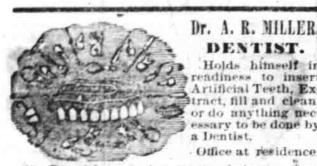
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THE OUTCAST.

Forever silent, Cold, and stiff, There he hes!

Where does he come from ? Why did he drown himself? From his ragged garments The water is dripping, Soaking the ground : Boys brutally joking, Men chewing and smoking, Standing around,

A carriage comes nearer With footman and driver, A man with stern features Gives order to stop : He steps from the wagon To see what's the matter : The boys cease their fun. When his eyes met the corpse A cry went to heaven Oh, my son!

Selected.

CHECK MATED.

BY R. W. P.

Maude Trevelyan's black eyes were flashing with mingled jealousy and anger, as she stood beside the lounge over which Georgie May's new dress was lying-a dainty white Swiss, trimmed with Valenciennes edged ruffles, sheer and pure as foam-sparkles. "Of course you like it, Maude? You

couldn't help admiring it, could you? Georgie's glad, eager voice was so sweet, so girlish, that its very gay freshness stung Maude Trevelyan. 'Oh, yes, it is very elegant indeed-

rather elaborate, perhaps, for the oc-Georgie touched the soft material

tenderly.

·White is never too elaborate, Maude; and it costs so little-nothing -for the making. Do gratify me by furnished free on application, jan1-3m praising it unreservedly, Maude! Tell me you think it will be becoming and stylish for the reception at Holman Hall!

She was such a sweet, honest little pleader, not in the least ashamed of wanting to be told her new dress was lovely, and when she lifted her bright little face, with its clear complexion Elvinly and Georgie May. and laughing gray eyes, Maude could hardly retrain from striking it.

For, since Sydney Elvinly had shown himself somewhat fascinated by those same sweet, honest eyes, and Georgie's pretty, winsome ways, Maude had known what it meant to hate with a cordial hatred and desperate jealousy. make my hay. I will win Sydnev From the very first, Maude had so Elvinly!" greatly admired Mr. Elvinly, and he

He was very handsome and attractto make and repair ive, and just such a gentleman as would naturally attract such a dashing, stylish girl as Maude Trevelyan, herself as pretty as beautiful dark cream and rose complexion, and a ness. proud. well-cut mouth, could make

It had been a grand triumph at first to Maude, when Mr. Elvinly had chosen her as a special recipient of Is now prepared to fill all orders for his attentions, although he was by no means exclusive. Then the triumph had changed to happiness, as she Also keep on hand the celebrated found out more and more of his good Tuckahoe Family Flour. jan1-12m qualities, and his sweetness of temper, and grace of mind; and Maude had ATTORNEYS AT LAW, on him, unsolicited, her heart. Then, her. right in the midst of all the happiness she was experiencing, Georgie Practice in Lenoir, Greene, Wayne, Jones and May intruded-plain, yet bright little Georgie, with her unassuming ways, so winsomely sweet, her honest, joyous

She had come to spend the winter with her cousin, who was one of is the matter?' Maude's friends, and naturally, in Mr. Elvinly sprang to his feet at the course of time, met Mr. Elvinly; once. and then-it was evident to everyone Will attend the Courts of Lenoir Greene and the two were good friends, although home to-morrow. I will run down to 4. Office on Court House Square, jan1-12m no one, even hot-headed, jealous an office where an especial friend of Maude, could accuse them of being

> But it will come to more! Mr. Elvinly is delighted with her, and sheshy little cat!-pretends she values his friendship only, when all the time bling lips. she uses all her skill to entrap him,'

Maude really meant what she had Hall, Somerset.' I'll be back as soon told herself, this bright morning as possible.' kept constantly on hand and furnished free of new dress, made to wear at the receptoryly, wistful eyes as he took her cold tion of which the girls had been talk- little hand. ing for weeks, and which she knew Georgie's fair, sweet face, with its ting won't help it. thoughtful eyes, and her soft brown He had never called her 'Georgie' He also has at his old stand in Kingdom Vice and the war in loose, natural waves off her ness, how splendid he was.

to the dance, and Sydney Elvinly vinly dashed in. would see her, and admire her, and single her out, perhaps, for special at- clear for this?' tention, and, likely enough, under the influence of her pretty, bright blank and thrust it in the window. ways, make love to her.

of it. It was a matter of almost indiffer- name." ence to her that she would be equally well dressed and certainly handsomer than Georgie; she had no thought

and, if she proved a successful one, Maude's own misery was insured. trooping through Maude's brain as Mays down in Somerset.' she stood looking at the foamy white

silk dress. inspiration; and her pretty, eager face dy get it?' was eloquent of it as she walked down the street.

'Georgie May shall not have the pression on his face. pleasure of wearing her new dress and fascinating people generally—and and indignant at the poor joke he everything, I'll take a bit of the boil. thing which excited her indignation, Sydney Elvinly in particular! She began to understand had been played ed ham, some macaroni, and ah, some and she gave him a great big piece of Holman Hall-I will keep her away! He remembered her piteous, wist-

Her eyes were bright with determiwrote a message that read: 'Come home at once.'

It was signed with the initials 'C.

Maude looked very pretty and be- news from home. witching as she handed her message though the operator's window. 'I want this sent to Marston Hill,

rates, she walked out of the office, feel- her to a chair. ing that, without committing any venial sin, she had quite effectually pre-

is from her brother, this 'Cal' whom she talks so much about, and she'll Georgie, little girl, have I surprised milk? rush off home post haste. Once there, a hundred miles away, Miss Georgie to win you for my own little wife? led some bread therein, and as his

And she went leisurely on home, quite content with her contemptible

Several hours later, the telegram from Marston came to Georgie, alarming her, as telegrams have a trick of doing, and in this special instance adeyes and luxuriant blue-black hair, ding to itself by its vagueness and terse-

'I do wonder what can be the matter?' It's from Cal, of course, and something terrible must have happened or they would never have sent for me. Oh, auntie! you don't suppose anything can be the matter with

The sweet, quivering lips were very piteous in their appeal to Mrs. Leighton, and Mr. Elvinly, who had been there when the message came, felt how F. B. LOFTIN. come to love him with all her strong, blesssed a pleasure it would be to take passionful nature-had bestowed up- the girl to his heart and try to comfort

> 'You can't go before to-morrow morning, at any rate. Georgie; so be patient, and hope for the best.

be in suspense-to be wondering and gagement ring. fearing! Mr. Elvinly, don't you think that I might telegraph to know what

that Sydney was attracted by the no need for you to be in a state of wife. sweet charm of her manner, and that suspense all night and until you reach mine is operator, and he'll pass a message of inquiry through and get an answer. Give me your brother's address,

And he took it from her eager, trem-'All right-'Calvin May, Marston

'It may be only a trivial matter, would be so beautifully becoming to after all, Georgie, At any rate, fret-

hair, that she wore so unlike the othe before; nor had he ever pressed her girls wore theirs-no elaboration of hand so warmly, and even amid the crimps, and puffs, and braids, but fear that was numbing her heart she and other articles for the Farmer, and he will parted over her pretty forehead, and thought, with a great thrill of happi-

'Heigho, Bruce! Busy. Wires He pencilled his words on the

I sent was to the same place and same

But Elvinly went on talking. 'What! a telegram from here to Mr. excepting that Georgie was her rival, Cal May?

There were such thoughts as these know who it is in town who know the pepsia. Ah, 'oyster soup', guess that

the words. Then, as she turned away, there One and three, Syd. It was Miss o' that.' was a flash in her eyes-a flash and a Trevelyan who sent it, to be re-telesparkle of satisfaction-for something graphed from Marston here. I sent the eaten. had occured to her almost like an despatch down. Didn't the young la-

Mr. Elvinly was looking at his friend while he spoke with a quiet, stern ex-

She sprang forward to meet him, all and cleared the dishes. her heart in her eyes.

'Oh, Mr. Elvinly! Please tell me

He linked his arm in hers, and led a cup of coffee.

you? Had you no idea I meant to try

perceptibly over her.

And he knew, too, his love was not careful. unacceptable, by the happiness that crept over her downcast face, by the for that man to come around when he half-delighted. half-shy sweetness that is well. He needn't come but once .was in her eyes as she raised them Adrian Times. one little instant.

'Georgie, it is yes?' His arms were around her now, his eyes looking at her burning cheeks. 'Oh, Mr. Elvinly, it is such a sudden change from misery to happinessperfect happiness; because - because I

do love you!'

Hall, Maude Trevelyan not only won- otheb. dered how it was that Georgie May rage and jealous pain, if the diamond beard. 'But it is such a long, long time to on Georgia's finger was really her en-

She found out soon enough, but she never knew that her treacherous little trick had been discovered, although ed at the same time, and as I am the she was conscious of something that oldest, I claim the first chance. Befor ever interposed between an intima- sides I am in a great hurry.' 'Certainly, Miss Georgie. There is cy between her and Sydney Elvinly's

Who Will Guess This Puzzle?

A little friend has been tormenting every sharp-witted person whom she knows, to guess the puzzle given below. Thus far she has met with no success. Will not some of your readers help us out with the difficulty? The answer is said to be a word of one sylalable, and the enigma is supposed to be English or Irish.

SLOW COACH. 'I sit stern on the rock, while I'm raising the wind. But the storm once abated, I'm gentle and kind.
Kings sit at my feet, who wait at my nod
To kneel in the dust, on the ground I have trod,
I'm seen by the world, and known by but few,—
The Gentile detests me—I'm pork to the Jew. My weight is three pounds, my length is a mile. And when once discovered, you'll say with a smile That the first and the last are the pride of our isle. - Courier-Journal.

Cure for a felon-Take it to the penitentiary.

'I see very little of you,' said an old face to the back of her shapely head, And Mr. Elvinly rushed off down gentleman at a Louisville ball to a where it was caught with a knot of to the very office where, a few hours young lady whom he had not met in a some bright ribbon, then fell in three before, Maude Trevelyan had written long time before. 'I know it,' was the And this fair, gentle girl was to go reading an evening paper when El- dress, to-night, the weather is so cold.' coffee.

Ill Health.

THE ADRIAN MAN WHO HAD DYSPEPSIA AND COULDN'T EAT EVERYTHING.

ays, make love to her.

'That's all right, Syd. I'll go right the Lawrence House, the other day two strangers, one a lean and hungrylooking customer, the other a decentappearing young fellow. As they reach-He began clicking the instruments. ed the table the older man clutched frantically at the bill of fare, and remarked as follows;

'Let's see what they got. You I know I've no business to ask, know I can't eat everything. Been nor you to answer, but I'd like to nearly dead for 10 weeks with dyswon't hurt me.' To walter-"Bring Mr. Bruce was rapidly counting me some oyster soup, and, let's see, 'boiled white fish,' yes, I'll have some

The soup and the fish were rapidly

'Now, let's see what else they've got, you know I can't eat everything. 'Roast turkey,' yes. 'Roast beef,' yes, I'll have some o' that. Chicken potpie,' yes, that's easily digested, I'll He was somewhat bewildered, have some. Let's see, I can't eat

chicken livers, and vegetables.' And then—once out of sight, I'll risk ful face, her eyes bright with tears, der, and the man with the weak stoher being out of Mr. Elvinly's mind. her sweet, pleading voice; and he grew mach reached this way for crackers, on Sunday-come here, bub! Now, I'll see to it that he has no chance to almost desperately angry with Maude that way for butter, here took a piece bub, if you'll prove that my husband of bread, there a pickle, and a stick ever worked on Sunday, or any other 'A thousand thanks for your kind- of celery, and frequently remarked day in the week, I'll give you a dolntaion and excitement as she walked ness, Frank. You have explained that he couldn't eat everything, stayed lar! I've lived with him for twenty along, and were brighter still when away a trouble, and brightened things his stomach until his dinner was years, and have always had to buy considerable in general. I won't send brought. He looked it over, sent the even his whisky and tobacco and now my telegram. Good night, old fellow.' waiter back for some roast veal, and if he's gone to work I want to know it!' When he returned to Miss Leigh- another onion, remarked that his stom. The boy backed off without another ton's parlor, Georgie was there alone, ach was weak, he had been suffering waiting in nervous eagerness for the terrible from dyspepsia, and couldn't eat everything, but at last got to work

The matter of dessert troubled him Somerset, please, and then returned to at once—please tell me! No matter weak, but he finally ordered mince this address. How much will it be? what it is, I want to know.'

They were brought and devoured 'There has been a mistake, Georgie and then he called the waiter, and There has come no telegram for you made her a confidential communicavented any intercourse betwen Sydney from your family. Every thing is all tion to the effect that he had been sick right with them, Everything will be with the dyspepsia; that his stomach Of course she'll think the despatch all right with me, my darling, if you was weak, he couldn't eat everything will only tell me you can love me! and would she bring him a bowl of

won't return to finish the visit, while Georgie, will you be my wife darling?' younger companion had departed, the It certainly had taken her by surprse man with the weak stomach remark--this sudden eager, loving declara- ed to the gentleman across the table tion-and Mr. Elvinly knew it by the from him that it was darned rough pallor on her cheeks, the droop of her to have to come down to bread and eyes, the little quiver that thrilled milk, but he had been sick, he couldn't eat everything, and had to be

And now the landlord is anxious

At The Barbers.

'Next,' shouted a barber, who had ust finished a customer.

Two persons at once sprang from their seats, where they had been pa- to stare you in the face. tiently waiting, and approached the knight of the lather, and both looking And at the reception at Holman ferociously and inquiringly at each

One of them was an elderly personhad returned again to attend it, not age, evidently from the country; the ner. only was hurt-justly hurt-and an- other a young sprig of city breed, gered at Mr. Elvinly's cool court- whose down had just begun to indicate eousness, but also wondered, with the slow and uncertain approach of

'Which of you is next?' asked the

'I am,' said the young man. 'No, you are not. We both enter-

'Ah, old party, I see you are from the country, and of course do not know the rules of city society governing such cases as this,' said the youth.

What is the rule?' 'Simply this: Beauty goes before age-so I will take the chair. See?" 'O, well, that's right, Mr. Barber shave him first. He has got the best might catch it, you know!" by that city rule of his; and coming to think of it, he is right according to

the rule where I come from.' 'Indeed! What is the rule where you come from, old party?' asked the young fellow, as he fixed himself comfortably in the barber's chair.

'Wall, young man, the rule up my way is that we always keep the hogs ahead of us. So you can go ahead, Barber, it is all right,' said he, taking up a paper and sitting down to read.

Mr. Evarts married Miss Coffin in St. Louis, last week. It occurred to him that it was rather a funeral supject, but he thought he could under-

or four half-curling tresses to her and had despatched her sham message. artless reply, 'but mother wouldn't perance communication to this paper,

'I Love, You Love.'

Old Jones, the village pedagogue, The grammar lesson called one day. Young Bess, a maid of sweet sixteen, Began the well-known words to say: 'First person, I love,' first she said. Sly Tom, beside her, whispered, 'Mer' 'Second person, you love,' Bess went on. 'Aye, that I do,' said Tom,-'love thee!' 'Third person, he loves,' still said Bess,

Tom whispers, 'Who is he?' 'Oh, Tom,' said Bessy, pleading low, 'Do hold your peace, and let me be!' 'No whispering!' called the master loud, And frowned upon the forward youth. 'First person, we love,' Bessy said, 'By George!' Tom whispered, 'that's the truth!'

The lesson o'er at last, poor Bess, With cheeks all crimson, took her seat, While Tom, sly fellow; tried in vain The maiden's soft blue eyes to meet, And when the recess hour was come, Tom begged a walk with coaxing tone, And 'neath the trees Bess said again The lesson o'er-for him alone.

SHE DIDN'T SCARE .-- A Detroit boy who was disappointed, the other day, in making a sale of tinware to a her mind. In 'jaw back' he said; 'Your husband ought to be arrested

'There's fifty cents, my little man; put them where they will do the most good,' said kind-hearted Mr. Morman Jones to his boy Cornelius, as the latter started for Sunday school last sabbath. Cornelius put twenty-five cents of it in a jack-knife, fourteen cents in taffy, ten cents in cakes, and lost the cent he meant to put into the contribution-box. Thus are our good intentions often thwarted by the mysterious ways of Providence, It may be well to add that Cornelius lost the cent before he had put the other forty nine where he thought they would do the most good.

COULDN'T ACCOUNT FOR IT .- A promising youth of only seven summers, who had been accused of not always telling the truth, cross- examined his father. 'Father, did you use to whopper when you were a boy?" 'No, my son' said the paternal, who evidently did not recall the past with any distinctness. 'Nor mother, either?' persisted the young lawyer. 'No; but why?' 'Oh, because I don't see how two people who never told a whopper could have a boy that tells as many

Almost submerged-The New York sinking fund.

Breach of good manners-For ruin

The sign of an untoward generation-Wearing narrow boots. Why is a retired carpenter like a lecturer?' Because he is an ex-plain-

No manners are so fine as the most awkward manifestations of good will

'Kiss me,' was all she said .- Modern

novels.) That was 'enough said' to any young man. One reason why Chief Justice Waite has so large a head is that he has got ahead of all the lawyers in

It was an expensive remark of a practical man regarding the woman of the period, recently: 'She don't know enough, sir, to boil water.

Honest sympathy.-Intelligent boy - 'Pa, I'm sorry you've got the 'fluenzy!' 'Why, laddie?' Boy-'Cause I

It is averred that the reason American girls refuse to enter domestic service is that they object to anything approaching menial employment-what they seek is hy-meneal.

A Floridian heard the other day for the first time the story of David and Goliath, and he became so enthusiastie that he swung his hat and called out, Bully for the fellow with the

An Indiana editor mildly remarks; 'If you can't bring us wood' remember as in your prayers. It is something to know, as we sit and shiver, that we are not forgotten if the stove is cold.'

An inebriate man, walking along the street, regarded the moon with The same young fellow sat there, allow me to wear a very low neck yesterday, was industriously chewing so proud, he said, 'you are full only once a month and I am every night."