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Only a Curl.

Only a curl, a golden curl, I treasure more than life Every lovely, shining strand, With aweerest mem'ries rife. Just as a rose—its freshness flown With joys of vanish'd spring— Within its heart has folded ele

Only a curi, a golden curl.

80 fair and soft and bright-Only a spar of shipwreck'd hopes, That Brings my heart to-night, Driftings of pain from sorrow's sea Such weary weight of pain; Tangled among the shining threads, Parts of the past remain.

Some fragrance that would eling.

Strange as it seems, such trifles Fring Sad tears to loving eyes,
For each white drop which now upon
My dampened lashes lies,
Is wrung from depths divine and sad, And has an echoing pain
Within my heart grief's tears they are,
Not drops of April rain.

LOVE AND THEFT. Franklin Coulter, & dry-goods clerk

oined as a private one of the first New York regiments in the late war. In the course of service he won the rank of second lieutenant, then that of first lieutenant, and finally a brevet captuincy.

Towards the close of the war his regiment was encamped at a small village of Virginia guardieg a depot of supplies. It was an easy and pleasant service, and both

officers and men delighted in it. Besides the village, which had only been depopulated of its young men, there were several fine plantations in the neighbackgood, the property of families that had been wealthy and were still proud.

The young ladies of the village and the plentations, although they grieved for those who were away, could not be expected to devote their entire time to that employment, and were not un willing to be consoled by their 'conquerors,' who ex erted themselves to provide all manner of amusement, so that time should not hang heavy on their han fa.

At the plantation which was nearest the village Frank Coulter was a great avorite and a constant visitor.

It was the home of the Penobyns, a family of English descent, highly considered in the neighborhood. At that time the family was reduced to Mrs Penoliya and her two daughters. Ada and Augusta, her husband being dead, and her only son in Lee's army. The younger of the daughters, Augusta, was Frank Coulter's

She was a beautiful brunette, peculiarly susceptible to the charms of a manly presence, and had been too young at the opening of the war to claim, a sweeth-art among the young men who went to

At the Penchyos Frank Coulter spent most of his spare time, his agreeable manners making him welcome to all the lams evoted to Augusta. It was evident, also, was ready to reciprocate his affection whenever he should chaose to dec are it But no wor is at love had as yet passed between them, and it is probable that Coulter felt that the uncertainties of war did not justify him in making the desired

declaration One evening he had staid at the Penns ligns' until it was quite late, and was requested to remain all night, as he had ione on the previous occasion. He consented, and retired to his room at a rea sonable hour, as he would be obliged to leave very early in the morning.

Augusta Penchyn rema sed seated on the porch alone, enjoying the beauty of the summer night, and admiring the moonlight as it was filtered through the vines She was also thinking of the hand-ome young Union soldier who had lately tett her side, won tering whether he really loved her, and wishing, if he did, that he would declare himself and end her sus-

ownse. From this reverie she was aroused by he sound of a light footiall. Turning her first disposed to complain to the colonel head, she saw Frank Coulter approaching her. He had removed his coat and nones, but this partial undress was neither nousual nor objectionable, as the nights were very warm, and he was an intimate

He did not seem to be looking at Augusta; indeed, his eyes were strangely fixed upon vacancy; but he came to her side, took her hand, and slowly and solemnly spoke these words: 'Whatever may happen, Augusta, re-

fully-that my hear! is cotirely yours.' Then he dropped her hand, turned quickly, and walked away as swittly as he had come, before she could recover from her surprise or make any movement or

member that I love you truly and faith-

To Augusta his conduct appeared strange, but not unsc ountable. She soon came to the conclusion that he was more timid than she had supposed him to bethat he had formed a sudden resolution as he was about to retire for the night, to detlare his love-that he had mostered courage to come down and speak the words which she had longed to hear, and then, frightened by his own auda-ity; had hastened away before he could learn his

But the thought that he loved her was blis-ful ecough for Augusts. She d termined to go and dream on it, and went up stairs to her room. There another strange surprise awaited her,

As she reached the open door, she saw a man standing at the bureau, and by the moonlight she recognized him as Frank Courter. He held in his hand her watch and chain, which he had taken from their place on the bureau. Then he furne and awaitly left the room, looking straigh ahead, as if he supposed himself to be un-Augusta Penohyn war even more seen.

had been by the first. She was so astounded that she did not know what to do or say. She shrank back into the shadow of the door, while the young man passed her, with the watch and chain filtered through the vines that nearly-invisible is his hand, and disappeared to the closed the purch. passage that led to his own apartment.

The young lady entered her room, and sat down to reflect upon this very peculiar | are, Augusts, and I will follow him." occurrence. Could it be that her lover wanted to carry away the watch and chain at vacancy, Flack Confer walked out late thee? Prove threelf worthy of all she has wanted to carry a contract of the form and turned down a lane that led sacrificed. Let it ever be her pleasure, as wanted something that was here to put to the stable, cautiously followed by Heary under his pillow that night? Or was the Penohyn, proceeding intended as a joke, which At the stable he stopped, and dug under would be explained and laughod over in a corner. Then he returned to the house, Hers is an enduring an undying love!

itself upon ber. Sae wunt to teil, but ber thoughts of the strange constact of her Augusta, a loved kept her awake a long time, though her chair. she assured herself that the affair would be pleasantly explained in the morning.

But in the morning the young officer was gone. He had risen at an early tenr, as was his intention; and had returned to cump long before Augusta was swake She searched the room which he had no copied, but saw no sign of the watch so h in, nor even a note from him to expla a the disappearance of the articles. This was unstrountable, and the young lady was naturally much displeased; but she concluded that it would be best to say nothing about the matter at present, hoping that Coulter would explain it satisfactorily on his next visit.

She saw him after the lapse of a few days. He came to the house as he had been to the habit of coming, and there was nothing in his appearance or manner to indicate that anything unusual had occurred. He treated Augusta processly as he had tested her before his stringe dec laration of love was spoked, and made not the remotest alfusion to the affair of the waten and chain,

This was quite displeasing to Angusts, who determine! to draw him out in private, as her questioning looks in public had tailed to produce any effect upon him, She asked bin to walk with her, and when they were cotirely alone began to quention him,

Did you bring back my watch and chair. Frank ?' she asked. 'Your watch and chain?' was his surprised teply.

'Yes, my watch and chain, which you carried away the last time you spent the night here 'I don't know what you mean. I have not had your watch an t chair. I know

It was then the young lady's turn to show surprise and indignation. 'You surely cannot have torgotten,' said she, that you took those acticles from the bureau to my room the last night you staid at our house, and carried them away

nothing about them.'

with you." This is news to me, I assure you. 'You had taken of your cost and boots, sie, and doubt'ess supposed that you were that whatever happened. I must remember not observed, but I saw you plainly in the that you went up stairs to steel my meonlight? 'Miss Penchyn, do you know what you

are saying? You are accusing me of 'I did not believe that you meant to steal them, she said, halt sobbing, supposed that you had only taken them for a joke, or perhaps for a keepa ke, and that you would bring them back or make an explanation. But I never thought that

you would deny taking them." Miss Penchyn, this is unbearable. To ily, and there was no doubt that he was be a case t of their, and by a lady, at that, clare upon my honor, that I slid not take your watch and chair, and that I was not out of my room that night?

Dayou really think that you can beme down in that way I she indignantly denancied I suppose you will also deny that you came flown stairs just before you took the watch and chain, and came to when I was sitting on the porch, and sait -

that the besitsted. I am not in the humor to listen to any more accusations. Either there has been some monstronnistake, or you are deliberately insulting

Or the honor, of which you just spoke, loes not exist." It you can speak to me in that strain Miss Penchyn, the sooner I leave you the

better.' 'Yes, indeed-before any more portable property is missing."

They parted in anger, and the parting was find. Augusta Penchyn told her nother and sister of her loss, and was at of Coulter's regiment, but was per under that such a course might bring the family into trouble, and allowed the matter to drop. The regiment was soon endered away, and she saw no more of Peack Coulter.

It was not until two years after the close of the war that Frack Coulter returned to Virginia, and then he came in the peaceful capacity of an agent or drummer for a New York dry go da house. The Penaltyps had become comparatively poor, and the family mansion was turned into a tavern, which was kept by the son, Henry, even of "three score years and ten" for her who had come out of the war with the los

At that tavern Frank Coulter stopped to pass the night. There was no other place to go to, and perhaps he would not have made another choice it he had had the chance, as he was neither a physical nor a moral coward.

Augusta Penohya han told her brother the story of the logs, of her watch and Heary informed her at Coulter's arrived, and she satisfied betself, without being seen by him, that he was the same may who had been so strangely proved unworthy of her lave.

Then they a usualed together to decide upon what should be pone. Henry was tor his immediate arrest, saying that he puni hed for his crime as he ought to be, who had not q i e lost her love for the recreant, was unwilling to go to that ex-Henry finally resolved that he would have an interview with Coulter in

The binther and sister were still scated on the porch, discusing this question, when the man of whom they had been speaking come down stairs. He had retired to his room at an early hour, and amuz d by this second encounter than she now he came down bare-headed, in his shirt-sleeves and his stocking feet, just as he had done on the night which witnessed the episode of the water and chain. The moon shone just as it did then, its light

> 'This is strange,' said Henry, as Coulter stepped off the porch. Stay where you

Looking straight ahead, as if starting

Practices in the county of Halifax and adjointing the supreme court of the large of the state. Then the step Prospectly will strengthen it, adversity heat, the morning? Surely it could be nothing closely followed by Henry. As he step Prospectly will strengthen it, adversity heat,

were than this, and she resolutely dispose the port in post up on the porch a wach and chain will orighten and invigorate it, and give massed the dark suspicion that introded were plainly visible is his hand.

now.

stairs. gusts came in smiling. Her chain was to thy falling heart like oil on thy wounds around her neas, and her watch was visi ble in her belt I find that I did you a great injustice, angel arm can do it ! Mr. Coulter, when I last saw you,' she

You accused me of stealing your watch and charn,' he replied, as his lace flushed I see that you have them now, Had you mislaid them? I had not mislaid them?

Who, then was the culprit I' Nobody but yourself. Indeed! And yet you may that you did me an injustice in accusing me of the theft. I don't understand this." You took them just as I said you did,

persisted Augusta, still smiling. 'How, then, did you recover them?' 'You brought them back last night, and out them on the bureau from which you

ad taken them." 'Impossible I' exclaimed the young man. This is outrageous ?' Not in the least. Were you not aware, Mr. Coulter, that you were a sleep-

walker T' "A sleep-walker! If I am, I never had any cause to suspect it." The entire story was then told, to Coulter's great bewilderment, but also to

his greater satisfaction, and he concluded that his business would oblige him to spend several days at the Penchen notel. That evening he was walking in the montight with Augusta. 'When we parted,' she said, I was about to tell you of something you had stolen

when you took my watch and chain, but

you would not a low me to fluish."

'I remember,' he replied, 'that you were going to accuse me of another crime 'Not a crime at all. You came down on the porch, took my hard, and told in-

trinkets, 'Now you must give me your hand, Augusta and it I should ever again get up in me sleep to steak your watch, and chair, we will at least have the consola-I tion of knowing that the act is not a erimanal one."

I -hall watch you, sir,' she blushingly The law and the church gave her the right to watch him.

The Youthful Bride.

Observe that slow and steady trend. when the young bude takes he wedder one by the sem, and with down-ast lookand a heavy heart, turns her tale from secet home" and all its associations which have for years been growing and brightening, entwining so closely around the purest and tenderest feelings of the heart. How reluctant that step as she moves towards the carriage; how clouds those tears which rush unbidden from th

fematicin; She has just bid adieu to her home She h s given the parting hand- 't orning kiss! With deep and strumbin motions she has preasured the tarewest and oh how tond and yet moureful spell the word breathes, and perhaps it it he last farewell to father, mother, brother

and sister. Childhood and youth, the sweet mornig of life, with its "charms of earliebirds," and earliest associations, have now Now commences a new-a mo mentous period of existence. Of this she is aware. She reads in living charge ersmeertainty essuming that where all was columpiacis - where home was all in all into her. Rut these ties, those associatons, these enjoyments, she has yiel ted one by one, and now she has broken them all a under. She has turned her face from them all and witness how she clings to the arm of him, for whom all these have

been exchanged I See how she moves on; the world i before her, and a history to be writter whose pages are to be filled up with the loveliest pencilings, or perhaps incident of affecting interests -of startling, fearld record! Who can throw aside the vail and record the happy and sunbright in cidents that shall suse in succession, to make joyous and (ul) the cup of life, that shall throw around those embelsished ments of the mind and beart, that which crowns the dowestic circle with beauty ged loveliness; that which sweetens socis intercourse, and softens, improves and and elevates the condition of society ? Or who, with firm and powavering hand can register the hours and days of affect tionate and eilent weeping-of midnight watching? Who can pen her blighted hopes—the instance of unrequited lovethe lonelluces and sorrow of the conflictur heart—the deep corroding carea of the mind, when neglected and forgotten as it were by him who was dearer to her than life when all around was drear and desclete-when the garnered stores are wasted under the laws of Virginia; but Augusta, and the fickering blaze upon the hearth wanes and goes out, and leaves her in solitude, in silence and in tears! But her affections wane not, slumber not, die not The buildant skies may shed down at the morning, and press him closely on the their gladdening, beauties-nature array persell in may flowers, bright hopes-and

friends, kind friends, may greet with laughtog countenance and kind hearts—but avails naught. One kind look—one 'Do you want milk?' soft and affectionate accent, the unequivo cal evidence of remaining love-one smile like that which woord and won that heart, would enkindle brighter and deeper and more levelier emotions at its fountain than earth with all its splender, beauty and guy associations. On ! young man, even be to thy young bride, then, what thou seemest now to be isspecial her not. What has she not given up for thee? What sweet ties that

hound heart to heart, and hand to hand. and life to life, has she not broken off for

new, to cling with confiding joy and love

to that arm. Let it ever be her stay, her

support, and it shall be well repaid,

to it additional lustre and loveliness! thenry held up his hand warningly to Should the hand of disease fall upon thee Augusta, as she was about to rise from then will then behold woman's devotion! for thou wilt witness her spirit wax faint 'Be quiet,' he said. 'I understand it and drooping at thy couch! When thy own are falting, she will cling to thee like Then he quietly followed Coulter up a sweet vine, and diffuse around thy pillow those influences and attractions The next morning Henry Penebyn con- that shall touch the master springs and trived th t Frank Coulter should be alone noble passions of thy nature-that shall with him in the parlor, and his sister Au give new impulse to life! Her kind voice

Thoughts on our Homes.

"Home"-let us breathe in accents soft and low, this, one of the sweetest words in motion the very depths of the soul! tell- harmless. One day he sa'ted Dr. ing of comfort, love and peace; while bride to allow him to go to Washington around the sacred spot is clusterd ballowed to visit some friends, but the dector rescenes and memories which can never be fused positively, erased; bright pictures they are which 'All right sir,' the man replied 'you erased; bright pictures they are, which shall hang torever on memory a walls—the refused me, and upon the honor of heart's untading treasures.

Ah, what spot on earth so dear as home? it' Is there a blade of grass,or flower so interesting to us as those which grow around our own doorf or what shade is half so turned one night, scaled the high wall of grateful as that of the grand old oak just the hospital and concealed himself in a outside the gate? The very stones tell us tree. The next morning, while Dr. Kirkit is home; aye, every meh of ground is bride was walking in the grounds, a shot amiliar, and no other apot on this wide was heard, and superintendent tell to the green earth can be to us like home,

There, under the spreading elm, stands conded from the tree, gun in hand, and the old well, whose cool, sparkling waters have re-treshed and cooled the levered brow from Dr. Kirkbird's head, doing no of many a weary one. Yonder the garden serious damage, and buried itself in in which are sunny beds and shody bowers, soft flesh, where it remains to this day where many bright hours are whiled away in pleasant dreamings and meditations was entered against the man, but the sweet and sat - sad when I ask myself, Will these things last? Must Time bring sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary for with him cruel change to rob me of my 'safe keeping,' and on the 29 h of this

gomforts ? O't, in the soft summer twilight, I sit the patient took up his abode in the and watch the cows as they slowly wend their way down the hill, their tinkling No one thought be would remain there bells making musical the quiet hour; and the nul ncholy sheep behind them-all coming home, and as the shades of night begin to darken, and the plaintive notes -themot on Dr. Kirkbride's life, the vener. of the whippoorwill are heard from over able physician called upon him in his cell. the hills, my heart is softened by the pic- As he entered the warder said: 'Do you ture, and breathes a grateful prayer to know who this is?' The prisoner looked Him who made us, and blessed me with a up quietly, and, after a moment's pause happy home Yes,

"Re it ever so humble, There's no place like home."

you can make it a very happy one. You did' Can add to it many attractions by your own skill and industry. Cultivate the beautiful flowers which God has given to goadden us; train the clinging vines, and actuatment to everything-endeavor ag, who tanever you find to do in the household, do it with all your might, contributing to the useful as well as the ornaments and at the same time let from your being radiate the sunshine of a happy disposi tion, making all around bright and cheertal. Thus you will, in the evening of life, arry around your brow a glorious halo of

hallowed memories of your beloved home. Proverbs. A spur in the head is worth two in the A civil denial is better than a rude

An old dog can't alter his way of bark-A thread bare coat is armour proof colter a bremway way. A wager is a fool's argument

It -are is potent but money is omnipo He that lells in the dirt, the longer he ies the do tie he is. He who save what he likes hea a what he does not like.

Boxes were out atroos than sheets,

Paverty makes a man acquainted with arange bed redows. The horseshoe that clatters wants a nail, U be iden guests know not where to sit A maid that laughs is half taken.

A woman that pain eth puts up a bill hat she is to let. A man's best fortune, or his worst, is A woman conceals what she knows not

A las- that has many wooers often fares he worst. Fanned fire and forc d love pever did

Honest men marry soon, wise men no If marriages be made in Heaven some have few fr ends there. It is a good horse that never stumbles,

Next to co wife a good wife is the best While the tall woman is stooping the ittle one bath the house swept, It is a good wife that never grumbles, Smoke, raining into the house, and a

colding wife, will make a man run out of

He who has no bread to spare should ot keep a dog. He who has but one coat should not en i it

Wise men make proverks and fools

epeat them. Illa Wish. He stepped into a green procer's with vacant, weary careworn look on his face.

xactly what I came in for." Perhapa you want some coffee ! 'Ain't it founy -I can't remember !' re narked the stranger, as he scratched his chin with the back of his hand, and scanned ever thing behind the counter, in

'In ver cat then. I can't remember

'Do you want some potatoes?'

'No. that ain't it.' 'la it macaroni, mustard, chow-chows, oap or wine jully ?" None of them, sir." 'Pos bly you want a small measure

I have it now. I remember what I came in for; it all comes back to me like a dream of love," "Wint do you want ?" 'Well, now, it's as day. Wasn't it lunny

you have ?" 'You won't get mad, will you ?' 'No. sir. 'Well, then, I'll tell you. I just stepped in here to ask you if you'll scratch my back a little for me. I have prickly but the renow to back a little for me. I have prickly for be's a Universal Orthodox."

I didn't think of it before !"

A Lunntic's Revenge. ROMANTIC STORY OF THE KIRCHSIDE ASYLUM AT PHILADELPHIA.

[From the Philadelphia Press.] Six or seven years after the Kirkbride Insane Asylum was opened in West Pulla d lphia, a young man was brought there for treatment for a mild form of insanity He was the son of a wealthy G. orgian planter and large slave nwner. He was educated at Yale College, but before graduating he can away to see, and, af er some years' absence, he was picked up, by Yea, she will raise thee, restore thee, and an American ressel on one of the Southern make thee happy, if anything less than Pacific I lands He then returned home. but about a year later his mind becoming da rdered, he was est to Kirkbride's the English language. How it thrills with vengeance upon them made by him a

Southern gentleman, you shall pay for

Dr. Kerkbride said : 'Oh, he'll retir here betore long,' and he did He reground wounded. The man then de-A charge of assault with attempt to kill verd et of insamily was found, and he was month it will be twent; - nine years since Eastern Penttentiny as prisoner No 1. long, but his father lost all his money by the war, and so endod Wiley's chance sait, 'Yes, that is Dr Kirkbirde, whom I tried to kill twenty-five years ago. He insulted me, and I promised, as a Southern If your home, sweet friend, be humble, gentleman, to panish him for it, and I

Toward the end of his life be regained his reason sufficiently to long for his old ho ne in Georgia. He use to sit upon his well-worn chair and ask his keepera sadly study, by actistic touch, to give an air of if they thought his people would send for him before he died. On the 15th of April 1878 he quietly expired at the age of 68

+40.

"Immediately after the last declara tion of war with England Elbert Anderson, of New York, then a contractor, visited Troy, on the Hudson, where was concentrated and where he purchased a large quantity of provisions-beef, pork, &c The inspectors of these articles at that place were Ebenezer and Samuel Wilson. The latter gentleman (invariaby known as U cle Sam) generally superintended in person a large number of workmen, who on this occasion were employed in overhaulting the provisions purchased by the contractor for the army. The casks were marked "E. A. -U. S" This work fell to the lot of a facetious fellow in the employ of the Wilsons, who, on being asked the meaning of the mark (for the letters U. g for the United States were then almost enurely new to them), said he did not know, unless it meant Elbert Anderson and "Uncle Sam," alitating exclusively to Uncle Sam Wilson The j ke took among the workmen and passed curre t ly; and Uacle San himself, being present, was occasionally callied by them on the increasing extent of his possessions. \* \* \* Many of there workmen being of a character denominated "food for powder," were found shortly after following the recruiting drum and pushing towards the freatier lines for the double purpose of meeting the eveny and eating the provisions they had lately labored to put in good order. Their old jokes accompanied them, and before the first campaign ended this identical one appeared in print. It gained favor rapidly till it penetrated and was recoguized in every part of this country, and will, no doubt, continue so while the United States remain a nation," - Frost's "History of the United States. Bartletts "Dictionary of Ameri canten a" adds to the above: "Mr. Wilson ed in Poy, N. Y, in August, 1804 at the age of eighty-tour, and the Albany Argus, in notic og his death, telered to the circumstance above stated as the origin of the above sobriquet of "Uncle Sam." J. R. Lowell alludes to it in the 'Bigelow Papers, as follows:

"For I have loved my country since My eye teeth filled their sockets, And Uncle Sam I reveren Particularly que pockets."

It was at the postoffice in another vil-

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lage. The demoiselle was butom, bashful, aged 18, and hailed from Berrytown, She wanted a dollar's worth of stamps 'One dollar's worth," repeated the smiling assistant; "of what denomination?" The damsel showed signs of embarrassment, and hesitated to reply. She twirled her shawl fringe nervously, cast her eyes about to see if any one was near, moved a little closer to the window, and finally a ked in a timorous voice, Do you have to write it down?" "By no means," answered the courteons assistant; "that is not necessary; but I 'It was rather strange;' but what will presume you have some preference as to the denomination" "Ah-wellyes," replied the stranger, her face torning scarlet, "I hey some. I generally go to the 'Piscopal Methodist myself,

but the fellow I'm bovi g the stamps

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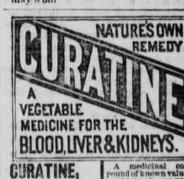
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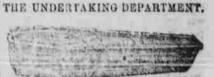
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