Out where the bleak winds sob and mosn, Out in the darkness, all alone, We've left them—left our very own!

Oh, there are eyes that daily weep For those who sleep that allent sleep In narrow beds, so dark and deep— For husband, whose kind, willing arm Shielded his home-nest from all harm, Who kept its hearts all bright and warm. t the step we used to know

And hushed the voice that grew so low-over his breast the duisles grow. And she is mourned, that mother, wife, Who met and bore, in noble strife, Each little care that filled her life. The haby bands we kissed each day, The liftle feet se'er tired of play, Are quiet neath the heavy clay.

O'er them, O blossoms, trall slong! And dewdrops, fall in starry throng! O wild birds, sing your sweetest song! O summer, shed your softest glow! O winter, wrap your purest snow About the mounds that lie below!

But we are comforted to know Only the body rests below.
Within the grave that haunts us so. Those that we love and so regret, brighter worlds, where none forget, fill soon, at most, welcome us yet.

seventeen years; "and I am sorry, Dav- although most gravely and kindly. enport, that your cousin, Miss Fanshaw,

one to suspect that she was on the verge him? of an hysterical fit of tears.

me mad ?" And, sejzing his hat, he rushed from

Aunt Landon or Mrs. Johnson should come, and their apartments taken up with this musty, fusty, crusty old maid? I do wish your father had not so many you, dear cousin." relations," sighed Mrs, Davenport.

is the matter with Julia?" "Hurrah! burrah!" cried Frank, tossing his cap up in high glee, when informed of the subject under considera-tion. "What grand times we shall have laughed. tormenting her-a good-for-nothing old

maid, don't you, mother ?" exclaimed affectionate little Willie. "If she is, I'll turn her out of doors,"

before struck any of the family, silenced for a moment Miss Julia's sobs.

"No, no; she can't be," vociferated
"When you first came they

and old flame of Mr. Davenport's. Yes, from eighteen, when he entered college, to twenty-four, when he left it, through long vacations and still longer terms, ay, and for years afterward, when he had completed the all-absorbing and important study of law, had Mr. Davenport worshiped his wild, beautiful, bewitching Cousin Kate; thought of her, direamt of her, till one sunny afternoon in her. of her, till one sunny afternoon in her father's garden an emphatic "No!" had given the death-blow to his hopes, though not to his love. No; although in a fit of spite he had immediately proposed to and married his present wife, the prettiest simpleton in the world, still, although he was scarcely aware of it himself, queen over his affections reigned this charming remembrance, or rather this lovely ideal; for it was Miss Fanshaw in her sweet spring-time, with Mr. Davenport, good, simple soul, began to imagine that Miss Julia, although she was not yet brought out, had achieved a conquest. "Kate," she argued, "is very agreeable, but they are perfect boys to her." So they were, but boys do occasionally very foolish things; for Miss Fanshaw ieft the parlor one morning, after a long conference with Mr. Donaldson, looking vexed and indiguant beyond measure.

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possible complexions, and the feeblest of all voices; yet with this same mine-ing, whining voice was she to thwart

Miss Fanshaw would interfere.

The afternoon was clear, bright, and warm, nothing ominous of the unwelcome guest. Inlia who had weet been come guest. Inlia who had weet been come guest. Inlia who had weet been come guest. come guest. Julia, who had wept her- celestially rosy, her eyes being unusucome guest. Julia, who had wept herself sick, lay asleep on the sofa, when carriage wheels were heard, and the whole family, boys and baby included, in an instant ran to the window to mark the arrival. The steps of the carriage were let down, and a beautiful little foot was at first protruded, then a tall, elegant figure descended, in deen mourned. elegant figure descended, in deep mourning, who, in the lowest, sweetest voice bits, with two fingers and a thumb, by in the world, as she entered the room, way of a dismay and entertainment for proclaimed herself to be Miss Fanshaw. the baby. She did not take so much Yes, though she had large, dark, bright interest in the manufactore of Frank's eyes, the most dazzling of complexions, kites, nor were comical old men in little the silkiest, most redundant of locks, Willie's sketch-book as abundant as

Miss Fanshaw, the old maid.

Mrs. Davenport was completely non-plussed; she had intended to be coolly dignified and stiffly condescending; but this charming apparition put all such the charming apparition put all such the she stood (for the poor soul never could perform impromptu; her part must be well studied), while her guest, with graceful case, hoped that her late acceptance of her cousin's invitation had not been ill-timed—"ha was her nearest relative," she said, and tears filled the

The New Horthwest, soft black eyes at the remembrance of her loss, "and there were matters upon her loss, "and there were matters upon which she must consult him, which could not be committed to pen, ink, and

> ness; then led the way to her room— the grandest, nicest, best in the house, in spite of the possible invasion of Aunt Laudon or Mrs. Johnson. Important and remarkable personages as they might be, they were not more so, it appeared, than this "musty, fusty, crusty old maid."

Poor Mrs. Davenport's fears now took an entirely different direction. How should she entertain her elegant guest? Two full hours till dinner and her lord and master's return. Simple, timid, nervous Mrs. Davenport hurried to the morning-room after giving some direcmorning-room after giving some directions to the servants, and sitting down in an arony, began her dreaded task in an agony, began her dreaded task.
"You have never been in this part of the country before, I believe, Miss Fan-shaw?" she asked, with a most praiseworthy attempt at being interesting. "No, never," replied her guest, in a

cheering, encouraging tone.
"Was not your journey fatiguing?" continued her interlocutor, in the same nonotonous manner. "Ob, no," rejoined Miss Fanshaw. with animation, "the day was so charming, and the air perfectly exhilarating and delightful. I enjoyed it amaz-

"How do you like our part of the country?" said Mrs. Davenport, the very instant her guest had concluded her speech; but Miss Fanshaw did not hear her, for she had, in a quiet voice, overthrown Willie's stock of wisdom by the query of "How many blue beans made five?" Frank and Julia were in paroxysms of laughter at his perplexity, shile the youngest child, seated in her lap, was triumphantly grasping the glossy curls, on the beauty and gloss of

etously gazing.
Mr. Davenport just then entered, and fine-looking man of perhaps forty years of age, who was walking hastily up and down the room, evidently in no enviable frame of mind. "I know it is illiberal, unkind, ungenerous, to ban any class on bright, rich bloom to her cheeks, her masse," he continued; "but I have the wild eyes danced with glee, her face same aversion to an unmarried woman absolutely glowed with animation; snake."

"I think they are generally very disagreeable," returned his belpmate, in dreams, who stood before him. It was the Consin Kate of his youth, the object of a world of devotion, idolatry, dreams, who stood before him. It was the consin Kate of his youth, the object of a world of devotion, idolatry, dreams, who stood before him. It was the consin Kate of his youth, the object of a world of devetion, idolatry, Pritchard's, Sumter. the quiet, submissive tone with which but for a moment, however; he met her she had echoed his opinions for the last just as he should have done, courteously, As for the lady, as she had never par-

ticipated in the feeling which excited whether she remembered that Mr. Dav-"Must I be much with her?" ex-claimed that interesting member of the Davenport family, in a tone which led

The evening passed on wings-never "Good heavens!" exclaimed Mr. Dav-enport; "are you all determined to drive treated. She had taken them by storm -barricades fell, coolness and reserve vanished. She was pronounced, in a confidential family conclave, to be "irresistible."

"You must not think of leaving us, "Why, Julia," exclaimed her mother, "you cannot expect me to give up my handsomest room. What if your rich ance." Said Mrs. Davenport, some two months after that lady's first appearance.

"What will become of our dances and

"What is the matter, mother?" ex-claimed, in a breath, Frank and Wil-liam, who just then rushed in. "What liam, who just then rushed in. "What atories? O, Cousin Kate, you are the darlingest old maid I ever saw-" "Frank!" exclaimed his mother and

"You will always live with us, won't

retorted Frank.

"Don't cry, Julia," said Willie, stealing his arm round fair Julia's neck; "don't cry; perhaps she'll be a very devoted in their attentions. If you'll Taylor's Ferry, Tualatin, Wapato, "There are Mr. Donatoson and Mr. Donatoson and Mr. Washington.

Washington. agreeable old maid."

Promise not to tell, I'll tell you somethis idea, which had evidently never thing, dear cousin."

Miss Fanshaw gave the required "When you first came they told Mrs. Master Frank, "for is she not an old Flint, who lives with them, that they

Fanshaw in her sweet spring-time, with the dew of her youth upon her, Cousin Kate at seventeen, not thirty-five; Mr. Davenport detested old maids.

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Jean Paul, the tender-hearted, denominates "solitary, unknown, without friends," as lovable and loving—pitiful is it that truth compels me to deviate. On one identical sorrowful evening, at

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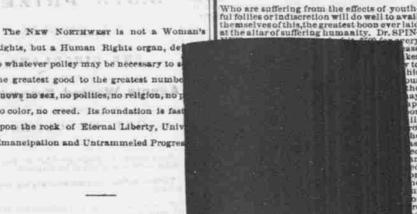
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is coming just now; for Julia, poor the lady, as she had never participated in the feeling which excited it, she had not the slightest suspicion of his emotion; indeed, it is doubtful on her youthful spirits."

As for the lady, as she had never participated in the feeling which excited it, she had not the slightest suspicion of his emotion; indeed, it is doubtful whether she remembered that Mr. Dav-

As the door closed behind him, Miss Julia's sobs became alarming.

The individual who occasioned all exceedingly kind and hospitable to this hubbub, this much-calumniated, them, they must call and see his old this hubbub, this much-calumniated, much-feared Miss Fanshaw, was a cousin and old flame of Mr. Davenport's. Yes, from sighteen when he extracted much flame of Mr. Davenport's. Yes, cousin, they came and found you so Ridge, Vancouvers, Washougal. of her, till one sunny afternoon in her Mrs. Davenport, good, simple

Davenport detested old maids.

Mr. Davenport was horrified at the idea of his dream being broken in upon, the romance of his life dispelled; he had never wished to see his Cousin Kate again, and now she was coming to pay him a visit. As for Mrs. Davenport—although a very insignificant character in her own house, she shall have a place here—Mrs. Davenport had indistinct visions of a prowling, inquisitive, tinct visions of a prowling, inquisitive, disagreeable creature, of the most disagreeable creature, of the most disagreeable creature, of the sallowest of all was to hold up spinsterhood as admirative height, the sallowest of all was to hold up spinsterhood as admirative height.

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