### GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTHDAY.

"I say, grandma," piped a plain-tive voice, as "its owner entered, "It's pretty rough on a fellow, don't you think so, when he can't find his mother once a week? Where's

she gone this time grandma?" "You have been having one o your headaches at school, Willie, I can see that," and grandma looked at the frail little figure anxiously. "She's gone to her Woman's Club -no-it's the Working Girls' Aid."

"It makes a fellow almost wish he lived in a tenement or worked come to see him sometimes," sighed the wistful voice, as Willie's hand went down in his pockets with an assumption of manliness comical to behold, and a frown puckered his face. "The girls are having some mayn't go in, and if it wasn't for asylum and be done with it."

And Willie withdrew his hands nurse his knee gloweringly.

oldest and I'm the youngest, and we can stay together, and kind of grandmother mused on. see to each other. What's in that box by you, grandma!"

"It's from your Aunt Eleanor, Willie. Willie, for my birthday. She says, however, that it will be impossible for her or for Hartman to be with Col. Haskins and Elihu Galleher from home, Mrs. Bethel read it,

me on that day," white hair, was her inspiration. But despite the pretty gift, Willie saw that grandma, was grieved, be like 5 Sallie—" and felt that he knew why.

Had he been asked the date of her birthday, he most probably would have said, "the last Thursday in November," for, coming on the 27th of that month, it was the family custom to merge the two Thanksgiving and birthday, into

But this year, rich Uncle Albert, grandmother's youngest son, had while Uncle Tom, the bachelor bookworm, had apparently forgotten all about it, and now, in addition, Aunt Eleanor, Uncle Hart-

of all her children and grandchildren on grandmother's birthday was beginning to be discarded, something that had never happened while grandfather lived and he and grandmother were in the old home. Not that grandmother was neglected in material comforts-it was not that.

Willie's head had ached all day and now his heart sched. Had the boys been home from college, or even had his two sisters been present, he never would have done it, but alone with grandmother, he often laid aside his funny little grown-up airs.

"I think I will come and put my head on your lap," he said. Sounds of music and laughter

came from below, where Marion Then some one began to sing.

Grandmother sat up straight in her chair, with her hand wandering softly over Willie's curls, and her bright eyes looking straight ahead listening. "Oh, no-oh-h, no, no! Oh-h n-o

o-o!" the voice declared over and over, in as many different keys, it seemed to grandmother, and then someone closed the door. "I like your songs the best," said

he. "Sing me one now, grandma."

"What shall I sing you, dearie?" "I like soldier songs-'Oh, Give Me But My Arab Steed,' grandma." "That was what your grandtather's friend the Governor, always asked for. Dear, dear! of all the men of note who frequented our house, the Governor alone is left, and he must be—yes, he is 90 years

old now if a day-"But the song, grandma."

"Oh, give me but my Arab steed, A shield an I falchion bright, And I will to the battle speed."

a poem in honor of the occasion. "Well, just one cup—lemon—yes," the right to take them, and their as Felicia's jewelled hand suspend- price will hinder my being a And I will to the battle speed."

Willie. And the afternoon wore away. been taught to be prompt to meals; Miss Sallie Briscome smilingly Willie were half through supper her. when the rest of the family appear-Bethel had made.

have been trying to get Madeline had jast cause to be familiar.

I will." added Mrs. Bethel.

jected Willie. They had forgotten that,

Grandmother set her teacup as it lifted its cup. down.

have a quiet little celebration mother's happy face and said: together," she said gently.

time, Madeline," replied grand- worse.' mother, a little timidly, perhaps. Mrs. Bethel looked dubious, She seemed to have forgotten that grandma had been a most famous same week, did they all see it, but to make that motion with her flocks and herds, and the fig and housekeeper in her day.

are so different from what they dren and grandchildren.

used to be." knowing as she did that it was to horrer of a woman's name appear- cushions, the Dresden and silver, said; 'Enlarge the place of thy DUNLAP, COOKE & CO., her the servants all came for advice ing in print, that grandmother was the beautiful girls getting into tent, and let them stretch forth the

and counsel in their troubles.

starving family had rebelled under the Governors's, graced the column behind her.

Mrs. Bethel left, looking into Briscome. mother bade them go.

"I will do it," she said, rising hasty exclamation:

or her or for Hartman to be with a still writing poetry at 79, they tell and grandma took from the box dainty cap such as Aunt Eleanor.

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"Have her where, grandma?" old-time life and manners, you Assam Pekoe between the bursts cheek touching his. "I am Felicia." shall see how grandmother was of confidence proper to the half once regarded. They will all come hour. They had discussed the for the space of half an honr. For a Matter of some Forty Years or will send for Celia; she has cooked busy with Jack Rodney's name fer men came for the luggage. many a supper for me in years and money. Alas! he had no "And this parcel, too," said Felicia. gone by, and, I dare say, she is not money. A decision of the court sent a check instead of coming, too old to prepare one more. It had given his inheritance to shall be like the old times, the another heir, and then he had gone "You know I can not go back after table shall groan—and I have two into Wall street and had been coming here," she said, when they of Albert's checks untouched, and caught on the wrong side of the were alone again. "I have burned my own China and silver for the market. table. Hand me my pen, Willie, men and children were declining. table. Hand me my pen, withe, it has rolled under the chair. They Littlejohn, balancing her little gold joyously. And then his tone fell.

And come they did, every one! will have to go to work!" the daintiest of her caps upon her "With those aristocratic hands! home is with you, Jack." snowy fluffs of hair, and a pink what sort of work!" "You don't know what flush on her faded cheeks, received

old-fashioned ideas of propriety. comed the Judge's widow, whose London tailor?" handsome dress was covered with yards of priceless lace and whose said Felicia hands sparkled with rings, while stout, comfortable Rosanna Pringle, her childhood playmate, now a living." great-grandmother, she met with

outstretched hands. withered cheek, she greeted dear wonder what he is doing now," "Yes, I knew it, or I could not little Hetty Ann Vanderkirk, al- said Sally. most as timid now as at 18, when and Evelyn were entertaining most as timid now as at 18, when the "Walking on his up the "Art Class." she kept an assembled company they call it?" said Bab. awaiting for dinner, standing room door, trembling, and almost other people. He never seemed to impassioned in tears, afraid to enter until found care about money." there by the anxious hostess.

grandmother's hand. And when all the guests had all the men do."

"Love's Young Dreams." again, she gave them "Sweet Alice, hot summer-Ben Bolt," and so laden with

it left not a dry eye in the room. Nor would the evening have Galleher arisen, and addressing Felicia, though I declare it does jewels there. They were my grandmother, delivered himself of put the spirit in you," said Julia. mother's and are mine and I have

In her younger days she had and there being a gentleman short, gold, crusted with peridots?"

And the supper! The damask, ed, full of an announcement Mr. the china, the silver, the quaint doing such an utterly silly thing." boat-shaped salt-cellars, the massive "And as long as I have to go," candelabra, all were grandmother's Bab. he explained to grandmother. "I own, and with them each guest

to go with me; for she has never | The table groaned, as grandbeen South, and even a hurried trip mother had predicted, beneath the has cleared up everything and -oh, my darling, if you should "And I have about decided that hospitality. And when the Gov- like it, if it were play, poor will!" ernor arose, and lowing to grand- fellow! "But grandma's birthday," ob- mother, said, "Madam, to us gathered here there is but one toast, Mrs. Bethel looked troubled. "The Past," every eye was dim, and every wrinkled hand trembled

As the last guest departed, "The girls and Willie and I can Willie looked up into grand-

"I like your kind best, grandma, "Who will keep the house?" for they don't treat a fellow as if he was always in the way, nor yet "Suppose you let me try this as if he wasn't there, which is

And grandma, understanding,

never told of it.

ed the hurt her heart felt, for to pathos," the article ended, "in flame tinted jewel, that a slender never lived before." Marion and Evelyn had just re- the gathering of this group—the shape slipped swiftly down the "Are you sure you never regret?" ceived invitations to join a country oldest 90, the youngest 79-all steps and passed along in the he asked. friend's Thanksgiving house-party, relics of the society of a past day shadow of the houses like herself. "Regret? Well, I confess I the tears that fell on her wrinkled children, turned to the friends of from every passerby. As soon as those days of littleness and idle-

"There is the Governor, and old In a Pullman parlor car, miles lately been a place of luxury.

### LOVE IS BEST.

the little tea table as closely as dream-

"I can't picture it," said Sally

Grandmother, in black silk, with | "Work!" said Julia Montressor.

them with the dignity born of her wouldn't know himself out of his not accept the sacrifice!" the eager habits. How is he to go without his gleam of his eyes belying his words. With her stateliest bow she wel- horses, his club, the opera, his "I don't believe he will try to,"

"Why, what will he do?"

Then with a kiss on either fellow! Has anyone seen him? I the husks!"

meanwhile outside the drawing- lent and given away a fortune to monlight lay upon her, pale and

The Governor bowed low over dropped a modest fortune in cards was the darkness of despair. I was before this."

"A more charming hostess, if Why, Bab; with the poor fellow with its bunch of cattle, the one possible, madam, at 80 than at 20." in such a strait. He only does what thing left me, as if it were a grave.

arrived, the Colonel, a little tottery, "And he does a great deal they radiant with this happy knowledge duly sworn to, forthwith, to this office, preparatory to be sure, but none the less don't do," said Arabella. "Everyone gallant, took Miss Sallie Briscome else was letting Will de Luys reap should never prosper enough to Grandmother's eyes and thoughts by the extreme tips of her fingers what he sowed, but Jack made come for you," he said after a came back to the little face on her and led her to the piano, where, good all the misappropriation— moment, taking a step towards her. removing her mits, she began in a isn't that the next term? And if "if you should weary in the long fine, quivering high soprano to it was Jack's yacht that went waiting and give some other man sing to them as she had sung half cruising up the Mediterranean and the love I have won-well, I could a century before, "I Cannot dance had Princes on board for guests, bear it, perhaps, remembering and To-night," "I'd be a Butterfly," and it was his steamer that took those living again in this night's joy." children from Seven Alleys down And being encored again and the harbor every afternoon all the ed, unclasping his arms and looking

scopic subjects," said Bab.

been complete had not Elihu another drop of your tea, clothes in that parcel I have my then a break in her dear old voice. lines of a sonnet that he had in- ed the sugar. "What a perfectly burden." "Now, 'Fritz Eustace.'" begged dited to her just 59 years before. lovely cup. Did you know that "A burden! Oh, Felicia, if I Then grandmother, on the Gov- one of Dolly Van Ven's engage- might, if I daredernor's arm, led the way to supper, ment cups was a tiny thing of "You will have to," said Felicia,

so now grandmother sat and waited, accepted the arm which Willie, in or ate alone. This evening she and imitation of the Governor, offered to her? Well, Jack, Rodney. And propose to you. I shouldn't think she cut him dead last week." "She ought to," said Felicia, for marry me!"

know?" said Sally.

exclaimed Arabella, as the maid they lingered one moment before stole gently about the room, and they went out together. great lamps flared ap like moons dressed in the fashion. And she pulled on her ermine cape. "We

you were ready to faint yourself." the great Gulf breeze blowing over "The sudden light," murmured 300 miles of flowers. Felicia. And then she saw herself in the glass, and passed her hand said. quickly over the shining olive eyes "A that glittered there for half a

moment like points of steel. Not the same day, nor even the Years afterward Felicia had only an outskirt of the Holy Land with eventually the newspaper contain- hand across her eyes to call up the the pomegranate and the tender Dunlap Bros. & Co., "I am not sure that you under- ing the account of grandmother's whole scene—the lovely, lofty grape giving a good smell?" she stand the ways of servants nowa- "Centenarian Party" came to the room, with its old Gobelin hang- said. days, mother," she began; "they hand and eye of each of her chil- ings, the great mirrors framed in "Precisely. And the flocks and Dunlan McKim & alabaster, the moony lamps, the herds are prospering so that we Dunlap, McKim & Downs, How the paper got hold of it no high vases heaped with red roses, shall have to take counsel of the Grandma gave a quiet smile, one knew, and so great was her the lounges heaped with silken prophet. Wasn't it Isaiah that their princely furs, talking scandal curtains of thy habitation; spare But when Mrs. Bethel reflected But, knowing Elihu Galleher's like dowagers, her sister Bab's face not lengthen thy cords, strengthen

concluded it would be wise to probably, for they certainly were guests that night were still saying roof and a night-blooming cereus not portraits of the originals, tender nothings to Bab, as she clambering across the gallery, like "And the birthday," said Willie, appeared as grandmother, the leaned against the mantel and the some of the houses in the old anxiously, the day after Mr. and Judge's widow and Miss Sallie low firelight played on the satin Spanish town there, I don't know grandma's eyes, which alone show- "There was something very near looked as if taking life from a lovely freedom of it. Oh, we the 80th. birthday of one, who, street at night before without our marriage notice at break--not that; but it is better to realize what I am now, that they we could have gone, Hartman, realize what I am now, that they realize what I am now, the realize what I am now is pass more readily as a maid. A room, sumptuous with mirrors and kind of a class in the parlor, and I do not care to be here, and then to with such a little inconvenience; ran up some steps to make sure with bronzes and paintings, with

A man sat there with his head its chrysalis. utter dejection. He did not look But her husband's arm clasped up when the door opened and her, and the pressure of his own Ladies' Home? Yes, yes, it will lighted, and the young women in "I suppose it is a dream," he said, what it is to live, I shall be sure, I

their huge sleeves and illimitable "I am not a dream, Jack," she in Courier-Journal. "You shall have a glimpse of the skirts allowed and sipped their said, bending lower, her soft, cold --- for the sake of old times, they reigning tenor, touched delicately one moment there was silence and will all come on my birthday. I on the last scandal, and were now rapture here. And then the trans-

> "This parcel," she repeated. my ships behind me.

"Do you mean it?" he exclaimed will come, I know they will all spoon. "What will become of him?" I thought—oh, yes: certainly. I The spoiled darling! Why, he must take you home before my

"You will take me home? My "You don't know what you say!" "Poor Jack!" said Arabella. "He he answered her. "Oh, no; I can-

"Jack," she murmured, "the sacrifice was in my coming here "You know I loved you, you knew I loved you! And then this "The only thing he can do-stop crash came-and there was nothing

"Oh, Bab! How horrid of you! for me to say—to you, who have lain in the lilies and fed on the Jack Rodney, the dear, splendid roses of life. I, whose part was have come,', she replied as she "Walking on his uppers, don't moved away from him, going about

the room, and pausing at the "Such a shame! And he has curtainless window place where the "Den't make it so hard for me!"

"No, indeed; I suppose he has he exclaimed. "An hour ago it going to bury myself in that ranch Now I shall go out in that new life

"Some other man!" she exclaimfor the hat and jacket that had "You always had a specific talent been thrown aside. "I am going memories was Sweet Alice, that for turning a telescope on micro- with you, Jack. If you can live summer and winter in a tent in "No, thanks. I don't drink Texas I can too. I have the fit

calmly. "The Church of Blessing is around the corner, and the rector

you would make me ask you to Standing there in the moonlight "I suppose he paid for it," said adjusting her disordered hair, she was too beautiful, too sweet and "Where is Jack; does any one tender for mortal man to resist.

"The train leaves at midnight, "Going to Texas ranging, He he said. "There is but scant time results of Celia's old-time ideas of starts at once, someone said, He'd repent-If! Oh, you must, you

"Never!" said Felicia. And "Oh, it is really getting dark," then lip to lip and heart to heart,

It was a year afterward that Felicia sat one night in the refulmust be going. Why, Felicia, how gent moonlight of the high prairie white you are! I should think after a day of heat, tempered by "Are you sorry I came?" she

> "Are you?" "Do you know, it seems to me precisely as if we were living on

and how, on another occasion, the so that his own picture, as well as the glass, as the marble Diana years. But we may build our house next year. I fancy. absent-minded Marion's regime, she while creations of the artists, most It was while the last dinner "With roses lying on the lower

sheen of her white gown till she but I like this better, though-the

and seeing their eagerness, grand- and generation, in celebration of The girl had never been in the should like to have heard Bab read "You and I, Willie—" she began, though surrounded by a large attendance; every sound affrighted fast—and Bab so bitter the day at the Bouquet.

Having to make room for midsummer and fall before for fear of it! But regret Having to make room for midsummer and fall in a factory, so as his mother would the turned her face away to hide family of children and grand- her; she shrunk behind her veil before for fear of it! But regret the past, and shared its glories with then."

she had turned the corner she brought into plainer sight the large, white, lamp-lit hosiery, underwear and fancy goods. Babies' robes "It is not," she thought, "that I then."

would have them come unwillingly Aunt Eleanor buried her face in parcel she carried, that she might And the large, white, lamp-lit

remember what I was before the and how it must have hurt her!" of a number, rang the door bell, priceless rugs and lounges, with its CHATHAM: you I'd rather be an orphan in an world left me behind. Is it that Uncle Tom's eyes as well as said something explanatory to the voluptuous roses and great vases old people cannot learn to step Uncle Albert's grew misty as they man who answered it, passed in hung for a moment before her like aside gracefully, or that -" But read it, remembering the flimsi- and followed him to the door up the room you see painted through And Willie withdrew his hands to sit down in the big armchair and to finish the thought. "So old, so gentleness of the old mother's re— way there.

INTERNATIONAL S. S. CO. way there. "I suppose it's because you're the oldest and I'm the youngest, and oldest an are as lonely? Do they feel as party the paper was shown to packed and strapped by the door. Bab's shriller tone. And then she —and you know what they say.

Grandma—delicate. They think grandmother mused on.

They think grandmother mused on. had hung, brackets had held their dark slumbering land below, felt suddenly and walking to the desk. "Your grandmother's 80th birth- busts and great cases and cabinets the preciousness of the love that "Do what, grandma?" asked day! How could you bear to be had stood. It was plain to see in was hers, and it seemed to her that its dismantled state that it had a return to that other life would be like a butterfly creeping back into

Dusk had come in the drawing- across his shoulder. He lifted his to see us, and if poor Bab should Calais and St. Stephen. best !"-Harriet Prescott Spofford,

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