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#### CUPID'S BOW.

makes a bend There in the lane so narrow, Cupid is wandering, his bow to mend,
And sharpening the point of his arrow.
Sing heigho! when he lets it go,
Be sure that the mark it will not pass by,
For deep in each heart may be found the

Which Cupid sent when his bow let fly.

Down in the gloaming, when the stars were

shining bright,
Banishing gloom and sorrow.
Cupid strayed in a sad and dismal plight,
And longed for the coming morrow. Sing heigho! for his bow he has let go. It has fallen in the grass at his feet; And his thoughts have flown to a love of his

Whom tomorrow he hopes to meet.

Down in the gloaming, where the river Down in the gloaming tripped a merry little

lass, Picked up the bow and arrow, Pointed it straight and stood in the grass, In a patch of moonlight narrow. Sing heigho! when she lets it go,
Be sure that the mark it will not pass by:

For deep in his heart she will send that

"Go straight," she said, as the bow let fly. Ah, little Cupid, methinks the tale is told, You are in for a time of sorrow:
He who lays a trap, like the folks of old,
Will be caught himself tomorrow.
Sing heigho! as your arrows go,

But be sure that your heart is safe, you Or the story of old by you will be told,
And your bow will be used to shoot your-

-Ida Rowe, in Madame.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* AN A TUNNEL

afthur comin' upstairs? An' sure marchin' this whole cursed day," said she's dead intirely this time!" cried a low, coarse voice among the bushes. the frightened servant girl, rushing out on the piazza, where Alice Austin | gain if yer goin' to back out so soon?' stood looking anxiously down the muttered another man, with an oath.

Alice hurried upstairs and found her sister-in-law lying still and white with these three weeks' work," said on the floor.

fainted," said Alice, kneeling beside The father's rich, and its twinty thouthe prostrate form.

In a few minutes Mrs. Austin opened her eyes and said feebly:

"Has Edward come home yet? I feel so strangely sick!"

"We will send for the doctor presently, Margaret, when we get you to bed. Ned will be home soon, I hope," and with Betty's assistance Alice the last three hours." lifted the slight form on the bed.

Three weeks before Eddie Austin, the two-year-old idol of the household, had disappeared, and all search for him had proved fruitless. As the dawned upon her. Her brother's child, days passed on hope gave way to despair, and the heart-broken mother, weighed down by anxiety and the cruel torture caused by false reports of the discovery of her boy, sank into her mind became clearer, and she rea state of apathy bordering on insanity. Daily was the cry heard through the streets of the little village of Fairfield: "Child lost! Child lost! Large rewards offered!" till all hearts sickened at the sound.

doors, dreading far less the entrance narrow path which led to the top of the of the Dark Angel than that fiends in bluff. She knew the way, and the human form should steal their house- darkness favored her ascent, Reachhold treasure to gratify a merciless passion of avarice.

"Betty, you will have to take one of the girls and go for the doctor," whispered Alice, in alarm, as she noticed a gray pallor, creeping over the wan face on the pillow.

"An' shure, miss, none of 'em be home but meself. And oh, Miss Alice, I niver can walk alone to Fairfield this dark, dark night."

The girl looked so frightened at the bare prospect of going that Alice said, after a pause:

go, and you must stay with Mrs. Austin. If Mr. Austin returns before I The stertorous breathings of the men do, tell him I have gone by way of the convinced her that fatigue had steeped tunnel," she added, putting on her hat and walking jacket.

"The saints deliver us! For Hiven's sake, don't ye be goin' be the tunnel, Miss Alice!" exclaimed Betty, implor-

"Don't be frightened," replied Alice, smiling. "No train will pass for an hour, and it shortens my walk nearly a mile. It is just 6 o'clock now, and I shall be home a little after 7," and, giving the girl some parting up train would follow but 10 or 15 injunctions about her sister, Alice ran downstairs. Opening her brother's escritoire in the library, she took with this decision made she prepared from a private drawer a small pocket to carry out her plans. Passing revolver and, opening the front door,

stopped out into the darkness. It was a damp, cold night in Nowember. The wind mouned drearily through the leafless trees, and heavy clouds chased each other across the lost. Grasping the pistol more firmly. heavens, obscuring the moon. Cross- she glided between the men, and seizing the road, Alice walked a short dis- ing Eddie, she sprang past them, but tance and, clambering over a stone in so doing struck the foot of one of wall, found herself in the narrow strip the ruffians. Darting up, he saw the of wood which bordered the railroad slight figure running swiftly down the cut. Following the narrow, beaten path. He sprang forward, awakening path through the trees, she soon his companion, and, with muttered reached the edge of the ravine, 15 or curses, they followed in hot pursuit. 20 feet above the track. The path | With the child clasped closely to her continued its windings down the side of the cut, but the way was stony and pathway. She heard the men close in many places dangerous. The dark- behind her; stones were hurled at her. ness, too, prevented anything like and one struck her shoulder. Terror

She finally reached the bottom of the ravine and had crossed to the flew and entered the tunuel. On-on right-chand track, when a low sound she sped; but her breath came quick

"Miss Alice! Miss Alice! will ye be nothin' but marchin' and counter-

"Why did yer enter into the bar-"Well, I'd be satisfied with half the ten thousand, for I'm nigh done up

the first one. "Bring me some water and the salts from the bureau, Betty; she has only till I git the whole twinty thousand. sand dollars or the mother'll never

see her swate darlin' agin." A brutal laugh grated upon the girl's ears; then the first speaker

whispered: "I reckon she'll niver know her boy in this little bag of bones, though me arms is wore out wid carryin' him

Alice could scarcely believe what her ears had heard. Her brain reeled, and she nearly fell from the rocky ledge on which she sat as the truth her golden-haired little pet, was just within her grasp, but two brutal men kept watch over him. As she began to realize the danger of her position, solved, at all hazards, to rescue him. She heard the men step back some distance from the bushes, and then all was still. She waited a few minutes. and then, with the pistol grasped tightly in her hand, she crept stealthily Mothers kept their little ones within out of her hiding place and struck a ing the summit, she looked cautionsly around. The clouds had parted, and the faint shimmer of moonlight through the trees enabled her to observe her surroundings distinctly. A few feet beyond were the two men stretched out on the ground, their figures partially concealed by the trunks of two large trees and a clump

a little baby form with its golden head pillowed on the cold, damp grass. Creeping along behind the bushes she reached one of the trees, and, "Well, Betty, then I shall have to standing behind it, she waited for some minutes, hesitating what to do. their senses and that they would not readily awaken. If she should be successful in seizing the child, she could not return by the way she came. With Eddie in her arms she never could scale the precipitous side of the cut, followed, as she probably would

of bushes. Between them Alice saw

be, by two relentless pursuers. Again, if she should seek the shelter of the tunnel, the down express train would soon pass through, and an minutes later. She resolved, nevertheless, to take the latter course, and, swiftly round the bushes, she stood before the sleeping group. The moon at that instant shone out brightly and fell upon the white, pinched face of the child. Not a moment was to be heart, Alice sped down the rocky lent wings to her feet, and she soon reached the track, along which she bushes above her caused and short, for her strength was failto spring out on her ing. She heard the heavy pantings of lmost stopped her one close behind her. She almost Inickly crouching felt his hot breath. Hugging the litnging rock she the form more tightly to her breast heard save and with a despairing prayer for help, d the faint she ran on. A rude hand clutched down her shoulder, and, with a shriek that dden- ran through the tunnel, she turned and faced her pursuer like a wounded animal at bay, raised her pistol and fired. With a yell of rage and pain,

the man leaped into the air and then

fell with a heavy thud on the track

beside her. Alice breathed more free-

ly and ran on, though with feebler

steps, through the darkness. Sudden-

a low, rumbling sound smots upon

ear, and toward the opening of the

in the distance. Nearer and nearer it came, and then the horrible truth flashed upon her. It was the headlight of a locomotive, and she knew that the 7 o'clock express train was thundering down the track.

Faint and bewildered, the horrorstricken girl had lost her reckoning. She knew not on which track she was and stood staring with terror-strained eyes as the thundering mass came tearing down the rail. Its great red eye lit up the black walls of the tunnel with a fearful glare. Still the girl moved not; fright had chained her to the spot. The monster was close upon her; she heard its horrible breathings. Was she on the right track? The roar of a Niagara deafened her. and, with a shriek of despair, she fell senseless to the ground.

Mrs. Austin fell asleep soon after Alice's departure. Seven o'clock came, and Betty began to be alarmed. At that instant the bell rang. Rushing down stairs she opened the door, and Mr. Austin stepped into the hall, accompanied by a stranger.

"How is Mrs. Austin?" asked the former, anxiously.

"An' shure she's asleep, sir. But, oh, Miss Alice-hiv ye seen Miss

"No; where is she?"

"An' oh, she wint afthur the doctor, sir, and she wint be the tunnel; an' I'm shure she's kilt, for the thrain's jest afther goin' by!" cried Betty, ex-

"Good heavens! the tunnel!" exclaimed Austin, turning white. "Yes, sir. She said it was shorter

that way," sobbed the girl, "Hush! Get my lantern, Betty, while I run upstairs. I'll be down directly Dana," turning to the finelooking man he had brought with

He hurred to his wife's room, pressed a kiss upon her white brow and returning to the hall took the lantern from Betty, saying:

"Don't leave Mrs. Austinan instant, We may be absent some time, but you need not be alarmed."

The two gentlemen did not utter a word as they left the house, but following the path through the woods c ambered down the cut and entered tie tunnel, swinging the lantern right and left as they walked on. Suddenly Dana stopped. Directly in his path lay a dark heap. Throwing the light of the lantern upon it, the gentlemen tooped and then started back with an exclamation of horror, for before them lay a bleeding, mangled, shapeless mass of human flesh and bones.

"Some poor fellow has gone to his doom," muttered Dana, striding away from the sickening spectacle.

They had walked some distance further when a deep groan broke the ghastly silence of the tunnel. Flashing the lantern on the other side of the track, Dana discerned another man's form close to the dripping wall. As he was about to raise him, Austin uttered a hoarse cry, and, springing forward, the two men stood over the prostrate form of a woman between the tracks. A pistol lay on the ground beside her, which Austin instantly recognized as his own. He trembled so violently that Dana pushed him one side and raised the slight form. As he did so, his companion bounded past him and in a voice in which joy, pain and incredulity were blended cried out:

"Oh, my boy, my precious boy! She has found my Eddie!" and he caught the little form to his heart and fairly sobbed aloud.

"Oh, heaven, he is dead! Gerald, look at him!" and the father's eyes burned with auguish as he looked on the white baby face pillowed upon his

Dana laid Alice on the ground and ooked earnestly at the child.

"Cheer up, Ned. The little fellow has been drugged. Listen; his heart beats!" and, putting his ear down, he heard the faint flutterings which told of the spark of life still remaining in the wasted form.

"And Alice, is she-"

"She is in a swoon, and the sooner ve get her to the doctor's the better. It is quite evident that she was pursued by those scoundrels while rescuing your child, and that fellow yonder has somewhere in his body a ball from this pistol," picking it up as he

Lifting the insensible girl in his strong arms, Dana strode down the track, followed closely by Austin, who held his boy wrapped warmly under his coat. After some minutes' walk they were out of the tunnel and reached the depot, where they drove directly to a doctor's. For an hour Alice lay insensible in the doctor's office, and when she opened her eyes Austin whispered in alarm:

"Why does she look so strangely, dector?"

"There has been such a terrible strain on her nervous system that I fear she may have an attack of brain fever unless a reaction takes place,' he replied with some anxiety. good hearty cry would do her more

good than any of my remedies." "Let her see thachild. That baby's face ought to be enough to melt a heart of adamant," said Dana, com-

passionately Austin lad Eddie beside her. She

tunnel she saw a faint light glimmer looked at the little, white, emaciated face with a troubled, sorrowful expression for an instant and then. clasping her arms tightly around the child, burst into a passionate, uncontrollable flood of tears.

By this time the news of the child's rescue had spreadlike wildfire through the town. Bells were rung, bonfires lighted, and men, women and children rushed to the doctor's house, crowding the street and sidewalks. The entire village had turned out, and yards, doorways and stoops were alive with an excited populace. The crowd was clamoring to see the little hero of the hour, and cries for "Eddie Austin" filled the air.

"Ned, you will have to take him on the stoop to satisfy them," said Dana, as the shouts and cries were re-

doubled. Austin took the child out on the steps, and as the bright light of the torches fell upon them, cheer after cheer rent the air. When the father raised the little inanimate form so that all could see it, the excitement and enthusiasm knew no bounds. Women cried aloud for joy, boys shricked and hurrahed, and many a tear coursed down the hard, weatherbeaten cheeks of stalwart men in the crowd. Alice stood beside brother, leaning on Dana's arm, but, overcome with agitation, was led back

fainting to the sofa. Roused to indignation by the sight, some one shouted out: "Death to the child-stealer!" In an instant the cry was caught up by the excited throng, who rushed in frantic haste toward the railroad. Dragging the wounded man from the tunnel, they would have lynched him on the spot had not Dana, with the sheriff and one or two others, arrived to prevent them. The wretch was groveling on the ground in an agony of pain and terror. With haggard face and bloodshot eyes he looked up and cried aloud for mercy, but he saw no pity in the white, inexorable faces surrounding him. A rope was around his neck, he was dragged to a tree. when Dana hurried to the spot.

"Untie that rope!" he demanded, sternly.

"We'll string him up to high heaven first!" answered an angry voice near him.

"However deserving the fellow may be of death, it is not for you to take the law into your own hands," replied

"The dence take the law and you, too! What right have you to intersaid the man, clinching his fists threateningly.

The excitement had now reached a fever heat. The crowd had quickly gathered around Dana, who stood beside the wounded man; threats and curses were freely hurled against both, and the state of affairs began to

look alarming. "If the man is guilty he has a right. to be tried, and I'll shoot the first one of you who dares to touch him!" said

Dana, coolly.

His quiet, commanding tone, and still more the menacing gleam of the pistol he made no effort to conceal, quelled the tumult, and the miserable man was carried to the village jail, followed by an angry, hooting crowd, clamorous for his death. An hour later Eddie Austin was in

his mother's arms. For days death hovered over the darkened home, threatening to carry away first one and then the other. But when over the little village of Fairfield the sun shone brightly, it smiled, too, upon the happiest home in all the land. For a golden-haired boy, with rosy cheeks, was playing near his mother's chair, and Margaret looked up with a proud, happy smile to her husband's face as the little fellow laughed in baby glee and rolled and tumbled over the good-natured hound who lay stretched on the rug before the blazing wood fire. - New York News.

### To Warch Plants Grow,

To observe plants growing under the microscope, the American Monthly Microscopical Journal says : "Procure a little collomia seed. Take one of the seeds and with a razor cut off a very tiny slice, place it on a slide, cover with a cover glass and place under the microscope. The instrument must be in a vertical position. When it is well focused and lighted, moisten it with a drop of water. The seed will absorb the moisture and throw out a very large number of spiral fibers, giving the appearance of veritable germination. Beginners will find it ensier if one applies the moisture while the other looks through the instrument.'

aid of the millions of people who have been burning their fingers by holding on too long to blazing matches. Upon the market has been placed a brand of matches with the reverse end saturated for a distance of half an inch with a chemical compound, pink in color, and impervious to fire. When the blaze reaches the chemically treated wood it goes out in a jiffy, leaving the

Match Ends That Won't Burn Fingers.

Inventive genius has come to the

fingers unscorched. A Swedish inventor is the originator of the improvement. The average walking pace of

healthy man or woman is said to be

seventy-five steps a minute.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

All the flowers of the Arctic region are said to be either white or yellow. and there are 762 varieties.

There are three times as many muscles in the tail of the cat as there are in the human hands and wrists.

If the surface of the earth were perfectly level, the waters of the ocean would cover it to the depth of six hundred feet. The age of whales is ascertained

by size and number of laminæ of the whalebone, which increases yearly. Ages of three hundred and four hundred years have been assigned to whales from these indications. A new island has recently sprang up

near the northwest coast of Borneo, opposite the town of Labuan. Its formation is connected with the earthquake which was observed on September 21, last year, near Hudat (British North Borneo).

In consequence of a telephone wire falling upon the overhead wires of the street tramways at Zurich, Switzerland, the central station of the telephonic service, which has 5000 subscribers, caught fire and was completely destroyed.

Deutal caries, Professor Winkler affirms, may be reduced one-half by medicines taken internally, creosote being an effective preventive. Much decay may be avoided by cleanliness of mouth and teeth and the use of magnesia-especially at night-when acidity prevails.

The disagreeable odor often acquired by water in open reservoirs has been lately shown to be due in many cases to vegetable growths, and not always, as has been supposed, to decomposing organic matter. Various minute plants are now known to impart both unpleasant odor and taste to such water.

At a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Sciences a paper was read on the movements of the sensitive plant when grown in water, by M. Gaston Bonnier. The author had succeeded in cultivating Mimosa pudica completely immersed in water, and has studied in detail the alterations in structure and movement brought about by the new conditions of life.

### Patriotism in Germany.

In Germany they teach patriotism in the popular schools; in England we do not - at any rate, not officially. In Germany the Kaiser's birthday, the anniversary of Sedan, and other national landmarks are celebrated in the national schools. They have feasts and music and excursions; but the children have kept clearly before their eves the reason for their rejoicings. Indeed, the law impresses upon pacents and children that all voluntary absence from these school feasts is an offense. There were parents who kept their children back, especially from the Sedan commemoration, and this on conscientious grounds. But now no longer; "for," says the magistrate, "any unexcused absence from patriotic festivals established by the school shall be considered as voluntary nonattendance, and inspectors, teachers, and the authorities concerned are

hereby instructed to this effect." Patriotism a la pedagogue, perhaps, but patriotism none the less; and the children of a great empire might perhaps do well to take a leaf out of a book made in Germany. Let us imagine the astonishment of the English child if he were told that he was to have a holiday and a fete for the sake of some great event in our own history. But Germany has these patriotic school-feasts, and France the emblem of the republic in every schoolroom, because they actually imagine the patriot is made as well as born. -Pall Mall Gazette.

### Earnings of Canadian Indians.

There are some astonishing figures in recent returns presented to the Dominion parliament showing the amount of Indian earnings for the last year, According to these statistics the Indians of Canada received as proceeds of the fisheries \$450,270.85, and as earned by bunting \$408,318.83. The statement "earned by hunting," as our long-time Quebec correspondent, Mr. J. U. Gregory, tells us, is to be understood as including all furs, wherever sold, to the Hudson's Bay company or others. In these days, when we are all talking about the ob literation of wild creatures, this annual fur eatch of more than \$400,000 for Canada is significant of an enormous native supply, all the more remarkable since the fur industry has been carried on for so many decades. -Forest and Stream.

A Little Cyclist's Queer Letter. An eight-year-old Philadelphia cyclist wrote to his uncle, "I can ride know handed without any feet, and I can but my feet through the bars and stand up on the seat on my feet and I guess you have seen me ride kneek. with one hand and know feet, and I can bull lots of hills mamma can't."

### Criticism.

-I've just been at the picture hape after Corot.

I think he might be after Jack

THE CITY THAT WAS.

I've been away, for a week and a day, Far from the winter, the cold and the snow; Walking where gardens with roses are gay, In the city that was, in the long ago—

Through the Gateway of Dreams, the wide roadway gleams, No shadows on that blessed highway are

And all the glories of Heaven it seems
Are hid in that city that stands in the

Though weary and sad, such visions make glad The soul that is heartsick for voices of

In sleep we may rove through pathways we In the beautiful city we frequent no mora.

#### HUMOROUS.

"How is everything?" "All's well!" answered the doctor, sadly.

Cleverly handled, a bluff is a great thing; but there are so many bun-

The good die young. Every man heaves a great sigh of relief when he reaches his thirtieth year.

New Boy-May I come over and play with you? Bad Boy - Nawl gwan. Take me for a bloomin' toy.

Slater-Is Bob's typewriter as ugly as they say she is? Stevens-Ugly? Well, she's on his wife's visiting list,

Hatterson-What are you going to give your wife for an anniversary present, old man? Tatterson-She hasn't decided yet.

The Nurse-Oh, talk is cheap. The Policeman-Oh, I don't know. I know a cop who was fined three days' pay for spending ten minutes talking to a girl here. A-I have a joint account in the

bank with my wife now. B-Good! You make an even thing of it, eh. A -Yes. I put the money in and she draws it out. "Does it pay to try reform a man?" asked Miss Lovely. "It all depends," returned Van Wither, "on whether

you are an inebriate institute or the girl he's engaged to." A sound of singing was percolating through the house. "Isn't that a carol?" asked the visitor. "No," said Tommy, entertaining the guest for the

nonce; "her name ain't Carroll at all: it's Flynn." Two dimples in her cheeks do lie Like cloudlets in a rosysky; Two dimples round her mouth do show Like fairy footsteps in the snow;

But oh, the dimple in her chin-Tis like a flower a bee sits in. Paterfamilias-But have you any idea of the expense of married life? Have you made many provisions for the future? Daughter's Lover -Y-yes, sir. I-aw-voted for dollar

gas, you know. "Tommy, what's an encore?" asked Benny Bloobumper of Tommy Taddells. "It's a piece a great singer sings after the audience calls him back to see whether he knows anything worth listening to," replied Tommy.

Old Lady-You said the train that I should take leaves at 10.30, didn't you? Booking Clerk-Yes, madam; and I think I've told you that about ten times already. Old Lady-Yes, I know you have; but my little nephew

says he likes to hear you talk, Little Clarence (a youthful Solomon) -- Pa, nobody can ever tell what a woman will do next, can they? Mr. Calipers-No, my son; and if you could tell it would not be advisable for you to do so, for if you did she

would be sure to do something else. Gaswell-How is your new office boy getting along? Dukane-I've been able to get a little work out of him since I broke him of the stampcollecting habit, of smoking cigarettes and of whistling. I am now trying to persuade him not to go out to look at the score oftener than once in two

Bookkeeper (of telephone company) -Customers are ordering their telephones out all over the city. They say they don't pay. Superintendent -Humph! Something must be done. Write an item for the newspapers saying that by attaching telephone wires to the water pipes it is possible to hear what is being said in the next house.

#### Education of Children. Mothers should not force thet.

children to adopt professions for which they have not the slightest talent, save a mother who has had experience. mother should ascertain the bent of g child's genius and develop it. This must not be his only education, though, as he himself will incline to and follow up that which is congenial. Children should be taught along the other lines and and branches. They may have no talent for music or singing, yet they should take lessons because it will open up avenues to the soul which otherwise would be closed to art and heart.

"No one can refute this," says s great musical authority, "because singing not only makes one broadsouled, but broad-chested, and gives a certain dignity and softness to the voice, and is altogether healthful, Ail branches of education should be taken up in concert with the favorite one, and thus would be equalized the power gallery. Jack had a picture there-a of body and soul. Weakness at any point tends to shiftlessness and shift-

I saw it. If Corot could see it lessuess to wrong."-New York Trib-