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The rain that enght us in the wood, The cakes we had when we were good, The doll I broke and made you ery, When we were children, you and 1?

Have you forgotten, little wife, The dawning of that o her life, The strange new light the whole world

When I fe love's perfect blossom bore, The dreams we had, the songs we made. The sunshine and the woven shade, The tears of many a sad goodby,

Ah, nay! Your loving heart, I know, Remembers still the long ago. It is the light of childhood's days That shines through all your winning way

When we were parted, you and I?

God grant we ne'er forget our youth, Its innocence and faith and truth; The smiles, the tears and hopes gone by,

A BORDER HEROINE.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

We of Custer's command were swinging around to reopen the overland trail, every station of which in western Kansas had been captured by the Indians. We had gone into camp one night after a continuous ride of nearly 100 miles, and everybody but the sentincls was fast asleep, when there came riding in from the northwest a girl, 18 years old, named Mary Thompson. She was riding a pony without saddle or bridle, and she was hatless and without shoes. Most of the men had been aroused, and were apxious to hear her story before she reached the general's teut. Her report was terse and to the point. Ten miles to the northwest was a party of provisions and ammunition and was pioncers-8 wagons, 20 men and 40 women and children. The camp had been attacked by Indians an hour before, and the girl had mounted her pony, dashed through the lines and galloped in search of aid. She had been followed for the first-three or four miles by mounted Indians, but had distanced

Curtor interrogated her concerning ton-in trying to negotiate a screender. the situation of the camp and the and then, finding the girl inflexible, strength of the Ipitane, and, believing they made their first attack. At a given ad back to their blankets. It was about spaced for the event of the hill. They an hour before daylight when we gained it, but after a fight of two minmoved, the girl riding at the head of or three scouts, and we were within last was the chief himself. He was that II did not cover to septembe to try as half a mile of the comp when the dark— through the cheek and hed the tip of simple an experiment. It is a matter ness faded away and gave us a view of at the hestiles, a sharp fight for ten two years later he drowned binself in

and four wounded men-ten dead or wounded women and children. Every horse and male was displied, and had we waited a quarter of in hour longer the Indians would have "rushed" and cattled the camp and wiped out every soul. At midnight they had cut off two of the osper wagons for a monorat and made capillys a tay 10 years olds. Mary Thompson a own trother. Her father and mother were among the dead, her brother carried away by the warriors picacers crowded about the girl and wagons to be alone with her grief.

and argued with her, but she refused to | tween two loys. The woke him up and go back to a point of safety with the got him out of the lodge without dis-Mrviving pioneers. She did not ask to go with the command, but intended to depend spon-herself alone. I think she would have been forced to go away with the pioneers had she remained with us a few minutes longer. While the people were making ready for a start the rank and file learned of her determination. We outfitted her pony, handed her over a winchester rifle and a revolver and plenty of ammunition, supplied her with food for several days, and nothing

was lacking when she rode out of camp in the direction the Indians had taken. Knowing that her brother Jimmie would be sent to some village among the hills to be held captive, she gave all ber attention to dodging war parties and hunting out villages. On the old maps of Kansas there used to be a creek called Thompson creek, and it was named after the girl. One morning after a night spent in riding over the plains she entered a grove of willows and cottonwoods on a little island in the middle of the stream to lie up for the day. About 10 o'clock in the forenoon an Indian band numbering about 20 old men, women and children came along to get back to the village. and made their camp on the east bank of the stream and within pistol shot of the hiding girl. Among the boys she saw her brother for the first time. He

had been clothed in Indian dress, but the grove to cut lodge poles and firewood, and the girl planned a feat which the most daring scout would have hest tated to attempt. It was to carry the boy off in the face of the village, and it was not her fault that she made a fail trised at eight of her that he ran away. successor to Dr. Stone." she overtook him and seized and tried mage. She did not go for, however. Hart- from us, and you of licented the willings in which the top prised by news of

met a scouting party of cavalry and was supplied with 100 rounds and as much provisions as she would take. She had then been dogging the Indians for over two months and had domed male attire as the handiest to get about in. There were Indians on the trail of the scooting party, and an hour after Mary bad gone her way she found 12 mounted warriors in sight behind her This was at 10 o'clock, in the morning and on the open plains. She headed for the faraway hills to the west, and for the first hour permitted the Indians to gain cu her. When they had come within half a mile, she set the pace to hold them there, and made one of the greatest rides recorded under like circum-

son. Her stock of ammunition had been

reduced to nine cartridges when she

stances. Her borse was in prime condition, and the ponies were also at their best. The Indians knew whom they were after and determined to capture When we were children, you and I. -Frederick C. Weatherly in Cassell's Magazine her alive and unbuft. The race and pursuit lasted for 60 miles, every rod of which was covered

at a gallop. The girl was riding straight into the enemy's country, and at sun down she determined to go no farther. As she reached the creek flowing around the east base of "Thompson's fort," which is a hill standing by itself, she threw berself off her horse and took a long drink and then led the animal to the crest of the hill. Fortunately for her there was a sink or basin at the top, with many loose rocks lying about, and in a short time she had done all that a soldier could have accomplished under the circumstances. As the Indians came

up they spread out to encircle the bill.

They had run their victim to earth and

were in no hurry to face her ride. From dark to dawn the beroine was not disturbed, and she afterward related that she slept fairly well. She had a schlier's canteen full of water, plenty not at all dismayed over the situation. When morning came, the Indiane demanded her surrender, giving her much one of their villages unhars. This they would likely have done, but she did not propose to become a cligative while able to give a shot from rifle or revolver. Two hours were consumed by the Indiutes were driven off with the loss of two his tengue carried away, and so builty did this interfere with his speech that | strong scream girls, but sucong we despair. Se well was the girl intreached

she went her way in prace. As I now Mary Thompson when she so did I see her when it had been coneluded. From May until November she secuted the plains and dodged among the hills alone, her life and liberty in as they fied before us. The soldiers said parti, althout every hour in the \$4. The village in which her brother was held gave her words of sympathy, and for a gaptive moved many times, but she alfew minutes she hid away in one of the ways located it ancw and watched for reaches the spot where the surper lies her opportunity. It came one night There is a popular definite in English with the setting in of winter. There that is is illegal to cut down a be When she reappeared, her teurs had unwith the setting in of winter. Therethat is is slinged to ext down
tabed, and she announced her resiluwas a blinger! raging when she entered found longing before a police.

For three nights and two days she told

the fort, wounding two other Indiana

turbing the others, and once they had direction of a supply camp 60 miles dis- where a patient, at his own reques double the race would scon have been nies of the Seventh cavalry, and we

Indians only half a mile away. Then foll-wed what the eastern philanthropists have been pleased to term "a cold blooded slaughter of unarmed Indian's." There were 22 in the band, All were armed, but they came over the ridge and down among us before they knew of our presence. Only three hved

Librarian Keen.

Speaking of Gregory B. Kcen, who has just been elected librarian of the she identified him at once. He was succeed the late Frederick D. Stone, among the score of lads sent across to the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "In pure library work Mr. Keen has had good experience as the librarian of the library of the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he has been the corresponding secretary of the society. His papers on the Swedish influence in are of it. He was one of the first to Pennsylvania are marked by the socireach the island, and she rode boldly ety's careful methods of investigation, out of shelter and called him by name and both by tastes and training Mr. and moved toward him. He was so sur- Keen is fitted to prove a most worthy

bruke away from her and the Indians As Andree was about to depart or his sounded the alarm. As many as a score folar balloon be was asked how soon of aid men and beys mounted ponies tidings from him might be expected. and attempted to capture Miss Thomp. His answer was, "As Just not before me, but after wortning two and being three mentile, and one year, pulleys the mount increase the Tempers's until the nationes organis of the north but was time material after Harry Distript have been somepoin-

## POPULAR DELUSIONS.

of Those That flave Not Yet Been

Torn Up by the Roots. It is remarkable how many popular elusions still linger in spite of the spread of enlightenment. I am not referring now to historical and literary fictions, such as the common "Up guards and at 'em," popularly ascribed to Wellington at Waterloo, to the "England expects every man to do his duty,' mistakenly ascribed to Nelson, nor to the utterly untrue story about "Jessie" announcing the advance of the highlanders to the relief of Lucknew on hearing bagpipes which (as a matter of fact) were not played. Neither am I'referring to those popular superstitions which the Thirteen club is endeavoring to kill by ridicule, though there are "lucky" as well as unlucky superstitions, which the Thirteen club does not reck. The belief in the luck bringing power of the horseshoe, for example, which led Lord Nelson to nail one to' the mast of the Victory, still survives, and gamblers throughout the world—even the mist astute and worldly minded-have a traditional reverence for humpbacked persons.

Perhaps I had better exemplify what I mean. Well I remember cace, while in a midland town, henring somebody my that the carrying of a raw potato in the trousers pocket was an unfailing preventive of rheumatism. To my amazement several individuals-all of them men of intelligence and local standingproduced the desiccated mummies of potatoes, from which the moisture had evaporated and which in size, hardness and appearance were exactly like rough pebbles. There men were firmly convinced of the virtues of the potato at aspecific against rheumation, and they declined to be imaghed out of their tolief, maintaining that they had practical proof of the raw potato's efficacy if simply curried in the pocket. I find on inquiry that many people are as firmly praise and promising to excert her to convinced of the officary of wearing a sine ring. You may tell an individual of this sort that it is great presents to think that the securing of such a ring men wood off rhouseclists, but he will sective you that he hard's letter, for. Chrysne he med to be a marry to than affliction, he has not felt a Twings since

he were his ring. and excepting all their bullets, and then mone at all. A popular de When Nerwegistes are in quest of a tion to make an effort to receive her the village, crept from lodge to lodge rives. Lives might have been seved but

A corious occurrences their place remounted her horse they set off in the cently in Professor Krufft-Ebing's clinic, fant. So severe was the storm, howev- was allowed by the professor to deliver er, that after riding ten miles the pair a lecture in his place in order to dennis made camp in a ravine until the worst strate the peculiarity of his mental was over. It was 30 hours before the state. The patient is a highly educated storm ceased, and the Indians soon man, of exceptional intellectual endowstarted out and picked up the trail al-ments, but for many years he has been thost as soon as the pair had taken the subject of so called "circular" incamp. The snow lay two feet deep on sanity. The recurrence of the discare the level, and with the horse carrying prevents his pursuing for any length of time any occupation in which his natran. Camped in a similar ravine, ten ural abilities and acquired accomplish-miles to the west, were three compa-ments would in happier circumstances have enabled him to gain distinction. had just broken camp and got into the saddle when Mary Thompson, with her shows an astonishing wealth of ideas, brother on the saddle behind her, came and with his manifold knowledge and riding down upon us, with the yelling his readiness of expression (he has lately been a writer) becomes witty and even brilliant in his language. Thus in the lecture he delivered on the mental condition of the maniae in periodical attacks of madness he puzzled his ardience by the brilliant and exact form of his speech, and on a lay person or a junior student might even have made the impression that his statements were correct and his conclusions logically drawn, though, in fact, they were all nonsense. He spoke for nearly an hour, holding the attention of his audience the whole Historical society of Pennsylvania to time. His look and bearing, which are those of a scholar, helped to keep up the illusion.—British Medical Journal.

> The Tenuyson Spectacle. One day, some years ago, says the London News, Lord Tennyson was walking in meditation about the grounds at Aldwerth, when a tourist rushed toward him leaving belind a party of friends to follow more at leisure. Arrived within speaking distance. the etranger aid, "Can you tall me. where I can find the poet Terrepsen?" Taken by surprise, the great laurence