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A Song To Love.

Life has, for all its wintry ways, Its beautiful, swest yesterdays Its memories of the days of old Rainbowed in red and regal gold; Its benutiful, sweet yesterday-

Life has a place where men. By mountain, till and gien, May lay them down a while to rest Where God makes pillows for each breast; And there, God will, for every jest, They will find rest they will find rest!

- F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution

DEAD AND HALF DEAD.

BY WILLIAM ADDRESS DEWISE

One of those delightful pictures where a giant clus years its spreading foliage far above the mose-grown roof of a simple weather-beaten, one-story cottage; before the threshold of which passes the soldon traveled turnnike-About the doorway evidences of the cultivating hand of woman. About the yard manifestations of agricultural induser. In the horvest-bearing

tion of the true farmer. Sitting under the tree an aged woman. Sightles eves in the head that never turns; voiceless line that continually move; dead to all sound the cars that show their thin, transparent outline between tidied locks of

fields proof of the vigilance and ambi-

It may not be sad, nor melancholy, to descend the pathway of life if our senses remain sente; but when the better part of life's inhern companions have deserted us -alas, the

"Elsie seems very total of him. said old Venable to himself. "They I thought I heard something like a few minutes. It was her diversion, kiss when they purted at the door for sure. I was probably mistaken,"

Venable watched them approach Elsie with a serious countenance her escort unimated and curnest.

"Good afterness, Mr. Abbott."

eticol attencon, sir."

"I would like to speak to you."

this, Mr. Collingham?" and the old go jur of Venable's falling body, man waved his hand sweepingly.

Elsie went into the house, and handchair, folded his bands across his ing elmample stomach and looked inquiringly at his guest.

"Mr. Abbott," began the lover,

He pursed for some remark; for farmer Abbott was looking far away Loward the blue hills

continued. "of the old Collinghan whispered: family of New York. I am engaged in business with my father. I am an indeep! only son. I will inherit his estate, mark. And I have learned to love tered. your Elsie until she is indispensible to my happiness. Briefly, sir, I want

Young Collingham raised his eyes to those of his sweetheart's father. Old Venable was leaning forward in his chair, his hatale resting on his knees, while he stared into the sightless even of his wife. Great tears welled up into the soft blue orbs of the agitated old man as he said slowly and huskily:

could hear you speak those words! Oh if she could only see your face when you say you love our Elsie!"

Roughly he brushed the tears away with the pulm of his hard, brown hand, and continued:

"I have no doubt what you say is tance?" poor as we are . but if you are as hon- | time!"- | Puck.

est a man as you look, sir, and you'll be good to her, and she tells me she loves you, then she's yours, sir, she's vours! Elsie! Elsie!

her father. Standing close beside his chair she placed her arm about his neck, and, laying her face against his, she said:

"What is it, paym?"

The superb form ank beside the rugged old man, and the sweeping she buried her face and said, softly: "Yes, pupa I love him."

The old man raised her face in his eyes rested upon her mother's expressionless countenance, he said, half audibly -

"Elsie, repeat those words blocking at mother. Report them as if she were looking at you and could hear

"Yes, I love him." The words came firmly, and the gaze was an-

The old man arose, crossed to his wife, and flid his hand gently on hers, told me that he had a process of tak-Instantly she arose and placed her arm

"Mr. Collingham," said old Venable, his voice quivering and his eyes that he picked out the smaller and less dim, "she is yours. I'll take mother salable of the old potatoes and buried in the house and tell her about it."

winter. Venable Abbott and his af-Before this patient women who was illieted wife had lived alone for two deaf, dumb and blind, sat the lord of years. Those years had made great this simple manor Venuide Aidout, changes in both. The mother accuse He was not boxed, nor decrepit, nor tomed to Elsie's touch in the early had any of his senses described him, morning, when the devoted daughter How these two had kept their bond! had dressed her for the day, soon de-For twenty years and Vendide Abbott clined to rise at all. She failed rapidbeen eyes, and cars and voice for his ly. Was it loneliness? Are the deaf faithful through. True, there was lit- and dumb and blind ever otherwise the cause for interchange of mind, for than fonely? She grew pullid; and they had but one common thought- whenever thoughtful old Venable ran their daughter. Mother knew full well up from the field to press her hands that father would do all that was best and stroke her, brow and make her and right for the divine beauty who more easy it always found her in had been bear about the old clin. Jours. This had its effect upon the deaye, and the tree as tall and snaple as veted hasband; and he watched eagerly for the letters from Mrs. Colling. Up through the clover field came ham. When they arrived he placed this paragon of loveliness. By her the perfuged paper and envelope in side a handsome norn, one of the camp- her hands, and she would carry them ers in the near to woods a city chap, to her nestrils and smile and crone well-versed. pillow and weep. There she kept all her daughter's letters, falling into a certainly make a handsome couple. habit of feeling under her pillow every

This dismul night Vemble sat in the hast night; but I can't trust my cars add-fashioned kitchen reading his bible by the light of a candle. This was his nightly custom before retiring. Suddenly he felt a strange sense of sufficiention. He enought at his collar to remove the choking. Then he felt prone by apoplexy and expired in the "May I see you a moment, please?" inscusibility of the succeeding few

minutes. In the adjoining room by the deat, mate and blind partner of his life. "What was be note private than Shewns soundly slumbering, and felt

A superb equipuse, occupied by a some Mr. Collingham threw himself han-bome man, a lovely women and a langually upon the grass. Mr. Ale sweet faced infant, drew up in front of bott, bureheaded, settled back in his the low cottage, under the great, sigh-

"Now don't say a word. Harry, tevan have doubtless observed quite an dear. Keep just as still as you can, attachment springing up between your. Let me go in first. I want to surprise dear old papa and mamma."

With a merry buigh Elsie tripped "It am, as you may be aware," he her hand cantioningly to her husband,

"Shush! I guessed they are sound

Elsie, holding the ludy promily in which is very considerable, I may re- her arms, opened the door and en-

Grandon dend! Grandon half-dend-Thus it is some lives glide mutely your permission to win her for my along the tide of life, in some cases wife." hereft of every sensibility at a blow, the useless vessel of elay is abandoned apon the shore of time. In other cases the disnocutling is partial and periodieal; and the helplessness of the drifting craft increases, until total wreck becomes a consummation devoutly to

Mr. Lovett (an accepted suitor.) -"Here, Willy: I want to ask you something on the quiet. When your ing. sister was at the seashore this summer. did she keep the young men at a discissit?

true, Mr. Collingham. If Elsie wants Willy .- "You bet she did! Why, this morning my wife told me she you I shall not oppose. You may be she'd take 'em 'way, 'way down the thought I'd better come home early a rich man's son, or you may be as beach, and keep 'em there till meal and see about starting a fire in the fur-

A novel scheme is being perpetrated on the public by a number of vegetable dealers in St. Louis. The scheme The beautiful ereature slowly is unique and a paying one, for the city emerged from the house and approached marketer is no judge of the products palmed off upon him.

Last week marketers were rather surprised to seedisplayed at the stands what purported to be new justators selling at 15 cents a small measure. "Mr. Collingham has asked mo to the measure containing not over a give you to him, Elsie. Do you want alozen small potatoes. The obliging to be his wife? Do you love him, attendants at the stands, upon impriry. relieved themselves of the information that the potatoes come from the Bermuda Islands. The eastomer actresses of gold fumbled into his lap as cepted these statements and purchased layishly of the deliener.

"Where are your new polatoes." asked a reporter vesterday of one of trembling hands, and turned it so her the stand proprietors, whose display was conspicuous by the absence of the new pointoe.

"New potatoes!" he ejaculated. "There are none in the market at this time of the year.

"But all the other stands have

"Oh, I understand wind you mean A man came to me the other day and wanted to sell me a supply of new potatoes. I laughed at him. He then ing old potatoes and making them are pear as new, and the public would never know the difference. He said them for a few days. During this time the eyes began to sprout and the It was a dark, stormy night in late covering became fresh-looking, and when washed resembled new pointers When he had completed his story I told him that I respected my custom ers and would handle none of his

A Coral Reef 1,250 Miles Long.

goods" St. Louis Republic.

One of the marine wonders of the world is the great barrier reet of Austrafia. This stopendous rampuri of four hours wretchedly illand past carcoral, stretching in an almost subre- ing for anything, when there came the sents features of interest which are not to be equated in any other quarter of the idobe. Nowhere is the action of the little marine insect, which builds up with untiring industry these mighty sens are studded, more impressive; tive forces of nature more apparent. By a simple process of accretion there has been reared in the course of countless centuries an adamentine wall against which the billows of the Paeific, sweeping along in an unintercentral course of several thousand fory. Enclosed within the range of its protecting arms is a culm inland sea, 80,000 square nitles in extent, dotted with a multitude of coralislets and presenting at every turn obtraveler and the man of science. Here by which the ways, gelatinous living mass hardens into stone, then serves as a collecting ground for the flotsam and jetsom of the ocean, and ultiin the sereme depths of placid pools aglow with the most brilliant colors Theman sprang out and assisted his and producing in their infinite variety a bewildering sense of the vostness of the life of the occur.

Demand for Bananas.

The shipment of bananas for the past year was estimated at 325,000 tons, and valu d at \$5,011,000. The up to the old battered door, listened a imhistry has stendily grown since the moment at the keyhole, then shaking first shroment in 1865, until it has become one of our standard fruits. His great ment lies in the fact that it can be picked in a green state, and after reaching this country can be artificially

The demond for imported bananas is entirely confined to Americans. To the natives of the tropies the fruit exposed in our markets is a disespointment, as it is entirely backing in the flavor and rickness of that fully matured and ripened before picking by the vaulting spirit, and it stiffens. The claim made by some, that instead of losing in flavor the banana actually gains by being gathered when green would never be made by any one who had ever tested the fruit ripened autu-

"Will you be down town tonight?" suid one department clerk to another. "No. I'm going to a house warm

"Mine. Before I started down town nace."- Washington Star.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

BULLIER DISCOUNT My continues was that Pus about But why be says a thing leke the

I tusted of my thomb, and could He'd made a sad mistake I in not as sweet as lemma po-Nor half as good as cake.

It was always expected that new putients would ery for at least half a day. Uniforte was a rogue who this period of initiation. He was an Italian boy of three, with a large head, big brown hidf-wondering and halfroguish eves, and the crookedest legs, which made him worldle like a duck. Once it was noticed that even on the cound and third days after admission mic children in his ward would be crying for home as in the very beginning-a thing explained only when the tricks of this young moral were discovered. He would watch until eliwas quiet and the rouse had stepped out of the ward for a minute, on some duty, and then would call to the newcomer. "Say, say, down you wan to ee you' mudda?" Whereupon the flood-gates would open once more. | Harper's Young People.

Once when I was a school boy going home for the holidays I had a long way to go to reach the far away little town in which I dwelt. I arrived at Bristol and got on board the steamer with just money enough to put my tare; and that being ettled, I thought in my innocence. I had paid for everything I needed in the way of meals. I had what I wanted as long as we were in smooth water; then came the rough Athentic, and the heed of nothing more. I had been bring in my Jorth steward and stood beside me.

"Your bill, sir," said he, holding ent a pieces of paper.

"I have no money." I seek many wrotebodness "Then I shall keen your biggage. What is your name and address?

monuments with which the tropical told him. Institutiy he took off the can be were, with the grit band about it, and held out his hand. "I should like to shake hands with you. he I gave him my hand and shook his

> planation how that some years before, some little kindness had been shown his mother by my father in the "I never thought the chance would come for me to repay it," said he

> as well as I could. Then come the ex-

pleasantly; "but I am glad it has "So am I," said L. Associan Ligotashop forold are jects of interest alike to the unlearned bother what had happened "Ab." said he, "see how a bit of kinetuses Now he has passed it on to body that needs a friendly hand you.

must pressit on to there. Years led gone by. I had grown cred with a luxurinat mass of tropic one day I had gone to the station of eal-growth. Here again, may be seen one of our main lines. I was just extraordinary forms of marine life. Little hallerying a thorough gentleman be was, trying to keep the the troublesome tours, as he pleaded with the booking clerk.

"What is the matter, no bide" 1

"If you please, sir, I haven t money enough to pay my fars. These all I want but a few petice; and I tell the clerk it he will trust me I will be sure

to pay him." Instantly it the-heat mean one the forgotten story of Jong ago. Here, then, was no chance to pass it on. I may him the sum wooded, and then got into the carriage with him. Then I told the little fellow the story of long ago, and of the steward's kind ness to me. "Now, today," I said, "I pass it on to you, and remember, if you meet with any one who, needs a kindly hand, you must pass it on to-

"I will, sir; I will," cried the lad, as he took my hand, and his eyes flashed with cornestness.

"I am sure you will," I answered. I reached my destination, and lenmy little friend. The last sign I had of him was the hankerchief fluttering from the window of the carriage, as if to say: "It is all right, sir: I will pass it on "- Home and School Visitor.

Onick but Seldom, Mrs. Watts - "Goodness! man.

Aren't you afraid you will ruin your digestion by cating at such a rapid rate? You ought to cat more slowly. Hungry Higgins-"I may not est slow, mum, but I cat mighty seldom." - Indianapolis Journal.

ODD CHURCH GOING.

A Sunday Scene in a Hawaiian There is no permanent man in faise-Temple of Worship.

Worshippers of Both Sexes Ladies Home Companies. Smoking or Sleeping.

Sunday at the great church. burn outline, says a Monolulu correspondent of the Boston Transwript. A little girl sits at the entrance smoking a eight. This enseemed to take delight in prolonging transc is as flooriess as if at a circus: the sexton, a Chimmon all joints, is talk with these who come in, nutil all sound sesses and we enter. The plastered walls enclose a large area. Hereis a family in a roomy pew near the door four children with the mother and father. As the service progresses the children must be amused; a loaf of bread is produced, and while the mother muses the baby she cuts three restless young ones from the pulpit.

Directly below the prescher two old women are scated sideways, confronts ing each other, their arms tirnly clasping the knees. Each smokes a pipe: as they smoke they not and yawn. From the congregation load soores are occasionally licards two littlehoys, close by the preacher, skirmish with umbreling. One of the boys is driven to the wall; the tather of the defeated comes from the body at the church and roughly drives and the lary who has disconfitted his wild. Young men and women stroll down the Old World New York Tribune. the aisles, or step over the backs of sents to get drinks, sometimes returning with a rang or calabash of water through a window and looks quietly tion of the large assemblage seems unwith headache, she lossous her bur which the scalp was detacted. of her head in native tashing doma-Iomi. Pansing in his part the is by carefully arranges his neckric and

combs his bair, standing in fall view. 'Look!' eries the preacher, on type only stranger present, he translates inflicent spectruck and weighed fifty this part of the sermon, the interrupt pounds. Thomas Art. Regulational, wants to buy a safe horse for his tion being received with commitmity by the people. Suddenly descending he borrows a cap which he holds toall; the little ones who lowe brought a should be so tovered

A Customer Secured,

A comig man in a dry-goods store enstomer some goods. He had a quantity on hand which he much de-

cluded, the enstomer inquired:

"Are these goods the latest style?" were the latest style the man would take them. But he could not tell a lie, and he replied:

The man looked at him, examined ideal. some other goods of later styles, and Pack.

and some of the new, also. Your hon- Bible was acc, saide to but one-fifth of

to this place." and kept a good conscience, but he translation been carried on,

might never have seen again if he had most spaken to him the exact truth. When the wind is right it will blow their hand and sheeption. Rightconsuces and truth age a sure formintions - for days and weeks I have watched them

Civilization Injurious to the Teeth,

There is reason to apprehend that unless some entrelyan occurs to arrest not a chinary to relieve its the progress of civilization, our dereptolemus. King of Cyprus, described by the historian Print for reduced to: masticate his food with a solid stringture of bone, in lies of teeth. This at any rate, to the interements by her desuffing at the church hell. As wor- assed from the statistics recently pubshippersenter, the hellpuller stops to passed by order of the British Parlin ment, demonstrating the adminingly sound dentition among the Euglish people Of 4,000 children attending the London public selects therewere only 707 who had wound teeths 506 regrate were rejected by the modi- in part tack he ought to have his shoeslices from the low and mids these for dental massing. Of course, part of the spiritual food which is offered her this state of affairs is due to the negleet of the direction, and of the total wicked, themselves, a new demonstrated by the statement that of all the girls who entered done to sevie from the wear indisold. sixthe had mever even bound of such as thing as a booth trush an assertion that loss had the religiational authorities to institute in mean of the metropolitanselects what is known as proofblensh-Deens of testa las aiways ateach barbarie invasion, bashesu, foly of her-father's remerks on your prolowed by a recovery of sound tooth in possil, my sun? Son- "Git."

Lassaed a Wildeat.

Among the solitors at the office for a friend. A horse thrusts his head the Board of Supervisors vest-ray was dodny Brice, a Lievenroold how who anon the audience. However, its is herding eattle a few miles below the spite of these events the main personner. Master Brice's purpose on earlithe was to claim the bounts on a wilddisturbed; the mother with four chibi- get scale which he brought with him, when he steps on a Fairbanks platren produces a rattle, a dernier results, and to show that the scale was getting. Torus to quiet the buby. A woman is seized, he area brought along the skin. from A more named Oyster or Town has

and signals a friend, who crosses to fine before vestering, while rading course he is in a stew over the outher in beeline. bestriding the backs across the range, be discovered the ent cone. of the seats, and kneeds the muscles, tring asterp in the slands of a tree. He the way, the only tenor voice in the with the buttor a heavy whip. The choirs, a young men takes from his blow served only to imagginate a tight, packet a little mirror and a comb, and the boy was compelled to give the eat a wider berth. He was unarmed, and so rebed on his breat. He made toe, and with vigorous gestures, "look all the time approaching the horseman. are enough raw fish and ture, while give up the light. Occasionally the correspondyou are complaining of famone? Why got would seize the lasse and tent it Judge "Haven't I seen you before dosen't the Land bring concadabashes victorials. At hot a successful, three full? Oh, you are too lazy? Win to Justemed it, and the beroeious animal the ant," etc. Turning to me, the was disagged to death. It was a mace places in my time.

Beech Trees Safe. The Chappewa Indians say that the ward each person in the andrence, not becen tree is never struck by highly lambers are born with the left leg or excepting his own lamily: for motey ming, and whenever a thumber storm or a written promise to bring it most providices them they seek shelter under of prosent contras, when his parish- pears to be some tombitting for their publicaioners object to giving. The deline common belief. The writer cannot requents blush and stammer with untive member ever having some a hearly that should always stress to get into one grace; a few young men who attempt had been shuttered by a thunderhalt pany that is before than one's self. to slip away from their obligation are and landwroon who have spent most business. They one was that would be checked by a brisk turn of the minis- of their lives in the woods agree with improvible ter's spectacles; he torces back change the Indians, but no one seemupon such us give beyond his approve able to give any teason why this from

kameta are praised and thunkesk. As . The trees most frequently street for a father guiding his children this good. lightnang are out a and whos, and it is man lives in their confidence and wiser to remain in the open and get under their where a thunder-storic is mesting. New York World.

sired to dispose of, as they were not connected with the office of the senate's we turned her down. of the freshest style, and the man sergeant-attaches. He is a welcome seemed inclined to take them, says an visitor to the press galleries of the hoop skirts coming back again be-When the goods had been examined here to his home newspaper; but it is and the bargain was about to be con-difficult for a stranger in necting him to conserve that he was the author of that world-namous battle some with The young man hesitated. He its fire and spirit. Mr. Randall tewanted to self the goods, and it up- points requests from all over the Engpeared evident that it he said they lish speaking world for autograph eques of his some Chicago Herald.

"They are not the latest style of Adv - "No: Priscilla will never goods, but they are a very good marry traless she finds her ideal." Ida ... "What sort of man is her

Ads - "A man who will propose,"-

At the beginning of the century the esty in stating the facts will fasten me the population of the world. Now it may be read by nine-tenths of the peo-The man not only sold his goods ple of the globe, as rapidly has its

My Neighbor's Garden.

My neighbor < garden is full of weeds,

Over into milie, I knew.

And wished he would stear them out He should give his garden better care, the what on he is about!

Binth the garden plot no weeds

And have they not reached a goodly longith. Whilst thou hearind another's needer I will take all the time thou ince to give

To keep thine own garden clear : ork! or the words of its weeds may live

Warner W. Pries in Demorses HUMOROUS.

Hard trick? To whitward A man connot save time by stopping

The conference accommo who ear at

way - forgon head in the world. When the explain of a yield gets on

A Washington woman threw a lamp stan organi mani Of course it was

The shore-dealer is one man who makes nothing by having his foot-

He foliation for the property of them. His weath could make him smother His had girl's little brother.

rested they stop doing time. It is mute different with a man-Found Father "What was the god

When the hands of a clock are we

Our olea of a rash, foodbardy muti is one who will done to read out local in the presence of a school teacher.

Lasts "What earthly use is tint -tutle. Clerk. "It is going at cost today." Lady "Give me 50 yards." The fat man who intugines he's

growing smaller gives himself a weigh been arrested for embezzlement. Of

A woman's given is her limit; has not when through the might is home

Was there anyone to blame for Downer - building houself? Nop. - "Clear case of his own free will and

The greenege young man once know just as nauch as he thinks he does, but at the sea, look at that old hill. There who was more than once disposed to be doesn't usually sleav a subry or

> - mewhere Prisoner "I shouldn't conders. Phase been in some queer When a man advertises time to

> wite to drive be means one that will not cost more than \$20. The children of the Attribuci La meta sheeter then the might. Let

Southernia They say that one

A wide wide graff doth sever the latters atways on the beat

The become foundly seven Girm dealer schooling rost sold fance sport-man some cartridges : "You'll remember the place, sur, when you come back, sur, for we sells all kind of

tresh same Mr. Huggin "L. Miss Fowlick still in Bester was endeavoring to sell a Author of "Maryland, My Mary and," prosident at your society for the sur-James R. Kandalli, the author of pression of slarg, Miss Skidds?" Miss "Maryland, My Maryland," is now Skields "No she got too frish and

She "You see all this talk about have compromised by putting the

"Why should a soldier never lose has bond in battle?" asked a German captain of a private soldier. "Because if he did he wouldn't have any

place to put his helmet on." "Papa says, every state has a political ring, and I grees it's so, be the geography shows it " "In what "The towns are all represented by dots, but the state capital is always a dot with a ring around it."

An elderly parlormaid, moving defrly and silently us a cut, was disturbed by the well intentioned but blundering manner of the new, young servingman. "Oh, Dennis! I wish you were not so green!" With a significant look he replied: "Tis better to be green than withered."