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OWED TO SPRING.

Well, Spring, your cam at last, her you? The post see you a-sittin' in old winter's Lap—now ain't you ashamed of yourself? I suppose the old fellow's bin a-busin' you; should think he'd be from your breath a bein' so cold—but that's the way them old fellows he a-doin'.

Well, as I was sayin', Your cam at last with your bany Breth a-blowin' from the north-west—Wesconant or Nebraska, I suppose, Great countries for ban I reckon'.

Now your cam went Everybody's foot and horn and things Hev all been fed out? Now luk at our Kuttlers, will ye? See our Kattin! On the left, a-bowin' to the standin' by! Thar lates when they gets up a-mornin'! Look at our bossis wai' all related! To skelations a-wentin' over a troff; A hull troff full of Kobs! A hull troff full of bitter reickelkams!

Look at them shepe a-lain' in! The fens corners a-waitin' for grass! 'Tis 't and they're bein' a-waitin' some or them weeks! And if they wasn't! Puid they'd a bin shakin' their lox At ya an' see the sun 't side that thur Is from Baniet, wem of Shakspear's plays, As another post see—'Grass refused makes The stomak a-lain'—'Grass refused makes Serge open their' onto grass agin'—no.

See the shotes! A leatin' on the fens to squele! Luk at them mitey eye a-hangin' pendin! On the little side a-hangin' pendin! And shotes reduced down to a'ven Korn basket full! Yes, that thur's of yer dains! U! Yes, that thur's of yer dains! U! As your bin a-doin'!

But now your cam! We feel your cheerin' prezint wem we bin comin' onto the scene! We hear the hens a-kakin' in wher ye've laid an egg! We see the horn-radish! A startin' up along the garden! Yes, that thur's of yer dains! U! The old tea-pot after garling seeds, And all these things make me think your cam!

So to be I've piled Jus set it down to have'ri' lisen, (Tho' I hain't taken wun out yet I low to.) —John Fleming.

THE MOUNTAIN SHANTY.

'You are sure to carry the valise to the depot Joe and I have checked—sure or no; wait until I come; you'll be sure to make a mistake. I wish—' and Walter Ducliff turned from him his foot, and there's not a day he time had come when machines could take the place of servants. One advantage in a machine is that you know its capacity; it doesn't make pretensions of being a rational human being, and then fail at the critical moment.

Mrs. Ducliff, a fair, delicate woman, who was drawn close to the open fire, with a velvet mantle wrapped about her, shook her head gently, and when the man was gone, said: 'Walter, indeed you have too little consideration for your inferiors. There is no need to mortify the man in that manner.'

'Bless your heart, mother, you know nothing about that kind of people. Joe didn't understand, and if he had, he would not have cared. I pay my high wages, and there's not a day he does not have an odd half-dollar or fall here to some of boots or my clothes. That's all he needs for happiness.'

'Joe's feelings at the bottom are the same as ours, my son. 'I beg your pardon, flushing hotly but that I cannot believe. The lower classes, black and white, have been hardened by generations of need and hard work. Now your tastes and emotions have come to you through many lives of ease and culture; they lost them, in the fight for daily bread. The music of noble thoughts that would stir your soul to its depths, would fall off from Joe as a drop of water from an alligator's back.'

Walter had fallen into a sort of oratorical twang, which he had brought with him from college. He was absolutely sure of his opinion, as the girls and boys of seventeen usually are, and liked to set them forth in plenty of words. 'You are too vain of your birth; my dear, said his mother, quietly. 'You will feel differently when you are older.'

'Mother, is it possible that you mean to say that the material and character of a man's life does not depend largely upon his birth? Why, look up here to the faces of my ancestors, they have borne a high, honorable part in the history of civilization, politics, art and literature. I begin every day feeling their eyes are upon me. I am glad and proud, picking up a pea and flourishing it over a blank book, that the name I write is the name which bore; that it is their very blood which flows in my veins. What has Joe to remember beyond two nameless slaves, who were his father and mother?'

'All very true, Walter. Yet God made of one blood all the people of the earth, and all of these do you will recognize your kinsmen, I think. It is nearly time for the train, isn't it, dear?'

'It's quite time,' glancing at his watch, he drew his hand overcoat, and unconsciously passed his fingers over the waxed ends of his very small mustache. 'Good-bye mother darling! I'll write for you something. I do hope I may manage the business right and satisfy father.'

'No fear of that, Walty.' She held him for a moment, as he stooped to kiss her, with her hands holding each side of his face, looking fondly at his delicate features and clear, intelligent eyes.

'God send you safely home, my son. You'll try and be back by Christmas? There is a hall at your cousin's, and you're all of my holiday, remember.'

'Oh! I'll be a; I'll not fail in that, whatever comes,' and then, with another hasty kiss, he was gone, springing down the stairs and treading out some college catch.

Nature had given him a clear tenor voice, of which he was not a little proud. Indeed, he thought sometimes (just enough) that nature had given him her best material, and that it would be his own fault, if he turned out a failure, instead of one of the foremost class of men.

He had just left college and had been taken into his father's counting-room as confidential clerk. This was his first journey on business of the firm, and he had a shrewd suspicion that it was to test his capacity. He was quite sure, from the fact that Saunders, the old cashier, met him at the depot and placed in his hand the sealed papers of instruction, instead of sending it by a messenger.

'Don't you neglect any trifle, Mr. Walt,' said the old man, significantly.

'Your father requires absolute precision in the least clerk, and he'll require it more in one whom he wishes to be his partner.'

Walter nodded and buttoned up the package in his breast, and in a few moments he was whizzing away over the snow covered fields.

The business for a week or two was easy and pleasant enough. Money was to be collected and remitted by draft. The hotels at Harrisburg and Johnston were comfortable. Walter had plenty of money, and throve it about him like a young lord. He was a generous, frank, genial fellow with his equals, and 'the Ducliffs of Philadelphia,' he wrote to his mother, 'had the entire, of course, to the best society everywhere.'

His last work was the settlement of some claim in the mountain countries, then he could go home. These people with whom he had to deal had not heard of the Ducliffs, but they were well-bred and educated and Walter found friends on every side. It was himself, he thought, not his ancestors, which gained him friends here. Gentlemen themselves, they knew a gentleman by instinct. He was confirmed in his theory that the educated classes form a sort of Freemasonry everywhere of mutual help and brotherhood. As for ignorant bores, as Walter was fond of calling them, they were out in a general limbo of vice and want and greed.

'What I can do for your favorite poor, I will, mother,' he wrote loftily, 'I more I see of them the less I like. I have habits of either souls or bodies.'

Now Walter was not strong, and the change from his hot-house life to the bitter cold of the mountain range began to tell on him. When the last paper was signed, and he stepped into the cars, he was hot and feverish. In two days he would be at home.

'Barely in time for Jennie's ball,' thought he. When he reached Altoona, then only a wayside station, it was late in the afternoon. As he went into the waiting-room a telegram was handed to him.

'If possible, go to Wright's furnace and take directions from Sutton as to railroad. 'Where is Wright's furnace?' he asked of the station master.

'Back sixty miles on the branch that you crossed at noon. The express has just gone. I'll have better wait until morning.' Seeing that the boy hesitated, 'There's a storm coming up.'

To go at all was to give up the ball he and Jennie had talked of for months. 'He says if possible, and it is not possible. The next instant he blushed with shame. If he waited until to-morrow he would be too late for Christmas and disappoint his mother.

'I'll go to-night,' he said. 'The freight train's not heated, mind, young man.'

'Plucky little chap,' said the station master as Ducliff, valise in hand, sprang upon the dirty cars as they tumbled along. He crept into the corner of one and fell asleep. About 11 o'clock the conductor shook him.

'Here's your landing place, my lad.' 'Eh? How? The furnace—' 'No; the nearest station. Wright's furnace lies two miles up that road. You'd better stay aboard the train and come down from Finville in the morning. It's a tough tramp through the snow; there's no tavern at the furnace. Unless you've got some friends there—'

'No, no.' The snow, mixed with a sharp sleet, was falling. Walter looked out at the ghostly shapes of the mountains and the break in the great forest up which he was to walk. The solitude of the night was in itself terrible.

'Good night, I'll risk it,' he said, jumping off. The old knight among his progenitors, but not shared danger; and he could do his devoir if it were only to keep a promise to his mother, or be prompt in his work as a merchant's clerk. Besides, the Suttons were a thoroughbred people of his own class. They would make him welcome, of course.

He had high cavalry boots, but the snow oozed in at the tops of them, and his feet were soon an inch deep in icy water. The two gilles' walk up the ravine lengthened into six, he wandered so often from the path. He sang, laughingly at every fresh tumble, making jokes to himself, which seemed impertinent in the face of the solitude. But he could not help it. He was only a boy, and fun and jokes were his only stimulation for him against danger, which a man would have found in grim patience. But he could not side the fact that his legs were racked with pain and his stomach empty. Just after the turn of the night a new moon threw a ghostly whiteness over the mountains, and he saw the shape of half a dozen houses black against the snow. Now that help was near he felt how ill he really was.

'Furnaces, blacksmiths' shops, carpenter shops,' he added, passing some empty sheds. 'But two houses were left; one a large, handsome villa, the other a low shanty. 'I'll not do, the Suttons to-night,' knocking at the last. The knock sounded threatening enough against the unbroken silence. A window overhead was raised.

'Who's there? in a woman's quavering voice. 'A gentleman on business to see Mr. Sutton.'

'Mr. Sutton's in Washington; been there six months.'

'Bang! down came the window. Walter again pounded at the door. 'You must take me in. I'll pay you well for lodging and supper,' he said, peremptorily.

'Don't keep a tavern; go to Sutton's if your business is with Sutton.'

'I ought to have done that at first; remembering his resolve never to deal with bores.'

and drawers, stood peeping out with candle in hand. 'Who's there?' in a broad Irish tongue.

'It's I, persuasively. 'A messenger from Philadelphia on business to Mr. Sutton.'

'Mr. Sutton's gone. But there's a when of men folks about the house,' hastily.

'I'm no housebreaker' edging his way in. 'Pray give my respects to Mrs. Sutton; loudly, for he caught a glimpse of white skirts on the stairs, and say that young Mr. Ducliff is here and begs she will give him shelter for the night. I—well, to tell the truth, I am exceedingly cold and hungry.'

'Keep out, keep out, young man, I'll consort Mrs. Sutton.' And Walter heard a hurried consultation of tongues in the hall, the coachman's deprecating and soothing. 'Nabbit but a cleet ory lad, ma'am. No harm in him, I'll warrant ye.'

But the lady's voice was sharp and decisive. It's a mere feint to enter the house, and then followed some whispering of 'plate' and 'unarmed.' 'I know no Ducliffs,' she said, aloud, looking up by instinct. He was confirmed in his theory that the educated classes form a sort of Freemasonry everywhere of mutual help and brotherhood. As for ignorant bores, as Walter was fond of calling them, they were out in a general limbo of vice and want and greed.

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into the night. Another hour passed. The snow rose higher about his body; half-crazed as he was, it seemed a living grave creeping up to cover him; it was a matter of life and death for him to go on.

'But I cannot go on, he said, with white lips. An awful shivering seized him; for the first time in his life he lost control of his limbs. He looked up into the clouds with the feeling that God was mercifully aware. If he knew Him better he would pray to Him. But it was a long time since he had forgotten how to pray; like many college boys, he thought that was amatter for women and children more than men.

He unstrapped the valise and put it down under a dead tree, and then laid down beside it. The snow was soft and warm; he could not fight against the unnatural drowsiness. 'This is death, then,' he said. He had often thought of the agony of the last parting with his mother, and how he could overcome it with noble thoughts and soldierly courage; but now he only thought how comfortable the snow was—'warm as a feather bed. If his feet were only dry! His eyes closed. The feathery flakes began to fall on his face.

Suddenly, but a little way off, a roaring voice began to sing: And the ants and the cousins Came out by the dozens; All blood relations to me, Lord Donmore. The lethargy of coming death was heavily upon him; he knew through it that there was a chance for life; but rest was sweeter. He sank down again. Then the boy remembered his promise, and it stung him like a spur. He got up, clapped his arms weakly to bring back the circulation, and staggered on a few steps. Before him was a low hut, constructed of unplanned boards, the smoke pouring through a pipe in the roof.

'Oh, 'tis there you'll hear the thrushes warbling. In the vales convenient to sweet Ballinfad.' The voice was unmistakably Irish and drunk.

'Some blood-thirsty cut-throat,' thought Walter. 'Who else would be watching at this time of night? He took off his seal ring, gold watch and diamond scarf-pin and dropped them into his boot. There was no use tempting him to murder. Then he walked on and pushed open the door.

'God save us!' shouted a kindly voice, and with the next breath Walter felt himself lifted by a pair of strong arms and carried like a baby to the fire. The heat overpowered him. He tried to speak, and then lay as if dead on the man's knees.

'And 'tis Christmas day you say, Jim? Christmas it is. Here's your soup, now, hot as blazes. Be the powers! I'll be a job to stretch the provisions till to-morrow, you greedy young gossion you!'

Walter laughed and drew himself weakly up in bed, leaning against the man's breast, while he ate the steaming mutton broth out of a yellow crock. 'I never tasted anything so good, soaking the last drop into a crust.'

'Well, three days ago, when ye came to that dure, I thought it was yer coffin I'd be makin' for yees instead of soup.'

Jim pulled up the straw pillow at his back and settled his head, stroking back his hair, with fingers black, to be sure, but gentle as a woman's.

'On a chair by the fire hung Walter's clothes, clean and dry, but ragged with dragging through briars and rocks. 'If it hadn't been for you, Jim, I'd have needed a coffin, sure enough,' said Walter. 'Who did you think I was that night? A little curious to know if his rag had betrayed him through his rags and wet.'

'Be jabbers, I thought you were a collier's boy from the pit. There's one there has just cut of your face. When I found your jewelry I knowed different, of course. There it is, by the by, on the shelf.'

He handed it to Walter, but the boy let the glittering heap fall on the bed, and took the red, grimy hand in both of his.

'Oh, Jim!' he cried. After a while he said, 'You couldn't have done more for me if I had been your brother.'

Jim jerked his hand away from a 'Sjeks!' He was not given to talking sentiment.

'I'd suppose any man ud sit still wid a boy freezing at his dure?' he said gruffly; but he was pleased. Walter saw it. He lay wondering why he had become so fond of this fellow, who was nothing but an Irish laborer set to watch the railroad by which the hut stood. It was not alone that he had saved his life; it was for the strength and cheerfulness, and a queer, pathetic humor that lay under his dirt and ignorance.

'So you thought I was a collier boy,' he said, presently. 'Why, I am one of the Ducliffs of Philadelphia, Jim.'

'All blood relations to me, Lord Donmore!' he sang. Walter's face grew red, but he laughed.

The shriek and whistle of the train was heard just then, and Jim disappeared with his flag, but came back grinning with delight, carrying a basket. 'I towld the stroker about you yesterday and he fetched a bit of beef, and his old woman sent some fat, and the fireman brought you a chicken. By golly, we'll have a Christmas dinner after all!'

'Why, they never saw me,' cried Walter. 'I reckon we've all got to help each other,' said Jim, gruffly, cutting up his chicken. 'Father Forbes said at mass on Sunday that was the rale manin' of Christmas day.'

'The meaning of Christmas! It never had any meaning to him beyond Jennie's hall and some pretty gifts to his mother. Could it mean this brotherly love these people showed for him, that he felt for Jim, that he would feel for every man, perhaps, if he but knew them better and nearer? Could it be that which the child had come to teach, who had His birth in a meaner shelter than this, among men more ignorant and poor? The long winter day stole on. Jim cooked and nursed, dashed out at intervals to signal approaching trains, and made a jolly day of it. Walter was very quiet.

the sky, which seemed curiously near then. In two days you can go; but it's a pity you couldn't have gone to church with your mother to-day.'

'I'm not homesick, Jim. And I've found something in the old shanty which I never learned in church.'

The Mocking-Bird in Connecticut. It is generally believed that the mocking-bird does not extend his summer migration further northward than the state of Maryland, but it is a fact that a few of these southern songsters occasionally extend their summer trip further north, not only into New Jersey, but even into the southern border of New England. Three of their nests were built, one recent summer, in a suburban part of Hartford—and, we regret to add, all three were plundered of their eggs before the young were hatched. If not molested, the mocking-bird, when he does travel as far north as Connecticut—which he does means the case every summer, and only a very few of them ever come so far at best—would hardly be noticed, half hidden in the congenial shrubbery which he loves. The mocking-bird is intelligent, and is easily taught to sing tunes. One owned by a Hartford lady not only sings three Mooly and Sankey tunes, but knows (as is proved) many individual who visit the house. 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Jno. Poppina has purchased the Sturgis Journal.

Chas. Bradlaugh has been returned to Parliament.

To-day is the 16th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination.

The mayor elect of Adrian is a young man named T. J. Navin.

Mayor Stacy, of Adrian, died Sunday night.

The famous fat woman, Mrs. Charles Ballow, of Saranac, only weighed 400 pounds just before her death.

The Jews are the longest lived people and the mulattoes the strongest lived of all classes of American citizens.

As the Roman Catholic peasants in Russia Poland have declined to swear allegiance to the Greek church they are being persecuted.

A western cattle-raiser writes to correct the exaggerated reports as to the loss in cattle the past winter.

From estimates he asserts the losses, direct and incidental from lack of increase, will not exceed seven per cent, also owing to the greatly increased moisture in the cattle country there will be earlier and better grass than has been known for years.

Sweet are the uses of adversity. So thought a Washington boarding house keeper, whose wife dying suddenly, was in the habit of erecting crosses and tombstones to her memory.

The fresh will have their class supper the latter part of May.

The Detroit clothes are rigging out the boys with spring suits.

The freshmen class supper is to come off the last Saturday in May.

The sophomores are going to have a big treat on the date not yet fixed.

Prof. Ecker, of the Grand Rapids high school, spent a few days in the city last week.

Miss Emma E. Bower dispenses the medicine at the homeopathic college on city days.

Melation, class of '77, has got a position in university of Paris as Prof. of English Literature.

At the senior class meeting next Saturday, the senior secretary, class supper questions will be settled.

Prof. H. C. Adams in his lectures on the purpose of taking "news" to Saline, Ypsilanti, Detroit and other places.

The officers of the athletic association will meet sometime this week to complete arrangements for field day in May.

The managing editor of the Chronicle has purchased a complete file of the Chronicle and will have them bound.

The students' lecture association cleared the past year \$657, and the lecture board has presented \$500 to the gymnasium fund.

Prof. H. C. Adams had an interesting article in the last number of the International Review on the subject of "Modern Debits."

The senior pharmacists were examined in toxicology by Prof. Rose Wednesday.

All of the classes are well pleased with Rose as an instructor.

The senior class will hold their meeting next Saturday, having been unable to do so last Saturday because other classes had got ahead of them in obtaining room A.

Club board does not always rival Delmonico, but the \$1.75 per week club board now has all pains under his vest diagnosed as, "too much strawberry short cake."

Messrs. Parsons, Morse and Textor, quailed at the last meeting of the senior Prescott lyceum. E. E. Gatchell acted as critic and read a paper on "Butter and its Adulterations."

The extempore speaking class is, at times, the liveliest places in the campus.

The meeting last Friday was one of the windiest on record. It arose from a misunderstanding of the question.

Mayor Stacy, who died the other day, was a graduate of the university and a member of the Alpha Delta chapter.

As a mark of respect, Mr. Edward Brennan, '81, was sent to represent the fraternity at the funeral.

The Alpha Nu literary society dispersed the former \$200 Black plums to Prof. Freze invited Bishop Haven to address the senior class next commencement.

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The President, Mrs. Prof. Adams, delivered an address as follows:

At the very beginning of our meeting I desire to congratulate you on the prosperity of our country during the past year.

I think that those who have watched the growth of our library from its small beginnings to the present time, will be accomplishing in our community, cannot but feel a just pride in its prosperity.

We know that in the past its strength and usefulness have been increased through untiring efforts; and we have no reason to suppose that in the future its prosperity will be secured on any easier conditions.

From the reports of the secretary and treasurer you will hear of the many ways in which we have been able to secure our library on a firm basis while some of its founders are still with us. It should have a home before its parents have passed away.

It is but natural that those who have cared for it in infancy, and cared for it in its childhood, should feel for it a peculiar interest which those who take up the work later may not feel.

And we are frequently reminded that the founders are fast passing away. Every year, as we come together at the annual gatherings, we are reminded of some one who was with us the year before last, and who cannot be with us again.

Again and again has the summons come. We are thus painfully reminded that the generation of the founders of the library are fast passing away.

It is for these reasons that the board of directors are to submit to you to-day the question: Shall the board of directors be authorized to take such measures as may seem best for the preservation of the library for the future?

The reasons for and against this question should be fully presented, and I am sure that you can do so in a most satisfactory manner.

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We have had the advice of those in whose judgment we have confidence. They have encouraged us to go forward, assuring us that the public will not be unmindful of the benefit we are bestowing upon the community; and I believe, furthermore, if we are seen to go forward relying upon the public spirit of the community, we shall not be disappointed.

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