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An' they missed him from the

litical disputes ; For he went in for an offi

so he boarded a freight train that was

gage on his mule;
An' he cussed out every office

MY SISTER PATTY.

ELA THOMAS.

It was long ago, so long that the child-curls of flaxen have become white as snow, and only a clump of

hardy roses by the roadside marks

In those faraway days I firmly be

lieved that in-all the wide world there

was not another spot so pleasant as the

kitchen of that old house, And al

think John Harmon, from over the hill,

must have shared my opinion, from the way be had of dropping in of an even-

ling. Next to my own home-folks I

liked John best of anybody. Ha used

to bring me peppermint drops and tell me stories, and whatever I said or did

he never called me a tease or torment,

as my own big brothers did sometimes.

Then, too, he used sometimes to give

me a ride behind his bandsome black

horses, and in the depths of my small

parties as Patty often did. But as that

could not be I was well content that he

more bighly of John for admiring her

Patty was not like Hannah, my old-

eat sister, who, since I can remember,

had been mother and sister both to me

Hannah with her sweet, plain face, her

fire and tow," she wasn't always as

patient as she might have been, either,

and nearly every day she told me that

I was "the naughtlest little girl to the

world." But Patty's bits of temper

were quickly over, and she was so

loving and generous and gay and help-ful, that no matter how vexed I might

be with her I straightway forgot it

I remember well one summer even-

ing she had on a new dress, a soft pink

muslin, and her orms and neck were so round and dimpled, and she was so pink and white herself, and as John Harmon looked at her something in

see anyone look as pretty as

At that Patty blushed pinker than

er gown, brother Ben laughed out

loud, father smiled from behind his newspaper, and Hannah said, "Abby,

newspaper, and Hannah said, "Anny, little girls should be seen and not

and then at me, and I knew from his

face that he didu't thick I had done

mything so very had; and after while he asked l'atty to go out in the

rden to see how fine the evenlog

rimroses were. I wanted to go with

hem but Hannah said my knitting Rent was not done; for that matter it

and when Posty came up and kissed me I buil wakened up and taid, "Why

Patty, how your eyes shine; you look prettier then ever," and then she kiss-ed me again and said I was "a silly

loes in her new dress ?"

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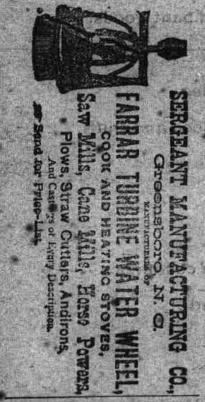
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sonali called me at half-past seven

Patty and Hannah were ever so busy, too; they quilted quilts, and got a ece of linin in the loom in the loom-om. I used to sit on the loom beams and watch Patty's hands fly as she

ound the shuttle for her. But there were other young men our house, and one of them was Levi Jerome, who kept the store at the village. John didn't like Levi, I knew, for once I heard him tell Patty that he was a perfect fop, and he didn't see how any girl of sense could abide him. At that Patry laughed a provoking little laugh and said that for her part she thought Levi was a very nice young man indeed. Then John said something I didn't hear, andla willful look came on Patty's face, and she answered that she thought she was capable of choosing her own friends. Then John looked burt, and I knew Patty was sorry and she smiled her prettiest smile and said, how could be be so

Not so very long after that, as I was out at play one recess, Levi Jerome, drove by in his new carriage, and with him our Patty. As they came opposite the school house who should they meet but John Harmon. John bowed to Pasty as though he hadn't seen her for a year, and she bowed to him as stiff, and they never saw me at all, When I went home at night I found first, so by the time we went in he was Patty there, and cousin Patty Lester, who lived in Hammond, twelve miles away. And Patty Lester had caught roses. Hannah looked at Patty and

her high-heeled shoe on the stair and twisted her ankle, so that Hannah had to do it up in wormwood and vinegar. coming. But before he got to the so I thought it couldn't be for much, house Levi Jerome drove up from the other way, and John went by and ed more quilts, and Patty had a fire in and said she neither knew nor cared. It was more than a week before he came again. I kept count because he had brought me a new picture book. and almost every evening I would pretended it was for something else.

heart how I wished that I was grown But at lest John did come. When up and could wear a silk dress, and go Patty went to the front door to let him away with him to singing-schools and should take Put y; for I admired ber so much myself that I thought the and is signed 'Your ever loving Lovi.' If you can explain what it means, and Among the rest Mr. Davis, gooduess, her patience, who was never ings last week, I shall be glad to have cross or fretful. No Patty had a tem-per, as Tom used to say, "as quick as

With that Petty drew herself up. John Harmon," she said "you have no right to speak to me like that; and I have no explanation to make to one who has shown so little confidence in

me as you have." John put out his bands and asked, Patty, is that all you have to say ?" "That is all," she said.

and loved her as dearly as ever, Then, For a minute John looked at her and too, her mouth was so dimpled, her e was so pale I we afraid he was heeks so rosy, and her eyes, with the air above them always gathered into you good afternoon." little rings, so bright that I was sure no picture could be prettier than our

And Patty pulled a ring off her finger, handed it to him, and said, "And

I will bid you good afternoon."
Hannah had come to shut the they said, and as Patty came back into he kitchen she said, "Oh, Patty, I am afraid you will regret what you have his eyes made me speak out the thought that was in my mind, "Did you ever

just done."
But Patty Teyesflashed as she answer ed, "I don't think I will ever regret that I wouldn't be tyrannized over by a jealous man." And then she walked out of the room and didn't come down again, even to supper, and Hannah sald she bad a bad he

After that it didn't seem so plus John didn't come any more, and Hannah looked troubled, and Patty didn't seem a bit like herself. And how she did work ! Hannah used to try not to have her spin so much. I thought she must be afraid it was hurting her, she was so pale and her eyes were red so much of the time. And one afternoon Ben came in and said, "Patty, did you know John Harmon was going West?

sever was done, and by the time I had He starts next week," 'It makes no difference to me where John Harmon goes, or when he goes,' though when I went to call her to sup per I found per in her 100m crying as hard as she could. But if Patty didn't care about John's going away I knew. I did. The next day Hannah and I I did. The next day tiannah and I went to the east woods for white oak hark for coloring, and as I was going down to some chestnut trees by the road to see if these were stoy chestnuts left, I saw John Harmon going by. I ran then as fast as I could and climbed

As soon as he heard me he jumped off his horse and took me up in arms and said, "Then, Abby, there is some one who will miss me after all 9" Of course I should miss him, I told him; there was nobody who gave me se many things or told me such bice stories as he did, and I couldn't have bim go. "Wouldn't Levi Jerome answer just as well ? ' be asked."

"Levi Jerome !" I said. "I can't bear Levi Jerome : he always calls me 'sissy'; besides, he don't come to our house any more now cousin Patty

u's go out at ail. She was so lame she could hardly walk," I added, "but she came, which was almost every single day while she stayed."

if to himself, about what a fool "he'd been, and he put me down and jumped on his horse and rode away without another word. I went back to Hanneh and told her about it, and she said I must always be careful what I said about people, but she didu't say it as though she minded much.

When we got back home there was John's horse standing at the gate, thut Hannah would spread out the white oak bark in the woodhouse chamber gone, and Patty's eyes were as bright and her checks were as rod as two laughed, and Patty asked if I-wouldn't take the little tin pail and go to the spring for some fresh water, and when The next afternoon, as I was picking I came back they had both been beelarkspur seed, I saw John Harmon crying, but they didn't look sorry at all, never even looked towards it, and the south chamber and sewed, and when I asked Patty what she supposed John didn't go West or say anything made him do that, she tossed her head more about going. And after awhile cousin Patty Lester came over again, and they baked and baked till the storeroom closet was full of cakefrosted cake too. Then one afternoon Hannah told me I might stev home watch at the pantry window that look- from school and put on my new red ed up the east road, to see it he was dress. I was more than surprised at coming, and more than once I found that, for Hannah never would let me Patty there too, though she always stay home from school, and to put on my new dress of a week day was of itself an event.

By the time I was dressed and Han-"here is a letter I tound blowing along Potter. I thought this was very ness in public speaking is clear utter-the walk. It begins as I could not strange, for Thanksgiving and Christ-sance of the vowel sounds." well help seeing, 'My dearest l'atty,' mas were both past, but the people and is signed 'Your ever loving Lovi.' kept coming till the house was full. why Levi Jerome was here four even- minister, came with his wife and Fauyou, and I think I have a right to ask | glad to see Fanny, and took her out to show her my white kittens. When we came in the people were all sitting the hall, all dressed in white, with toric. Levi Jerome, and our Patty dressed in He white, too, with John Harmon, At minister she has seen weddings, which as an orator seldom has. I never had. So I whispered to her, and John Harmon."

Then Patty and John stood together between the front windows, and Patty Lester stood beside Patty, and Levi into the hall, and so had heard what Jerome beside John, and John put a him; "Senator, I want to sek you a ring on Patty's anger, and Mr. Davis asked them questions and made a prayer, and Fanny said they were married. And then John kissed Patty right before everybody, and all the she would be happy.

That was a gala day in my shiid

life. And what with the company and the supper and the pleasant excitement, I thought a wedding an occasio "Aren't you sorry to have John take Patty away ?"

"Wi'l he ?" I asked with a sudden sense of dismay, for I had not once thought of such a possibility.
"Of course he will," she answered

from the height of her superior know ledge, "they always do. And they are one in the hall now ready to go."

At that I rushed into the hall, where

ure enough they were, and Patry with her dress changed and her wraps "John," I cried, seizing his arm are you going to take our Patty away? If you do I shall never like you any more, and I shall wish you had gone West, and stayed there, I

was always doing. Why, Abby P ho said, "how can you say so?" and then low, so that nobody but Patty beard him, "when you know it was you who

kept me from going."

Then he and Patty looked at each other and smiled. But before I had ine to sek if he really did stay just "speeches."

"Don't cry, Abby," she whispered, "I must go with John, I belong to "And don't you belong to us any

nore ?" I asked tearfully. "Yes, dear, and always shall; but," and she kissed me softly, "I belong to John first,"

Just then their sleigh drove to the door and John lifted her into its nest of furs. As they started away Hannah put one of Patty's old slippers in my hand told me to throw it after them. Lester has gone home." hand told me to throw it after them.
"Why, that time our Patty and Levi As I did so everybody laughed, and Jerome went after her, when she Patty, with her eyes shining like stars, sprained her ankle so and she could- and the long plumes of her hat falling against her pink cheeks, looked back and smiled and klesed her hand. And could go to the door every time Levi while I was almost heart-broken at her going, I felt, child though I was, that I could not grieve with the radiant With that John said some things, as and happy face before my vision.

TO HE AN OBATOR Hinto Brawn from the Methods of Grent Speakers,

One day Roscoe Conkling was in me of the departments in Washington attending to some business for a client of his. He was compelled to wait awhile, since the chief of that department was busy with a man with whom he had a previous engagement. Mr. Conkling began to chat with one of the clerks. He was a young fellow scarcely out of his teens, and Mr. Cookling, who was very fond of young people if they were intelligent, seemed to take an interest in the young men. He asked the clerk whether he expected to remain long in the government office and advised him to quit such employment as soon as possible, saying that there was no more dismal career than that of a government clerk.

The young man asked Mr. Conkling if he would tell him how he became a great orator.

question, but said that he had time to make only one suggestion. Said he: "Practice speaking alone. The most important thing for a young man who wants to become an orator to think about at first is how to enunicate with distinctness. Of course it is more important than that for an orator to have something toway, but I am now speaking of the manner in which he is to say what is in his mind.

kitchen into hall wide open, and I saw Uncle Horace Lester, cousin Patty's long vowels in them. If you take that he had a piece of paper in his tather, drove thto the yard with all his care of these vowels the consohand. "Patty," he said, I never heard folks, and pretty soon Aust Susan nants will take care of them him speak so stern as he did then, Bean came, and then Uncle Almon selves, and the secret of distinct

Then Mr. Conkling repeated. thyme to the young man in his rich voice, and although he seemed to be speaking in his converentional tone, uy, their little girl. I was ever so yet the clerk at the far end of the room said that he heard Mr. Conkling swith distinctness/

At the Chicago Convention in 1880 sround the parlor, and Hannah mo-foned to us to sit down by her. And insted for the Presidency, Mr. Conklpretty soon Patty Lester came in from ing made a speech which is now his-

He stood upon a reporter's table The great building was packed. It that Fanny whispered to me, "Oh, it's was thought that not less than 15,000 a wedding," for Fanny's father being a persons were in it-such an audience Many who have beard that address

"Who is going to be married !" And said afterward that it seemed impossible whispered back, "Why, your Patty sible that any one should ever win a higher oratorical triumph than Mr. Conkling then gained,

After the convention adjourned i gentleman met Conkling and said to single question. I sat in the remote gallery. Perhaps no man in the buildlog was further away from you than I. I could think of nothing but the ocean as I looked over the vast throng between you and me. I was so far away hat I could scarpely see the outlines of your countenance, although your figure was plainly visible. Yet heard every word that you uttered, and those who were near me said that they did. Now, I should like to ask of pure enjoyment, till late in the they did. Now, I should like to ask into sho afternoon Fanny Davis said to me, you how you were able to carry your for her. voice with distincines to the remote part of that great building ?"

"By pronouncing the vowels dis-That is the secret of distinct ntterauce ; and the reason so many men fail to make themselves heard is that they slur the vowels."

Wendell Phillips was not known re an ounter at all one day, while upon the next he had galved such distinct tion as only Webster, Choate, Otis and Pisher Ames had secured in the same

Mr. Phillips was attending a public meeting called in Fancuil Haff. It was in the exciting anti-slavery time, Mr. Phillips sat in the gallery with a

He was then a man under 80 years ofage, and when he entered that hall he had no idea of any other career than that of a lawyer. Speeches were made which filled Phillips with inlignation, and be said to bis friend. fome one ought to answer those

"Why not do it yourself?" the

With that suggestion Mr. Phillips made his way to the platform, and without preparation delivered a speech worthy to rank with the highest chievements in oratory in Fancoil Hall. And the men asked, "Who is this young fellow who speaks in tones of music and compels us to listen to things we do not care to hear ?"

Mr. Phillips had two qualities which make the crator when he made this first famous speech of his. One was a voice comparable in sweetness, power and fascination only to the voice of Gladstone, and some have thought to that of Gerrit Smith, another famous

Then Mr. Philips had cultivated, a Conkling did, the art of speaking with distinctness and without apparent effort. Therefore, he did not tire his listeners, as he seemed to be addressing them in no more urgent manner than one would use in private conversation. He was very careful of his vowel counds, although this care was not made evident to his audience.

Conkling seemed never to strain to carry his voice, and he spoke for four hours at the Academy of Music in New York without any more apparent effort than would have been required to chat with friends. Therefore he did not weary his great andience by a suggestion that he was himself weary.

To young men who saked Mr. Conkling what practice they should take to become effective speakers he always made this answer : "Train your voice as singers do, so that you can get a musical tone, but not a sing song one, and to get it without apparent effort, just as the greatest singers execute their most difficult passages. There is no young man who cannot by practice secure a voice which will be pleasing. Of course some are blessed with patural gifts, but it is a gift which can be

Gerrit Smith had the superbest voice ever given to an American, but ever he, when he was making his battle for the anti-alavery cause, practiced reading aloud. Then cultivate distinctness Thus, if you have something to say, you will become an orator; and if you have patience, intelligence and enthusiasm and sincerity as well, you may be a great orator whose rewards are as delightful as any that man can E. JAY EDWARDS. perceive.

An Amusing Ancedote

Daniel Webster had an anecdote on Old Father Searl, the minister of his boyhood, which is to good to be lost. It was customary then to wear buck skin breeches in cold weather, One Sunday in Autumn Father prought his down from the garret, but

the waspe had taken possession during the summer and were having a nice time of it in them. By dint of an effort he got out the intruders and dressed for meeling. But while reading the Scriptures, he felt a dodger from one of the small walsted fellows and jump-ed around the pulpit slapping his legs, but the more he slapped the more they stung. The people thought he was crazy, and were in commotion as to what to do, but be explained the matter by saying "Bretners don't be afarmed, the word of the Lord is in my mouth but the devil is in my breeches. Webster always told it with great glee, on the minister.

The Girl Who is Liked

An exchange enumerates the tollowing characteristics of "the girl who is

The girl who does not lace tightly The girl who wears common-sens shoes, with low flat heels and broad

The girl who prefers a cookery book to a penuy novelette. The girl who is not in the le

shamed of a bealthy appetite. The girl who doesn't think every other pretty one "makes up borribly." The girl who doesn't pinch her feet into shoes a size and a half too small

The girl who will sing under a triffe less than three-quarters of un hour's persuasion,

The girl who can purchase a packet of pins and s yard of calloo without turning over anything in the shop. The girl who can receive a little polite attention from a man without at

once jumping to the conclusion that he is in love with her.

"Can I kins you ?" he asked the Bos ion girl after his proposal had been ac

"I do not know whether you can He hesitated a moment.

"May I'kins you ?" he murmered. "That's different," she responded and he gathered them in.—Press.

the winner came to collect the kiss re

Killed the Weman and Lett the Band Monday, at Steel Creek, on the farm

of Mr. Logan Hoover, a negro weman by the name of Anisada Carrathers was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The peculiar discussions and included killed. The peculiar discussions attached to this occurrence, was that the woman was accompanied by her husband, Wallace, who was atumed by the same flash and left in a standing position. In a little while Mr. Hood essed the man in the road on his way to the field. Calling to him he received no reply. This seemed strange, so Mr. Hoover went to the negro and discovered his condition; he went to his house and brought resteratives and finally succeeded in resustating him; when he told how his wife, who lay dead at dis feet, was killed. The woman apparently had no mark upon her showing where she was struck, but the bones throughout her body were broken.-Charlotte News, April 6:b.

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