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UNFINISHED STILL.

A baby's boot, and a skein of wool, Faded and soiled and soft; Odd things, you say, and I doubt you're right Round a seaman's neck this stormy night, Up in the yards aloft.

Most like 'tis folly; but, mate, look here; When first I went to sea.

woman stood on you far-off stand, With a wedding-ring on the small soft hand Which clung so close to me-

My wife-God bless her! The day before She sat beside my foot; And the sunlight kissed her yellow hair, And the dainty fingers, deft and fair, Knitted a baby's boot.

The voyage was over; I came ashore; What, think you, found I there? A grave the daisies had sprinkled white, A cottage empty and dark as night, And this beside the chair.

The little boot, 'twas unfinished still; The tangled skein lay near; But the knitter had gone away to rest, Whith the babe asleep on her quiet breast, Down in the church-yard drear.

HIRAM HOGG'S EXPERIENCE.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

When I asked Lucy Bacon to be Mrs Hogg, she turned up her pert little nose and said she couldn't think of taking such an outlandish name.

"The name's well enough," I said brist ling up. "You forget surely, that like our dis inguish namesake, we spell it with

"Do you think spelling it with a double w would make it any nicer to be called Mrs. Soww?" she asked, saucily.

With a grunt of disgust I turned my back on the provoking minx, and went my way, determined to banish her forever from my thoughts. But she wouldn't be banished. Her

image, confound it, was as obstinate as herself. It would stick in my fancy, in spite of every effort to drive it out.

For some time I treated her with pout ing dignity, met her pleasant greetings with stiff bows, and paid ostentations court to her rival coquette, Pattie Dunn, who I - detested almost as much as she

But it was no use trying, I couldn't we met, that I fairly gave in at last, and something like the old relations were restored between us.

I was a bit of a politician, and had work ed like a beaver, at the last election, to secure a seat in the Legislature for my my obscurity. friend Smith, and had succeeded. Now

He got a bill through changing my name to Percy Randall. The cost, in champagne and oysters, was immense; learn something to their advantage. but that was nothing to the jokes I was made the butt of. One old senatorial reprobate for instance moved that a comimmersion.

self to Lucy as Mr. Percy Randall.

"What a real nice name!" she said.

"I'm glad you think so," I answered; permit me to make you the offer of it.' And I caught her hand in mine.

She drew it back gently. "I-I'm sure I feel very-very much but-but-"

"But what, dearest?"

"It can never be."

"Never?" "Never!"

After all the champagne, jokes and ysters I had stood, that was the answer

got! "Traitress!" I exclaimed, "you love

There was a confession in her blush as plain as any words could have spoken.

In a month's time Lucy Bacon had become Mrs. Salathiel Shoate; and it gave his head. me pleasure to think that her new name after all, was little less swinish than the one I had first offered her. can make no difference."

I got up pluck at last, and removed to under my new name, to commence my career anew. None of my old friends were informed of my abode. It was my traces of myself. If, mayhap, those who | the name of Hogg." had once known me one day found me out, it should be when I had made the name of Percy Randall famous.

I went into politics, cultivated stumporatory, and was finally nominated for Congress. It was on the eve of the election, and my chances of success were excellent. I had gone to the railwaystation to meet a friend who had been canvassing a part of the district, and who was to meet me and report progress.

"Hello! Hogg!" exclaimed a voice, as the train stopped, and the passengers swarmed out to make the best of fifteen minutes allowed them for refreshments.

"Hogg, I say!" repeated the voice, as I turned my back to avoid recognition by any one who knew me by that odious

A heavy slap on the shoulder left me no alternative but to confront the voice's owner, who proved to be an old chum whom I had not seen since the day on which our venerable Alma Mater had turned us out, with her blessing, a couple of jolly Bachelors of Arts.

"Hogg, I say !"

What an embarrassing position! I could not return the salutation without admitting either that I was now passing under an assumed name, or that I was, for some reason, the possessor of an alias. Most of those present knew me, and a cir cumstance so suspicious would be sure, at the present juncture, to be used to my disadvantage. I had to decide quickly. The best course I could think of was to give my old friend the cut direct and walk off as though I did not know him.

Next morning a handbill come out ad-Slashem." "Men of Slashem!" it began-"do you

wish to be represented in the halls of a information" &c. nation by a coward?" Then followed a statement backed by numerous affidavits, to the effect that I had suffered myself to be publicly insulted-in short, to be called a "hog" three several times-without resenting it.

It was a regular fire-eating community hold out. Instead of resenting my con- The faintest suspicion that a man wasn't duct, Lucy kepther temper so admirably ready to fight to the death on the least and made herself so charming whenever provocation, at once lost him caste, character, and influence. I had no plausible explanation to offer, and no time to offer it had I one. I was overwhelmingly defeated, and went to hide my disgrace where I trusted none would ever invade

Not long after, an advertisement in a was the time to requite my services, and newspaper attracted my notice. It re-Hogg to report themselves to a certain legal gentleman, from whom they might tant General."

who had gone abroad many years ago, and of whom the family had never since was the nearest heir. At all events the I was overjoyed when the thing was thing was worth looking after. The failover, and had the right to present my- ure of my recent plans had placed me in such eircumstances that a lucky windfall would prove most acceptable.

I scraped together money enough to had conjectured. Ezekiel Hogg was my uncle. He was dead, and had left-an her very pictures were taken from the pious man. He told Pat he was going all at once, and so they stand round in flattered Mr. Hogg-Randall, I mean, enormous fortune-I don't want to recollect how much.

I explained my relationship to the

"If you establish what you say," replied the lawyer, "you are his nearest heir." 'And of course, entitled to his fortune' I remarked.

"May I ask a question?" inquired the lawyer.

"Certainly," I answered. "What is your name?"

"Percy Randall," I said; 'it was Hiram In a paroxysm of rage and jealousy I Hogg, but I had it changed by an Act of the Legislature." The old lawyer looked at me and shook

"Most unfortunate!" he added. "How so?" I asked, "Surely the name

a remote southwestern State, resolved, he returned. "Your uncle had some peculiar notions, it seems. He only wished

It needed no elaborate opinion to cnable me to see the point. The fortune that would have been mine went to some trumpery third or fourth cousin, and all through my stupid folly in changing my name to gratify a whim of faithless Lucy Bacon, whom I lost to boot.

A Southern Heroine.

BY H. E. S.

The times which try mens' souls, generally develope the heroic in woman's narure. We had several instances of this during the late war for Southern independence; and though we had no Joan of Arc, leading our troops on to victory, we had women as brave as Joza, and alas! almost as unfortuna e.

When the war clouds first arose Mrs. Rose Greenhow was residing in Washingtou. She threw herself with all the enthusiasm of her nature into the Southern cause, which was dearer to her than life itself. Possessed of determination, great courage, keen powers of observation, cool, and wary, she had the very qualities to fit her for the role she de signed to act. Moving in the most aristocratic circles, thrown in daily contact with the statesmen of the country, she saw and knew much that her wisdom taught her would be of use to the Southern cause and she put her knowledge to

The first service that she rendered to the young Confederacy was to send word of the approach of the Northern troops on their way to Richmond. Thomas dressed to "The independent voters of Jordan, Adjutant-General, sends her word, "Let them come; we are ready for them. We rely upon you for precise

Few persons know to whom the South is indebted for the wonderful triumph at Bull Run. When Mrs. Greenhow ascertained that the Federal troops intended to intercept Johnson by cutting the Winchester railroad, and thus prevent him reinforcing Beauregard, she things of history; and, had not the after conflicts which ensued fully proved the bravery of the Federal army, the world, judging by the Bull Run panic, would have had but a poor opinion of Northern valor. In the following communication Mrs. Greenhow received ample reward: "Our President and our General direct me to thank you. We rely upon you for quested the surviving relatives of Ezekiel | further information. The Confederacy owes you a debt. (Signed) Jordan. Adju

Now fairly started on her dangerous I had a paternl uncle named Ezekiel, mission, this wonderful woman daily forwarded the most valuable information South. Drawings of the fortifications mittee be appointed to report whether my heard. It might be that he had died around Washington were sent, and every service to the cause she had espoused.

> In those days, when suspicion was on the alert, it was natural that Mrs. Greenhow should be suspected of giving "aid and comfort to the enemy." She was watched, and, at length, was made pris- the country. make the journey necessary to reach the oner in her own house. For seven days wall on suspicion that treasonable papers were concealed behind them. Guards placed at her door, and in the presence ties of her toilet.

During her long captivity she had her too keen for the detectives, and her daring, tact, and courage soared as boldly as ever. While a prisoner in her own house, she was subjected to the most rigorous treatment, and when removed from thence to the Old Capitol Prison, her replied Pat

'It makes a vast difference in this case,' cies of weulth and high social position, tions. Presently the deacon uttered an was now locked up in a small room, with nothing more downy to sleep on than a his fortune to remain in the family, but I straw bed, and nothing more palatable to I dacency at a'l?' said Pat, at the same in his name. His will provides that it eat than coarse prison fare. Her spirit time giving him a punch in the fibs, purpose, for the present, to obliterate all | shall go to his nearest relative bearing | never faltered, although her body grew weak; and for ten long weary months, brium. she endured her hard lot with the sublimest fottitude.

Tried by a military commission, she was sentenced to be sent South; and when worn and weary she at length reached the end of her journey, the words of the Southern President fell like music on her ear, "But for you there would have been no battle of Bull-Run."

She did not live to see the downfall of the cause for which she had risked her all. In attempting to run the blockade at Wilmington, on her way from England, she was drowned, and her body was afterwards recovered. Thus ended the life of this brilliant and courageous woman, who throwing her whole soul into the louthern cause, was glad to suffer for it. When we make up our list of heroic Southern women let us not forget Rose Greenhow.

A Leaper in Detroit.

There is at present in one of the public institutions of this city a genuine, welldefined case of leprosy. The victim is John McCarthy, a native of Buffalo, aged twenty-one years. He has been afflicted with it ever since his earliest recollection. and has led a vagrant life, wandering, a hopeless outcast, from city to city, occasionally dropping into almshouses and frequently finding refuge in penal institutions as a vagrant. McCarthy is covered with white scales which fall off constantly and are as constantly renewed. These are on the scalp, face and hands' and also cover some portions of the body half an inch in thickness, having the appearance of dried codfish skin.

Physicians, accustomed as they are to sad sights, have turned away from the in reply the heartless response, "Do as I contemplation of McCarthy's horrible case, sick in body and spirit. The patient is rapidly becoming imbecile from disturbed nutrition and want of rest, for until recently he has scarce been known to sleep. The entire of the affected region is a mass of leprous irritation, and a show er of scales flies off with the least motion, despatched the information. The result the bed presenting the appearance someis well known; the battle, the rout, are what of having been literally strewn with coarse bran. Medicines thus far have had but little effect, owing in part, no doubt, to bad hygience, poor food, and insufficient clothing. Now his condition seems a little improved. Even should he improve for a time, the disease would probably return with all its original viru-

McCarthy long since reached a condition of mind where he regards the prospect of death as a blessing infinitely to be preserved to longer endurance of his present pitiable condition. Such is leprosy! -Free Press.

Pat and the Deacon.

Some months ago, as Deacon Ingalls rechristening should be by sprinkling or leaving a handsome fortune; and that I species of information that could be of was traveling through the western part of the State of New York, he fell in with an Irishman who had lately arrived in the country, and was in search of a brother who had come before him and settled in some of the diggings in that part of

*Pat was a strong man, a true Roman lawyer's place of residence. It was as I the police were busy at work examining Catholic, and had never seen the interior her papers and investigating her house; of a Protestant church. Ingalls was a to church, and invited his newly made friend to accompany him thither, his destination being a small meeting house near of rude men she had to perform the du- by. There was a great revival there at that time, and one of the deacons, who was a very small man in stature, invited little child with her, a lovely girl of eight | brother Ingalls to a seat in his pew,-He years. Nothing daunted, even from her accepted the invitation, followed by Pat, prison, the prisoner managed to forward who looked in vain for the alter, etc. to the South all important information After he was seated, he turned around to that reached her. Her woman's wit was brother Ingalls, and, in a whisper that could be heard all around, he inquired:

'An' Isn't this a heretic church?' 'Hush!' said Ingalls; 'if you speak a

word they will put you out.' 'Divil a word will I speak at all at all,'

miseries were increased. This refined | The meeting was opened with a prayer have been traveling towards heaven and high-spirited woman, whose life had by a very devout looking pastor, who eighteen years, and got no nearer to it been passed amid all luxurious elegan- gradually grew more frevent in his devo than Arkansas, I'll take another route."

audible groan-'Amen!'

'Hist, ye black guard! Have ve no which caused him to loose his equilu

The minister stopped, and, extended his hands in a suppliant manner, said : 💄

Brethren, we cannot be disturbed in this way. Will some of you put that man out?'

'Yes' your riverence,' shouted Pat, T will do it very quickly indade.' and side And, suiting the action to the word, ha;

collared the deacon, and, to the utter horrow of the pastor, brother Ingalis, and the whole congregation, he dragged him up the aisle, and, with a tremendous kick, s nt him sprawling into the vesti bule of the church.

Is it not a beautiful idea that the more we sink into the infirmaties of age, the nearer we are to immortal youth? All persons are young in the other world, That state is an eternal spring-pure, fresh, and flourishing. Now to pass from midnight into noon on a sudden to be decrepit one minute, and all spirit and activity the next-must be a delight ful change. To call this dying is an, abuse of language.

Wanted by a boy-a situation in an eating-house. He understands the busimisune so me melle

-A King's Fool, who was condemned to die, was allowed to choose the form of death, and chose old age.

Franklin tells us that there are but two things certain in this world, viz; death; nadirehan The latest natural curiosity is a dog

which has a whistle growing at the end of his tail. He calls himself when wanted A man writes to the editor for \$4, "because he is infernally short," and he gets

do, stand up on a chair." General Grant thinks the Republican party has too much dead weight to carry, and that it is time to lighten the ship, whereupon the Boston Post mildly suggest that "he should jump off."

An Arabian having brought a blush on a maiden's cheek by the earnestness of his gaze, said to her: "My looks have painted roses in your cheeks; why forbid me to gather them? The law permits him who sows to reap the harvest."

A French gentleman, who had heard ram called spirits, went into a hotel a few evenings since, and called for a glass of punch, requesting at the same time that it should be made with "GHOSTS from. the Vest Indies."

An excentric old Yankee, who lived alongside of a graveyard, was asked if it was not an unpleasent location. "No," said he, "I never jined places in all my life with a set of neighbors that minded their business so stiddy as they do."

At a school where words were given out for subjects in composition, a "mute inglorious Milton" produced this sentence on the word "panegyric":- "A few drops of panegyric, given on a large lump of sugar, are often best for an infant with the stomach-ache."

It is stated that in a certain district in the far West musquitoes are so plentiful that they are unable to get on a stranger relays, and wait for their turns like cus tomers in a barber's shop.

Miss Clara Pensive (to her drawing master)-"What an ugly model youmust have had for that young lady in your picture, Mr. Pigment!" Mr. Pigment--'Do you think so? My sister was the model." Miss Clara Pensive-"Ah! good gracous me! Yes, I ought to have known it, she is so like you."

"Where are you going?" said a young gentleman to an elderly one in a white cravat, whom he over took a few miles from Little Rock. "I am going to heaven my son I have been on the way eighteen years." "Well goodbye old fellow; if you