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Aunt Nora's One Great Sin.

"I am dying." said my Aunt Nora to me, as I sat beside her one autumn eve. For some time I had known that she could not live long, yet lier words sent a shiver through me.

"I trust not, aunt," said I, clasping one of ber wasted hands in mine; "you are no worse to-day than for months past, Sure-Attorney at-Law, by you should not give up all hope."

"Why should I care-why should Practices in the State and Federal Courts hope? Life is but one long torture to me: those happy days. God of mercy, why why why need I mourn that it is about to go? My woman's heart has borne too much, my child. Fate wove many a darksome thread for me."

I looked in wordless pity at her as she lay among the pillows, pale and wasted, Attorney-at-Law, and I knew that her thoughts had gone In the State and United States Courts, back into the past by the slight smile that blooming ere Lottic came to me.

> I tenderly passed my hand over her fa ded bair, and, thinking of all the sorrows she had faced and struggled with, I bent forward, pressed my lips to her brow, and murmured, softly?

"My dear aunti !" Her large eyes opened and turned to my

"Winnie, may I tell you?" she in-

"Certainly," said I, in surprise; "what car you wish to tell me, Aunt Nora?"

"My one great sin-my one great sorrow," was her answer, Was my aunt mad? Surely the approach of death had turned her brain! Her great sin? Why, her life had been one great sacrifice; her heart the abode of suff-ring, since that time so long ago when she stood, half er zed with grief, over the dead body of her promised husband, the handsome young heir of the Linton homestead, that was now without master or mistress, a beautiful but deserted spot. Ab, well I knew that she had suffered, but none could say that she had lavished her wealth upon the needy, and in I have a nice lot of selected and improved many a cottage was her name spoken at Cotton Seed, which I am selling at 50 cents the hour of prayer, reverently, with bless ing upon it.

"Sinned?" said I, softly. "Auntie, dear. you are but dreaming. Will you not try to sleet?"

"Nay, child, ere long I will sleep soundly, but I cannot die with it untold. Promise that you will not shrink from me when I tell you, for, Winnie, since I took you to ny heart, you have won me to love you as I loved but once before. Promise me."

"Auntie, dear, dear, nothing on earth could make me turn from you; no sin, however dark, could make me love you

She clasped my hand convulsively.

"Ah, child, you do not know," she said; upon my hand is blood, the blood of one I held dearer than aught else on earth. Winnie, do not I pray do not turn from me; remember I am dying!" for I had tried to withdraw my hand.

"Aunt Noral" I cried, in horror, "you cannot mean this; surely you of all on earth are not the one to shed the blood of a human being! Auntie, darling, you do not mean

"Child, listen while I have strength to tell, for I know that my hours are numbered. Do not condemn until you hear me. When I was young and fair I had many lovers. Heirers to a noble fortune; possessed of rich beauty, it was no wonder. Life was a perfect dream of joy for my father worshipped his only child, and I had been too young to weep when my

"Gayly as some light butterfly, I danced along life's pathway, nor dreamed of sor-

"Friends I had, yes, many a one; but of all, I loved the best one fair-faced girl. We had met at school, and then I had fallen in love with her. It was not strange, for she was more beautiful than any picture I had ever seen, with long, golden hair, large, innocent blue eyes, and ripe red lips, like those of a tender babe. Her skin was clear as that of a waxen image, and seldom held the least color. She was shorter than I, but perfectly, with tiny

"I, with my dark eyes, raven hair, and tall, slender figure, felt nothing beside her

"Be that as it may, when my father took me to E-, Lottie and I wept bitterly at parting, but my tears fell fastest, break; no remembrance of the vows he had and she promised to spend the following summer with me in my country home.

"Ah! Winnie, alas the day came! I met | And she? Winnie, she listened, and -she young Duke Linton, and loved him with promised to flee with him. Child, I think the whole wild passion of my young heart. that I was man. I saw him clasp her to You do not know, child, how a woman of his breast and saw her raise her lips to his, my nature can love. But his deep gray then leave him and flit toward the house. eyes and haughty brow were stamped upon | "He came forward, entered the arbor the heart of the careless girl, and are still and I shall never forget his face as he stood cherished in the bosom of the dying wo- before me. Shame, cowardly shame made man. And yet, oh, God! That I who so him shrink.

loved him him should have laid him so

"In Heaven's name, aunt, do not say killed Duke Linton!" I cried, in terror.

"Child," said she, calmly, "I did. It was I who drove the dagger to his faithless heart; I who bent above him when he breathed his last.

is the fortune of few women to love, and he realizing that he was dead, I sprang to my heart throbs even now, when I think of my own room, and bolted the door. were they so few ?"

She paused a moment, then went on:

said she was going to visit me very soon. "May had left us, and June roses were

"More beautiful than ever, more careless and gay, she sprang into my arms when I

ran to her to meet her. "Do you know, Winnie, I have believed in presentiments since then ? for, as I stood with her clasped to my bosom, a chill came over my heart, as though the icy winds of in the hall below, also tramping of many

"Ah! if I had then known why! but it passed, and I did not know that God had sent it as a warning that I held a serpent the hull floor. Then my woman's heart to my bosom.

"Well, days flew past, and Lottie had met my lover. She liked him, she said; but he was not the sort of man she would choose. Her fancy had always been for eyes of gloom, and hair like the raven's bore his bethrothed ring rested hisoblood

"Day after day we three wandered about in perfect happiness, gayly placking flow- r ___next day and I never heard from her er by flower, not caring though they fa again.

"I did not mind that Duke and Lottie often wandered off without me, but smiled to think they were such good friends.

"The day of my marriage was set, and on the 4th of October I would become a bride, I was busy in preparation, nor noted might otherwise have caused my heart

"But one day, it was as summer was-dying in the first part of September. In the and I were standing by the side of the pretty lake that may be seen from the li-

"We each carried a pretty basket of ferns and late flowers, and I was thinking how beautiful Lottie looked in a floating robe of snowy white, the only color about her being the bright green of the ferns in her basket. Ab, yes; in ber hair she wore a bunch of bright red berries, with their

"In some manner, Lottie's foot slipped from the stone on which she stood, and in a moment she was screaming ic the water, her ferns floating about her, and one hand grasping some shrub that grew on the margin of the lake.

"I was too much frightened to move, but stood with dilated eyes, gazing in horror on her sinking form, when some one rushed by me, and in a moment Lottie was clasped to Duke Linton's breast.

· Poor child she has fainted," he said to me ; but I was not surprised that his very Ay, with the crimson stain upon it, the lins were white, for I myself was terribly soul had appeared at the high bar. frightened, and though it was fear lest a human life was being quenched before his mother. Standing above her coffin, they sight that caused lip and cheek to pa'e. Ab, me! 'twas more,

"Days flew on, and the first of October say: "Her lover was murdered, you know, was fading. I threw a wrap about me, and went into the garden to enjoy my dreams

"With no intention of doing so, I entered a small arbor into which the fading day-

light scarcely penetrated. "Upon a table in one corner stood a small basket of fruit, and beside it was lying a pretty dagger, that Duke had been permitting us to admire in the afternoon He had doubtless forgotten it was there. I picked it up. Winnie, it must have been the devil that made me do it; but as I stood with it in my hand, I heard voices and the house of discord became the house that I knew. Could it be ? Yes, 'twas Duke and Lottie.

"Ab, child, think of what I endured while I stood there in the gathering gloom, the house. and heard him tell her of his love for her and beg that, ere the chain he hated bound for beauty, although many said I was him, she would flee with him and be his

"No thought for me; no pity for the proud heart that he knew would sorely spoken so short a time before, came to him as he vowed love and devotion to my friend .

"As God hears me I had not a thought of murder then, but the dagger was still in my hand; I raised the hand to point for him to go, and the steel cought my eye. I raised the hand higher, took a step forward, and buried the blade in his bosom.

"He fell at my feet, and realizing what I had done, I knelt beside him, frantically "Let me tell you all. I loved bim as it called his name. He did not answer, and professed to worship me. How my old feet and rushed to the house. I gained

"All that night long I paced my chamber foor, every chord of my heart strained to breaking. Friend and lover, both were "We were engaged, and the day set for false. Her fair face had won him, and he our union. In a perfect dream of bins, I work to bear my breaking wrote to Lottie Dent. She replied, and hear's and the world's cold scorn as best

"Tre morning, dawned I had come to a resolution. My pride was rayed, and Letter place him to the could earth, than know he had deceived and cast me aside.

"One thought was mine, my pride was

"I kept my room next morning till I heard-a noise of many and excited voices winter were sweeping across its naked feet. Ah, they had found him ! Now-now I must act my part.

"I opened the chamber door, fled down the stairs, and right up to the object on returned. One glance at the rigid face one sight of the crimenued breast, and I swoon. Many kind friends ministered to me, none knowing that upon the hand that

"Lottie Dent took strong convulsions the Bible?" when she knew-of- his murder, but left

"They bore him to his grave, the last of the proud race of Linton. I, in my mourning garb, followed after, his almost bride the woman who had token his life.

Since that time I have valuly tried to she may begin to read the Bible." kill remorse by my lavish charity-the small voice speaketh still, Even now, as I lie on the bed from which I may not rise; as I linger on the borderland of eternity there is a fear that all was of no avail.

2 Weinie," in the broken evolve was Loved you with a mother's love, and if said: you turn from me now in horror, how can 'John, I thought it very rade of you to just quoted, "may be noticed to prevail I face my Judge above? Winnie,

are you near me ?" offered prayers for you at his throne. He for the first time."

auntie, vou were mal," I feel sleepy, I'ray you beside me while I Spurgeon.

For hour after hour I knelt there, pouring out prayer after prayer for the parting soul, for I felt that it was leaving. Hour after hour till the dawn came on. and the sun, rising high, fell upon the stark and rigid face of my aunt, Dead

Kind has she been to me, kind as a told of her virtues, her sprrows, her charties, her goodness, and I heard one of them

long-long ago, But no one ever knew who did it."

Ah! it was well

churchyard, and yet she 'ls kindly remembered by the villagers who call her "the generous Miss Nora.

The Two Bears.

A man and his wife were notorious throughout their whole community as live ing in anything but peace. All at once there was a sudden change for the better, of concord, much to the astonishment and joy of the neighbors. An inquisitive old lady ventured to inquire the cause. "Two bears did it" said the matron of

lifting up both hands.

came into the house.' "But what in nature do you mean?" "Two Scripture bears."

ne more and more. "Tis true." "I don't read in Scripture of two bears, but them two that eat up the wicked children that mocked Elisha, and they must

"Two Scripture bears! why you puzzle

be dead long ago," "Two other bears are mentioned?" "I don't recollect 'cm.' "Well, the Scriptures mention them, and their names are Bear and Forbear,"

"Well, I never!" At this stage of the discourse we came away, and could not help most devoutly wishing that those two Scripture bears would travel through the land and enter

into a great many homes.

Sunday Reading.

An army officer in the civil war rode a horse which knew as well as a human being when the battle was impending. The approach of the conflict always gave the beast the keenest terror; he trembled in every nerwe, and was apparently unable to stir. But when the battle was once begun and he was urged forward into the thick of the fight, all trembling and hesitancy left him; his nostrils were proudly raised in the air, and every motion was swift and fearless so it is with some men in the Unristran life. They tremble at the thought of enter ing the church ; they feel themselves utterly unworthy to sit at the table of the Lord; their first words in the prayer meeting are ceble and faltering. But the believer who is most timid at the cutset often becomes he most fearless and the most useful of-ail. That very honesty of purpose and delicacy of action which harasses the would be Christian with fears of his unworthness, is transmitted into the power which, with the same feeling of personal humanity, can yet do all things by the strength of God. Siraday School Times.

Praying and Watching. . .

Is it not a sad thing that we should think it wonderful for God to hear prover? Much better faith was that of a little boy in one of the schools in Edinburg, who had attended a prayer meeting, and at the fell upon the marble floor in a deathly last said to his teacher, who conducted it: "Teacher, I wish my sister could be got to read the Bible; she never reads it "

"Why, Johny, should your sister read

"Because if she once read it, I am sure it would do her good, and she would be converted and saved." "Da you think so, Johny?"

"Yes, I do, sin; and I wish the next time there was a prayer needing you would ask the people to pray for my sister, that their eyes and hair. The Highlanders of

"Well, well; it shall be done, John." teacher thought it very rule of the boy to peasuntry the hair is generally dark, and tears,"I took you from poverty when a disturb the people in a crowded room, and in some districts particularly black, espechild, educated and raised you tenderly, so the next day, when the lad came, he citally about Roscrea and 'its vicinity,

You ought not to have done so."

will forgive. His mercy surpasseth all me. Thus we ought to watch with expecta- red hair, supposed by some to belong to derstanding, and he will not remember thou for answers to our prayers. Do not the early Norman physiognomy, is now against you that one sad act; for surely, say, "Lord, turn my darkness into light," seen. In Burgundy the light brown hair and then go out with your candle, as and grav eves have succeeded to the as-*Yes darling," said she, weardy, but though you expected to dind it dark .- serted rutilous character of its ancient con-

wrong is in being quick to see and publish often coarse, while that of the latter is faults, magnifying them, imagining them silky and beautifully glossy. meddling with them when it is none of our business to do so, and speaking of them from promptings of envy, resentment and rivalry. A slanderous tongue mover as and miserable curiosity. When one with such a frame goes from house to house with but I don't know how true it is, that this man drinks; or, That man and his wife honestly; or. This woman is no better than she should be-it is very probable that then a busybody and sland; rer is at work "Two bears," cjaculated the old lady, who greatly needs the prayer, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door "Yes, two bears; and I'm glad they ever of my lips,"-W, H. Lewis; D. D., in grate.

> magnesia, and 2 percentum albumen; and him down. the yolk of 54 per centum water, 28 6 per centum yellow oil, and 17.4 per centum N. H., retuned an ignorant pread tum salts, and A2 per centum albumen. - We are commanded to preach the Therefore food containing albumineids and to every crit.er."

fat should be employed. The natural food of the fowl consits of insects, seeds, vegetable matter, etc. Therefore, there should be a variety of grains, animal matter in the forms of scrups of meat, or pressed scraps, chopped cabbages, etc., or, as bas been practiced, finely out and steamed clover bay. There should be a great variety at all times, and Indian meal scaled and well seasoned with pepper or chopped horseradish will be very effective. A recent writer prescribed scalded Indian meal made into a mush, which was cooked an hour or two and then fed hot with horseradish. It was recommended to cook food of all kinds and feed hot. This might be good as a stimulant, but corn meal must be combined with animal food to produce eggs. A supply of powdered shells or bone should be provided, not only to aid digestion, but to furnish egg-shell material. A correspondent of the Plymouth Chronicle mixed hog's lard with the dough he gave his hen's and asserts that a piece as arge as a hickory nut will set a hen to laving immediately after she is broken up from sitting, and that by feeding a little rationally heng may be made to lay all

Color of the Hair.

The varieties of color which characterize the hair of different nations are interesting to note. The complexion, which sympathizes with the color of the hair, or, rather, with which the color of the hair sympathizes depends much on accidental circumstances-a florid complexion, for instance, being usually the result of healthfulness of employment and wholesome food. In the South of Bingland the hair is usually darker than in the midland counties, and, again, in Lancasbire and Yorkshire it is principally of a handsome brown. The females of Lancashire are especially celebrated for the beauty of Scotland are generally brown baired, but in some districts rather sandy. Parting-So the teacher gave out that a little boy ton's Encyclopedia says; "They are was anxious that prayer should be offered, seldom bald headed, and in this respect that his sister might read her Bible. John Affer from the Lowlanders whose hair is was observed to get up and go out. The usually more scanty." Among the Irish "This character," observes the authority throughout a great portion of the south of Iteland," The distinguishing trait of the "I am here, aunty," I sobbed, "I will "Oh, sir," said the boy, "I did not mean Irish peasantry is the low eyelash, which is not leave you. You have sufferred for the te be rude, but I thought I should like to particularly dark and thick, more so than sin, and many of God's children have go home and see my sister reading her Bible among other people except the natives of Savey. In Normandy not a trace of the querors. The prevailing colors of hair in France are, however, dark brown and It is not all mention of a neighbor's black. The German peacantry are a fair faults and evil deeds that is wrong, for complexioned, gray eyed race, with hair we cannot but notice gross faults, and to of some shade of brown, in some districts speak of them in a right spirit may be glaxen or yellowish, but very seldom red. perfectly right, and needful for self-defence The Spaniards and Italians are famous for and the good of society. The sin and their black hair, but that of the former is

Tough Yarns

There is a place in Maine so rocky that naturally in the element of hatred as a when the Down-Easters plant corn they fish in the water. One who loves his look for crevices in the rocks, and shoot neighbor as himself, and seeks to do unto the grains in with a masket, they can't others as he would they should do unto him, raise ducks there no-how, for the stones They laid her beside him in the old can hardly be a standerer. The mischief are so thick the ducks can't get their bills of detraction springs from a mean, unlov- between them to pick up the grasshoppers, ing spirit, soured by disappointment, fret- and the only way the sheep can get at the ted by envy, urged on by meddlesomeness sprigs of grass is by grinding their neses

on a gri dstone. But that ain't a circumstance to a place the preface: They say, or they do say, on the Enstern Shore, the land is so poor that it takes two kildears to say .Kildear, and on a clear day you can don't live very pleasantly together; or, see the grasshoppers climb up a mullen That man did not come by his money very stalk, and look with tears in their eyes over a lifty-sere field; and the bumblebers have to go down on their knees to get at the grass; all the mosquitoes died of starvation, and turkey buzzards had to emi-

But there is a country in Virginia con beat that; here the land is so sterile that FRED FOR EGGS .- For the production when the wind is at the north west they of eggs the food should contain an ample have to tie their children to keep thear supply of those ingredients that make up from blowing away; there it takes six the eggs. An average egg weighs about frogs to see a man, and when the Joes back 1,000 grains, divided as follows: Shell, they have to lean against few siche horses. 107; white, 604; yolk, 289. The shell is are so thin that it takes tablee of them to composed 97 per centum carbonate of make a shadow, and, when they hill a lime, I per centum phosphate of lime and beef they have to hold him up to know

The Rev Grant Powers, of Haverh water, 2.7 per centum mucus, 0.3 per cen-