Hoetry.

A GIRL'S FACE.

A girl's face, where the budding rose Of youthful beauty blooms and grows By nature's influence, sweet and good, To fuller grace of womanhood; Is there a sight on earth so fair? Consider well the raven hair That clouds the forehead pure and white The lovely eyes like stars of light, In whose clear hazel glance is seen The soul untroubled and serene; The ripe, bewitching lips, that part With smiles like sunshine of the heart And all the charms unnoted here, That blossom sweet from year to year. Time changes all. The fairest day Of short-lived summer fades away, And on the wintry garden-bed The petals of the rose are shed; Time steals the splendor from the hair And marks the brow with lines of care; But there are beauties of the soul That time and change may not control The faith and love, that still are blind To others' faults, and good and kind, And swift to help with blessed deeds A sister's or a brother's needs, These grow with years in brighter grace And add now beauty to the face.

Diterature.



CHAPTER XVII.

A DISAPPOINTED LOVER.

Gladys stole away from the crowd as room to find her lover. He was there and alone, fortunately, as

nearly all the guests were still in the hall above, and his face lighted with a luminous smile as she sprang toward him, gladness beaming through every feature. "Dear old Geoff"!"

"My darling !" was all the salutation your suit." that passed between them, and then for

mine." almost the last minute, and was so disap shiver, as she remembered how nearly "No, I do not think I should, really; like a sudden inspiration to me when I found you at last."

"Well, all this will soon end," she said will ask him when we go to New Haven." to the inevitable; after he leaves college her, and seeking Mr. and Mrs. Huntress we shall probably not meet again, and I she intimated that she was very weary should not like to have it on my con. after the excitement of the day and they

knowing well that she needed rest, him.' She introduced him to several of her The next morning Gladys bade a long of life, for, as you know, my father was "Did you ever see the girl ?" classmates, and tried thus to attract his farewell to her classmates and teachers attention from herself and slip away un- and then, with Mr. and Mrs. Huntress, observed; but at her first movement he left for New Haven to attend the commencement exercise at Yale. was at her side.

During the latter part of the evening he We cannot linger over these, or even managed to draw her into the circle of particularize much. Suffice it to say that with comforts such as they had never "Do you know the name of the family promenaders who were pacing up and Geoffrey acquitted himself most nobly, down the main hall, to the delicious and Mr. Huntress was as proud of him as strains of a fine band, where, after a few if he had really been his own son. hardship's of my early life !" turns, he led her, almost before she was His oration was one that was long

aware of his intention, to a balcony at one remembered by his class with great pleaend, and out of the hearing of the crowd sure, and was highly commended by the easy." faculty.

within. "Perhaps I am taking a great liberty, Everet Mapleson also shone upon this the same. He had been dependent upon "Do you imagine there was any foul Miss Huntress," he began, before she occasion. He had worked harder during Uncle Jabez's bounty ever since the play about her disappearance?" to say to you first.' her there.

she thought perhaps it would be best to each other, and yet in no way related, have their future relations definitely should stand so high in their class and be and become his wife."

such brilliant scholars. settled once for all. "I am obliged to return to New York Mrs. Mapleson, who had come on from in all the world whom you would have even for the sake of making out your

first telling you what has long been burn. stance. ing on my lips for utterance. Gladys, I Colonel Mapleson had been called West love you, and all my future happiness on business, and could not return in seadepends upon winning you to be my wife. son to accompany her, so she had been anxiously asked. Will you give me your love in return? forced to come alone,

She was a magnificent looking woman Will you give me yourself?" It was a manly, straightforward de. - tall with a stately figure, a brilliant as willing, even, to marry." claration, and worthy a better man than brunette complexion, with dark hair and eyes, and beautiful teeth, such as a youth. Everet Mapleson was at that time.

It impressed Gladys as being earnest ful belle of twenty might envy. attention, and sped down to the reception and genuine, and she was grieved to "It is the strangest thing in the world, know that she must wound and disap. Everet," she remarked to her son after of grace," replied Mrs. Mapleson, with a nected with each other. the exercise of the day were concluded, little laugh. point him.

"I cannot tell you how sorry I am Mr. "I mean this wonderful resemblance be-Mapleson, that you should have said this tween you and that young man. If I had who has made you regret the step?" to me," she returned, in a low, pained not known the Mapleson's all my life, and tone, "for I cannot respond as you desire, that our family is the last of the race, I much respect for myself and for your semblance to himself. longed to us in some way."

"Oh, Geoff, I thought you had not blow. Let me wait—ever so long, if I sake, suggest that any of our blood flows a remarkably peaceful and uncheckered Gladys Huntress will never marry him, in his veins!"

"Why, Everet! he appears like a fine "I cannot let you hope," Gladys, re. fellow-handsome, manly and he is cer pointed that I was about ready to break down," Gladys said, with a little nervous plied, greatly agitated, "what I have said tamly extremely clever," returned Mrs. gan and then hesitated. must be final. I do not love you-I can Mapleson, with some surprise. "He told me frankly when he asked her courage had failed her. "I was late, dear, and I knew you would feel it; but I do not believe you would have failed even if you had not seen me at all," he answered, as he fondly smooth-ed back the clustering rings of hair from her throbbing temples. Hever become your wile." "Perhaps you do not love me now, but you can learn to do so; I will teach you. I will be very patient; I will not press you. Oh, Gladys, my beautiful, brown-haired darling, do not break my heart! Merer become your wile." "Granted : though that may sound ing the counterpart of each other; but for all that he has been a thorn in the entered college, and I detest him !" "That is not a very good spirit, I'm her throbbing temples. "Granted : though that may sound attachment," interposed Mrs. Mapleson; "in fact we mutually confessed that, al-though we did not possess any romantic love for each other such as lovers usu-ally entertain, we had none for any one Not in the presside the state of the state in the state of the state in the state of the s A quivering sigh burst from the young afraid, Ev," Mrs. Mapleson said, chiding. else; that we did admire and esteem all aches and pains, rheumatism, lame "No, I do not think I should, really; girl's pale lips. No one can tell how ly. "But who is he? Geoffrey D. Hun- each other, and we believed that a mar- back, sore throat, croup, deafness, painful the interview had become to her, tress, I believe, was the name on the for she saw that he was a lover in deadly programme, but where does he belong, be best for us both." earnest, and that his affection for her was and what is the family ?" "It is the strangest union I ever "Nobody knows who or what he is: deep and true. She impulsively reached out her hand there is a queer story connected with his heard of, and I believe it was a very life. I heard while I was in New York dangerous thing to do." and laid it upon his arm. "Mr. Mapleson," she pleaded, "pray that this Mr. Huntress found him several "Dangerous? Why do not importune me further; for truly, years ago wandering in the streets of the "You might have met some one later, I can give you no other answer; my feel city in a demented condition. He be whom you would have learned to love, ings can never change; I do not love you —I can never love you." He seized her hand in an eager, trembl-—a piece of bone was pressing upon the "(Thet was headly maked to love, and unhappiness must have resulted from it to all parties."

"I shall have to confess, Everet, that some trouble between himself and his to herself with a sigh of resignation, "and A little later she rejoined her friends, it was the love of money," she at last brother during their youth, and he never for once I may as well surrender myself but all enjoyment had been spoiled for said, with a sigh, although a slight smile forgot or forgave the grudge. Even played over her brilliant lips, "I had after the girls father died he refused to known what poverty was as a girl, and have anything to do with either mother science that I had been rude even to were quite willing to retire with her, I hated it. I had struggled during my or daughter, although I have heard that

youthful years for even the necessaries they were at times very needy." poor and an invalid. After I came into "No; my home, as you know, was in the possession of my share of Uncle Richmond. I was not married, and did Jabez's money I enjoyed every luxury not go to Vue de l'Eau until some three and was enabled to provide all the family years or more after she disappeared." known before. Do you think it would to whom she went as governess ?" have been easy to have gone back to the

" No." Mrs. Mapleson seemed to grow some-"I suppose it would not have been what weary of the conversation.

"It is very strange what became of f those chronic weaknesses and distressing ilments peculiar to females, at the Invalids lotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. "Your father was situated somewhat her," her son murmured reflectively. as afforded a vast experience in nicely adapt-ng and thoroughly testing remedies for the cure of woman's peculiar maladies. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

But. mercy! Everet. I do not care to

could utter a word of protest, "but I must this last year than he had ever worked death of his parents, and, although he "Oh, no, indeed. She probably met bid you good night presently, and I have before during his college life. A feeling was as indignant as I, at first, over this some clever young man who fell in love the outgrowth, or result, of this great an something very important which I wish of antagonism against Geoffrey and a desire to win Gladys' favor had spurred will, and vowed he would not submit to with her and married her. I do not aluable experience. Thousands of testimo-als, received from patients and from physi-ans who have tested it in the more aggra-ated and obstinate cases which had baffled Gladys shivered at his words, although him on to strive for the post of honor in the any such arbitrary conditions, yet, after know much about the matter anyway, the night was intensely warm, for in his class, and the disappointment at his years of luxurious living, when he began only that she was entirely alone in the eir skill, prove it to be the most wonderful nedy ever devised for the relief and cure of fering women. It is not recommended as a stinctively she knew why he had brought failure was a bitter one. It created a to realize what it would be to be depriv- world, and I do not know as there was good deal of surprise and comment that ed of it, he came to me and asked if I anything so very remarkable about her ure-all," but as a most perfect Specific for But she could not help herself now, and two young men so nearly resembling was willing to revoke my early decision going off and never coming back again. As a powerful, invigorating tonic, imparts strength to the whole system, ad to the womb and its appendages in articular. For overworked, "worn-out," run-down," debilitated teachers, milliners,

"But, mother, was there no one else sit here all day and talk about the Dales,

on the midnight train," the young man the South to be present upon the occasion preferred to marry ?-- no one whom you handsome orator to belong to them, continued, "but I could not go without was strangely impressed by the circum- had met and loved? Was there no ro- which is not at all probable. Come, I mance in either of your lives that would want to look about a little."

nervine, "Favorite Prescription" is une-qualed and is invaluable in allaying and sub-duing nervous excitability, irritability, exconflict with such a proceeding ?" Everet "Mrs. Mapleson arose as she spoke, thus putting an end to their long talk, "No, there was no one whom I loved and her son dutifully attended her wherbetter-no one whom I would have been fever she wished to go; but he became more and more convinced that Annie "That seems very strange ! How old Dale, who had so mysteriously disapwere you at that time !" peared many years ago, and Geoffrey "Twenty four-it was my last year Dale Huntress were in some way con-

He knew that there was some Maple. "Have you never met any one since son blood in the Dale veins, although it

"That was hardly probable for we had

we havebeen a very contented couple.

was and must have been in her youth,

themselves in a matter so vital to their

Dale, was an old bachelor ?" he asked.

"Yes; and he was every bit as eccen-

"Are you sure that he never married?

be in some way connected with these

"I am very sure that Robert Dale

was never married," she said. "He

despised all women, even disliked to eat

what a woman's hands had cooked."

"Forty, I should judge."

after a few moments of thought.

tric as Uncle Jabel himself."

votedly.

was a good way back, and he believed "No, Everet; and if I had, I had too that accounted for Geoffrey's singular re-

father to ever have yielded to any such "I'll wager there is some story of "Do not say that!" he burst out, in an "Pshaw! mother, that is all nonsense !" sentiment. More than that, I have be- shame at the bottom of Annie Dale's that passed between them, and then for an instant Gladys was folded close to her lover's breast in a fond embrace. "Oh, my darling, you lover's breast in a fond embrace." he thought ; "and if I rising to his brow. "Don't, for pity's and our life, as you well know, has been can ferret it out and fasten it upon him,



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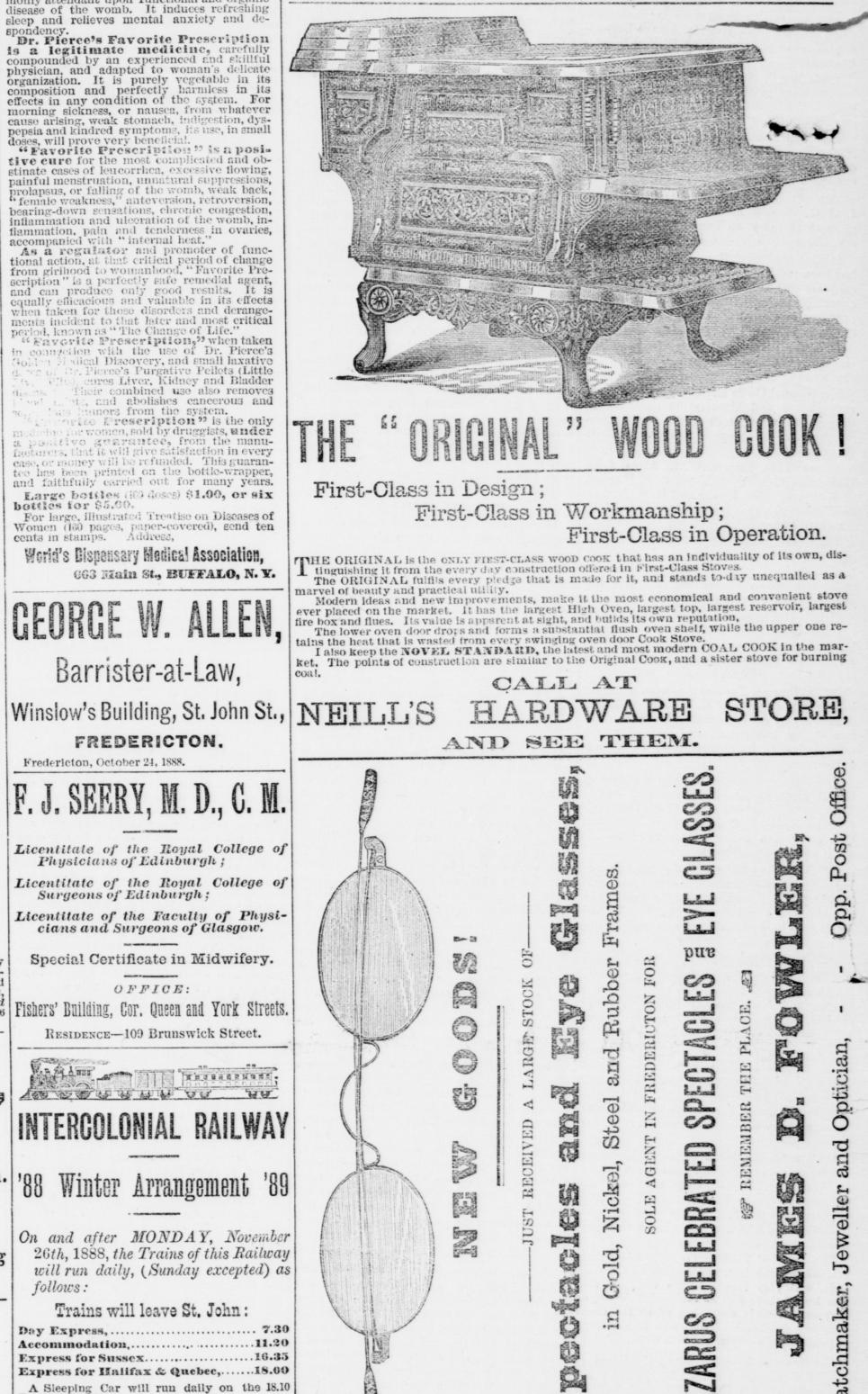
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"Then I am thankful I am here, dear, for your effort was the grand event of the day," Geoffrey, said, smiling.

"You are very good to say so, Geoff," Gladys replied, modestly.

"Very good to say so," he repeated, laughing. "Why should I not say it, when your praises are on every lip, and a pin might have been heard, if one had dropped, while you were addressing the faculty and bidding your classmates fare. well. Poor girls ! the crystal drops were pentiful over the thought of parting."

"It was a little hard to leave school, made; don't you think so ?"

"Perhaps," he replied. "I presume it body else.'

Gladys blushed at this reference to coming events.

"Did 1 not see Mapleson here ?" Geoffrey asked, after a moment.

"Yes; and at first I thought he was you; but I soon discovered my mistake." "I wonder what he is here for ?" mused

the young lover. "To see me graduate of course," Gladys

responded, roguishly. "Did you invite him ?"

him one.

"You have seen a good deal of him during the last two years, haven't you, Gladys ?"

"Yes, he has appeared at almost every place that we have visited during the last two summers, and he was always in New appeal like mine," he went on, between York during the shorter recesses. I met his tightly shut teeth, "if it were not so. him constantly in society, and I didn't Tell me," he continued growing excited again, "is it so? have I guessed rightly?"

" Why ?" "Because it rather annoyed me to receive his attentions," Gladys confessed. he loved very closely.

"Yes, quite so," Gladys answered; then noticing her lover's grave anxious look, she added: "You do not like it either, do you, Geoff."

"No, dearest, I do not," Geoffrey replied frankly, then continued, "Pray, do not misunderstand me-do not suppose that I am disturbed by a petty feeling of jealousy, but there are some traits in Mapleson's character which make me feel "Dou you mean to tell me that I am make it?"

that he is not a proper companion or es.

ing grasp, and bent his proud head until brain, and was removed I believe, and he recovered his senses immediately, but ap- both been much in society and had seen his forehead rested upon it.

"Why do you say that?" he cried, peared more like a child of five years old a great deal of the world. At all events "that you can never love me? You do rather than like a boy in his teens." Geoff, and all the pleasant friends one has not know. I will serve for you-I will How very strange! exclaimed Mrs. Ma. Our early admiration and simple liking not know. I will serve for you-1 will prove my devotion; oh! give me time, Gladys, before you discard me utterly, nothing about himself after his mind was

is harder for you than it will be for me, because I am so eager to make a place for the coveted gift of freedom, than I No nothing of any consequence; all happy as most married people I believe." myself in the world, and a nest for some- will serve, in any way, to win you my fair that he could remember of his previous The young man regarded his mother life was that he had lived with some peo curiously. It seemed very strange to

"No, no; please say no more, it is use- ple named Margery and Jack, and that him that such a beautiful woman as she his name was Geoffrey Dale----less," she murmured, brokenly.

He raised his head and looked eagerly Dale! Dale! There used to be a family was and must have been in her youth, should have missed that sweetest of all into her face. "There can be but one reason for such of Dales living near Vue de l'Eau when I experiences-youthful loving and being a persistent refusal, such a decided ans- was married; at least there was a widow loved. She was just the person, he

wer," he said, in a low, concentrated tone; "you have given the wealth of your love to another!" "Were poor people; they lived in one of those cottages near the old mill; and "and her daughter, a girl named Annie. They were poor people; they lived in one of those cottages near the old mill; and "minded man; and just the woman to

Even by the dim light of the moon after the mother died the girl suddenly minded man; and just the woman to which came struggling in upon them disappeared, and was never heard of have such a man most fervently and dethrough the network of vines upon the again.

mencement, and I think he has spoken of it every time that we have met since; so, bim one." He grew pale as death which shot up over her cheek and brow, him one." Mother, what is this you are telling which shot up over her cheek and brow, it every time that we have met since; so, him one." went away and never came back?" "Yes." "Where did she go? She must have the very outset, and yet he could under-stand how the spirit of antagonism had been aroused in them, from the fact of well street, New York. "Carthan the ordinary kinds, and eannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold "My in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. 106 Wall Street, New York. He grew pale as death.

"It is true ; I know it must be true !" he said, in a tone of one who had suddenly had some especial place in view when she not having been allowed to choose for been calmed or benumbed by a terrible started,"

"She said she was going to Richmond interests and happiness. shock. to serve as governess in some family; "You never could have resisted an that was the last I ever heard of her." Everet Mapleson's eyes glowed. "Ah!" he thought; "who knows but what I have at last found a clew to the fellow's birth ?" There was so much of concentrated

"Dale, Dale," he, too, repeated thoughtpassion in his voice, and such an authoritative ring in his tone that it aroused fully, "wasn't that the name of that queer Somehow, what you have told me has something of resentment and antagonism old codger who was to have had Uncle created a suspicion in my mind that this the young man asked, studying the face in Gladys heart, in spite of her sympathy he loved very closely. In Gladys heart, in spite of her sympathy fulfil the conditions of his will?"

"Yes, Robert Dale. He was a cousin She turned and faced him, standing of Uncle Jabez, and considerably younger Dales at home." straight and tall and calm before him. "You have no right to speak in this than he, and I suppose he would have had mrs. Mapleson gave vent to a silvery way to me, Mr. Mapleson," she said, with all the money, if your father and I had ripple of amusement at her son's ques-

quiet dignity. "and I am under no obliga been contrary. "It was the most eccentric will I ever tion to explain why I do not favor your suit. The chief reason in any such case, I heard of," said Everet, musingly. think, is that persons are not congenial "It was, indeed." "What could have prompted him to

and the last of the Maplesons. I was a

not congenial to you, Miss Huntress?" "Your father was his brother's only son "How old was he when he died ?"

the young man said almost fiercely.

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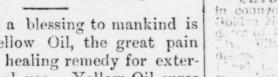
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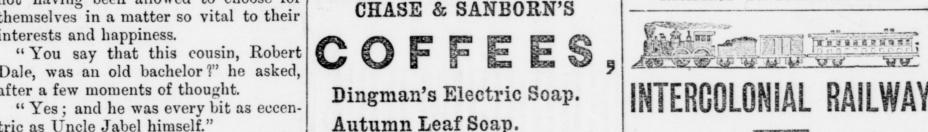
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