovereign," Earl Louis did not feel much alarmed replied the earl.

He staid all that day with the widow and her family, keeping a better Sab-bath, I dare say, than he had for a long succeeded in making his escape out of the city, disguised in the jerkin and marsh boots in which poor Dolph used and mounting his warhorse rode forth to work at the canals. He reached Lisle, one of his loyal towns, in safety, and an army soon gathered around him quite large enough to enable him to take the field against the rebellious White Hoods.

In a great battle he completely defeated the Gantois, and Philip of Arteveld, their leader, was slain. Ghent was delivered up to him, and Flanders

once more passed under the sway of its rightful lord.

When Earl Louis returned to Bruges, he richly rewarded his faithful preserver a near and loyal friend, "march not the widow Mechic, who was enabled to pass her last days in comfort and luxury. Max became a page in the great castle, and all the other children, from Hans to the laughing prattler, Gretchen, became

the proteges of the earl who owed his life to their mother's generous protec-tion.-Clinton Montague in Philadelphia

Times.

#### Prices For Sermons.

Much has been said of the practice of buying and selling sermons, a practice, by the way, of no very special novelty. dained, Osborne, the bookseller, the While this was occurring the rebeis, friend of Johnson, offered to supply him with a stock of original sound sermons for a triffe, "I would sooner buy see-ondhand clothes," was the tart reply, "Don't be offended," said Osborne, "H have sold many to a bishop." The price with the times. In 1540 a bishop of Llandaff received from the churchwardens of St. Margaret's, Westminster, for price 2s. 4d., a gallon of wine, 8 pence, and boat hire-in all 3s. 4d. In the

each,-Exchange,

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