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THE CITY OF SILENCE. It is just the sweetest city! Yet sometimes I think we pity Those who dwell within those pretty

It is so peaceful pleasant And fair to dwellers present; And the partridge and the pheasant Feel no fear, it is so still.

white awellings on the hill.

Its walls are low and narrow. And the linnet and the sparrow Make the only music there. Oh! So silent are its homes! Never have its doors a rover; Myrtle green and reddest clover

Its many earthen domes. Here are found no wreaths of laurel, None of bitter rue and sorrel; Never comes the sound of quarrel In these quaint and vacant ways. No sound of stately masses, Nor of any praising, passes, Upward through the growing grasses

All the moveless, voiceless days. Men from other cities wander; Other home ties sometime sunder; Not so in the white town yonder

On the wide-browed hill, Not a shadow of returning, In the dwellers' bosoms burning, Ever came, or ever will.

O, Peace so pure and tender, So wrapped about in splendor, So needless of defender Or champion or aid,

Each life must have its knelling: Shall come and claim a dwelling Among your resting dead. -HARVEY HOWARD.

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recommend them for family and medi- PAULINE'S PICTURE. CHAPTER I.

'And so the shadows fall apart. And so the west winds play. And all the windows of my heart I open to you to-day."

It was a large, handsome old house that Mrs. Ellison's grandchildren were invited to visit every year. Then they all met there and a nice time they used to have, for grandma allowed them to roam from garret to cellar, if they wished to do so. But on this particular 'Christmas

it was to be even pleasanter than before, for handsome uncle Rob E. ison had just returned from Europe, and many were the games he planed for the young group. In the morning, the boys skated

with him while the girls rode with Mrs. Ellison, who, in spite of hersixty years, was still a very handsome woman. But on this eventful day of which I am about towrite, they wished to have some tableaux. So grandma had given intended to get their dresses.

They were all up sorting the ma-Howard who was standing by a large trunk, called out: "Oh, Grandma, look at this lovely picture of a young girl. Who can it be?" Grandma Ellison hurried over to

where she was, a stern expression on her usually placed face. "Shut down that trunk, child,"

Laura, obeyed, and Mrs. Ellison Moan at femorse thrusts through both left the room and went to her own chamber, where they heard her

What could be the matter? they wondered. At dinner she was the same as

usual, only there were traces of tears on her face. After the meal was finished, May Worthy, who was the bravest of found a protecting arm to shelter them all, went to Mrs. Ellison, and

smoothing back the white hair said "Won't you tell us about that picture ap stairs, please do, grandma." Mrs. Ellison's face hardened as she replied, "I cannot, May dear,"

and she left the room. But in the evening, when they were all grouped around her, she Tracy. said abruptly, "Children, did you ever know you had an aunt Pauline?' All looked surprised, and grandma coutinued:

and the pet of the household, and dark th eat. imperious little queen, and we all But the day the whole village and as she blossomed into woman- mitted in prison for ten years. hood it was hard to check her im- Poor Pauline! Her bright, glad petuous temper. Still, we were all summer was over, and instead of ing to him, her pleading face saying woman. more than words."

"It is needless to say that your It wis New Year's Eve. The! grandfather refused, for Gerald, it children at Mrs. Ellison's were the LANCE.

was rumored was rather a wild thanking h for the pleasant day young man with no money to speak has had me de for them when all

"Fauline's lovely face was dark peal of the por bell. and defiant as Mr. Ellison angrily The servents had gone to bed, ordered him from the house. The and Uncle Job hastened to open next morning she did not come the door, fiter a while he came dow, to breakfast, and my husband tack saying tather nervously, the who was very punctual himself, sent girls though one one here is some one here is some one here Mare returned, saying that Pauline who wishes to stay until morning. was fot in her room, and the bed Surely you sin refuse no one shell had not been slept in all night.

ter this col, night. Besides Paul "Very well," said Mr. Ellison - he topped and colored, stern'y. "If she is sulky and does then added astily, "there is a child not istend to eat her breakfast' like with the land"

a senable girl, I am willing." "Nevertheless through all the compassion ely. "It is a woman, meal the seemed ill at ease, and then? Yes Rob, bring her in here. ate bat little. After it was finished, We can first some place for the ne rese from the table and we heard | wanderer t night." him stride into Pauline's room, from Rob hurr al away, and a moment where he returned with a white later return I closely followed by in his clencle 1 hand, and, showing child. it to me, he buried his face in his | She was recessed, if not eligantly,

hands and greaned aloud. 1 With an undefined dread in my would tell once that she was a heart I took it mechanically and lady. read the words: "You have driven me to this and you must bear the sham I love Gerald Tracy, and, before you receive this, will be his my room, gere you can tell me .

"Dogratoful girl," I exclaimed. "Is this the return for all the care burst into a asionate sobs. we have lavished upon her? To "Mother "Oh Mother !" she cried run of with a worthless scamp like eagerly, " you not know your

that Tallow.". "What are you going to do moth- still loving Buline ?" er?" taked one of the children in an awe spicken voice.

"D" I repeated sharply. "She fore. For moment silence reignhas made her choice and must abide ed, broken, thy by Pauline's sobs. by it. She has brought an everlast- "Mother won't you forgive me ing disgrace upon one of the oldest for the sall of her who bears your familes in town."

of mind, "Ldon't think she was so tering some strong emotion. much to blame, it she loved Tracy as she said she did." "Rib," said his mother frigidly down.

I hough you had heard, enough on that sibject without trying to ar- est child, I must turn you off. gue it any more." Roy Ellison's face flushed at the my darling, and with a heart-felt rather keen reproof, and he bit his cry she fold Althe slight form to her lip under his heavy moustache, breast.

while May Worthy said eagerly: "But tell us about the picture up ished, silent spectators of this scene stairs." That was Pauline's, was it between in ther and daughter. "Yes," replied Mrs. Ellison, "and Ellison capitals of such emotion, but I will sell you haw it happened to now they for what great injustice be talen. Mr. Bernard, a rich, tal- they had de feller.

ly deep in thought with the pale hope you w I know and love her." moonlight shining on her fair tace Paline T acy's pretty sad face and miking it look almost etherial. was a study for a painter as she re-

So he look out, his drawing mate- "and my ch d." rials, which he happened to have How could they help doing so, them keys to the many trunks which along, and quietly sketched her. they wondered, gazing at the beaustood in the attic, from which they Then, after she had eloped he pain- titul face, lovely in spite of the sorted this picture and, thinking to do row which now rested upon it. it, I aliyayskept it hidden away.

CHAPTER II. "A trembling form standing at the win-

she commanded, "and give me the Lips white as lilies in the moonbeams

A pale sid face leans 'gainst the window

he rt and brain." And where was the object of Mrs. Elison's story all this while. at that age, and if her words were Let is leave the merry group at true (though every grandmother grandma's and wend our way to the sees through cose colored spectacles) quiet little village of Woodley, where Pauline Tracy first came lovely. with he husband. What if she had left a Living home, had she not

her from the storms of life? Arithmetic was Gerald Tracy's forte, set that when Woodley bank was left without a cashier, he ap-

plied for the position. But another was there before him. Stepher Carleton had been the first applicate, but not having a good reputation the situation was given to

Carleton said that if it had not been to Tracy he would have had it, and swife to be revenged, but two years had a sed and no clance had "She was my youngest daughter, occurred for the fullfillment of his

worshiped her. She was beautiful, was ringing with the news that Gerif I do acknowledge i myself," with ald Trainy had forged a check for some motherly pride in the calm \$50,000 and then escaped. The next voice. "Every wish was gratified; day he was caught, tried, and com-

surprised when Gerald Tracy came the gay, impulsive girl, she was to us to ask for her hand, she cling- changed into a broken-hearted We walk; grieve not for joys that might

NO. 14 were sudde ily startled by a faint

"Poor thi, g," exclaimed grandms,

compressed face. He held a paper a girlish s zure leading a little

still with a ertain tastefulnes that

Grandma lose, her handsome face full of pity s she said: "Poor of id, let me take you to

everything. At the Lad words, the stranger

child; you willful, wayward, but Grandme Ellison's grandchildren had never en her so affected be-

name ?" a f she pointed to ber "But, mother," interrupted Rob, child. who was of a rather romantic turn Mrs, Elli on was evidently mas-"Pauline it was all your own

fault," she I can hastily, then broke "Oh Paul all Pauline I my youngcannot stee the heart against you,

The girls had looked on aston-They had to ver supposed Mrs.

ented artist, who worshipped Pau- But after while she controlled line, and whom we all wished her herself, and airning towards them to merry, sketched it. She had said quietly Children, you need just reinrned from an evening com- hardly Le to A that this is your Aunt pany, and going out on the balcony, I auline, w ion you have never stood with clasped hands, apparent- known, but jow," sne continued. "I

"Mr. Bernard had just made his peated ear stly: "Yes, my little adieus below, and, strolling through nieces and 1 sphews, many of whom the ga den, he glanced up at her, I have neve seen, you will love me . really startled by her loveliness. and" the I at rather hesitatingly,

us a kindness, presented it to us; The girls lently kissed mother ny costumes when pretty Laura but it yas anything but a kindness, and daughter good night, and then and though I never liked to destroy quietly withdrew, for they knew that they wished to be alone after

their long separation of ten years.

Oh, flutterin Meart contol thy tumult, Lest eyes pe fane should see. My cheeks bet ay the rush of rapture His coming brings to me." During the year that followed Pauline still lived at Mrs. Ellison's with her chied, who, grandma said. was a perfect miniature of its mother

CHAPTER III.

Pauline must have been indeed She firmly believed in her husband's innocence, and every month visited him. He swore he was guiltless, and the wife's prayer's went up night and morning for the release of the dear loved one in his lonely cell.

But one cay she read in the paper a long tory of how Stephen Carleton had been sent to prison. and dying, onfessed how he had deliberately lotted Gerald Tracy's downfall.

He had contrived to get Tracy into the city for a short time, and that night had broken into the bank and stolen the money for which Tracy was held responsible. Pauline uttered a ery of jovous thanksgiving. Then she became a-

"at last I am with you again, an now, my darling, "Let us not idly mourn the pleasures past Although ooca parted by another's win; Since hand to hand and heart to heart, a:

have be-

ware of some one beside her. "My wife," said Gerald's strong voice.

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