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ONLY.

Only a woman with aching heart,
That sits in the firelight's glow,
And notes o'er the tangled threads
That fate has woven for her.

Only a woman, with hope all slain
And buried within her breast,
That wishes life but a sad refrain,
And only longs for rest.

Only a woman in woman's pride,
That smiles when her heart is dead,
You cannot tell by her laugh and jest,
That her light in life is fled.

Only a woman that grieves alone
Away from curious eyes;
Grieves for one who sleeps so still
Out under the autumn skies.

Only a woman that fain would lay
Her head by the dear one's side,
Rather than live a lifeless life
That begins this eventide.

REVENGED.

"He will surely come, for he promised me," exclaimed Winnie Lyle, as with face bright with expectation, and eyes aglow with joy, she gazed down the road which led to the town. She was standing under an apple tree, now laden with fragrant blossoms, and the swaying boughs, freighted with their fair burden, seemed a fitting frame for the fair young girl standing there; so lovely in her eager watching, her great blue eyes so full of happiness. Some time she stood there. A troubled look crept into the sweet eyes, and the smiles left her face.

Finally she sees a gentleman's form in the distance, and with a clap of her hands, she calls joyfully: "There he is," and darts forward a step.

As he approaches, her lips tremble with disappointment, and her eyes grow dim with unshed tears. The stranger, a tall, dark young man, of about twenty-one, doffs his hat and says:

"Can you tell me where Mr. Lyle resides.

"Certainly, sir, this is his residence," glancing toward the house near by. "Do you wish to see him?"

"Is this Miss Lyle?" he again inquired.

"It is, she replies.

"Then I will tell you my errand. Mr. Lamert is obliged to return to the city in the morning, and as he is very busy preparing for his departure he asked me to deliver this to you," and he hands her a letter.

He watches the young girl pale, see the lips quiver, and thinks to himself: "Gay is a brute!"

"Is he coming back?" she falters.

"He was summoned very suddenly by a telegram from his father, and was very busy in preparing to leave."

"If you will excuse me, sir, I will read this now, as perhaps I can answer it by you."

"Certainly," and he watches her as she hastily breaks the seal. I read:

"MY DARLING WINNIE.—How can I say what I am about to? And yet it must be said. This morning I received a telegram from my father requesting my immediate presence in New York; and now, Winnie comes the hardest part of it all. I was engaged to a lady in New York before I ever knew you. I know how base my conduct has been, and fortune has decree you should ever be mine. I am a brute! I ask no mercy! I can only say a last farewell! GUY LAMBERT."

The young gentleman watching her, saw her grow pale, as stagger. Then with a low moan of pain, her head sank upon her hands.

It was painful to see her grief, and with a pitying look, he turned away. Presently he felt a light touch on his arm, and turning, saw her with pale face and strained eyes, standing beside him.

"This, sir, shall be his answer," and laid a plain gold circlet in his hand.

"Will you not transmit Chester, Earle to be your true friend?" he asked, gently.

"Do not ask me; you are very kind to offer it, but I have no faith left."

With a low bow, he touched his hat, and walked away, while she entered the house with a slow step.

"Guy Lamert you are a miserable brute," he exclaimed, as wending his way slowly back to town, the girl's sorrow stricken face rose up before him, just as she stood there, the apple blossoms framing her in.

"There she is, Guy; isn't she lovely?" and Chester Earle touched his friend upon the arm.

"Yes, she is a beauty, who did you say she is?"

"Miss Revere, that wealthy Mrs. Revere's niece and heiress. She is the belle at present, Charley Town promised me an introduction. I'll go and claim it. There he is," and Chester Earle moved away. He was tall and commanding in appearance, distinguished looking and a favorite in society.

Guy Lamert stood still, gazing in admiration at the beautiful young lady pointed out to him. She was tall and beautifully formed, her face was proud and cold, unless she was pleased at something, when it lighted up, and the sweet little mouth would be wreathed in bewitching smiles. Her features were really cut as those of a cameo, a wealth of the purest of golden hair, waving over the lovely brow, and a pair of large, blue eyes, made a beautiful picture.

Presently Guy saw his friend presented, and saw her join the dance with him. Later in the evening he met Chester again. "Well," he says, "if you have a moment to spare, suppose you introduce me to Miss Revere?"

"With the greatest of pleasure, Guy," he replies.

Guy crosses the room with him, to the place where Miss Revere is present, surrounded by her usual circle of admirers. The crowd opens to admit them, and Mr. Lamert is presented to her.

She lifts her great blue eyes to his, and with a charming smile, makes room for him beside her. One by one the others leave, until he is left alone with her. They chat gayly for some time, and finally he says:

"Miss Revere, whenever I look at you, I am reminded of some one whom I can not call to mind. But I am sure I have never met you before."

Her eyes flash for an instant underneath the drooping lashes. Finally she says:

"Are you quite sure?"

"Yes, quite sure. Had I once met, I could never have forgotten you."

She bowed, in mocking acknowledgment of his compliment.

"Yes," he continued, "your ways perplex and bewilder me. I almost, but not quite, conclude of whom they remind me."

"Well, Mr. Earle is coming to claim the next dance, I suppose, so I will leave you to discover of whom I remind you, and bowing gracefully, she left him.

Four years before, Guy Lamert had married a Miss Lefflere, of N. W York, a wealthy, talented young lady. They had gone to Europe. After one year of happiness, she had died. At the end of two years he returned to New York again, and had been at home several months when the last events had occurred.

All that evening he watched Miss Revere, as if bewitched, and when a vacant seat could be obtained, he was at her side. All that winter he remained a devoted worshipper at her shrine. He and Mr. Earle were her most favored suitors.

When spring came, and she went with her aunt to their beautiful residence on the Hudson, he found it in his way to visit a friend living near.

One morning she took a book, and passing to the side of the house, seated herself under a spreading apple tree, one of her favorite haunts. A gentleman coming along the path gazed in admiration at the lovely vision seated there, while a bewildered look crossed his face. She raised her head at the sound of the approaching footsteps, and saw Chester Earle approaching. A faint color stole into her cheek. She rose and extended her hand.

"Mr. Earle, I did not know you were in the place?"

"I had a few days' leisure, and concluded to come up here."

"And I am sure they will all be glad to see you."

"Are you?" he asked, eagerly.

"Certainly I am."

He smiled, and fixing his gaze upon her said, in a hesitating tone:

"Miss Revere, were you ever in Montville?"

"I have been there; indeed, I lived there, until my aunt adopted me, four years ago."

"It is a very pretty place. I spent a summer there once with a friend."

"Indeed! Yes, it is a pretty place. My home was a short distance from the one of a beautiful old place, with a splendid old orchard, in which I delighted to sit. You see I have not outgrown my fondness for it," and she glanced laughing at the apple tree under which they were seated.

He looked at her closely. Suddenly his face lighted up, and putting out his hand impulsively, exclaimed:

"I see now what has puzzled me so long. You are Miss Lyle!"

"I was Miss Lyle; but how did you guess it?" she asked, smiling, as she extended her hand to meet his.

"Your surroundings, the apple blossoms, and your story decided me."

"Yes, I was Miss Lyle, but I can hardly realize it."

"You refused my offer of friendship once; do you refuse it now?"

"No; have I not already given you my friendship?" she replied, laughing.

"Yes, but it does not satisfy me, although it has been very sweet. I came from New York to you, to tell you how deeply and truly I love you. My going away again, or remaining depends upon you alone. Winnie, my darling, shall I go or stay?"

His voice was tremulous with feeling. A faint pink colored her usually pale face; but raising her great blue eyes to his, she answered:

"Please stay, Chester!"

Let us leave them for a few hours, and return to find Winnie seated in the parlor, alone. Finally, the servant announced Mr. Lamert, and he entered and paid his respects to Miss Revere.

"You are alone this evening, of what were you so busily thinking when I entered?" he inquired, with an attempt at playfulness.

"Of many things, Mr. Lamert."

"If I dared but hope I occupied a part of them?" he said tenderly.

"You did," she replied, smiling.

"Oh, Miss Revere—my darling! I must tell you how deeply I love you! Will you be mine, darling?"

"Never! Mr. Lamert."

"Oh, you cannot mean it. You are cruel! Oh, Winnie! take back your answer," he entreated.

"No, sir!" she replied, coldly.

"Can you not at least give me the hope of being able to win your love?" he implored.

"Please not!"

"Miss Revere, it cannot be possible you have been trifling with me all these months; have you not one particle of love for me?"

"Not one particle of love!" she replied again.

"What have I done to deserve such treatment?" he asked, brokenly.

"You ask me that? Well I will tell you," and unclasping a locket she wore, held it up to him.

"Winnie Lyle!" he exclaimed humbly.

"Yes; Winnie Lyle and Winnie Revere are one! Dare you ask me now, what you have done?" and she threw her head back proudly.

"Oh, Winnie have mercy and pity me! I did love you—indeed I did! Let me explain—"

"No, I will listen to no explanation; I understand it all. You used the poor innocent country girl, to try your powers of fascination upon. Then, when she trusted and loved you, you threw her aside for a new toy. I do pity you, but do not love you."

"But you can—you once did."

"True; but I cannot now. It long ago passed away, when I learned your faithlessness."

"Will you not forgive me? I hope you forgive me?"

"Yes, I forgive you, but love another and her eyes shone brightly as Chester Earle, who had just entered, came forward.

"I see all now!" he resumed, brokenly. "You deceive her, Chester. This is unpardonable!"

With bowed head, he left the house, carrying with him the picture of the two happy faces left behind him.

SEVEN BABIES AT A BIRTH.

[Chester Journal.]

The Chester Journal printed a special telegram, some days ago, in which it was stated that a woman living in Jackson county had given birth to seven girl babies. Of course, those who read the statement considered it a newspaper joke, and dismissed it without further thought. I confess that when I wrote the telegram making the startling announcement that I did so with many misgivings as to its truth. Since then, however, I have been convinced that I wrote more than I knew.

From a gentleman who has just arrived in this city from the neighborhood where the remarkable woman resides, in Jackson county, I learn the following facts. I am under promise to suppress the names, as the husband is peculiarly sensitive on the subject.

About two weeks since, the gentleman states, he was appealed to about 11 o'clock at night to go for a physician for Mrs. B. He consented to do so, and, having practiced medicine somewhat, accompanied the messenger on his mission to the house. When they arrived, about midnight, Mrs. B., was in labor, and preparations were immediately made to deliver her. Without going into details, it is sufficient to relate that the child was born, but singularly enough the pains of labor continued. An examination discovered the physician that there were two instead of one, and the woman was soon delivered of the second child, both girls. Convinced, of course, that there was no further need of his assistance, the physician gave certain directions as to the care of both mother and children, and prepared to take his leave. It fore reaching his horse, however, at the gate, he was recalled and delivered the woman of another girl baby. Again the physician took his leave, and again he was recalled to night to light another girl baby. This was considered remarkable, and the physician was greatly pleased over the matter. He, however, congratulated the husband on his good fortune and departed for home. He had not gone more than a half mile before he was overtaken by the excited husband of the woman, who in breathless haste informed him that there was still another child to be born. Hastening back, the physician arrived in time to aid in delivering the woman of her fifth child. The physician was then presented on by the husband and father to stay during the remainder of the night. He was not slow to accept the invitation, and set about to await developments. In the course of fifteen or twenty minutes he was again called to the bedside of the woman, and very soon the souls which was breathing the breath of life. Morning dawned and the doctor took his leave. Having had no sleep during the night he threw himself across the bed, on his arrival home, and was soon sound asleep. About 9 o'clock he was aroused by his wife, who stated that Mr. B——, was at the gate, and wanted to see him immediately.

"What's the matter now?" asked the doctor.

"Many appears to be going—you know," replied Mr. B.

"What! another one?" exclaimed the doctor, excitedly.

"That's it," said Mr. B., a smile spreading his mouth from ear to ear.

The doctor mounted his horse and was soon at the house of Mr. B. He was too late, however, to be of any service as the seventh child, a girl, was born just a few minutes previous to his arrival. The doctor remained about the premises during the rest of the day, but his services were not again needed.

The gentleman who made the above statement, and it is given almost in his exact words, says he has seen the seven babies several times, and while not large—weighing from four to five pounds each—they appear to be healthy, well developed children. The occurrence has created considerable excitement in the neighborhood, and the people for miles around flock to see the woman and her babies. The husband is described as being small, in fact, exceedingly thin, while the wife is said to be strong and healthy. The physicians here are considerably excited over the affair, and some are talking of paying the family a visit. A most singular feature of the children is, that all of them have blue eyes, and so closely resemble each other that it is hard to tell "which from the other."

NEWS ITEMS.

Five Japanese have established a factory at Newtown, Conn., where they will make Japanese articles.

Ex-Gov. C. C. Washburne, of Wisconsin, is at Erie, but his health is not materially improved.

The Virginia wheat crop proves excellent in quality, but not specially numerous in quantity.

It is estimated that the total receipts of cotton at Norfolk, before the expiration of the year, will reach 750,000 bales.

Some of the arched bridges built by the Romans are now in use. The Ponte Molo at Rome was erected 100 B. C.

Two Boston women, aged 67 and 69, had a desperate fight in the street, and one was killed by being knocked into a cellar.

The personal effects of the late Vice President Wilson, which were auctioned off at Natick, Mass., the other day, realized only about $300.

Prof. Henry Draper has successfully photographed the Comet at his observatory on the Hudson river. The picture will be distributed to men of science throughout the world.

The government has spent $250,000 in investigating the locust, army worm and grasshopper, and the only result thus far reported is that none of them wear spectacles.

The firm of Moody and Sankey the great revivalists, has recently dissolved in consequence it is said, of a disagreement about the division of profits on the sale of hymn books.

The *Providence Journal* says the quarter of a million dollars raised by subscription for ex-President Grant has been invested in United States four per cents, and is to be prescribed to him privately.

A Nihilist editor, Herr Most, who was convicted in England sometime ago, for publishing articles encouraging the assassination of the Czar of Russia, has been sentenced to sixteen months imprisonment at hard labor.

Formal notifications of contests for fifteen seats in the House of Representatives, in most cases accompanied by voluminous testimony, are now on file in the clerks office of the House. Thirteen of these contested cases are from the South, Alabama alone having four.

Cadet Whitaker has been found guilty of an outrage upon himself at West Point, and the Court recommends his dismissal from the Academy. Should the Judge Advocate-general approve the finding of the Court, Whitaker's friends intend to go before the President and ask him to disapprove it.

Mrs. Gen. Gordon, the mother of Mr. Hugh Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., whom his difficulty with the correspondent of a Chicago paper in regard to the slander of his father, wrote to her son from New York, saying: "My son, keep cool; do nothing rashly, but resent the insult to your father at all hazards. Your mother."

The Keystone *Gazette* says: Great demand has recently sprung up for the paper car wheels. They are considered more durable, though more expensive, than the ordinary iron wheel. One works are not able to fill the orders. One company turned out at their works about $30,000 worth of car wheels in April.

A party of thirty Hungarian laborers were passed in Wilkesbarre, Pa., from eating lozenges in a low saloon and washing it down with bad whiskey. They started to return to their mines, and were afterwards found scattered along the road in various stages of insensibility. It is reported that five of them have died.

Gen. Grant, when asked whether he proposed to go to Washington, replied with characteristic economy: "No, he did not with Mrs. Garfield's death. Was it such a copy unrolled for? It is evident that the General practices upon the proverb that "silence is golden—*Boston Courier*.

The lead used in sounding from a vessel usually weighs about fourteen pounds. But in deep-sea soundings a weight of not less than 250 pounds is usually employed. Wire has been largely used for a line, as it makes less friction in sinking through the water. With hemp rope a sinker of eight to nine hundred pounds is sometimes twelve or fifteen in reaching the bottom in 5,000 fathoms of water, so great is the friction of the line.

There is a brand of cigarettes in which cayenne pepper is said to be used to a fatal extent. Millions of these cigarettes are sold annually. One house sells on an average of five hundred thousand a day, and the profits of the proprietor of the brand are said to be a third of a million dollars a year. Valentian and a mixture of indigenous cerasticelly used in the manufacture of cigarettes, and also in some cigars.

A most important discovery has been made in Spain. While engaged in working the lead mines in the province of Segovia, seventy miles southwest of Madrid, the miners found an entrance into an immense cavern, in which they found upon an equilateral as deep and in the midst of it sixty urns, five hundred skeletons of men and women. Ten well-shaped and perfect skulls of a prehistoric type have been obtained.

The Supreme Court of Michigan has just rendered an important decision in a grain gambling case. One party having lost another money, with agreement to share the profits in an attempt to get up a corner on wheat, the lender sued to recover the money back. The court held that such combinations, entered into to artificially affect the price of any necessity of life, are illegal, and any money advanced in the purchase of such contract cannot be recovered.

A great mass meeting was held at Richmond, Va., Tuesday evening, to express sympathy for President Garfield, at which a speech of marvelous beauty and power was made by Dr. Hoge, the famous divine. The *Whig*, the organ of the stalwart party, indulged in an attack upon Dr. Hoge. Now, as a consequence, the Richmond people are up in arms against that paper for its attack. An indignation meeting will be held.

The grand jury of Allegheny county, Pa., found true bills against 300 saloon keepers for selling liquor without license. Most if not all of the dealers offered to pay a license of $50, which has hitherto been taken, but which was refused this time on account of a law passed in 1872, making the license of Allegheny county $300. As a consequence, but few licenses were issued, the dealers desiring to test the validity of the law in 1876. The records show 900 parties selling liquor without license.

The fourth seems to have been a fatal day in Baltimore. Mrs. Mary Ann Giblin was shot and killed while she was looking out a window by the accidental shot from a pistol in the hands of a young man who was sitting on the steps and showing it to a companion. A little girl named Carrie Schaumburg was shot fatally by a drunken private watchman named Wm. Caddy. Isaac Curtis, colored, was shot in the abdomen during a disturbance among some darkeys. Wm. Hecker, a German, was shot twice very dangerously by a negro named Thomas H. Ross, who was engaged in a row with some other negroes. Hecker was in search of his little children. Sidney Solomon, aged 14, shot badly with a toy pistol. John Elliott, aged 16, accidentally shot by a stray bullet. Some persons were firing at a mark. He is very badly wounded in the right breast. A man named Teagel stabbed John Leagel in a saloon. Wound serious. There were nine others wounded in various ways. This will do for one day.

WILLING TO LET HIM SQUEEZE THROUGH.—The other night, soon after a ward meeting had opened, one of the electors present began edging for the door as if he meant to leave the place. He was soon stopped by a friend, who said:

"Don't leave us now; I want you to hear what that speaker is saying. Hear that!" He says we must triumph or the country is doomed.

"Yes, I know, but I've got to edge along towards home, was the reply.

"Home? Great heaven! how can you talk of going home until he has finished that speech? There he goes again!" He asks if you want to see grass growing in the streets of our cities—our fertile farms reduced to the wilderness—our families crowding the poor houses until there's no longer room to receive another?

"No, I don't know as I would, but I guess I'll sort o' work my way out.

"Wait fifteen minutes—ten—five—wait until he finishes. There it is again! He asks whether you are a free man or a slave? He wants to know if you have forgotten the patriotic principles defended by the blood of your grandsires—if you have forgotten the sound of liberty bells?

"I don't know as I have, but I must go—really I must.

"Hear that—hear that! He says your country will bless you.

"I can't say as to that, replied the man as he crowded along, but I'm dead sure that the old woman will if I don't get home in time to put coffee to soak for breakfast.

"Great guns! but do you prefer codfish to liberty? exclaimed the orator.

"I don't know as I do, but I get more of it.

"And you will see this country ruined—see her go to destruction?

"I'll be kinder sorry to see her go down hill, slowly observed the delinquent, as he reached the door, but if you had a wife who could begin scrubbing at 5 o'clock and not lose a minute until daylight, and then end up with a grand smash of crockery and a fit of hysterics you'd kind o' git out as I do and let this glorious old republic squeeze through some mighty fine knot-holes.

Hope is the last thing that dies in a man, and though it be exceedingly deceitful yet it is of the great use to us, that while we are travelling through life it enables us to go on easier and more pleasant way to our journey's end.

The truly great consider a big box they may win the approbation of God, and are only that of their own consciences; having done this, they would willingly conciliate the good opinion of their fellowmen.

Words are little things, but they strike hard. We utter them so easily, that we are apt to forget their hidden power. Fitly spoken, they act like the sunshine the dew and the fertilizing rain, but when unfitly, like the frost, the hail, and devastating tempests.

What is the meaning of a "back-biter" asked a gentleman at a Sunday school examination. This was a puzzler. It went down the class until it came to a single urchin, who cried: "Perhaps it's a flea."

A certain orator at a fair, after a long yarn descriptive of what was to be seen inside, wound up by saying. Step in, gentlemen, step in! Take my word for it, you will be highly delighted when you come out.

A spooney newly married couple were overheard billing and cooing. He—"What would dove do if pigeon died?" She "Thrive the less." Electors were at a discount among the listeners.

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