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A LOVE PLEDGE.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

"Does thee think he will come to lay, Dorothes ?"

"I'm ulmost sure of it, mother," Dorothes Dale-"for shortness" commonly called Thea-was stooping in front of the kitchen oven, gravely 16garding a ple which she had just taken out-s puffy, flaky ple, bleeding at every pore with crimeom blackberry

"Thee has had good luck with thy baking, Dorothes," said Friend Marths Dale, who had always persisted in the dislect and costume af her forefathers. "Oh, yes, mother! And the sponge coke is beautiful !" eagerly spoke the

"Henry used to be fond of sponge cake," reflectively murmered the old lady. "What is that around thy nock,

Thea set the pie on the table, and colored "celestial tory red" as she put her hand to a silver sphere, fastened on a bit of blue cord which encircles her neck.

"Dou't you remember, mother," she said, "the silver quarters which Henry and I exchanged the week be went away? His was dated 1870, the year of his birth, and mine was 1874. He called them our love tokens, you know, and so I thought I'd put mine ou and wear it to-day."

Friend Martha smiled, benignly. "I think thee will have a good husband, Thea," said she, gently. "Is that the clock striking?"

"No," raid Then, listening. "It's some one tapping at the old halldoor." And, all in an instant as were, the keeping room door flew open and in rushed a pretty young girl, in a crumpled pink calico dress, with earla blown about by the summer mind, and cheeks

flushed a vivid carmine, Friend Martha sat upright in her chair, with grave and almost disapproving mein.

"Why," said she, slowly, "it is Je sophine Pearl! It's Gipsy Abraham's grand-daughter, isu't i ?"

The mass of pink calico and black cast live!f bodily into Dorothen's arms. "Yes," she replied, "it's Jo Pearl soft cheek was laid against her shoulback again ! A bad penny always re der. urus, you know-and I've run away for m Old Cat Raker. I couldn't stand Who is he? Ho long? I'm haif a Romany, you know, young men with the long moustaches

blankets are kent-"

is nowhere else, I could string up in a hammock in the apple tree yonder, or in the barn loft."

"That is nonsense, Josephine," seversly uttered the old lady. "But thee may sleep one or two nights in the linon room, until thee gets another place. Perhaps thee is not aware that the hem of thy frock is torn down ?"

Jo Pearl looked comically at her disorganized gown,

"I ran across lots from the railway station," said she, "as hard as 1 could rush. I thought I could make the nome run better from Lowcod than from the Brick Depot ; but I was a litthe yeard when two disagreeable young men that had been trying to attract my notice on the frain, got off, too. So while they were asking questions of the depot agent, I out and ran. There's where the gipey blood came in handy. Did I distance them? I rather think I did. I dare may they are looking for me now in the Lowood Mille."

She laughed a merry peal. Friend Martha looked graver than ever. "Ob, and I had another adventure !"

enid eager Jo. "You see-" "Perhaps," mildly interrupted the Quakeress, "It is not worth while for thee to chatter any longer about thy adventures, Josephine. Draw a pail of fresh water and bathe thy hands and face. Dinner will soon be ready."

Jo Pearl obeyed, but as she ran up stairs ofter Thea to the little slopingofed room, she gave her friend a fur-

tige hug and whispered : girl as you came to have such a solemn

At the fluor of her shabby gray jacket and planged her rosy face into beir uptil is crisped up like a water spaniel's curis, something tinkled on the floor.

"Why, what is this ?" she said, w

a curious, sweet-pen flush drifting CLEVELAND NOT FOR GOLD cross her face.

Josephine made a snatch at it. "li's part of my adventure," she sold. "Give it to me-quick, Thea! Oh, such a handome young fellow ?" Then was silent a moment, She hesitated. Then she gave back to Jo Penrl the silver quarter, with the date "1874" on it, the tiny hole drilled at one end, and the curious little scratch

ucross the flue Greek name of the God-

like lend to her bosom. For she knew

given Henry Barron, a year ago. And after a chance flirtation on the ears, for she knew too well the proclivites of her wild little protege, Gipsy Abraham's grand daughter, for unile of a cherry lip, he had flung hunds." way the precious gage d'amour given

Jo Pearl was pot in fault. She bud never ecen her friend's fiances-in fact, she did not know of the engage-

"No." said Then to herself, "if is not her fault. But that be-that Herry should think so lightly of my gift !" With a sudden jerk she untied the

lue silk cord from about her neck and flung the second gleaning silver circl t out into the tall grass, where a cluster of daisies nodded their coroneted beads.

Her eyes flashed. A deep crimson spot glowed on either check. In all her innocent life, Dorothea Dale had never been so near a passion as now. "He shall not come to the house!" she told herself, "No-I will not see him. Where would be the use? I'll

try to be dignified, but I will not see him. No, never again-never! At the same moment she started as if some electric current had thrilled her veins. A familiar voice was talking to her mother in the kitchen below

-Henry Barron's voice. "I just missed the Lowood Station," said be, "and I had to go on to Brick Depot, so is was half an bour's longer walk to bring me here. How I grudged every step of the way ! But you're sure you ere well?" And Theu-

where is Thea ?" Just then a warm young hand grasped Dorothea's arm. Ju Pearl's peach-

"I.'s he," she whispered -"my hero! is increased. The convention which the long hours, and the bateful lectures, here? Oh, Thes, how good he was to and the sitch, stitch, stitch all day me! Not like those silly chattering sud the gipsy part of me revolted at and the knob-headed canes, but if he such bondage as that. Why have I were some caim, quiet angel out of ansome here, Friend Martha ?" with a other world. I had lost my ticket. saucy flash of her brilliant black eyes in my pocket, and, oh, I was in such distress, and those horrid young men I don's know, except that I had no-where else to go! And Then had been and the conductor stood there as good to me. Then is good to every- grim and hard-hearted as a stone body. Please I may stay, mayn't 1? gorgon, and all of a sudden that Just until I get aut ther situation ?" | pocket and gave me this silver coin Friend Martha compressed her lips Oh, he couldn't have been politer-like and remained silent, but Thea pleadingind remained silent, but Thea pleadingy spoke up

"She may stay, mother, mayn't she?"

"She may stay, mother, mayn't she?" There's a little room upstairs where the was the ticket all the time. So I didn't blankets are kept—"
"I can cuddle down anywhere," said
the black-eyed girl, eagerly. "If there
is nowhere else, I could string up in a
is nowhere else, I could string up in a Thea, was it wrong in me to keep it.

Thea turned around, with the sweet-

Thea turned around, with the sweetest anushine on her face.

'It wasn't wrong," she answered;
"and—yet I think you had better let
me give it back to him, Jo."

And Jo Pearl, to whom Dorothea
Dale was a sort of lesser Providence,
submissively placed the silver quarter
in her friend's hand, and crept back to
the little bedroom with the sloping
roof, to brush her crispy curls.

While Thea, stealing down the back

While Thea, stealing down the back staircase, went straight to the tangle of silver-aprayed daisies, and felt softly among their roots for the coin she had

ut now flung indignantly away.
If she had lost it? But no, t providence, it was there! And once more she tastened if around her white, fair neck and came up the porch steps, where he was standing by this time.

"Then, my durling I"

Then, my durling I"

She flew in to his arms, her blue eyes parkling, her lips dimpled with soft miles. And at the same momer t see eld up the little silver token with the figures '1874" engraved upon it.

"Look, Harry !" said she, mischievously. "Do you think you deserve to have this returned to you?"

His face lighted up.

"Why, Then, where did you get it?"
he demanded. I took out of my treasure box this morning and put it into my pocket, so as to have it rendy for it. you, and when I came to search for it just now it was gone. Are you a ma-

just now it was gone. Are you a magician, dearest."

"That comes of succoring distressed
damsels in the cars," gaily reforted
Dorothes. "And for about five minutes, Harry, I was as jealous as any ismale Othello in all the world could
possibly be. But when I heard it allob, my true love !" she whispered, layber head against his arm—"I was so
record of you!" "It was dreadfully careless of me,

Then."

"It was like yourself, Harry !" said she. "And here it is sgain—my second gift to you, dear. And now come in to dinner. I have baked such a nice blackberry pie for you."

And she led him into the sifting-room, where Friend Martha had nearly got the table at—and the agrees old Quakuress never knew how near there had been a deadly quarrel het ween the two young lovers.—Saturday night.

MANCE

Col. Onter on the Currency and Tariff.
-What the President Pold Him.
About Silver.

Senator John T. Morgan and Hon. W. C. Cates, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Alabama, spoke last Sotorday week at Attalla, that State, The following is an extract from Col. Outes' speech, as reported to the At-

ness of Liberty, and her heart sank lanta Coustitution. "I am not pleased with everything that it was the love-pledge she had that Cleveland does, but I have never heard anybody say he was not an honest man, and if I differed with him more widely than I do I would not be the man to stab a Democratic admini-tration. Mr. Cleveland has not

he flash of a pair of black eyes, the the whole power of legi-lation in his Colonel Oates spoke of the misinformation of the people on national is sues. He said Mr. Cleveland had a head of his own, as much so as had "Hickory" Jackson. "I tried to persuade him to sign the seigniorage bill," said the speaker ; "I told him I thought it would have the effect of reuniting the party in a large measure. Ho told me very positively he thought the party could live on its principles, instead of being hired to do right. We all want free coinage of silver, but we differ as how is best to get it. We differ as to the luterpretation of the silver plank in our platform. I think silver's intrinsic value means its bullion value. Some do not. We differ also as to the ratio to be observed. A free coinage law given you the right to take your silver bullion to the mint and have it coined. Would any of you have occasion to go to the mint? The slyer coull take their bullion to the mint

mine owners would, however. They have it coined and get \$1 for every 51 cents of silver at the present builion price. I'm opposed to to this. I want enough bullion put in to make a silver dollar just as good as any other dollar. You must sell your corn and cotton at the market price, and why, let the sil-

ver miners get more for their product than the market value? "I know Mr. Cleveland is not a gold tandard man. I've heard him say so. We have between five and six hundred millions of silver in circulation and Mr. Cleveland is willing to increase the amount whenever the gold reserve saying the Democracy favors the free and sorrowful look that I at once coinngs of silver whenever it can be quired if he was ill.

land says that on account of the fluc- ed up the road. tuation in the value of silver that an international agreement is the best tree ?" way to se the the matter forever." C. 1 Outes said the tariff was the ger, but I've been busted all to squash greatest of all questions. He spoke of just the same." he oppression of the McKiuley tariff -how the consumer had to pay the charges after all, and how the Eastern manufacturers got the protection, ife showed that the McKinley bill has cost tem which I shall never get over. the people of the United States more than \$600,000,000, and that the whole amount practically went into the pockets of the Eastern manufacturers. "You are told," he continued, "that money is searce, yet the amount is today \$25 per capits more than it ever was before. The East has most of it

however. "The Democratic Benators have stood together and have passed a good bill which will soon become a law. It is the best tariff law ever passed. It cuts down the duty upon the goods you buy, not so much as to destroy American manufactories, but enough to give them some healthful stimulation and competition. There has been a constant decline in the price of farm products since three and a half years ago, when the McKinley tariff bill went into effect. Nobody but the manufacturers have been benefitted."

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Wouldn't Bare It.

A gentleman on South Front street bought something from a country darkey a few days ago and offered a Mexican silver dollar in pay. The old darkey was very suspicious of it and declived to take it. The gentleman explained to him that it was silver and was good and fold him that it was mewis !" mouey of the Republic of Maxico. "Read this around the rim; you see it mays Republics Mexicans," the gentleman west on to assure him. "No, sir, I has nothin' to do wid dut sort o' money," replied the darkey; "the Repulikirs here alut much and I don't reckon the Mexican Republikins' money is worsh havin',"

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The Luber Traubles and Debe.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard in Charlotte Ob

Isn't it a job for Congress. I mea the labor troubles, now manifesting most acute symptoms in the strikes of the country. It seems to my poor judgment that a period of crisis has come and that the most important matter claiming the attention of our goternment is how to adjust the difference between labor and capital. Both sides have rights and both sides, unquestion ably, may combine for their better protection. There always will be quesapital but to leave the settlement of these differences, or if you please the rich's of these parties to strike-a kind terests-is supreme folly. I know that broken, and the result a that the outwisest and best statesmen of the land much of this trouble can be avoided by will be needed to bring about an adjustment of these troubles, but it does stood and within the reach of all. As seem to me that as the government is city, it should take the lead in settling these great industrial problems. Why could not a commission be appointed to adjudicate in these matters, as our railroad commission settles affairs beween the people and public carriers? And again ; is it not about time that Congress was tightening the gates by which foreigners are admitted into this country ? A Chicago paper states that eight tenths of the men engaged in the strikes are foreigners. Debr, the leader, is a special friend of Ingersoll, the arch infidel, and has been treated twice for alcoholism. Are we to allow a sentiment of liberty to destroy real liberty by admitting to our land atheists, deists, infidels, and Anarchi ts; men who are educated by their leaders to who are educated by their lenders to hold society, government, law and religion as their enemics, to be bated and overthrown? Folf preservation is the first law of nature, and it has come to be a most seligious question whether the preservation of our institutions, civil and religious, does not demand that stringent auti-immigration laws shall be passed by the national government; at least for a time.

Butling a Man.

About half a mile up the Cumberland mountains I came upon a man seated og a rock by the roadside. His bat had fellen off, his gun lay on the road beside him and he had such a forlorn

done sef ly with the maintenance of a No, not ill, but shattered all to flinsound and stable currency. Mr. Cleve. ders," he solemnly replied as he look

"Then you have had a fall from "No, not exactly from a tree, stran

"How did you happen to fall ?" "I didn't exactly fall. I hain't had no bones broke nor anything of that sort happen but its a shock to my sys

Durn my blde, but I shall never be no mo' good in this world again !" "Can I be of any belp to you?" asked as I sat down near him. "Skasely, stranger, skasely, though

f you have any plug terbacker I might be indoosed to take a chaw." I had some and when he had

ndoesed be continued : "A mils up the road yo'll cum to the widder David's place-widder with 80 acres of land and fo' children; also a

widder with two mewls and a cow; also the humliest, pokeyist, lantern jawed, lopsidest female on this side of the mounting," "But you love her ?" I ventured to

"I did, stranger, I did," he earnestly replied. "That's what alls me-luy

been luvin and courtin ber. This I was busted man, "Who busted you ?"

have to say a word to do it. When I got through axin' her, she

just took me to the door, pinted to five seres of co'n which had never been boed and made mosbuns for me to go to work." . "But you didn't pick up the boe?"

geotleman, and durn my hide if I'd

A Light Girl's Experience in A Light

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich. and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measels, followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at De'roit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of Vinesa." her, but in vain, she grew worse rapully, until she was a mere "handful of lones."—Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold. Yet you may get a trial bottle free at T. A. Albright's drug store.

Oftentimes both the farmer's wife and prof-ssional dairymen experience considerable trouble in gathering the butter into a solid mass, even after it appears to the churn in small granules and floats about in the buttermilk, The usual plan is to manipulate with the dash until the butter can be semoved from the churn in a more or less compact form. Thus treated it too often presents a greasy appearauce, and by the time the usual washof determination which settles nothing, ing and proper quantity of salt is well but which threatens rain to all our in- worked in, the grapules are mostly this is no small question, and that the put is marketed at a low price. Very a very simple process, easily undersoon as the butter appears and the the people, acting in a corporate capa- crocess of gathering is about to take place, then, for an eight pound churning, pour gradually over the floating butter in the churn two gallons of cold water, in which a teacup of fine salt has jurt been dissolved. Let It stand for a moment, then minipulate with the dash in the usual manner in completing the churning, and the chances are that the butter will be gathered well but in broken granules. The reawell but in broken granules. The reason is that the water containing the salt increases the density or specific gravity of the buttermitk, causing the granules to rise to the surface. If also hardens them, removing a certain substance or coating from their surface, allowing them to readily unite under pressure such as is obtained by the use of the dash or revolving churn. Butter gathered by this process is much fixmer, better granulated, and consequently better flavored. The only objection to be offered in the addition of salt to buttermitk; but for feeding purposes, if added to the swill or house alons, no ill effects to the swine are observed. When fed to hogs at clover posture, the action of the salt at clover posture, the action of the salt removes all danger from bloat by simply increasing their desire for drink.—American Agriculturist.

Plant Ford.

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tion is adopted, that of pitrates or other nitrogenous manures. 6. Polash salts may be applied either in fall or in spring ; soluble phosphoric acid and nitrates in the spring only. 7. For deep rooting plants the two former should be plowed under, and the soil receive a top dressing in ad-

dition. 8. Beneficial results follow the ap plication of lime, and that of indirect fertilizers, such as salt.

9. A proper rotation, differing under different conditions, may be looked upon as the vital measure for making farming a profitable and satisfactory occupat ion.

Wire Chicken Yard.

A very good chicken yard is made of wire fencing. The yard can be made for that widder. Fur two y'ars I've in sections, so that the different broods can be kept separately. In such cases mawnin' I dropped in that and axed a fine mesh should be used, not over her to marry me, and in two minutes one inch at the bottom, so that there cannot be intercommunication. The top of the yard can be covered so as to "The widder herself, and she didn't keep out hawks and other enemies, and rate also-be kept away by the rame means. Small poultry coops are constructed of th's material, and in dog kennels, rabbit patches, pigeon bouses dove cotes and aviaries, the use of wire is unlimited. It is cheap, durable, will not blow down, admits plenty of light and air, is nest and ornamental, and "Skasely, strager, skasely. I was and air, is nest and ornamental, and not a gentleman, I have lived like a the material does not obstruct a view of the interior. A good hen's nest fergit my possishun in society to marry made of the same material, the advan-forty widders with forty spans of tage being that it is cleanly, avoiding dirt and vermin,-Hardware.

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