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#### THE OLD-FASHIONED BIBLE.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood That now in mem'ry I sadly review; The old meeting-house at the edge of the wildwood, The rail fence and horses all tethered thereto, The low, sloping roof, and the bell in the steeple. The doves that came fluttering out overhead As it solemnly gathered the God-fearing people To hear the old Bible my grandfather read.

The old-fashioned Bible-The dust-covered Bible-The leathern-bound Bible my grandfather read.

The blessed old volume! The face bent above it-As now I recall it-is gravely severe, Though the reverent eye that droops downward to love it Makes grander the text through the lens of a tear, And, as down his features it trickles and glistens, The cough of the deacon is stilled, and his head Like a haloed patriach's leans as he listens To hear the old Bible my grandfather read. The old-fashioned Bible-

The leathern-bound Bible my grandfather read. Ah, who shall look backward with scorn and derision And scoff the old Book though it uselessly lies In the dust of the past, while this newer revision Lisps on of a home and a home in the skies? Shall the voice of the Master be stifled and riven? Shall we hear but a tithe of the words He has said, When so long He has, listening, leaned out of Heaven To hear the old Bible my grandfather read? The old-fashioned Bible-

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### AN OLD VALENTINE.

I wandered to an attic where lacy cob-webs swayed, Where sunbeams, dusty golden, were dancing as they strayed; And as I crossed the threshold with footsteps soft and slow, I felt the hidden presence of ghosts of long ago.

I saw wooden chest there with rusty lock and key, And when I knelt before it my dreaming eyes could see Initials twined together and carving almost hid By scratches, deeply graved upon the polished lid.

I knelt beside it, silent, and opened it with care; I felt as if some girl-soul were standing by me there; For dainty garments whispered, and perfumed laces sung Of the morning and springtime, when all the world was young.

I saw a folded paper, all yellow with the years, Perhaps the print of kisses, perhaps the mark of tears Had touched it once -tor, fastened with bow of faded blue, It whispered through the ages a message, "I love you!"

I laid it gently from me and closed the chest with care, And breathing through the stillness I heard behind me there A murmur-half a love word, and half, perhaps a sigh-The phantom of a heartbeat of many years gone by. -Margaret E. Sangster, Jr.

#### DROVE THE HACK.

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"Sir, I am a real cigarette," I said. "I am sure you'll like me. I have good blood in my veins. I am of fine Virginia and Carolina stock and was raised in a clean, wholesome home. I am a gentleman of quality-the Quality of the South."

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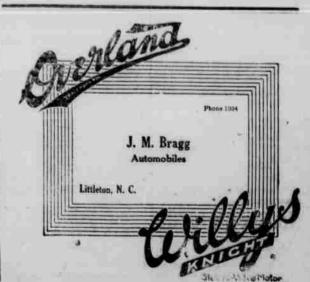
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