They rode right out of the morning sun A glimmering, glittering cavalcade Of knights and ladies, and every one In princely sheen arrayed; And the king of them all, O, he rode ahead, With a helmet of gold, and a plume of red That spurted about in the breeze and bled In the bloom of the ever-glade.

And they rode high over the dewy lawn, With brave glad banners of every hue, That rolled in ripples, as they rode on In splendor, two and two; And the tinkling links of the golden reins Of the steeds they rode rang such refrains As the castanets in a dream of Spain's Intensest gold and blue.

And they rode and rode; and the steeds they neighed And pranced, and the sun on their glossy hides Flickered and lightened and glanced and played

Like the moon on rippling tides; And their manes were silken, and thick and strong, And their tails were flossy, and fetlock-long, And jostled in time to the teeming throng, And their knightly song besides.

Clank of scabbard and jingle of spur, And the fluttering sash of the queen went wild In the wind, and the proud king glanced at her As one at a wilful child,

And as knight and lady away they flew And the banners flapped, and the falcon, too, And the lances flashed and the bugle blew. He kissed his hand and smiled.

And then, like a slanting sunlit shower The pageant glittered across the plain, And the turf spun back, and the wild-weed flower Was only a crimson stain;

And a dreamer's eyes they are downward cast, As he blends these words with the wailing blast: "It is the King of the Year rides past!" And autumn is here again.

-Jas. Whitcomb Riley.

## ONE PAIR OF GLOVES.

Thirty-three years ago this autumn, a little boat was dropping slowly down the Medway, below the old stone bridge of Maidstone. In it were Ralph Erroll and dress and watering-places. The squire, Bessie Farleigh, and there is small wonder they did not hurry their journey, for to always in a tight place. them it was a sail into Loveland. Bessie was beautiful, and the evening was beautibalmy, bitter odor of hops; tar and near were the little camps of the pickers, and hear little camps of the pickers, and had begun to love many other things behavior of London ful. The air was redolent with the rich,

sweet gloaming and the still stronger charm of Ralph's presence. By and by the boat Bessie thought she loved Ralph yet, but drifted into a cove, and, stepping ashore, she did not know her own heart until, one little rosebud of a girl, clothed in pearl-

parlor! We must go home.

a little practice in London, will you be my accede to an immediate marriage. wife? Answer me truly, now, like a good, honest girl ought to."
"I will, Ralph."

everything about Bessie had a strangely bewitching beauty. Ralph could not help noticing how exceedingly small and shapely was the hand that lay in his, and how When a man is constant, there is no condainty and pretty the pearl-colored kid stancy like it. Ralph refused to blame glove that covered it.

Bessie; everything and everybody were

"Take it, Ralph," she said, "it is my gage that I will redeem my promise."

Ralph put the delicate little pledge away and went up to London. He had something to work for and hope, now, and he soon made these influences tell. Bessie's soon made these influences tell. Bessie's the match and he tried to humiting to work had not objected to the match. He wrote and wrote to Bessie, and was quite sure that sooner or later she would find means to answer him. The only answer that ever came was a description of her marriage festivities down at the old Hall at Farleigh.

Then he knew his love was dead to him, and he tried to humiting to work for any promise." race of Kentish squires, and though the old Hall and lands remained, he had not been a successful farmer, and money was very scarce with him. There seemed nothing better for Bessie than that she should marry Ralph Erroll, for house and land to the street. He suffered so keenly after it that he determined on putting himself out of the way of such encounters. So he advertised to the street way of such encounters. So he advertised to the street way of such encounters. So he advertised to the street way of such encounters. parents had not objected to the match.

been less and less. engagement, a speculative neighbor who had money proposed to the squire the planting of the rich meadows of Farleigh cutta. He had destroyed every memento in hops. Every one knows that the culture of hops is the gambling of agriculture. As last night in England, when he had sadly it happened it was a lucky move for Squire burnt Bessie's letters, and her little gifts, Farleigh. It was a new crop to his lands; the yield was enormous, and the rate of duty—on which everything hangs—unusually small. When the picking was over,

Everything looked different now. He had found an El Dorado at his own door, place—a secret drawer in his medicine and could do nothing but abuse the con- chest-and there through eighteen long ventional stupidity which had led him years it remained untouched and unlooked always to plant wheat and oats and feed at. In this retreat it went with Ralph to cattle, simply because the squires before Calcutta, and after a few months, he had him had always done so.

den riches than most men are. He imme- devoted botanist, and in the two pursuits Dately launched into unusual expenses- found ample interest for life. refurnished the Hall, and rebuilt his ken-nels, and bought a couple of hunting was not indifferent to the fact. He loved refurnished the Hall, and rebuilt his kenhorses. There was plenty of time for money just enough to be anxious to make Bessie's dower; next year's crop would provide for her; and, indeed, he had already begun to doubt the wisdom of Bessie's choice. He told himself that she

whole family were learning extravagances never thought of in the days of simple farming. Tom Farleigh put no stint to his pleasures, and they were all of an expleasures, and they were all of an expleasure of the local points of the Neilgherrys. Probably he held not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he had not received a letter in the eighteenth he he had not received a letter in the eig pensive kind, and Bessie had developed year of his Indian life, telling him that he equally extensive desires in the way of

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with all his influx of ready money, was

In the second winter of her engagement, Bessie was to stay with a new acquaintance in London. As far as Ralph was the echoes of their song and laughter.

It was not an evening when love needed to plead; he could let his presence blend with all other sweet influences, and trust to the effect. Bessie telt the charm of the sweet gloaming and the still stronger charm.

they were in a park that rose gradually day, Ralph took her to see a little cottage gray silk, white lace and pink ribbons; toward an old, gray Hall. "See, Ralph; there are lights in the income was, asking her honestly to redeem in that one moment. He followed her 72 Sydney Street, Cor. Princess Street "Wait here one minute, Bessie; I have struck with dismay at the apparent narrow- finally got an introduction to her-"Miss something to ask you. When I have made | ing of her life, and positively refused to | Bessie Wilmot." It was Bessie Farleigh's

Indeed, the possibility of breaking it off had now entered her mind, and being once admitted, it made rapid progress, and found And when they came in among the old- plenty of reasons and excuses for its confashioned flower-beds, they were solemnly duct. Ralph felt the change, but love is pledged to share life's fortune together. always blind where it does not want to see; "Well, For one minute they stood leaning on an old sun-dial, and in the newly-risen moon gagement in the Morning Chronicle to a

Bessie; everything and everybody were than olibanum or nard, he wooed and won wrong but she; and he treasured the little the lovely Bessie Wilmot. When they parted, he said:

"Bessie, this has been a great night for me; give me this glove, that I may know beyond all his possessions. Day after day me; give me this glove, that I may know tomorrow it was not all a dream."

Bessie laid it in her lover's hand with a mile and a kiss.

Bessie, this has been a great hight for beyond all his possessions. Day after day he watched the post with a feverish hope that incapacitated him for every other employment. He wrote and wrote to Bessie,

better for Bessie than that she should marry Ralph Erroll, for house and lands must go to her brother Tom, and every year the savings toward her dower had one to Ireland, and the other to India. He een less and less.

But the very next spring after Bessie's determined to let the decision rest on whichever offered him the highest salary.

the hops sold, and profits divided, the quire had four thousand pounds in the bank.

he several times dropped it toward the flame, he finally put it away with a sad and half-reproachful tenderness.

It found its home in no very romantic But he was no better able to bear sud- no temptation to disturb it. He had become an enthusiast in his profession, and a

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had become the lawful heir to the barony of Erroll and Hastings.

Then he went back to England. But after the first excitement and pleasure of his return and his new position were over, he began to feel a sense of ennui and disappointment. His profession was dear to his heart, and it was impossible at once to find the calm, easy duties of a country gentleman equivalent for the exciting inci-dents and labors of a physician whose circuit had extended over a range of fifty miles every way. In fact, in spite of wealth and honors, he was bored, and seriously inclined to a journey of unlimited length in any country or countries that promised him something to do, or to learn.

He had come up to London with this idea in embryo, resolving to make inquiries and preparations there. Bessie had no place in this movement. He knew, indeed, that she was living in Hampshire; he had no thought or hope of meeting her, and would have avoided such a possibility at some personal trouble. Probably he at some personal trouble. Probably he still feared her power over him, for he had never dared to look at the only souvenir of

their love, nor yet to love any other woman. He did not hurry his preparations, but talked at the various clubs with various travellers on polar and tropic lands, and wavered considerably in his intentions. One day, when he had about decided on California and the "great West," he met an old Indian acquaintance at "The Oriental." They had a long chat together, and as the major was leaving, he said:

"Doctor, I want you tomorrow night. My daughter Belle—you saved her in that jungle-tever, you know—is to be married soon to Jack Dawson of 'Ours,' and it is her betrothal party."
"I never meddle in such affairs, Major.

I will come another night and see Miss

But the happy father would hear of no excuse, and Ralph was obliged to go. It was a very splendid affair, but the doctor was used to Indian magnificence, and the splendor did not interest him. What pleased him most was the groups of fair, innocent-looking girls, their pale-brown curls, and blue eyes, and rosy skins, and their candid, child-like joyousness, contrasted so vividly with the bronze-colored, dark-eyed, half-vailed mysterious beauties of the far East.

By and by, wandering through a conservatory, he came suddenly upon a sight which gave him an inexpressible emotiona little, scented, pearl-colored glove, lying

"It is my glove, sir."
Then Ralph looked at her. She was a

her pledge to him at once. She was timidly about for an hour or two, and daughter, of course, but he was thinking so little of the old Bessie at that moment, that the circumstance never struck him, until some one asked the new Bessie as they passed her, when she went next to

> "Well, this meeting changed all Ralph's plans. He did not go to California; he went down to Farleigh instead.

He found the squire alive and prosper-ing; Farleigh Hall had become one of the show-places in Kent; and in its old gardens, and again floating down the Medway when hops filled the air with a richer perfume

He has two little pearl-colored gloves now, and the first Bessie laughed pleasantly when he showed her that the two were excellent matches, and made a pair. "The second gage redeems the first," she said, with a tender, happy look at the

little Bessie so dear to them both. Three years ago they were married, and Ralph does not now find the country gentleman's life dull. Indeed, as he has some idea of taking Squire Farleigh's adand he tried to bury it in some sweet-scented corner of his heart; but just as he thought I have no doubt he will find in the uncer-

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Bessie's choice. He told himself that she would never live in a close city, and a doctor to him was only associated with scenes of death and misery.

The next year's crop was another success, and the squire began to build fine oast-houses on his land, for he was now determined to have everything necessary to the culture of hops of the very latest and best description. In the meantime, the whole family were learning extravagances.

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