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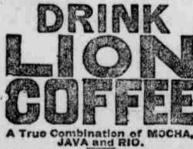
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Ills Sympathetic Nature and His Early Misfortunes.

Those who saw much of Abraham Lincoln during the later years of his life, were greatly impressed with the expression of profound melancholy his face always were

m repose.

Mr. Lincoln was of a peculiarly sympathetic and kindly nature. These strong characteristics influenced, very happily, as it proved, his entire political career. They would not seem, at first glance, to be efficient aids to political success; but in the peculiar emergency which Lincoln in the the Providence of God, was called to meet, no vessel of common clay could possibly have become the "chosen of the Lord."

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Those acquainted with him from boyhood knew that early griefs tinged his whole life with sadness. His partner in the grocery business at Salem was "Uncle" Billy Green of Tallula, Ill. who used at night, when the customers were few, to hold the grammar while Lincoln recited his lessons.

It was to his sympathetic ear Lincoln told he was of his less for a contract of the contract o

he story of his love for sweet Ann Rutildge; and he, in return, offered what comfort he could when poor Ann died and Lincoln's

great heart nearly broke.

"After Ann died," says "Uncle" Billy,
"on stormy nights, when the wind blew the
rain against the roof. Abe would set thar in the grocery, his chows on his knees, his face in his bands, and the tears runnin' through his fingers. I haved to see him feel had, an' I'd say. 'Abe don't cry'; an' he'd look up an' say 'I can't help it, Bill, the rain's a fallin' on her,''

There are many who can sympathize with this overgowering grief, as they think of a look loyed one, when "the rain's a fallin' on

lost loved one, when "the rain's a fallin' on her." What nits poignancy to the grisf some times is the thought that the lost one night have been saved. Fortunate, indeed is William Johnson, of

Fortunate, indeed is William Johnson, of Corona, L. I., a builter, who writes June 28, 1800: "Last February, on returning from church one night, my daughter complained of having a pain in her antice. The pain gradually extended until her entire limb was swollen and very painful to the touch. We called a physician, who after careful examination, pronounced it disease of the kidneys of long standing. All we could do, did not seem to benefit her until we tried Warner's Safe Cure; from the first she commenced to insprove. When she commenced menced to improve. When she commenced taking it she could not turn over in bed, and could just move her hands a little, but to-day she is as well as she ever was. I believe I awe the recovery of my daughter to its

Twenty million acres of the land of the United States are held by foreigners.

A statistician has estimated that courtslips average three tons of coal each. Provo, Utah, has a red-hot anarchist. His wife supports him by taking in wash-

ing. Connecticut is a land of huckleberries. and girls there earn \$5 to \$3 a week picking

The whole world's produce of sait per

annum is 7,300,000 tons. England produces A Kentucky mountaineer who sold his vote for 50 cents has been fined \$175 and

disfranchised. Men keep young by continu ing to work When men retire they have invited old ago

to come in and take possession. Edward McDonald, of Allentown, Pa., thinks he owns the smallest dog. It is five menths old and weighs four ounces.

The failibr of a family was seen lately bearing eight oversboes of assorted size "nested" lile Chinese puzzle boxes.

George Blast swore so frightfully at Mrs. Charles Graham, n.ar New Albany, Ind., that she went into convulsions and died.

A Bohemian living in Bridgeport, Conn., had cut out of his leg recently a bullet that he received in the Franco-German war.

Diplomats are trained to "obscure" the meaning of language. The caar of Russia says he cannot believe a word his diplomats

M. D'Ennery, author of Two Orphans, is 80 years old, but he is still the busiest playwright in France. At present he has seven odramas under wav.

It has been calculated th about 200,000 families living in London on about £1 a week, and they are in a large measure the people of one room.

A bell, cast recently for the Pharkow Cathedral, contains 68 per cent of pure silver. It weighs 546 English pounds and its vibrations last several minutes.

Mrs. Davis, the wife of Senator Davis of Minnesota, has gone to black. All her undergarments are black and she has dis-

carded white bed clothing for black. Wiggins, the weather prophet, believes In the transmigration of souls. It is not

material, however, as to what Wiggins may believe or what he may prophesy. The police courts of New York do not exist for nothing. Last year they had

110,000 cases. This report is not very creditable to the city on Manhattan island.

It appears that the great majority of persons committing suicide in Japan are over fifty years of age. Next to the list comes persons between twenty and thirty years

A single orange tree in Florida has been known to bear 8,000 eranges in a year. Such a vi al is excessive, as a grove that will yield 1,500 to the tree is considered ex-

Bist-arck's wife is very domestic. She is on expert with a needle and is famous as a She regards these as accomplishments and is proud of them and so is the prince.

A New York money prince has recently ordered a set of brass floor registers plated with gold in an exceedingly ornate design. The registers w'll be placed in the owner's

Ninety years ago Mr. Palmer, an actor, fell dead on the Liverpool stage. The moment before his death he had exclaimed, O God, O God, there is another and a botter wor.d."

Gold is found to be much more malleable than silver. Recent tests show that it can be beaten 1,200 times thinner than printing paper. One ounce of it can be made to cover 146 square feet.

In Florida sugar cane grows luxuriantly without fertilizing, and the average cost of preparing and planting a sugar crop there a \$10 per acre, as compared with \$18 in Cuba and \$34 in Lousiana.

At one time General Custer tamed a tiny field mouse, and kept it in a large empty inkstand on his desk. It grew very fond of him, and ran over his head and shoulders and even through his bair.

A Nec Hampshire dentist has put up a sign, "Teeth pulled while you wait," and draws much extra patronage from people wno do not stop to think that teeth cannot be pulled in any other way.

The pumps in the Gold Hill mine at Grass Valley, Cal., were uncovered recently af-ter lying nine years under water. They were put to work and lifted water as well as the first day they were down.

WAS IT A GHOST?

The following strange story was re-lated to me by the principal actor in the drama, and a number of persons who were present at the recital said they were acquainted with both of the men who once figured as partners. The names are fictitious, but the inci-

dents and locations are authentic:
I was working with an engineering corps, who were making a preliminary survey of a route for the Atlantic and Pacific R. R.

Our camp was located at the foot of a mountain, near the Little Colorado River. We had been working hard all day, trying to find a suitable place to cross the river, and I was very tired, and was the first man to lie down to I remember distinctly when my bed-fellow came to bed, and that was the last I knew, until I was awakened by someone shaking me, and a voice

Come out here. Charley; I want to show you something."

The person who spoke to me was holding up the edge of the tent close to

my head, The moon was shining brightly, and as I crawled out from bed I saw a man standing a few feet from the tent. I did not recognize him as being any of our boys, and as I stood trying to make out who he was, he said:

'Come with me; I want to show you a silver mine.

"I followed him up the side of the mountain until we came to a welldefined trail, when he stopped and

"Before we go any farther you must promise me that you will not say or do anything in regard to the mine until you go to Laguna, where, by inquiry, you will find a man by the name of Henry King. He was once my partner, and while we were prospecting in this country I found this mine. An accident prevented me telling him at the time, and I have not had the opportunity to let him know of the find since. He will inform you of the nature of the accident that happened to me. Tell him that Jack Long showed you the find, and requested that it be shared equally between you."

It struck me as being a remarkable story, and I questioned him in regard

"Why do you not go to Laguna and inform your partner? And why do you give me, a total stranger to you, a half-interest in your find? Why not keep

"For reasons you could not understand. I cannot speak with my part-ner. There is more money in the mine than one man should have, and I think you are deserving of more wealth; and to pay you for doing what I ask of you is the reason I offer it to you. To me the mine amounts to nothing. A man in my position does not require any mines, as you will learn from King.

I reluctantly made him the promise he required, and he turned and led the way up the trail. I followed him over the mountain and down the apposite side, until we came to where the mountain broke off, and formed one side of

Here he turned to the right, and after going several rods, he stopped and picked up some pieces of rock, which

he gave to me, saying:

Take these with you and examine
them by daylight. All this loose rock is broken from the ledge, and this, pointing to a large out-cropping of rock, "is the ledge. It is silver, and very rich. Now mark the place, so that you can bring King here. Show him the rock, and tell him that Jack

says there is pienty of it. Good-night." I felt a queer sensation creep over me as though I had seen a ghost. I stood for some time, half expecting to see him return; then I picked up

eral pieces of the rock, returned to camp, and went to bed. In the morning it all seemed like dream, but there was the ore, and I could see that it was filled with some

kind of mineral. I showed a piece of it to the engi-

neer. After looking at it for a short time, he said: "It is wire-silver. Where did you

I told him a person had given it to me, and said it was wire silver. I did not attempt to return to the

ledge, for fear I would be followed. When we reached the vicinity Laguna, I left the corps and went to hunt up my future partner. I had no trouble in finding him, but wishing to satisfy myself that he was the right man, I asked him if he ever know a

man by the name of Jack Long.
"Yes," he replied, "Jack used to be partner. Were you acquainted

with him?" Whereupon I related my story to him, and gave him some of the min-

I shall never forget the e pression of his face as he stood before me while was relating my experience to him. He never removed his eyes from my face until I was through; then he quietly sat down and examined the

"You say you never saw Jack until the night he showed you this mineral?"

"No," I replied. "Never heard of him?"

"Never." "Well, you have told me a queer story. Jack and I were prospecting on the Little Colorado, at the point you mention. On the tenth of August Jack left our camp, saying he was going over on the very mountain you speak of to do a little prospecting for We were looking for placer gold, and I put in the day prospecting a bar on a small stream that enters the Colorado near the place you speak of. He did not return that night, and the next morning I went to Took

him. I found him on the side of the mountais, stone dead. He had been caught and crushed to death by bowlder that had become loosened and rolled upon him, killing him instantly. Now, how could you have seen and talked with Jack Long, when he has

been dead for over a year?" It was my turn to look astonished, and I could not do much else for some

"On what day of the month did you say you saw him?" he asked. "On the tenth of August," I replied. "Just a year from the day he killed," he remarked.

"What does it mean?" I asked. "The man who awoke me and led me over the mountain was as much flesh, bone, and blood as either you or I, and he said his name was Jack Long. He was a short, square-shouldered man, and when speaking his voice was not usuch stronger than a woman's."

That was Jack, all over; but how could it be?" he added, in the same breath, and I thought he looked at me

suspleiously.
"My friend," said I, "you can answer that question as well as I; but there is this about it. I never saw Jack Long nor heard of him until the tenth of this month. I have been working with the same engineer for the last two years, and last summer we were working in Missouri, and only came out here in June. Now all you have to do to learn if I am telling the truth is to go and question bim. What ob-ject could I have in showing you a silver mine, when there are boys in our own company who would have been too glad to have benght an interest in such a prospect? If you are afraid to go alone with me, take some one with you. No, I should not have come to Laguna to give you a half interest in the find if I had not promised Jack Long I would do so. Now, if you want to go and see whether I can prove my part of the story, well and good; if not, say so, and I will take some of my friends and go, for I know where it is and am going to claim that

"We will start to-morrow morning," he replied, "you and I. I have horses, and everything we need. Come over to my cabin and we will get ready for

the trip. We arrived at the foot of the mountain about noon, and after eating out dinner we started to make the ascent I felt nervous and excited, but was confident I could go to the place. soon found the trail, and went to the top, and down the other side to the canon, then to the right, and there was the bowlder. Beyond this, a few feet, must be the ledge.

A cold sweat bathed every part of my body. Suppose there should be no mineral? I never halted until I reached the same spot on which I stood with Long, and where he had aid me good I looked on the ground at feet; there was the mineral. I looked to my right, there was the ledge, with the wire silver in sight. I turned to my companion, saying:
"Now, what do you think?"

He was as white as chalk, and his voice trembled as he uttered the out worn:

"Whoat !" We sold the property to a company for enough to make us both independent. Now who, or what was it that took me to the ledge?"-W. W. Cartner, in N. Y. Weeklu.

Lines to Inventions and Inventors.

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The value of him who sites the heart, awakes a lough, with the bleet aid may now resound through all the ages.

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This done, may hap thou it rest upon the plans with him.
Whose fame within their hearts a grateful. poo, de's keeping, se laared name can snatch away, nor ever

Who first tought weary man the blessed art -John Kendrick Bangs, in Harper's Maga

An Honest Boy.

A gentleman from the country placed his son with a dry goods merchant in - street. For a time all went on well. At length a lady came to the store to purchase a silk dress and the young man waited upon her. The price demanded was agreed to and he proceeded to hold the goods. He discovered, before he had finished, a flaw in the silk and pointing it out to the lady, said: "Madam, I deem it my dury to teil you there is a fracture in the silk."

Of course she did not take it. The merchant overheard the re-mark says the N. Y. Ledger, and immediately wrote to the father of the young man to come and take him home; "for," said he, "he will never

make a merchant." The father who had ever reposed contidence in his son, was much grieved, and hastened to the city to be informed of his deficiencies. "Why will be not make a merchant?" asked

Because he has no tact," was the answer. "Only a day or two ago he told a lady, voluntarily, who was buy-log silk of him, that the goods were damaged, and I lost the bargain. Purchaser's must look out for themselves. If they cannot discover flaws, it would be foolishness for me to tell them of their existence.'

"And is that all the fault?" asked the

"Yes," answered the merchant, "he is very well in other respects."

"Then I love my son better than ever; and I thank you for telling me of the matter; I would not have another day in your store for the

Portly Man and Small Boy.

A portly gentleman was seated in one of the East river ferryboats the other day trying to light a pipe, says the N. Y. Times. A street arab of diminutive size sat beside him and behind his elbow, twisted up his lips and gently wafted soft breezes that effectually extinguished the matches, and portly gentleman continued to light. As match after match went out the portly gentleman got more exas-perated, and the small boy, effectually concealed by the large proportions of his neighbor, get happier. The gentieman looked around at last, and then there was an explosion. But the small boy was a live small boy, and he vanished before any wrath could reach him.

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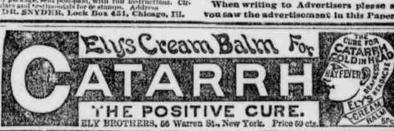


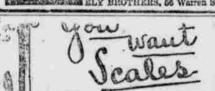


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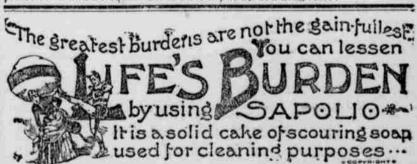
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