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To where the world lay dreaming. At sunset time we steal away To where the sky is gleaming;

To where the light that marks the day Is all our heaven seaming. And yet we seem full loth to go, E'en the' the world is shadowed so. But look back, with regretful eyes,

To where the world in twilight lies,-To where the world is dreaming. [Julie M. Lippmann in Overland.

The School Ma'am's Victory.

The school directors of District No.

Nobody would have thought it. The 2.3.1v. Chairman was leaning against his front leave. gate with his checked shirt sleeves

and adjaining counties and in the Su- than the selection of a teacher for the fall remainder of the evening.

biously.

"Lyman Doty!" exclaimed Steve Ten- | full lips. ney, a stalwart young fellow, with thick brown hair, white teeth and a square though Halifax and adjoining coun. chia to make up for his lack of downthe Collections made in all parts of the right good looks. "Why Lyme Doty Larkin, who had come in late. 3.8 dy. couldn't teach a baby. He quit school W. H. 1985, A. C. Zollakoveren, R. Basson, before I did, long enough, and he hasn't studied anything but potatoes and winter wheat since, that I know of. Better stick to his farm-ch, Larkin?

"Guess you're right," responded the third member of the Board, a little man with a cheerful face and a tuft of gray hair sticking straight out from his chin. And the chairman nodded his agree-

"Well," continued little Mr. Larkin, with an air of importance, "I've had an application that I guess will suit. It's Practices in the Courts of Halifax and a sort of relative of my wife's, and just as nico a girl as ever was. Smart, too. She's got a certificate for two years, last examination. She'd make a splendid teacher, Molly Sanborn would,"

"Sanborn!" said Steve Tenny, short-ATTORNEY AT LAW, by; "any connection with the Sanborns over on the river?"

"That's where she's from," said Mr. Practices in Halifax and adjoining Latkin, "She's old John Sanborn's girl-him that died last winter," Steve frowned.

"You won't put her into that school, then, with my consent!" he said de-'What!" said Mr. Larkin, with a

gasp, while the chairman stared. "What would you think," the young man responded, "if a man sold you fifty head of sheep at a good price, and half of them died off in the next week of a disease he must have known beforehand? That was the trick John Sanborn served me. And he laughed in my face when I wanted my money back. No, sir! I can't conscientiously con-

sent to putting any of the Sanborns in that school. Bad lot, in my opinion!" Mr. Larkin's small bright eyes snapped.

"Old Sanborn wasn't too straight, and everybody knowsit," he admitted. "But what that's got to do with Molly is more than I can see. She's as fine a girl as you ever set eyes on; not a bit of her father about her."

"Well, well, fight it out between you," said the chairman, good-naturedly; and returned to his wood chopping. The tall young man and the little old man walked up the street together, talking briskly.

Mr. Larkin was hot and indignant

Steve was cool and immovable. "There don't seem to be any mercy in you," said the former, almost tearfully, as Steve was preparing to turn in at his gate. 'If they'd been left well off, it would be different; but they're poor as poverty, and Molly needs the

place the worst way." "You hadn't mentioned that," said the young man, turning back, "If

that's the case ---" Mr. Larkin walked away triumphant five minutes later.

But Steve Tenney had surrendered with bad grace.

"I couldn't hold out after that, you stubby end. see," he said to his mother, relating the story over their tea; "but I don't approve of it. There's not much good in

the Sanborns or I lose my guess?" School began two weeks later, when the first cool wave was depopulating front porches and increasing the attrac-

tion near kitchen stoves. Steve Tenney held to his opinion concerning the new school teacher and

acted accordingly. leave the register and see if anything was wanted-the chairman having turned these duties over to his younger

He sent the register by a boy, and was utterly indifferent as to whether anything was wanted. He turned the subject when the new teacher was men- sorption, repeating to himself the things | falo Express,

comfortable home, where the teacher | way of saying them,

boarded.

ing in the wrong, Steve," he began, and listen to. The children rave about her-all of | in that evening. 'em. 17

But Steve was unimpressed. he said rather stiffly.

And Mr. Larkin looked discouraged. 'What?' said Steve, with a sudden

The next Sunday evening the young turned back and an ax in his hand, sur- man, sitting in the pew of a small Steve, warmly, "that she'd have anyveying the other two members of the wooden church with his mother, and al- thing to do with him?" lowing his eyes to rove about during the It was a meeting, nevertheless; and rather long sermon, suddenly discovered Steve care with whom old John Sanits object was nothing less important a new face, and sat studying it for the | born's daughter had to do?

It was that of a young girl-not a re-"Lyman Doty spoke to me about markably pretty girl, but fair and fresh having the school," said the Chair, du- and innocent, with a bright intelligence in her dark eyes and a sweetness in her

"Who is she?" was the first question after the services were concluded addressed, as it happened, to little Mr.

that's Mollie Sanborn! I am waiting to | serve to cheer her, take them home."

Steve Tenney found himself wishing the path with a sigh. broom and water pail.

Not that he should furnish them if he | sprang to the ground, found that they were not needed, but he It was the young director, and he was felt that he should not object to an in- coming toward her, terview with the school teacher.

way you felt about her having the be an aider and abettor?"

s'pose she's heard of it. She can't help | tively as he helped her into the buggy, what her father was, Molly can't, and she's real sensitive." The young man looked disturbed. That afternoon he left his work at an early hour-not, however, admitting to

himself his purpose in doing so-and director as the latter assisted the teachbut he persuaded himself that it was horse block waiting for her. not intentional -- in the direction of the school house.

"I might as well go in and see about him down to the school house." that broom and water pail," he said to | "We met him," sail Steve. "You himself when he stood opposite the see," he added, making a bold attempt little bare-looking building.

And he went in accordingly. she held, and her voice was hardly impudence, his hanging around her that steady as she expressed her gratification | way." at seeing him.

had pointed him out to her at church | whirled away in a cloud of dust. the other evening. He sat down in a front seat feeling unpleasantly ogreish. in his buggy," said Mr. Larkin, joining class. How pretty she looked, standing dazedly into a chair. "I guess the there in her blue calico dress and white | world's coming to an end!" apron. What a sweet voice she had, though putting out "hen, men, pen," to a lot of fidgeting youngsters could

hardly show it to the best advantage. When the class was dismissed, and the last small student had rushed duty," said Larkin, chuckling slowly as whooping down the street, the teacher and the young director stood looking at him, "Wonder how far his sense of each other with some awkwariness.

"I thought I'd come in," said Steve at last, apologetically, "and see if any. thing!" said Mrs. Larkin mysthing is needed."

He did not mention the fact of his being some six weeks late in the performance of his duty.

The girl dropped her eyes timidly. "I-don't think so," she murmured. "What a brute she must think me!" Steve reflected, with some self-disgust. He turned carelessly to the corner

where the broom stood. "Isn't this pretty far gone?" he said, with a conscience-stricken glance at its

And the little teacher nodded.

bucket and the wet floor. "Yes," the girl assented. "I'll see that you have new ones,"

Steve concluded. she took her hat from its nail.

He did not call at the schoolhouse hand as they started away together, and is the one you had outside," gayly the first day, as was his custom, to having taken it, could hardly surrender it short of Larkin's gate. He was a little reluctant to surrender it even then. For their first awkward-

> ness had quite worn off; their walk had been far from unpleasant, and they were feeling very well acquainted.

tioned; and he avoided Mr. Larkin's she had said and recalling her pretty

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1888.

He did not pause to consider that it The little man made him a call, how- was old John Sanborn's daughter of ever, a month or so after school had be- whom he was thinking; he was only conscious that she was a bright young "Guess you'll have to own up to be- girl, whom it was charming to look at

"We haint had a teacher for years that's | His pleasant mood was rulely intergiven the satisfaction that Molly does, rupted by little Larkin, who dropped

"Lyme Doty couldn't have the school," he observed, with a chuckle," "My opinion has yet to be altered," but it looks as though he was going At to have the teacher!"

"She spoke about needing a new unexplainable sinking of the heart. broom and water pail," he said as he 'He's hanging around considerable, rose. "I told her she'd better come to anyhow," said Mr. Larkin. "Went to visit the school last week and he "That schoolhouse had a new broom | was asking me today whether Molly's last term, and water pail term before got anyway of getting home Friday 19, Perry Township, were holding a last!" said the young director emphati- night. He said he'd just as lief take her in his buggy as not, Molly gener-And Mr, Larkin took a discomfited ally walks; but I guess should be glad of a lift."

"You don't mean to tell me," said

"Humph!" was the scornful rejoin-

The young man mused long and seriously when his visitor was gone, and went to bed with a lighter heart, having come to a firm conclusion.

When the new teacher closed school the next Friday night she was feeling rather worn out, as she was apt to fee "That?" the latter asked in astonish- at the end of the week; nor did the "Why, that's our teacher- prospect of the four miles' walk home

quite frequently after that that the new A neat little buggy was coming teacher would come to him about the briskly up the road. Molly gave a start

"I won't make any excuse, Miss San-He even mentioned the subject to Mr. | born," he said, with a humorous solem-Larkin carelessly when he met him one nity. "I won't say I'm going over the river on business, and happened to think "Well, you see," was the response, you might like to ride. The truth is "she sort of hates to come to you. The | that it's a carefully laid plot. Will you

school has got all around town, and I The little teacher laughed apprecia-"I must stop at Mr. Larkin's and leave my dinner pail," she said de-

Mr. Larkin was standing at the front gate. He stood staring at the young strolled down the street, turning off- | er to the ground and sat down on the

"Lyme Doty was here after Molly, just now," he said gaspingly. "I sent

at carelessness, but speaking nevertheless, in a shamefaced way, and avoid-The little teacher looked considerably | ing the little man's eyes. 'You see, I startled when she opened the door to feel as though it's my bounden duty to him. She dropped the spelling book keep Lyme Doty away from her. Pure

Evidently, Steve reflected, some idiot and the young director's buggy

"Steve Tenney ain't a fool," his wife responded practically. "I knew he'd get over that ridiculous notion of hisand especially after he'd seen Molly." "Says he's doing it from a sense of and orchard, and good water.

the humor of the situation dawned upon duty will take him?"

"I shouldn't be surprised at any-

The Larkins -and, perhaps, Lyme House in the town of Scotland Neck. Doty-were the only people who were surprised when the new teacher gave up the school at the end of the term and was quietly married to the young di-

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Mr. Larkin stared. What could But he only said, deprecatingly:

"Well, Lyme's a good steady fellow."

She locked the door and started down

as the driver pulled up the horse and

The little teacher came tripping back

"Steve Tenney's taking Molly home House and good water. She was hearing the last spelling his wife in the kitchen, and sinking

The chairman of the School Board is wondering over it yet .- [Hartford | tate s, and vegetables of all kinds,

atlas of this city?" asked a Buffulo attorney as he walked into a second-hand "Your water pail seems to leak," the book store and handed the owner the director went on, indicating the empty | book named. "'Tain't worth much," answered the dealer, as he turned over the leaves with an air of assumed indifference. "There's no demand for 'em. I bought one last evening and it's out-And he was rewarded by a grateful | side now. There's no demand for 'em | glance from the teacher's soft eyes as at all, and I shall think it is a good sale If I get \$1 for the one I have now." He took her lunch basket from her "All right, here's your good sale. This answered the lawyer, as he threw down a silver dollar and skipped out of the store before the disconcerted proprietor could interpose an objection. "I had been hunting for that atlas for months and would have given \$15 rather than not got it," remarked the attorney as he He walked home in an agreeable ab- | gleefully exhibited his purchase, - | Buf-

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