

THE HOME ABOVE THE LITTLE CORNER STORE.

The year is done; the books, with flattering voice, Tell me I'm rich, yet I cannot rejoice!

How poor we were! But what is poverty? To youthful hearts that love devotedly!

When trade was dull and creditors severe, I'd walk to the stairs and wait for her!

Offtimes those blissful days come back to me When loneliness brings me to weep here!

Like music borne away on summer's breeze I'm glad to see this lovely life passing!

—Paul Loosing McKenrick in Success.

THE FORTUNES OF WAR.

"Dirty niggers," General Grub mumbled, mopping the perspiration from his snub nose.

Lieutenant Lane broke the silence by rising from his stool at the farther end of the room.

"Ouch!" he said deliberately. "Fortunes of war," squawked the bird.

"It—it's that green parrot," Lane explained, as General Grub looked up quickly.

"Found the calves of your legs, eh?" he asked, laughing.

The thin old-de-camp visibly stiffened and slowly turned a beetlike red.

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"Sit down, sit down," General Grub said, pointing with the toe of his boot to the camp stool near him.

"Hope you've said your prayers; you ain't likely to come out of this scrape with a whole skin," General Grub said.

"Good night, sir," Fielding said. "Good night, sir; good night, and these niggers be damned!"

"As you like, sir," Fielding answered, smiling, and when his superior officer's hand, with its grubby finger nails diten to the quick, grasped his hand.

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span he had returned to the United States posthaste to offer his services to the government and had had the good fortune to be sent to the front almost immediately.

"What is it?" "Something queer, sir. Listen to the birds."

"Was the general expecting news?" "Nothing's expected, sir; it ain't nothing that we're expecting."

"One of them as has been killed—ugh!" The soldier drew in his breath with a frightened, sucking sound.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed suddenly as the man's face came into view, and the sentry added, as though it were a solemn response: "Lieutenant Fielding, sir! The pity of it!"

When everything necessary had been done for Fielding, the junior surgeon picked up the coat he had cut away from the wound in his arm.

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PELTING THE EARTH.

A CONSTANT SHOWER OF METEORS INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE.

Some of the Larger Ones Which Reached the Earth Unconsumed. Fragment of a Comet's Tail—The Intense Cold of Space Felt by Man.

The atmosphere forms an armor which is almost impenetrable to the meteors that are constantly pelting the earth.

One of the earliest known meteorites fell in 204 B. C. in Phrygia, where for a long time it was worshipped. It was carried to Rome and was supposed to be a messenger from the gods.

In Chinese literature there is mention of meteors which fell in 641 B. C. The oldest known meteorite which was seen to fall is now on exhibition at Esselsheim, Alsace, Germany.

The Chupaderos meteorite, which weighed 25 tons, fell in Chihuahua, Mexico. The largest meteorite known is the Peary stone, which weighs approximately 100 tons.

The city of Milan is perhaps the only one that has been struck by a meteorite. A meteorite of several pounds' weight fell in the heart of that city in the year 1600.

More remarkable are the facts that a ship should be struck, yet a Swedish ship was so struck, the stone killing two of the crew.

Even more remarkable was the experience of the British ship Caydor, which reached San Francisco Nov. 20, 1897. During a severe storm a large brilliant meteor was observed rushing down upon the ship.

Some fatality pursued one part of the comet, and it met its fate in infinite space, literally went to pieces and became a shower of meteors.

The average meteorite immediately after its fall is intensely hot, but at least one, which was handled immediately after falling, still held the intense cold of space.

A meteorite exploded above Dhurnana, Kangra and Punjab, India, in 1860, and a section was picked up immediately by some natives, who brought it with expressions of pain.

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A Change Suggested.

If possible the purchase, bottling and sale of liquor at the State dispensary should be stopped.

As simple, practical, profitable and effective substitute, we suggest: Instead of absolute prohibition, let each county and municipality decide by vote whether liquor shall be sold as a beverage.

Under this plan the State should furnish to the State and county treasurer of each county and to the treasurer of each city, revenue stamps of different kinds and values.

In consequence of insufficient support, the Rev. Dr. Goodman had been compelled to resign and was about to accept a call from a church in another city.

"The government pension roll contains 391,519 names."

"Every ship in the British navy has its temp rance society."

Often the world has thrilled at the story of that wonderful being, Grace Darling, whose strong hands and plucky spirit rescued so many perishing souls from watery graves.

Many women have within them the spirit of heroism without the physical capacity to carry it out.

"I was born out of school when I married," said a handsome young Brooklyn woman to an acquaintance.

"My married sister told me I ought to write to Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, but felt so guilty to do so, that I never did."

This is a true experience; it is the story of thousands of women. It is a composite picture in which the traces face behind face, lined with suffering, channeled with tears.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ARDENVILLE COUNTY.

By virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at the Court House, S. C., at public auction on Wednesday, January 19, 1900, (Tuesday, January 2) within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and in the County of Ardenville, to-wit:

Emerson Pianos. YOU will find me at the ALLIANCE STORE with a select stock of—

Fine Pianos And Organs. I am prepared to sell on easy terms to responsible parties.

Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. Second Term begins Jan. 29, 1900. Students received at any time.

Notice of Final Settlement. Estate of E. D. McArthur, dec'd, hereinafter called, by me, Administrator.

SPECIAL SALE OF PIANOS AND ORGANS. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS—

C. A. REED MUSIC HOUSE. Will sell any of the following High Grade PIANOS AND ORGANS at prices as low as can be obtained from the Manufacturers direct—

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W. G. McGEE, SURGEON DENTIST. OFFICE—front room, over Farmers and Merchants Bank.

MONEY TO LOAN. ON FARMING LANDS. Easy payments. No commissions charged.

FOR SALE. My House and Lot of four acres on Greenville St., also, Mills and 80 acres of land in York County.

FOR SALE. A BOUET Nine Hundred Acres FINE LAND in Fork Township, between new Perry and Hatton's Ford.

NOTICE. BY virtue of authority vested in me by the Will of W. C. Brown, deceased, I will sell to the highest bidder at Anderson, S. C., on Monday, the first day of January, 1900, a Tract of Land lying on Pungo River.

NOTICE. All persons are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, shoot, snare, trap, net, cut timber or otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by either of the undersigned.

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