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To bid me good night and be kissed. Oh, the little white arms that encircle My neck in a tender embrace! Oh, the smiles, that are balos of Heaven,

Shedding sunshine of love on my face!

And when they are gone, I sit dreaming Of my childhood, too lovely to last; Of love tl a my heart will remember, When it wakes to the pulse of the past Ere the world and its wickedness made me

A | a t | er of sorrow and sin; When the glory of God was about me And the glory of gladness within. Oh my heart grows weak as a woman's,

And the fountains of feeling will flow. As I think of the paths steep and stony, Where the feet of the dear onesmust go: Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them Of the tempest of fate blowing wild! Oh, there is nothing on earth half so holy As the innocent heart of a child!

The twig is so easily bended. I have banished the rule and the rod. have taught them the goodness of knowledge.

ly heart is a dungeon of darkdess

My frown is sufficient correction. My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the old house in the autumn, To traverse its threshold no more; Ah! how I shall sigh for the dear ones That meet me each morn at the door. And the gush of their innocent glee, The group on the green, and the flowers

shall miss them at noon and at eve, Their song in the school and the street; ly tley listened, and at once they shall miss the low hum of their woices And the tramp of their delicate feet. When the lessons and tasks are all ended, the good-chopper they placed a church, tw nty-five cents. May the little ones gather around me To bid me good night "and be kissed."

Nome Gircle.

Home is the sacred refuge of our life.

WOLFE of ERNSTEIN.

A German Romance.

No braver knight was there in Il the German land than Wolfe of Ernstein-no better family in all the world than the brave old race, the Married persons, or young men contempla-ting marriage, aware of physical weakness, warrior of the name had ever won vous excitability, palpitation, organic weakness, nervous debility or any other disqualification, speedily relieved. more renown than young Wolfe, he of the blue eyes and golden carls. Wealthy in lands and gold, high in favor with princely Charles, the great German Emperor, all the good things of this life seemed spread

temptingly before young Wolfe. One precious jewel alone he lackhe cared not for, apparently, for there were few noble maidens within the confines of Germany but what would gladly have smiled assent if handsome young Wolfe had deigned to bow the knee in supplication before them. But heart-free was the young German lord, and

maiden witchery and woman's wiles alike he laughed at. Not forever, however, did the gallant young count ride on in meditation free, for at last his fare came to him as it comes to us all, sooner or later. Riding forth with his dogs to chase the deer within the wood one day, deep within the re-Baron Liebig says: "The nutritive cesses of the forest the young count came upon the hut of a lonely woodcutter, and dismounting to crave a draught of water, his view was greeted by as fair a vision as the eve of man ever looked upon. Forth from the humble cottage there came a maid, in answer to his summons, so passing fair that in his heart of hearts the courtly noble swore that never in the dazzling halls of princely power had he looked upon her match. Fair and sweet as a very wild flower was this forest maid, and Wolfe of Ernstein felt that henceforth life would be Manufactured under the direction valueless were it not blessed by the of Prof. E. N. Horsford, by the company of this fair forest flower. Uta she was called, and she was the daughter of the wood-choper, Berfe22-6m thold.

Wolfe of Ernstein came often and often to the little cottage, and soon the maiden grew to look for his coming. Free to choose was the young man, for he was the last of his line, and there was no one to call him to account for his choice Better than blue blood and costly host, a leager to avenge the death estates he held the charms of the of their lords. Wolfe had slain the

air child of the 1 ret. The young count had never re- did not care to risk his life in convealed his rank to either the girl or tending with a rabble. Quick up-A Good second hard Novelty Job Press her father. They both believed on his steed he sprang, and the

be ore him. But the course of true, soldiers of Wurtemburg, thirty or lo s seldom runs smooth, and young more, me unted and followed in Waffe was destined to find that his quick pur suit. Little gained the vo age of life must tend through fugitive, or his horse was already troubled waters and amid angry, winded for a hasty ride, and, do br aking rocks, as well as soft glid- what he r ight, he could not shake ing currents and peaceful, flower- off the ang y men of Wurtemburg.

hree counts were there of Wur- could not urn to the right or left ter burg. There was .Otto, the but was i reed to gallop straight Strong, Conrad, the Rash, and Pe- onward. Before him was the river ter the Cruel. A single sister had no change of escape, for a beetling they, not over young and somewhat rock hung over the stream. ill avored, and reputed to possess . "Rather death than capture!" the worst temper in the family; and cried the I old count, as he spurred this "gentle creature" the noble directly to the over-hanging c Counts of Wurtemburg intended t Onward e rode at his to most ma by to handsome Wolfe.

The rage of the august three may he leaped, is horse straight into be sisily imagined when the Count stream be w. of Ernstein declined the alliance. Ter ble vengeance they swore up should pe sh then, for both he such on the reckless youth who was so the horse; irvived the fearful lear brane as to dare the anger and rode illantly forth on the op of the proud Counts of Wur- posite ban of the river. The men ten burg. Eagerly the three watch- of Wurte iburg gave up the pured and waited for the hour to come suit, for n t one of them dared to wh is they might revenge the insult follow the sample of bold Erustein. that had been put upon their house. And to the day, in Germany, they secident placed a weapon in point out the rock from which

the hands. The old wood-chop- young Er stein leaped his faith for per had occasion to visit the castle steed. of Wurtemburg with a load of faggot, and there, in a gossiping mood, revialed to one of the servants the They have taught me the goodness of visit of the young soldier to his lar. woodland home.

The servant was a cunning knave, dollars. Where I shut them from breaking a rule and he quickly suspected that the young soldier who called himself custom alt gether, it being recards Wo f was none other than ed as a pie e of inexcusable absurdthe young Count of Ernstein, ity. and he plied the old wood-chopper with wine, and from him he ex- more than me girl, five dollars. traced all he knew. Straight then shall miss the good nights and the kisses to the three Counts of Wurtemburg five cents. the treant carried the information. The watred that his masters bore dollars, a d fifty cents for each That are brought every morning to me. to the Count of Ernstein was no secret in Wurtemburg castle. Eagerproceeded to make use of the intel- suit. ige te. Around the cottage of . Seeing a young lady home from wat h, and, of course, when the you w count made his usual visit lars and co ts. the pies reported the fact.

That the old wood-chopper had lars .- Projects to be devoted to spol en true was plain; and evident, the relief i disconsolate husbands too, was it that it was the maiden who have een deceived by outside fair hat lured Wolfe of Ernstein to appearance the crest bower.

T en a terrible revenge the three courts plotted. Suddenly descending fron the woodman's hut with a host of followers, the Count of Wur. teml irg seized the person of the girl. Straight to their strong tower they carried the maid, and plung- elors. ed der at once into a dark and gloo ay dungeon, Terrified beyond expression, the wits of the girl fled, and he became a helpless maniac. The ruel counts turned her loose upon the cold charities of the world. Dire t to the bank of the river went the helpless creature, and, plunging in, found death beneath

It was not long before the knowledge of this foul deed came to Wolf of Ernstein. Promptly he acted. He armed himself, and all alone with not a single follower to back as quarrel-he sallied to the strong tower of Wurtemburg. Loud y.le sour ded h's hunting born befor the castle gates, and to mortal combat he challenged the Counts of Wartemburg-not singly one by one, but all of them at once he would encounter with his single arm. For very shame the cruel lords durst not refuse so bold a challinga; and so they quickly armed themselves and went forth to meet the hold Ernstein. Wit' sword and dagger they attacked the inight, but hardy Wolfe did wo was requested to "go and not belie the fame of his ancient stop that it man's noise." He house. A single back hand blow of went to him, and spoke a few words. his good sword, and Sir Otto, the and the she sting man at once bewas down, with his head came quiet. Brother W-what clover in twaine. Conrad, the did you say to the old man that Rash, had dented the armor of quieted him o promptly?" "I ask-Wolff with a terrible blow, an ed him for guines for foreign mis-Peter the Cruel, had pierced his sions," repli I Brother W_____ side; but a second blow tumbled Rash Jonrad to his knee, and, ere he corld rise, another thrust set free been chased cross a forty-sere pashis soul. Again Peter's trusty ture by'a bu j, and just escaped by sword had pierced Wolf's armor the skin of as tee h-Now for re of priof. But what were lancet cuts o an angry man? And now. foot to foot and hand to hand, the last Count of Wurtemburg confronts the slayer of his kin. The arm (Crue! Peter trembled and his heart failed as daring Wolfe rushed upon him. He turned to fly, a d met a coward's death Through his back the sword cut its way and Cruel Lord Wurtemburg fall and died, with his face in the dest, writhing like a serpent

wound id sore. Out from the castle then rushed a three who had wronged him and he him to be, as he said, simply a sol good heast felt the press of the Choice Seed ish Potatoes just received.

Away went Wolfe, and the ti Mitchell & S. as.

They pre sedshim so hard that he

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It was i t fated that young Wolfe?

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You cat all kinds of things in Certainly don't you see that i ur busines Ah! we least me a shadow

will you?

Yes! co se here Jim, Sam, and Dick, and est this Yankee in the The Yar see cast one lingering look behind and made tracks for

parts unkne vn. At a rec at meeting in England which was haracterized by much religious e fitement, an old man g ve expres ion to his joy by spont ing, and cor loued it until it begin, to interrued the services. Brother

Aha! exc simed a man who had venge; hene forth I eat beef only-

Sally Jon s says when she was in love, she fel as if she was in a tunnel, with a train of cars coming

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