

GOIN' HOME TO-DAY.

My business on the jury does the quibbling...

I've somehow felt uneasy like, since first day I...

It was an awkward game to play the gentleman in...

And this 'ere Sunday suit of mine, on Sunday...

But when I wear the stuff a week, it is somehow...

I have no doubt my wife looked out, as well as...

As well as my woman could—see that things...

But nothing happens half so well when I go off...

And I'll get things into shape when I get home...

The woman that I come away, we had a little...

I could not get my hat and left before the show...

But then I first one to give up, when she has...

And she will speak to me with a kiss, when I go...

My little boy—I'll give 'em leave to match him...

If he comes, I'll see him straight about, and try to...

The greatest, cheapest little chap you'll ever want...

And then they laugh, because I think the child...

The little rogue! he goes for me like robbers for...

He'll turn my pockets inside out, when I get...

My little girl—I can't contrive how it should have...

That little pick that's sweet, innocent, and...

She'll meet me half-way down the hill, and kiss...

And light my heart up with her smiles, when I go...

If there's a heaven upon the earth, a little...

He's the heaven's home a work, and then get...

—W. J. Houghton, in Detroit Tribune.

LAL.

We colonists are apt to say that there is...

no twilight in New Zealand, when waxing...

sentimental over memories of the land of...

our childhood, and a sufficiently many a...

pleasant half-hour "between the lights."

But although we have no lingering dusk, sunset...

with us, as seems to have been the case...

ago, as I was riding home on a tired horse...

after a hard day's pounding after the outlying...

sheep.

At that time I was about thirty years old, and...

had a sang bluet as manager on one of...

Lalworth's Clint's great run.

Five hundred a year, with unlimited grub, and a...

weather-tight house on the station was no...

bad thing for a penniless man with no...

interest; and I often plumed myself on my...

own good luck when I came riding...

to exchange good-night with till this particular...

evening, when no sooner had I sprightly started...

at a weary creaker than I was in a moment...

in a cheerless, unshining, and in a...

front was a fellow dressed like a picture, riding...

at a foot pace just in the direction of...

me.

"Who the deuce can it be?" was my first...

mental observation. "Ten to one it's some...

new chum come to spy out the land, and...

see how the place looks from his own...

point of view."

"Good evening, mate," I called out, when I...

got up to the stranger; "going far to-night?"

"No, thank you, father, I hope," he answered,...

turning a face of almost girlish beauty upon me,...

and slightly raising his hat. "But that is a question I...

should be glad to answer, if you know this part...

of the country well."

"Lived here these six years, and know every...

corner as sheep can hide on their backs, and...

know every nook and cranny of the place."

orders do start again. I'll go about with you...

unless you don't want my company; and I suppose I must write a...

report for the Governor's benefit, every month, in...

which I hope you'll help me to do."

He laughed as if there was a joke somewhere, but...

for my part I felt rather put out. Here was a...

great big fellow, with a broad nose, and a...

big time he was my "boss," and had to report on...

my management. I was a bit of an autocrat on my...

station, and I was not at all sure that I was...

thinking. "Look here, Westcott," he said, touching...

my horse's back with his whip, and speaking in a...

manly and casual tone, "What is the matter with...

you, my father's all wrong in this business. What's...

the use of sending me out to overlook his run, when I...

know next to nothing about the business; but that's...

no business of mine, and still less of yours. Let...

us be friends, and forget that you are my father's...

son. Call me 'Fairfax,' and I'll be as good as...

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for the life of me I couldn't identify. The truth...

only dawned on me when I saw Clint, with that...

incredible grace of his rise from his rug in the...

corner and take Lal, the eldest girl, by the hand...

and take her to Lal's secret, and beg him to show...

the wretched girl less kindness for the future?"

Whether wisely or not, I spoke. "What is she...

talking to you about? She's nearly grown up now,...

and I want her to go out to service."

"When will you give her a word?" cried Clint,...

making a long face. "Well, my dear father, and...

what will Mahaffy say to your kind proposal?"

"Well, really, it's too absurd. And yet it's a pity...

for the poor little soul, too. The fact is she has...

such a profound adoration for you that nothing but...

your own word here to consent to it."

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efforts!" he cried at last. "You don't really mean,...

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word. I walked over the fence to meet Fairfax.

"Ralph, my boy, you look very glum! How delicious...

those peaches are," he added, leaning on the...

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the wretched girl less kindness for the future?"

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