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VOTED FOR HIS MOTHER.

It Was That Letter That Put All Doubt Aside.

There lives in a Western State a humble old lady whose interest in politics is confined to the single fact that her son was elected a number of years ago a member of the Legislature, and has several times been re-elected. What he has actually done in the Legislature she does not know. She has no doubt that he has done all that a good boy, grown to be a great man, ought to have done; and one good thing, at least, he did to justify her confidence.

When the Legislature assembled in the autumn of 1906, the son visited his mother and chided her good naturedly for not reading the speeches he had sent her. She had saved them all, and knew just where they were; but she confessed that she had not been able to read them all, nor to understand very well what she had read.

"But you're going to make a speech this year that I shall read, every word, she said.

"Tell me which one that is and I'll sure to make it," said he.

"It's the one on the anti-saloon bill," said she.

"Oh, that one!" he said, somewhat confusedly.

"Yes, I know it will be a good one. My boy, you know what liquor did for our home years ago. I have prayed all these years that my son might grow up to save other boys from his father's fate. And this is your opportunity. I know you will be true to it."

The son had expected to speak on the bill, but on the other side; and he never had doubted nor his political friends, which way he would vote. But the weeks went by, and the fate of the bill hung in the balance, and he kept his own counsel.

"I know why you are waiting," wrote his mother. "You are waiting to make your speech when the great fight comes. God bless you, my boy! I am praying for you. How proud I am of you!"

It was that letter that put all doubt aside. When the lines began to tighten and a deadlock was threatening, he first voted on an amendment which forecasted his final action. That vote brought surprise to the friends of temperance and discouragement to the friends of the liquor cause.

And when the bill came up on its third reading, he spoke. He did not see the members of the house, but he saw an old woman reading his speech through spectacles that required frequent wiping, and it was a speech that carried conviction.

The vote was so close that any one of a dozen things might have turned the scale; but among the stories told in the committee rooms, after the bill became a law under which several hundred saloons were obliged to close, is that here related. It is the true story of the way a mother's prayers and confidence had their decisive influence in the making of a law—Youth's Companion.

A MASQUERADE.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

A little old woman before me
Went slowly down the street,
Walking as if awary
Were her feeble tottering feet.

From under the old poke-bonnet
I caught a glimpse of snow,
And her waving cap-string floated
Like a pennon to and fro.

In the folds of her musty mantle
Sudden her footstep caught,
And I sprang to keep her from falling
With a touch as quick as thought.

When, under the old poke-bonnet,
I saw a winsome face,
Framed in with the flaxen ringlets
Of my wee daughter Grace.

Mantle and cap together
Dropped off at my feet,
And there stood the little fairy,
Beautiful, blushing, sweet!

Will it be like this, I wonder,
When at last we come to stand
On the golden, gleaming pavement
Of the blessed, blessed land?

Losing the rusty garments
We wore in the years Time,
Shall our better selves spring backward
Serene in youth sublime?

Instead of the shapes that hid us,
And made us old and gray,
Shall we get our child-hearts back again,
With a brightness that will stay?

I thought—and my little daughter
Slipped her hand in mine;
"I was only playing," she whispered
"That I was ninety-nine."

BEYOND.

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across that strange country, the Beyond;
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.

They make it seem familiar, and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant countries near.
So close it lies that when my sight is clear
I seem to see the gleaming of that strand.

I know I feel those who have gone from here
Some near enough to even touch my hand.
I often think but for our veiled eyes,
We would find Heaven right round about us lies.

I cannot make it seem a day to dread
When from this dear earth, I shall journey out,
To that still dearer country of the dead,
And join the lost ones, so long dreamed about.

I love this world yet I shall love to go
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.
I never stand above the bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face,
But that I think—One more to welcome me
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land, and that one Over There;
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair.

And so to me, there is no sting to death,
And so the grave has lost its victory,
It is but crossing, with suspended breath,
And white, set face, a little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones on the other shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before.

THE OLD BLACK "MAMMY."

The Tenderest Memories of Southern Youth Attach to Her.

During the later '80's Antoine Herveis, a correspondent of one of the Parisian papers, reported a phenomenon which he had observed in that part of the United States, which lies below Mason and Dixon's line. He referred to the attitude of the Southern whites toward the negro.

It seemed to surprise him greatly that, irrespective of sex, white people were courteous, even affectionate, toward the middle-aged and old negro women, while they treated with ill-concealed contempt the young negroes, especially if she had any aspirations or the direction of chic. He did not find the same wide variance in the treatment accorded to the black male who was neither regarded so highly or so lightly as were his women folk.

The condition has surprised other superficial observers, but the Southerner finds in it nothing strange. "Mammy" is more than an incident of the Southland. She is an institution. The tenderest memories of Southern youth attach to her. Men and women who are approaching the period of serene and yellow recall the unflinching love and gentle care which their black nannies gave to them.

Parents at times might be harsh or peevish; the faults of the child might, to its natural guardians, appear to merit rebuke or punishment; but "mammy," with no responsibility for the future, was blind to transgressions, and ever ready with sympathy for the little sinner.

is glad of it. Unlike "mammy," he has no place in the Southern home; but he is an appreciated part of the industrial life of the section, he is a necessity for the prosperity of the South.

It is a mistake to assume that the South is prejudiced against the negro. The reverse is true. The negro may have to make good before he is accepted, but he never comes as a stranger; he has no antipathy to overcome. The man who "naturally hates a nigger" is a negligible element of the population, too small numerically to arouse opposition and too small mentally to evoke contempt.

KENTUCKY CHIVALRY.

The Colonel's Gallantry to Ladies Caused Him a Good Scare

For once in his life a Kentucky colonel found himself in a queer predicament because of his courtly politeness extended previously to a young woman at the reception tendered by the Knights Templar of his State, Past Commander Shackelford, of Kentucky, was the man who suffered the unhappy quarter hour.

Answering a telephone call at the Congress hotel, he heard a sweet voice saying: "Oh, Colonel Shackelford, I am going away this afternoon. You are going to say good-by to me, aren't you?"

"I certainly am," replied Col. Shackelford, "though I am most sorry to hear that you are going away. (Who in thunder can this be?)"

"You remember me, don't you?" "Indeed, it would be quite impossible to forget you. (Ye gods! Who is she? Help, help!)"

"You know you said that I was the most charming girl you had met in Chicago."

"And I never retract anything I say. I was sure of it when I said it. I am surer of it now. (Say, this is awful!)"

"Well, I expect to meet some friends in the parlor in half an hour, and I shall hope to see you. Now, don't forget. Good-by."

"Good-by. I shall be there. Good-by."

First he impromptu some other Kentuckians, after pledging them to secrecy, but they could not help him, and one said:

"Why, Shackelford, you said the same thing to a dozen women at the reception."

So at the appointed time Colonel Shackelford went forth to the parlor, and when he returned his face was wreathed in smiles.

"How about it?" was the anxious query.

"Gentlemen, as a member of the Masonic fraternity, and as a Southern gentleman—let us talk about the weather." Then he smiled some more.—From Chicago Examiner.

GOING SOME

A guest in a Cincinnati hotel was shot and instantly killed, says the Literary Digest. The negro porter who heard the shooting was a witness at the trial.

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"And didn't she give you anything?" said their mother to the other boy. "I thought you helped."

"I did," said he, "but I didn't save anything but the lady."—New York Press.

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