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UNDRESSING LITTLE NED.

"Where is 'Whiskey Bill,' who used

"Well, now, it's a curious case," he

DOZING:

Shadows alowly steal around me, Lulling mind to peaceful rest; Gentle visions, none but I see, Come with tidings none may guess.

Tiny gleams of ruddy brightness. From the grate shoot 'cross the floor; And on ceiling's snowy whiteness Weave their lines of mystic lore,

Hosts of odd and curious fancies Fit above my drowsy brain;
And my heart and mind entrances
With their alient soulful strain.

While the patter of rain outside Makes the sweet content more sweet, Till I wonder if the fireshie Be not the place where angels meet,

MASQUERADING.

The Hon, Charle Proctor had but just returned from his wedding tour. During the heated term, while ruralizing in one of the picturesque villages which met with a sweet little blossom of a all." girl, who had won his heart with as litapparent effort as the sun attracts to himself the myriad drops which formed his beneficient cloud servitors.

And even as they are transformed by magical touches of light into a gorgeously beautiful series of pictures, so was changed to him by his intense love for

established in his heart.

Husband and wife were scated in her cosy boudoir. They had been engaged in an animated discussion over an article which had just appeared in a prominent monthly. The gentleman was ar guing against his own views, just for the purpose of hearing his little wife's bright answers.

Suddenly a thought struck him. He drew a letter from his pocket. "See, Stella, here is a letter from my Cousin Belle. I wast you to read it. It is the richest thing I have seen for a

long time." Stella took the lotter and read :

"My DEAR CHARLIE-I have received your wedding cards and the note which you sent with them, telling me about you bride and where you found her. Of course, I must offer you my sincere congratulations, but you musa't he vexed if I tell you how surprised I am at your choosing a wife from the wilds of Vermont. Though being so olished yourself, you will no doubt instenet her in the usages of society before introducing her into critical circles. I shall call call soon, and am as ever your loving cousin,

Stella's eyes absolutely sparkled with mischief as she gave the letter back to her husband. A brilliant idea entered her head, but she only said :

"Your cousin does not seem to have an exelted idea of our country girls." "I depend on Mrs. Proctor to rectify ber fake impression."

"I think I shall be the means of surprising her. I shall endeavor to do so."

called, and sent up her card. Mrs. lideas, Proctor did not come down immediately, and after a time the delay grew tedious,

"It is as I expected. It is evident that my cousin's wife has little knowlthe young lady's thought. After a time Mrs. Proctor entered the room. Accustomed as Belle was to

her new gousin came toward her. Har dress was a bright, grass green sills out so short in the skirts that it dis-

but so large that it looked out of place in her case. upon the girlish figure. The sleeves the same old face at the wrists.

If she had stepped out of some old fashion plate she could not have presented a more quaint appearance.

Still, her fresh complexion and clear her poeting lips, the heavy, waving bair, hanging in two massive braids, was powerless to spoil.

Belle could understand how berbeauty had captivated her favorite cousin, but she mourand over his inlatuntion, and when she heard Stella speak, though her voice was low and musical, she was not consided.

"Good morning, Mrs. Proctor. wish to present my congratulations to you, and also to apologize for my absence from your welding, to which my cousin kindly sent me cards."

Stella dropped a school-girl courtesy. You are very kind, I'm sure, but my nocle's house ain't very big, so if you had a come we might have sent you to a

neighbor's to sleep," "Then it is just as well that I did not accept," said Belle.

"Yes; there aint hardly no room at Maypule and his cousin Bob came down | him. from Bosting, and they beat all for dancing." The way they swang you round detected her husband in an unusual lady is the wife of my cousin, the Hon. is no edd of sport."

"On P' said Bello.

get a word in edgeways, for her new "love him dearly." cousin's flow of language was as continnous and rippling as the flow of a dress! Behave yourself, sir I'

her eyes snapped just like black dia- wash. monds. You never seen such black she looked orful pretty.

"I am glad you had such an enjoyable time," said Belle, rising to go, "You ishment, when convenient.

Stella smiled shawing a row of white. even teath, which made her face even accompanied these words contradicted precating smile.

the bright and shining light in our cards came to-day." dot the Green Mountain State, be had whole family, and is very precious to us

Her voice quivered slightly, for her cold fashionable exterior. She felt that of the society of this famous city.', her cousin's lot would be a sad one away.

Stella detected the tremor, and look- of them. the newly made husband's mental world ling at Belle, saw tears in her eyes. Her saw that her rouse had been only too suc- is still in it first freshness." Though but little past middle age, he cessful, but she was not going to had become somewhat cynical and change her tactics just yet; so she only gant. Your fixings are pretty, and all with imparience to hear the promised exworld-weary, until the empire which put up her lips-tempting and red as that sort of thing, but I want your toilet planation. rules alike over king and peasant was the cieft strawberry-for a kiss, and for this occasion to be wor has much as Before the close of the evening children gathered around the lamp to said simply:

"I love him very dearly !" Balle kissed her, moved by her avowal, and somewhat reassured, went home.

Charles beard of her call, and made it in his way to drop in one evening, exnected to hear pleasant things said about grace you." his girl-wife by his cousin, who, like bimself, was an ardent lover of grace

subject nearest his beart. "How do you source?

this question would not be asked, but she said: "She is very levely, Charlie."

spirit as one could well imagine?" B-lle hesiteted.

isn't she entirely uneducated?" The gentleman opened his eyes wide a his surprise. "I see you are blind, as all lovers

direct her a little about her dress? She round point lace, fastened at the throat dresses to a very peculiar style." prejudiced. According to my ideas, make up your mind to leve my little her abundant, wavy bair. mountain maid as a real bona fide

cousin should be loved." "So I will, Charlie," said Belle, im-A few days after this Miss Revere and remould her according to her own you?"

When the young man returned home, Stella met him at the door, as was her usual custom. It was very pleasant to think of the wistful face on the watch. edge of the proprieties of etiquette," was for his coming footsteps, to know that longed to my mother. So you see I am his hand upon the bell would not only draw forth its responsive note-it would set a pair of responsive feet flying down the numerous accidents of society, she the stairway just to meet him. There dowed than I thought You are Siella could scarcely keep her face straight as was always a pleasent warmth about his

heart as he drew near home. · Stella was dressing in pure white. A kiss. olk cut so short in the skirts that it dis- knot of fragrant flowers at her breast, layed her feet. An old style lace call another in her hair, were her sole oron- been quite frank with you. I wanted to as play as a tin whistle. He was brought knot of fragrant flowers at her breast, her was fastened at the neck by a cameo ments. He had ever seen her simply be loved for myself alone-and so I am, pin-a white, exquisitely cut head upon dressed, and thought that the adage a dark ground-evidently of great value, about 'beauty unadorned' was a true one am the happiest wife on the whole

Even upon her wedding day her whispered to him that the round of Who was this little wife of his? He formed a tout essemble which her dress never have penced the letter which had rose. been the cause of the deception reserted to by that mischievous little lady as a punishment for audacious advice,

Charlie thought his bride was entirely at the scene of gayety rather late. dependent upon the uncle with whom she lived. He was a scholarly, refined old man, such as you often find buried with his broks in some out-of-the way country place.

All that he cared to know about her astecedents could be learned from the family tree which hung in ther plainlyfurnished little parlor.

He knew that Stella was the child of a youngster sister of Mr. Wilde, whose married life had been spent abroad. She and fived but a few months; and what mands." so natural as to leave her young child in such a pexeful home? More than this, all. But you missed lots of fon. Zeke for reasons of her own Stella did not tell Miss Travers. She gave a start of sur

Several times during the eveng she scentiny of herself and dress. "What do you see unusual, Chaflie?

Are you going to turn artistic, and take you in Boston I should not know you,"

"Oh I" again sighed Belle, unable to enough to tease her idol, if she did intimate friends. Come with me and I

"Stop, Charlie! you will crush my "You'd orghter seen the deacon's profusion of delicate frills, and answered tion she flushed deeply, glanced at her repeated the man, in tones of surprise.

"Much you know about it, sir. It dress like that."

with my cousin and spend the evening gant? I am afinid, after all, she is not ding." the wife for a poor man."

"Take good care of Charlie. He is affair is coming off next week! The my dearest school friend. I hope she call up the hundreds of faces you have "Ah! a party at the Montaigne's.

Would you like to go?" "Yes, I would, most decidedly. I proud heart was aching beneath her have an ardent desire to see something were strangers in the city, and one was be a stranger's do you let it drop from "Well, you must get Belle to go with bride.

after the first glamour had passed you and select something hardsome to wear. I want you to look as well as any

all of the things put together which Stella managed to whisper to Belle, 'If look over a picture-book,

words, but she said, coaxing), "Let me | sufficiently?" have my own way, just this once, Charlie. I promise you that I will not dis-

abruptly, for Stella threatened to pull fellow would show it to you. But," she "Well, Belle," said he, with assumed every individual hair on his head if he added playfully, "I think the stage adifference, after they had spoken of kept on, and who would not be alarmed missed a bright ornament when a corvarious things, and did not approach the at such a threat, and from such a tain lady became Mrs. Charles Proc-

Belle was very truthful, and hoped Stella made her appearance in the satisfactory to her bushand. She was parlor, where her busband was awaiting an heiress, and did not wish to be

"And is she not as winning a little wished to see her, as he said, in her full old uncle, she laid aside her rich gar

woman, but-Charlie, I must say it- creamcolored silk, which swept in a wood vow in her toilet, the aroma of "And so you left your motherless volumineous felds to her- feet, which the rose still lingered though its garalture children at home and went out and got peoped out clothed in dainty white kid of velvet was no longer visible. Her dress was cut decollete, but her are, but I mean it. And couldn't you snowy neck was covered by a bertha of

by a diamond star, which caught the "I am sure, Bello, that you must be light and held it in iridescent sparkles. In each shell-like car a diamond solishe has almost faultless taste. At any taire shone like a drop of crystalized ate, she always looks as pretty and dow, and a butterfly, gemmed with the fresh as a resebud. Come, Belle, suid same precious stones, was poised on a be; 'cast away all false notions, and tremulous spiral stem amid the braids of

"Is this my little Stella? Where my mountain dewdrop?"

"Here," said Stella, playfully pointing how my little Stella can wear gems fit

for a queen's ransom,"

"Some time I will explain more fully. Now I will merely tell you that they be-

"You cannot be more worthily en--that comprises all to me."

Stella put up her sweet lips for a

and you are the noblest husband and, I broad continent of America." This answer closed ber husband's lips were cut tight to the arms, with a fall of white dress did not seem to be of an for the present, but as they stepped into expensive material, though, if Cousin the carriage and were whirled away to and scratched like a boy of ten, Bells had seen it she might have en- the scene of gaicty awaiting them, he lightened his manike ignorance and could scarcely realize the situation

point lace with which it was trimmed felt as though the ground lad been cut cut features, the dimples larking about would be considered worthy a place in beneath his feet. It was like finding a the trousseau of a princess. Had Bello sweet weed violet, transplanting it, and also been told that it was an hairboom seeing his wild wood treasure turned school-girl fashion, down her back, in Stella's family, she would certainly into a cultivated garden beauty, a volvet Miss Belle Revere had a friend from

Boston staying with her. They were among the invited guests, and arrived As they entered they exchanged greeting with the bost and bostess, and then mingled with the throng of

Suddenly Alice Travers uttered an exclamation of surprise. "Why did you not tell one that Stella

Langford was in town?"

"Because I did not know it," answered Belle, concisely. "Is she here?" "Yes; look over at the extreme end of the drawing room. Do you see returned a widow to her brother's house that girl in cream-colored silk and dia-Belle raised her eyeglasses and

> prise, looked again, then said ; "You are surely mistaken. That goat tails. Charles Proctor." "l'erhaps you think if I were to mee

looked in the direction indicated by

will introduce you.'

So the two girls threaded their way to the spot where Stella stood. As they to drive that old white horse in front Charlie glanced at the dress, with its came near enough to attract her attendor of a tweet-five cent express wagon?" darter! She had on a yaller dress, and carelessly, "Pshaw, little one, it will husband, then came to meet them with

a pleasant look. slowly continued. 'We all thought "Can it really be you, Alice? I could be'd gone to the dogs, for sure, for he hair on a gal's bead afore. I tell you, takes the best part of a day to iron a hardly believe my eyes. Charlie, this is was drinking a pint of whiskey, a day; my friend, Miss Travers, from Boston, but a few mouths ago be braced right Charlie raised his eyebrows in asten- My husband, Alice. You were travel- up, stopped drinking, and now I hear ing on the continent at the time or I he's in good business and saving money. coust call and see me. Come round . Is my mountain daisy so extrava- should have sent you cards to our wed- It beats all, for the last time I saw him

he seemed half under-ground." Turning to the astonished Belle she When you go home at night and find Stella smiled; the loving look which extended her gloved hand with a de- that all is well with your own flesh and

more bewitching. Belle took her little their meaning.

See, Mr. Proctor, what a grand how pleasant to find you in company of itself? Do you ever shut you eyes and my depend of the course of the bundreds of faces you have will give you good reports of me."

> that cynosure of all eyes and hearts-a memory with your dreams, or do you She was surrounded by the brightest comes down and hope it may lose none

ietellects of the day, exchanging "bon of its brightness in the whirling mists of mots" and witticisms, proving herself time? ing at Belle, saw tears in her eyes. Her own clouded in sympathy. The girl You must remember my bridal trousseau words. Belle's surprise was equaled by An inquiry here and there finally traced her cousin's. This was a new phase of him to a little brown cottage on a by-"I mean you must buy something ele- Stella's character, and he was burning street. He sat on the step in the

> your good old uncle was able to give you will forget and forgive I will, I saw your letter of congratulation to Bill, down town," he replied, as he Stella smiled to herself at these Charlie. Does that explain matters moved along and made room, "but it is Belle's face cleared as if by magic.

She gave Stella's hand a fervent pressure, and said : "When a woman says she will-"
His quotation was ended rather offeeder-I had no idea the stapid

The evening of the party came, and Stella's explanation proved entirely sought for her money. So when She had not put on her wraps, for he she made her annual visit to her dear ments and dressed like a simple country He stood for a moment silent from maiden; but culture and refinement do "She is undoubtedly a sweet little astonishment. Her dress was rich, not depend open costly robes. So, like

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BELAYS. Fortune is like the market; many times, if you can stay a little, the price will fall; and, again, it is something like Sitylla's offer, which at first offereth the commodity at full, then consumeth part and part, and still boldeth up the price; for occasion (as it is in common vers turneth a bald noddle after she bath presented her locks in front, and no hold taken; or at least turneth the handle of the bottle first to be received, bim. Until that night I never had that and after the belly, which is hard to pulsively, and she made a resolve to try to her diamonds, "do they not please clasp. There is surely no greater wisdom than well to time the beginnings and onsets of all things. Dangers are no more light, if they once seem light; ed more dangers have deceived men than forced them; nay, it were better to meet some dangers half-way, though they come nothing near, than to keep not the dowerless maiden you thought too long a watch upon their approaches; for if a man watch too long, it odds be will fall fast asleep.

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the name of Whiskey Bill' right than IF I DON'T, I WON'T." Ephias Jones was a little eld man, his in for disturbing the peace on the street. He was so county that he elbowed and kicked pedestrians and refused to "move on" for a rest car or carriges. Bigh had hard work to put him in a coll, and twice as hard to get him out. He had to bring him in his arms, and the old man kicked

"They can't nobody shove me around!" queaked the little old man as he was copped before the desk, ... Has anybody abused you?" mildly quired the court. "No, because they dasn's do it. I'm

sass from any man in the State." "Do you want to go home!" "It I want to go I shall go. If I don't "Have a family?"

"I won't tell you,"
His Henor saw that he had an original character to deal with, so he said to "Take this nice old men in the corridor,

and read him Article VII., and let him out by the private door,"
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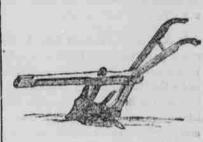
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learned its application. One evening after failed to recover it. On one occasion, a escarting a young lady home, and being smith's anyis a said to have fallen over invited to walk in he thought of the above board; not being able to bring this up. expression, and excured inmost by raying. The istancers contileed to g tat ast one by "I thank you - I must go cook some other descending a great many times, and roll tog it over till it resched the land,

When the old man was let out be jumped tomed to it from their infancy, the ele-cient into the gulter with a yell, and a ment becomes so natural to them that close observer could have detected spins they seem to have the use of their faculties ters from a pure chingle hanging to his in the water as well as on dry land. Ac-A P cachman having heard the obrace iron was thrown overboard, they instantly "I've not other fish to fry," very readily jumped into the sea after it, and never

blood do you go to sleep reasoning that

met during the day, and wender if the Belle bowed silently, evidently upon paleness of death will cover any of them her dignity. The groupe attracted a before the morrow? When you have great deal of attention. Two of them once been attracted to a face, even if it call it up again and again as night

> of 50, and in the house three or four "Yes, they used to call me . Whisky

weeks since I heard the name. No wonder they thick me dead, for I've not set eyes on the old crowd for months and I don't want to for months to come. "They tell me you have quit drinking. One could see that by your face." "I hope so, I haven't touched a

drop sloce Pabruary. Before that I was half-drunk day in and day out, and more of a brute than a man. I don't mind saying that my wife's death set me to thicking, but I didn't stop my fiquer. God forgive me, but I was drunk when she died, half-drunk at the grave, and I meant to go on a regular spree that night. It was low-down, sir, but I was no better than a brute those

days.

drunk?" "No, I said I meant to, but I didn't. The poor things were crying all day, and after coming home from the burial I thought to get 'em tucked away in the bed before I went out. Drunk or sober. I never struck one of them a blow, and they never ran from me when . I staggered home. There's four of 'em in there, and the youngest isn't quite four years yet. I got the older ones in bed all right, and then come little Ned. He had cried himself to sleep, and be called for mother as soon as I woke hoy on my knee, to say nothing of putting him to bed, and you can guess these big fingers made slow work with the hooks and buttons. Every minute he kept saying mother didn't do that way, and mother done this way, and the big children were hiding their heads UNITED under the quits to drown their sobs. When I had his clothes off and his night-gown on I was ashamed and put him dowe, and when the oldest saw tears in my eyes and jumped out of bed to put her areas around my neck I dropped

and forever." "And little New?" "Mebbe I'd have weakened but for him," replied the man, as he wiped his eyes. "After I got the child's night gowo on, what did he do but kneel right down beside me and wait for me to say the Lord's Prayer to him! Why, sir, you might have knocked me down with a feather! There I was, mother and father to him, and I couldn't say four words of that prayer to save my life! He waited and waited for me to begin, as his mother always had, and he big children were waiting, and when I took him in my arms and kissed him, ittle old man, but I won't take a word of I called heaven to witness that my life should change from that hour. And so it did, sir, and I've been trying hard to lead a sober, honest life. God helping me, no one shall call me 'Whiskey Bill' agaie."

The four children, little Ned in his night-gown, came out for a good night kiss, and the boy cuddled in his father's arms for a moment, and said: "Good night, pa-good night, every-

body in the world-good night, ma up in heaven-and don't put out the light till we get to sleep?-Detroit Free

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cause, the's Leen to bearding-school; said Alice, surgestically. "Stella Ling-She's a mighty stack-up peace generally, my portrait? Innocent as Stella looked, she knew ford is a Bostonian-one of the botles but she knowed that Proctor was a city perfectly well what was passing through of society-has queened it for several his mind, but she was unbulievous maters and is moreover, one of my take. felier, so she made out to come."

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