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DOT VOMAN OF MINE.

Dot voman of mine dot voman of mine!

She bodder mine life oud all der dime;

She slaps my hair and mills my face, Und knocks mine nose all out of blace;

Und makes me vander der night about,

By dot voman of mine.

She drives me of mine own house out.

I am goaxed back to my domicile

My love for her ish most sublime;

Und vants me to make her a visky hot,

Und skins mine shins ou der bucket pail.

Dot voman of mine, dot voman of mine!

Ven I goes to der tavern in der evening

Und hurries me off on der double quick;

Dot voman of mine, dot voman of mine!

For dot woman of mine

Und scalds myself mit der coffee pot

In trying to make a visky hot

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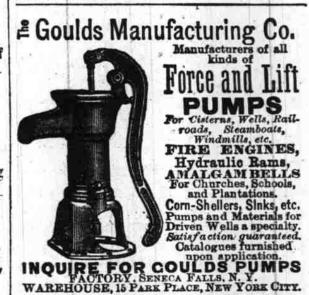
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think we had contrived to be about

good salary in his uncle's shipping guesti at Outerbridge cottage." Jerome wasn't rich, but he had office, and I learned the lesson of economy, and contrived to get along nicely, with one girl. To be sure, Aunt Penelope helped us; but after all, Aunt Penelope, though she ed I was a good soul and meant well,

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> ing of plans. owns the sweetest country place up new mod of tears. the river, and Aunt Penelope said

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going to France, and has requested bridge cottage during her absence and look after things a little. And when I mentioned that I was devoted' to my neice and her baby she was kind enough to say that it would make no difference if you came there too-for five months from the first of May until the first of October. And what a splendid Use no lard or other shortenings for thing it would be for the baby to

The first tooth had already begun to gleam like a pearl in its rosy gums, and I dreaded the hot air of

summer for little Bertie's sake. "Yes," said I, doubtfully; but Je

"It's only twenty-five minutes by Manufactured under the direction train," said Aunt Penelope. "He of Prof. E. N. Horsford, by the can come down every evening." Rumford Chemical Works, Provi-

> discussed this subject the more feasible and delightful it, appeared to us We could revel in the country

tea before I unfolded the story of Aunt Pen lope, full of descriptions Outeroridge cottage of the Hudson. Aunt Penelope sitting graciously lets, I one day packed up my valise. by feeling like the tairy-godmother who had done it all with one whisk came home, "where are you going?" Till ven morning comes mit a dove-like

of her enchanted wand. "Well?" quoth I, restlessly, when had finished the recital.

Dot voman of mine, dot voman of mine! "Well," said Jerome, who by this I vould so mit myself through thick and was tickling his plum ribs.

"Of course we'll go!" Of I never could see dot voman again; "Of course we wont," said this im-Before I vas married I could midout fear Eat mine Limburer or drink mine beer; practicable husband of mine. But since I am married I'm all forlorn, "Lerome !"

Because dose britches of mine are vorn "Liny!" By dot voman of mine. "But why not?" Dot voman of mine, dot voman of mine! She vokes me up in her midnight time,

"In the first place because I've no idea of turning housekeeper for any woman who wants to enjoy herself with a loving touch. "Wait a week, in France, and foist off her house deary, and I'll take you myself for a Und dells me a pain in her stomach she's hold pares on somebody else. In little trip." I goes down stairs in my night shirt-dail, the second place I like to make my own Brrangements, instead of hav-

ing them made for me." and tossed her head.

my Lusband.

fine hing for the baby." Ven in she comes mit a old broom-shtick, She follows behind, vile der beeples stare, doing well enough," retorted Je- distance out of the town, where vines Und wonders who years der britches dere, Me or dot voman of mine.

> own wife." "I home! Yes," cried I indig- into bloom of a back yard as one could bleach said I, gazing out at its exquisite

a talle-cloth in !" "You have contrived to exist in "Should you?" sald Jerome, sugh-it for two years," said Jerome, with ing as he drew up the horses in what teemed to me the most heart front of the gate. I am glad to hear less rdifference.

Hiegan to cry. Aunt Penelope rose up with a great rustling of black silk and satin cap ribbons. -

"Kehall certainly accept my friend Limited Means and Great she, with dignity. "Of course, longings at this time. Hour home!" Amig you will do as you please. And I am going up stairs to pack up. Mrs. Onterbridge is anxious seph has helped me, and that night ment er that I shall always be glad fowls! So you like it, eh?" to receive you and your family as

I coked imploringly at Jerome.

"CH course, if you wish it." "And will you come, too?"

Rit Jerome shook his head. "Ily evenings for the present a very nice place, although Aunt mas be spent in town," said he. Penelope declared from the first a "I have some extra work to do for Unce Joseph, which won't bear

I didn't care, although some of my ciatin of husbands in general, and school friends who had married ris- of mire in particular, when I came left off visiting me. And you may "I would have told you how it

ter baby came, like a little blue-ey- marified to him," said Aunt Pen, counfry.' "You shall not talk so, Aunt moobment, snyhow?" Pen flashed I. "I dare say Je-Aunt Penelope was always think- rome is right; only only the folks sight the pledge and wear a

A id then I vindicated my cause blue ribbor afterward for a sign. My friend, Mrs. Outerbridge, right royally by bursting into a to me one day, in a confidential and next day, and lonesome enough it seemed. It was a blowy April fokes war to blue ribbons in dere morting, with a blue sky, dappled button-hole. " with blouds, and faint, sweet scents

me most politely to reside at Outer-how lick I was of the flat, of pave-red noses on dere faces? ment and brick walls, and all the item; that go to make up a city, Baby was more fretful than usual, and leasily persuaded myself that she thas pining.

"Oh, Jetome!" cried I passionately, when at last my hasband came of papers under his arm; have we

"Cooped up like rats in a trap. away from all the beautiful sights be gwine er fling way his red and sounds of the world! shut up noze? Sol ne dat ter me au' den in a paere lodging-house! Can't we l'se redd per jine in wid de Murlive is a house that has at least a lit- phy's !

tle fli wer border in its rear ?" "I hope we can afford to sometime my dear," said Jerome grave-

At d then he drew out his inkstand

The April days beamed on, all bright skies, soft winds and kaleidoscopic glimpses of sun showers; and I be ame almost heartsick for the

great establishment, for all the Ou- where I could be happier than in terbridge servants were to remain this human hive, where a few poton until the return of their mistress. plants in the window are all I have Veritably it seemed a delightful to remind me of the green world out-

When Jerome came home I could . Stung ly these reflections, and hardle wait to give the first cup of still furth wincited by a letter from of lambs, dines, and the little stream-

"To Aunt Penelope, tor a weeks visit; I need it, and so does Bertie." "And leave me?"

I looked keenly at Jerome. He, time had the baby on his lap and too, was paler and thinner than his usual wont. Nights of work and days of counting-house toil were beginning to tell upon him.

"No, no!" I cried, throwing my arms around him: 'I won't leave vou, dearest. Not if I never see the

country, again." "That's my own brave little gul!" said Jerome, stroking back my hair

So I waited. . . . The day-week came to my infinite delight. I dressed baby in a long At this Aunt Penelope bridled white frock, with blue ribbon sash and shoulder knots, and put on my I soked with eyes full of tears at own dainty little soring hat trimmed with primroses, and away we "Jerome," cried I, "now you are rolled in a comfortable open carriage," unre sonable. It would be such a Jerome, Bertie, and I-until we came to the prettiest bird's nest of a "I'don't see but that the baby is cottage in the world; just a little rom; "I do not approve of your garlanded the porch. and a little plant, Amy. Let Aunt Penelope lawn extended downto a crystalaccept any position she pleases. I clear brook. Tulips and daff dils am able to furnish a home for my made the borders gay, and a lilactree, by the gate, was just bursting

nantly, "in a flat, without as much "I should like a home, like this."

beauty, "Should you?" sald Jerome, langhthat because it is your home.

"My-bome?" I stared at him as if he were half

"Yes, little patient homesick wife, Mrs. Duterbridge's kind offer," said I haven't forgetton your liking and

"But-is it paid for?" for the to come as soon as possible work was all paid. A good gar-And, of course, 'Amy, you will re- den, Amy, and a nice place to keep

My face nawered him. We mov dont the following week I coked imploringly at Jerome. and kept our May-day among the "Iliy we go, dear? I am so heart- flowers and birds. And little Berhungty for apple blossoms, and tie grows like a weed in the sweet green grass, and butter-cups!" plead- scents and greening grass, and Aung Penelope tas taken back all she said about Jergme, and has all sorts of trouble with the Outerbridge servants; and I am the happiest little

wife in the world. The Temperance Question Set.

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"Lookie war! what ar' dis Murphy moohment dat I'se reedin'

"Well, hat ar' de peth ob dat 'Why, Marphy makes a speech,

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Den da s jess er wah twixt de sines dat fo es war, ar it?" At of Penelope went away the I don't e actly understand you.'1 Well. sez dat de Murphy

> 'Yes, the do. 'An' de hisky fokes dey war's

'I believe they do.' 'Den I bets on the red noses two

ter one, an's flings in de drinks, ter Why is that?

"Kase when yer sarrers temp' rince an' tret logy down ter dat de home, with a tired look, and a roll whisky fexes is got de aige on de udders. . Kase why? 'Kase , de temp rince man, when he gits tired, kin fling way his blue ribbon, but when de walky man gits tired how a

The come drum was too hardwe treated.

Upright egislator: "What, sir! You take ne for one who can be open d his roll of figures and went to bribed ? I su insult my sense of honor-but in case I really were such a man how much would 'you

"I claspe i ber tair hand in a rap-"I Jerome Scared for me as he blessed out fates, till I looked on used to care," I told myself, with the gloves hat encircled her wrist,



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We had been married not quite two years, Jerome and I; and I as happy as married couples gener-

was more in the way than otherwise. We had gone to housekeeping on a second floor in Camden. It was

second floor wasn't genteel. "It's more genteel than running post mining. If you go Amy you in debt for a whole bouse that you mus to alone. can't afford," said Jerome; and so A nit Pen was loud in her denuning young lawyers' and doctors up to her room. be sure I didn't miss them 'much at- would be before you were ever ment that a spreading over the ed sunbeam, to fill my heart and shaking her head; "but-"1

have five months in the country."

milk, velvet mown lawns, and fresh butter. Baby's perambulator could roll over gravelled walks; Jerome could hear the nightingales sing of a summer twilight, and watch the moon reflected in the stream, and Aunt I enclope and i could be for feverish impatience, "he would at and found that, alas, they were

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are so sweet to a mother's soul.

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alwa of got to live so?" "I we how, my darling?" My eyes glittered at the prospect.