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This was the bravest warrior
That ever buckled sword;
This the meekest man
That ever breathed a word;
And never earth's philosopher
Traced with his golden pen,
On the deathless page, truth half so sage
As he wrote down for men.

And had he not high honor?
The hillside for his pall.
To lie in state while angels wait,
With stars for tapers tall;
And the dark rock pines, like tossing plumes,
Over his bier to wave,
And God's own hand, in that lonely land,
To lay him in the grave!

In that deep grave without a name,
When his uncoffined clay
Shall break again, (most wondrous thought!)
Before the judgment day,
And stand with glory wrapped around
On the hill's he never trod,
And speak of the strife that won our life
With the Incarnate Son of God!

O lonely tomb in Moab's land!
O, dark Bethpeor hill!
Speak to that curious heart of ours,
And teach them to be still.
God hath His mysteries of grace—
Ways that we cannot tell;
He hides them deep, like the secret sleep
Of him he loved so well.

[Dublin University Magazine.

THE CROSS IN THE VALLEY.

BY WALTER CLYDE.

Calmly in a valley
Where pale lilies grow,
And the daisies dally,
Doth a river flow.
And beside the water
Is a little mound,
Where a fairy daughter
Resting place has found.

Watching o'er her sleeping
Leans a little cross,
Whence her name is peeping
Through the lichen floss;
'Neath its mossy shading
Yet it may be seen;
In the twilight fading
Read it—"Ethel Greene."

Faith with him she plighted,
Him of royal mien;
Cruelly he slighted
Love of Ethel Greene.
By the sighing river,
As he told the change,
Though her heart a quiver
Waved with tremor strange.

Then the lilies whiter
Grew her blooming cheek,
As before the smiter,
Bowed in silence meek,
Drooped the fairy creature,
Blithesome Ethel Greene,
Love upon each feature,
Pleading to be seen.

In the verdant valley
Soon they laid her low,
Where the daisies dally
By the river's flow;
Watching o'er her sleeping
Leans the little cross,
Whence her name is peeping
Through the lichen floss.

[New Orleans Times.

A FERRYMAN'S STORY.

"It's just like a story," said the old ferryman; "just like one of the stories I used to read when I was a boy And if you don't mind, I'll tell it to you while I wait for the rain to cease. It'll soon be over now."

"By all means," said I, eagerly, "Let us have the story."

He threw an additional log on the already blazing fire, then paused and listened to the wind and the rain beating on the roof of the ferry-house, and the waves on the river beach.

"It was just such a night as this," he said; "just such another night, and I had hauled in the boat, and taken in my light, thinking there could be no more passengers in such weather, and at so late an hour, for it was past ten o'clock. But just as I was was about closing the door the wind lulled for an instant, and ...that pause I fancied I heard a cry ...nd shrill, from the opposite shore. ...d and heard it again, and faint ...led I knew it was a women's

...back, and got the boat ...o time, and commenced ...fast as I could make ...waves. The wind ...nd the rain almost ...two-thirds over I ...while standing ...never moved ...wered; and ...eling as I ...e so like ...rits— ...gs,

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up slow... ancing he... ly in he... frightene... ed hastily ... instead sh... At one foot on the edge ... the boat, ...nd before I knew what she was about it was done. She was overboard, and at once went down in the black waters.

"Well sir, I hardly knew how it was, but presently stretching myself half over the boat's side, and groping in the water, I felt something rise against my hand. and I caught a firm hold of it. It was the bundle she carried, and which she now held on with a desperate ... I tried to pull her and it toward me, but somehow she broke away with a grasping cry, and the same time I knew what she held wasn't a bundle, but a child—a baby. And though I watched and waited, and tried everyway to rescue the poor mother, 'twas all in vain. She had gone down a second time, and never rose again.

"When I got home and unfolded the wrappings I at first thought the child was dead. But I had rescued drowned children before this, and in almost an hour's time I perceived that the little thing still lived. I kept it warm all night and did all I could for it, and towards morning it began to move about and I knew 'twould soon be well. Twas a boy—a fine, brord-browed, dark-eyed little fellow, and as everybody said who saw it, as pretty a baby as could be.

"There weren't many neighbors about here then, for it was a lonesomer place than it is now, but the few there were all came down to the ferry-house to see the child, and amongst them came squire's young wife. He had been married not more'n a few ... didn't particularly admi... she had a proud, co... that didn't take with ... and way and it was said ... country folks; had been caught by he... while the squire married him for his mo... uty, she had some place—the Aspe... nd his handsay, sir, you have notic... which I dare ... you ame along. Howsoever it ... Mr. Lockwood, while seffish and ... everybody else, as I ma... pearing to was a perfect slave to ... he was, seemed to think he couldn't ... ife, and ... oo much for her.

"Well, when Mrs. Lock... came into the ferry-house and ha... ed at the child, her eye was ca... the clothes the little thing had ... the which were drying by the fi... and one o' the woman had hung th... here looked at them closely, and ... She 'This is not the child of common ... be, and she pointed to the letters ... written on a linen petticoat in ... hand as regular and small as p... —And then one of the women ... Bryce, the miller's wife—showed ... gold locket and chain that ... found around the baby's neck, and what it was, and if it were real gold? We had never seen anything like it before but 'twas nothing new to Mrs. Lockwood; for when she touched, one side flew open and showed a lock of dark hair and another of a light golden color, twined together; and then she turned it and opened the other side. What she saw there I don't know, but I saw her eyes grow very wide, and the next moment as some one pressed forward to see it, she snapped it together suddenly, and her face grew scarlet and she thrust the trinket into her pocket—'I want to show it to Mr. Lockwood,' she said; 'it may assist in discovering a clue to the to the child's parentage.' And so she took the things away with her.

"Mattie Bryce took the child. She had just lost one of own, an... the little thing throve rarely, and in five years was as fine a little fellow as one could see of that age.—But by this time Mattie had two of her own, and she was not as fond of little Robbie as she used to be. He was set to minding the baby, and often got a smart whipping for any fall or accident that might befall his charge. Yet he was a good, patient child, and merry too—full of spirits and frolic—and I used to think it rather hard he should ...e to sit for hours on the steps, ho... the fat baby in his arms, w... ...ing play.

"On... ...d of his dogs and it's clos... coolness had grown ...d his wife folks said lands—wh... ...er then anything else ing along wi... ...ept his little son—a He was ve... ...ed, spoiled child as it horses, and sin... ...ame along I saw one up between him ... to where some little he loved them b... ...ing on the grass, and in the world e... ...'s baby. And I saw turdy, dark-bro... ...p and try to pull the ... And as he ... strike it with a stick ...e dogs run ... ...eared look at the big ...n were ... ...ased at the child's ...ttie, ... the squire come up ...—he was a fierce- ...d lately taken to ... he struck the ...child, who had ...ing mother's ...w with his

...d looked ...y dark ... qui- ...And ...me ...n

...ed to have anything t... Mattie Bryce's litile Robbie ...e his mother, she said. had ... from all appearances, been a woman of bad character, and she would allow her son to associate with none such. I remember the very words, and I thought of them long afterwards. Perhaps she had other reasons for her dislike of the child. In fact, I don't doubt but she had. That locket might have told her more than other people knew; but it hadn't told her all, as you will see.

"Now the squire's lawn sloped down to the river, where it ended in a broad. In his father's time this beach had been open, like the rest of the river bank, to the fishermen or anybody who liked to stroll along there. But when things came to the pass I have told of and the young squire and his guests would set in the back piazza in the summer days, drinking and singing or sleeping, the curiosity and subsequent possip of the passers-by annoyed him, and he gave orders that no one should pass that way. This not being regarded, he put up a 'Notice to Trespassers,' saying that such 'would be dealt with according to law;' and he did, in fact, carry it out in several instances, but with little more effect than aggravating the people, who seemed to think they had a right to the passageway of the beach. So some half-dozed obstinate spirits stuck to the old privilege, which so worried and exasperated Mr L ckwood that he got quite fierce about it. and first trained his dogs to attack any one who trespassed within his bounds as he called it; and then one of his favorite dogs had been killed by a stalwart quarryman, whom he had attacked, and threats were made to serve the others in the same manner, he used to keep a gun, which he would produce at sight of any one approaching his portion of the beach. More than once he did actually fire upon a party of boys who were bird-nesting among the bushes, though without harming them. They ran away that time, but in or day two stealthily repeated their visit, when the squire set his dogs upon them, and swore that the next person he found on his beach he would shoot.

"Well, sir, it so happend that on the very day after his threat was made, a pet lamb of little Robbie's which being ill and motherless, some one had given the child, thinking it couldn't be raised, got loose from its tether and strayed up the river beach. Robbie, with one or two boys older than himself, in the ... world he could call his own—in his arms. But at that moment out rushed Mr. Lockwood upon the lawn, with his gun in his hands, with a savage shout pursued the children, who at once took to flight. The two elder were quickly over the fence and out of sight among the bushes, but the little one, burthened with the lamb, was not so active,

"I do think, sir, that Mr. Lockwoonk wasn't exactly in his right mind that day, and that he didn't fairly know what he was about--He had been drinking, as usual, and more over, he had been quarreling with his wife; and between this, and his passion at seeing his orders again disregarded, he was what I call not in his right mind. Or it might have been that he didn't really mean to more than frighten the children. Howsoever it was, when not more than thirty yards from the child he stopped, and, pointing his gun, fired at him.

"The cries of the two boys had attracted my attention, und I had turned in time to see the whole transaction I heard the report of the gun, and then I saw the child stop suddenly, and turning, looking at Mr. Lockwood still holding his pet lamb closely in his arms.

"I left my work then and went up ...e spot where the boy stood. As I ...proached him, he made a few stag- ...g uncertain steps toward me, with ...n outstretched and fell, pale, and ...ght lifeless, in my arms. And I saw that he was shot, and ...oured in a thick stream from ...stained all his poor tattered ...jacket. And still he held ...r in his arms, and there ...in this and his silence ...e strangely of his ...ircumstances of her

...pity for nor mer... ...hen I carried ...at house, and ...of that bad, ...all that I ...t to this ...wood, ...im ...she ... and show... portrait that ...

"The squire ... took up the child in ... carrying him up stai... opposed it saying that th... the most suitable place ... turned fercely upon her then— still ghastly fierceness—and sa... words that we all overheard; ... she was not his lawful wife and ... boy he held was lawfully the ... she shrank back, pale and stu... and that was the last time bu... ever looked upon her face.

The toy died that e... gently with his little hand ... when it was told the s...

...went home to the ferry-house.

It was near upon eleven olck ...at I was aroused by some one ... at my window, and urging ... haste and get the boat out a... and his companion across ... with the offer of treble pay ... hurry. I knew the agent of w... spoken; and when half w... discovered that his companio... Lockwood. But as I said m... bitter against the squire that I felt no pity or concern for h... bering the corpse that lay far ... der those waters, and the ot... this very moment beneath his ...

An hour had scarcely passed ... returning, when Mr. Lockwo... down to the ferry—not raving ... I expected he would be but ... white in his anger. He looked ... to the priming of his pistols as ... boat ready a second time, and se... murder was in his heart, I d... long as I could, for I had no ... bloodshed. As we crossed the ... slipped the rope several times ... make the passage as long as ...

though he kept swearing at me if I did'nt hurry. I'm a meek man in general but somehow my blood was up then, and I said:

Yes shoot—shoot and kill me, as you've done your own child. You can't do worse than that.

The words were scarcely out of my mouth when the boat gave a sudden jerk or lurch backward. I did'nt know then, and I don't know now how it happened, unless it was occasioned by some drift wood or branch of a tree floating beneath the water'—for there had been a terrible storm and flood the day before that had filled the river with such, and had been gathering along the shores for years past. Such floods happened only once in five or six years.

At the moment the boat lurched Mr. Lockwood half started up, but then he fell back again, and bent over the side of the boat, looking down into the water. And at this moment there was another lurch, and before I knew what had happened the boat turned half over. and I heard a splash and a cry, and he went as straight to the bottom as though a weight had been fastened to his feet. And, sir, as I sat there leaning over the boat straining and groping about in the ... as what happened the day after; for when, in the morning, the people went out to look for the body, they found it a short distance below, attached to a tangled mass of trees and rubbish, that seemed to have been stirred up from the river bottom, or swept away from the banks. And, sir," said the old man solemnly, "the feet of the corpse were entangled and held fast in the ribs of a skeleton—a woman's skeleton—that formed part of the tangled mass!"

The rain was over now, and as the old fisherman left me to prepare his boat for crossing, I sat alone by the fire, silently thinking over his strange story.

SCENE AT A SCHOOL.—First class in philosophy step out, close your books. John Jones, how many kingdoms in nature?

Four.

Name them.

England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Pass to next, Smith.

Four—the animal, vegetable, mineral and kingdom come.

Good, go up to the head.

Hobbs, what is meant by the animal kingdom?

Lions, tigers, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamusses, alligators, monkeys, jackasses, hack-drivers and schoolmasters.

Very well, but you'll take a licking for that last remark.

Giles, what is the mineral kingdom?

The hull of California.

Walk straight to the head.

Johnson, what is the vegetable kingdom?

Garden sass, potatoes, carrots, onions and all kinds of green peas that is any good for cooking.

And what are pines, and hemlocks and elms—ain't they vegetable?

No, sir-ree, you can't cook 'em—them's saw logs and farming tim...

Boys, give me an apple, an... can have an ...r's intermission, except Ho...

HARD ON THE HARD SHELLS.—A ...eler called la... ...t nightfall at a farmer's ho... in Albany ...ner being from home ... the mother ...er being al... refused to l... "How far, ... se where a ...h! if you ... can stop ...ly he ...

...ought cu... his hyma book, ...oon tell what k... ...ust her hand ... put out a flask ...ed: "La mother! he's a H... ..."

☞ A Yankee and a Frenchman owned a ...in copartnership. When killing time ca... wished to divide the meat. The Yankee w... anxious to divide it so that he could get bo... quarters, and persuaded the Frenchman that the way to divide was to cut it across the back. The Frenchman agreed to it, on condition that the Yankee would turn his back, and take his choice of the pieces after it was cut in two. The Yankee turned his back accordingly.

Frenchman—Vich vill you have—ze piece viz ze tail on, or ze piece wiz ze head on?

Yankee—The piece with the tail on.

Frenchman—Zen, by gar! you can take him, an I take ze ozer one.

Upon turning around, the Yankee found that the Frenchman had cut off the tail and stuck it in the pig's mouth.

☞ Josh Billings says what is called a humorist, is a man who tries to be funny, but trics in vain, and when a man once gets this complaint nothing but death will heal him.

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