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Six four Horse Teams to haul Machinery, Castings, &c., from our shops to Railroad. Apply at Office of TAYLOR MFG. CO., oct 14-17

Select Poetry.

From *Tinsley's Magazine*.
FOR TROUBLE-BORROWERS.

There's many a trouble
Would I wish to be a bubble,
And into the waters of Levee depart,
Did we not release it,
And scatter it to the wind,
And give it a permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow
Would I wish to be a shadow,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings,
So sadly intruding,
That quickly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

How welcome the seeming
Of looks that are beaming,
Whether one's wealth or whether one's poor;
Eyes bright and beaming,
Checks red as a cherry,
The groan and the curse and the heartache can cure.

Resolved to be merry,
All worry to ferry,
Across the broad waters that still us forget,
And no longer fearful,
But happy and cheerful,
We feel life has much that's worth living for yet.

Select Story.

HOW THEY HELPED HER.
BY ROSE HARTWICK THORPE.

"I can't afford it, Celia. I wish I could; but the dress alone would cost fifty dollars, to say nothing of the trimmings and the dressmaker's bill."

"Can't we manage to make it ourselves, mother? The pattern that Miss Bowen cut for me fits beautifully, and I'm sure that we can make it as nicely as any one, if we try. Mr. Dunstan is coming to take possession of Dunstan Hall in two weeks. He is young, wealthy and unmarried; he will call here, of course, as father has anticipated the repairs of the hall, and has had the care of things since his uncle's death. Don't you suppose that father can add a little more to the amount already in your possession? So much depends on my having something nice and becoming to wear, and on my making a fine appearance during the next few weeks."

"I know it," replied her mother with a weary sigh; "but I've only the twenty-five dollars which I've got you and Pet and the young man, and I'm sure that your father can't spare another cent this month, and I wouldn't think of asking him for it. If you get the dress you have set your heart upon having, it will take, at the very least calculation, twenty dollars for dress material, lace and buttons, even if we make it ourselves. This would leave only five dollars for Pet's dress."

"Little Mrs. Haywood emptied the contents of her purse in her lap as she spoke, and carefully counted the shining silver pieces once more, vainly hoping to find that she had been mistaken in the amount it contained. She turned the pieces upside down, and shook it vigorously; she pinched and patted its empty sides, in order to make sure that the outside and the lining were really the same, and eyed the little pile as often as she might, it all ways summed up just twenty-five dollars and three cents.

"Pet's only a little girl, and it won't be so serious a matter if she isn't dressed handsomely," began Miss Celia, appealingly. "The young man is coming to see your mother's, lowering her voice and glancing apprehensively around, she added: "I have passed my twenty-sixth birthday, you know, and I must catch a husband this summer, if I ever intend to. Pet will look very nice in a pretty calico."

"You bet she will!" came like a small blast from behind the sofa. "I'm sure that a great, brown ball rolled into the room, and unfolded itself like a mammoth jack-knife."

First, two bare, sunburned feet were thrust out, then a head and arms became visible, and finally a small terror of the household—viz., the little brother—assumed a sitting posture, and eyed his lady sister with twinkling, fishy eyes.

"I always thought that you's a long time a gettin' past twenty. Pet and I've had six birthdays since you've had a single one," he began laughing immoderately; "an' you've always had a dreadfully odd look for your age, too."

"Dick!" said Miss Celia, turning upon him so suddenly that he was obliged to look at the expected look he turned a double countenance and landed in a heap near the door.

The young lady's features assumed a meditative expression, and when she again addressed him her tones were soft and persuasive.

"I'm going to trust you, Dickie, with a great secret. In fact, I'm going to make a confidant of you, and I go to you if you will find Pet and come with her to the maple tree in half an hour."

"I'll do it!" he cried, springing up like a rubber ball, and darting out of the room with surprising agility.

"A whole pint of peanuts for just goin' out to the maple tree," he soliloquized.

"Cracky!" said the girl, peering in her old age. "Said she's goin' to make a confidant of me. Now she needn't think I'm a-goin' to jine the church, for I shan't do it. The minister baptized six confidants last Sunday; but 'twould take more'n one pint o' peanuts to get me into the water with my best breeches on. They'd never be seen after that, an' I don't get new duds so often that I can afford to spill 'em just to please her."

"Mother," remarked Miss Celia, seriously, after Dick's exit, "I am going to engage both the children to assist me this time. They have been the means of spoiling my matrimonial prospects several times in the past. I think, if they understand matters at the start, they will be more careful this time. They will be only too glad to have me married and settled in a home of my own."

"Yes," sighed Mrs. Haywood, faintly, as her daughter paused and seemed to expect a reply.

"You may make arrangements to get the dress for me," she added as she rose to keep the appointment under the maple tree. "Pet will be glad enough to wear calico, no more summer, when she understands the state of affairs."

"Dick and Pet were under the maple as Celia approached, and that young lady could not help admiring the fresh, plump face of her "little sister," as she had always called her; but somehow the little sister seemed uncommonly tall and womanly on this special afternoon.

She was seated in careless grace upon the maple tree, weaving a chain of blossoms, with which to ornament Dick's hat.

"What is it, Celia?" cried Pet, as her sister drew near. "Are you really going to get married at last? And will you let me make the wedding cake?"

"Yes, if you'll both promise to help me," Celia began. "I might have been married long ago if I had been for you two. You remember Dr. Langdon, who—"

"Yes, I know," faltered Pet, with a conscious blush; "but I was a little thing then,

and didn't understand how to use deception. "An' I remember Fred Jones how he took his hat an' shot out o' the parlor when I told him that you painted, an' powdered, an' squeezed your waist, an' were false hair, an'—"

"Stop, Dick!" cried Celia, severely. "Now, I suppose you'd both be glad if I'd got married?"

"Cracky!" wouldn't we, though? I'd be 'wille' to let you have my circus money if 'twould help any, but it might be another fizzle. Guess I won't."

"No, I don't want the money; but I want you both when Mr. Dunstan comes to speak of me as though I was the best of sisters. You understand what I mean Pet, and you can instruct Dick better than I can. Don't allude to my hair, or if you do, why speak of it as though it was my own. If you can carry the impression that I am about twenty years old, do so."

"In fact," cried Pet indignantly, after she had departed, "she wants us to tell falsehoods; and I tell you Dick I would not do it to get her married fifty times. Though to tell the truth, our home would be much happier if she was in one of her own."

"I'd like a white-head to get her married," said Dick emphatically.

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Suddenly a loud splash a short distance down the river attracted his attention, and he glanced that direction just in time to behold a young man draw in a large bass, which seemed to his excited imagination as though it might weigh a dozen pounds out of the water.

"Cracky!" he exclaimed, using his favorite expression, "he's got the boss place for fishing. I just wish he'd take me in the boat with him."

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Our Ohio.

Decorations in Leather.

"There is nothing new under the sun," but we are happily so constituted that memory is short and every fashion as it comes up is so far really new in that we have no recollection of its earlier appearance.

So, today, one of the favorite decorations is leather, and in admiring the great results obtained by its use we seldom realize how entirely the adaptation of this material is a revival, not of the antique, as we are all so fond of saying, but of fashions that prevailed less than a hundred years ago. How formal some of the interiors were in the days of George, how entirely out of sympathy, as one might suppose, with the spirit of today, and yet, if we could turn a backward glance, say, over some ninety odd years, and gaze into the sacred privacy of some wealthy home, we should assuredly find there much that we call new to-day, and of all novelties none more frequent than leather as a decorative agent.

So far, at least, as the countries of Europe are concerned, this is profoundly true; here, of course, matters are somewhat different, although even across the wide Atlantic, fashion finds its way, and the remembrance of stately homes in England and France gave a tone and meaning to those which sprang up in this country in the prosperous days which were the forerunners of independence.

The leather that is now so commonly used for book covers, and which is so much admired, was imported, and although leather had been produced in America, none of the painted leather which is now in such fashionable demand was manufactured in the country. More than twelve years ago, however, even before the Centennial had awakened an interest in the marvelous art of painting leather, an attempt at its manufacture had been made in New York city, and so far the production of painted leather, or, as it is called, "illuminated leather," is in the hands of one firm. The method of communicating color to the material is a trade secret; it has the appearance of having been dyed, although all paints only are used for the effect, and the colors are as fresh as if the colors were merely laid on, for the entire thickness of the leather appears permeated with color. This result has only been obtained after years of study and experiment, and the manufacturer is an Englishman by birth. In every case a background of gold or silver is first given to the surface of the leather, and the design is then imported from the artist's palette. The most of the designs selected are in imitation of the antique, very few being original, and a preference now is given to those of Moorish origin, although Flemish designs play an almost equally important part.

The illuminated leather manufactured in New York is acknowledged by competent judges to be the best in the world. It is not made in Belgium, for the reason that it does not crack or show signs of wear, and, in fact, resembles the genuine antique in that the older it grows the better it looks. Moreover, it is far more flexible than French leather, and this makes it invaluable as covering for furniture. The demand for this decorative leather is steadily increasing, and it is found of such practical use that in the most stylish modern houses it is fast taking the place of other materials for ceiling and wall decoration. Some houses in the city are decorated throughout with it; others have wall and ceiling decorated in leather for dining-room and library. The expense of such ornamentation varies, but is never light, for, although it can be obtained for as little as a foot, and the best qualities cost over three dollars a foot, and, as a rule, decorated leather guaranteed to wear costs at least ten dollars a yard. For ceiling decoration it is invariably applied in one piece, and crossbars of decorative work are used in connection with it, serving to keep it in position, so that if necessary the entire ceiling could be removed, and the work of the furniture. Dark leather is, as a rule, preferred for the decoration of dwelling-rooms, and lighter shades for bedrooms. Illuminated leather has much to recommend it for ceiling decoration, for the fact that it catches the rays of light and presents a varied appearance from hour to hour. Three or four years ago almost all leather used for interior decoration came from Italy or France. To-day there is every probability of American leather being exported to European countries. The leather most in demand for decorative purposes is the ordinary oak hide; sheepskin is too thin, and morocco is only used for embossing or fancy purposes. Goat skin is occasionally called for, but not often. For nearly every purpose