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A FAREWELL.

Forget me not, Though distant be thy lot. And never more our loving hands may twine

Sweet Friendship's wreath; Yet all thy care beneath Remember still my heart's ever thine.

To cheer our souls When trouble's thunder rolls And sorrow's rain-clouds troop, true love is given; To save from death Our often-way'ring faith-

The Past was sweet, The Future leads our feet Through unknown paths of many a distant scene. O friend, farewell? No words of mine can tell How treasured in my heart thy love hath been!

BILL ARP.

same old story. Love and court-tering place and waltzes a few better be careful about marrying the calves on the bottle. Getting ship. Then comes the engagement times with a charming girl and a young wife. He won't be happy married ought to be a considerate ring and a blessed interval of fond falls desperately in love and mar- but about two weeks, and then his business. Folks oughten to get hopes and happy dreams and then ries her off hand, it is a long misery will begin and it will nev- married in a hurry, neither ought the day is fixed—the auspicious shoot and a narrow chance for er end. It may be better for a they wait four or five years; six day that is never to be forgotten- hapiness. Why, we may live in woman to be an old man's darling months is long enough for an ena day that brings happiness or the same town with people and not than a young man's slave, but she gagement, I don't mean children. misery and begins a new life, know as much about them as we had better be neither. When a I mean grown folks who have set-Then comes the license, the per- ought to. I never made any mis- young girl marries an old man for tled in life and know what they are mit of the law which says you may take about my choice of a partner his money she has gone back on about. There is no godlier sight marry, you may enter into bonds. for the dance of life, but I have herself, for money don't bring hap-in all nature than to see a good The State approves it and the law thought of it a thousand times, piness. Money helps, but money looking, healthy young man who allows it and it will only cost you that if Mrs. Arp had known I lov- with a dead weight is a cure—an is making an honest living stand a dollar and a quarter. Cheap, ed codfish and got up by daybreak aggravation. I was talking one up at the altar with a pure, sweet, ain't it, and yet it may be very every morning she never would day to an old man, a Frenchman, good tempered, affectionate, indusdear. Then comes the minister, have had me. It was nip and tuck who had made a hermit of himself trious girl and the parents on both and the happy pair stands up be- to get her anyhow and that would and was living all alone in the sides approving the match. Then fore him and make some solemn have been the feather to break the woods, and he said: "Mine friend, the big pot ought to be put in the vows and listen to a prayer and camel's back. Well, I'm mortal I hav make one grand meestake. little pot and everybody rejoice. benediction, and they are one. In glad she didn't know it, though I Mine first wife whom I marry ven a moment the trusting maid has am free to say that if I had known I vas young vas an agel from heavlost her name and her free will she slept until the second ringing en, God bless her, but mine last -There is less crime in the Uniand is tied fast to a man. Well, of the first bell for breakfast and wife vas a devil from - " and he ted States in proportion to the pophe is tied fast, too, so it is all was fond of raw oysters, it would pointed downwards. "I vas old ulation than in any other country right all round I reckon, but some have had a dampening effect on and she vas young. I had money in the world.

about the woman than the man. a few. But I have seen some in haste and repent at my leisure. She is a helpless sort of a creature mighty clever people eat oysters I try to live wid her tree years, and takes the most risk, for she raw and sleep late in the morning. but we were not compatible. It risks her all.

into the family, and we kissed her many of these things, and it is a and so I geeve her half my monies lovingly and bade them good-bye, beautiful illustration of this to and run away from her and hide and the children threw a shower see Mrs. Arp cooking codfish for in this wilderness and here vill I of rice over them and an old shoe me and fixing it all up so nice die, and ven I go oop to St. Peter after them, and they were soon on with eggs and cream, and it is a and tell heem how dot voman devtheir way to the land of flowers. touching evidence of my undying il me on earth de good man vill She was not our child, but was al- devotion to her to see me wander- open de garden gate and say come most, for Mrs. Arp was the only ing about the house lonely and for- in my brother for you hav had mother she ever knew and we love lorn every morning for an hour or trouble enough." her.

over the scene and I wondered that codfish business comes to me hon lies among the families of the rich. there were as many happy mar- estly from my father's side, and Children raised to work and to raiges as there seem to be. Part- my mother put up with it like a wait on themselves make better ners for life ought to be congenial good considerate wife, and we husbands and better wives than and harmonious in so many things. children grew up with an idea that those raised in luxury. It is When men make a partnership in it was good. I've heard of a mighty hard for a man to please business they can't get along well young couple who got married his wife and keep her in good huif they are unlike in disposition or and went off to Augusta on a tour, mor if she has been petted by her in moral principle, or in business and a feller stuck his fork into a parents and never knew a want habits. But they can't dissolve codfish ball and took a bite. He and had no useful work to do. She and seperate at pleasure and try chocked it down like a hero, and soon takes the ennui or the conanother man.

their counterparts, and so they do thing dead in the bread."

We gave him a cordial welcome harmonize and compromise a good I find myself a fool and a prisoner, two, and forbidding even the cat to | Country marriages are general-I sat in my piazza ruminating walk heavy while she sleeps. That ly happier than those made in citwhen his beloved asked what was niptions or the "don't know what I A man and his wife ought to be the matter, replied: "Don't say want," and must go back to ma. alike in most everything. It is anything about it, Mandy, but as A young lady who never did anysaid that folks like their opposite, sure as you are born there is some-thing after she quit school but

in some respects. A man with Well, we can make compromises and go to the theatre or the dance blue eyes goes mighty nigh de- about all such things as habits will never make a good wife. This stracted over a woman with hazel and tastes, but there are some wife business is a very serious bus-The only perfect gift on this side Heav- eyes. I did, and I'm distracted things that won't compromise iness. It is right hard work to yet whenever I look into them. worth a cent. If a girl has been play wife. The mother of six, But in mental qualities and emo-brought up to having a good deal eight or ten children has seen tional qualities and tastes and of freedom and thinks it no harm sights. She knows what care and habits and principles and convicto go waltzing around with every work is; and one of these do-nothtions and the like they ought to gay Lothario who loves to dance, ing women can't stand it. If she class together. Indeed it is better and after she gets a feller of her is not a used up institution with for them to have the same politics own, wants to keep at it and have one child, two will finish her and and the same religion. And so I polluted arms around her waiste, if it wasn't for condensed milk the have observed that the happiest she had just as well sing farewell children would perish to death in unions as a general thing are those to conjugal love and domestic a month after they were born, and where the high contracting parties peace, for it is against order of na-sorter like the cows in Florida. I He Ruminates Over Love, Courtship have know each other for a long ture for a loving husband to stand heard a Florida man say the other time and have assimilated from it, and he ought to be considered, day that a Florida cow didn't give their youth in thought and feeling. and that is age. A few years make enough milk to color the coffee for Married and gone. It is the When a man goes off to some wa- no difference, but an old man had breakfast and they had to raise

how I always feel more concern my ardor for a few minutes, only and she had none. I marry her But still a man and his wife can was against de order of nature and

dress for company and make visits