### WHEN LOVE IS AT ITS BEST.

The glow in their young eyes quenched with the Almost too languid now that play is done So to our great Father out of sight,

As tired children go at candle light,

To seek their father's knee, and say "Good night;" When the brief gamut of the day is run Defeats endured, and petty triumphs won, We kneel, and listlessly His care invite.

Then with no sense of gain, no tender thrill, As when we leave the presence of a friend, No lingering content our souls to steep. But reckoning our gains and losses still, We turn the leaf upon the dull day's end, And, oarless, drift out to the sea of sleep.

Not such is prayer when love is at its best, And if our lagging soul do not outsoar The words we utter, though our chamber floor Be hallowed by our knees, 'twere vainly pressed, Nay, be each prayer with our soul's seal impressed, And let us send no courier to heaven's door To speak our thanks, and further gifts implore, In any sort of mask or livery dressed.

Rather, as friends sit sometimes hand in-hand, Nor mar with words the sweet speech of their eyes; So in soft silence let us oft'ner bow, Nor try with words to make God understand. Longing is prayer; upon its wings we rise To where the breath of heaven beats upon our brow! -Congregationalist.

## CHARITY THINKETH NO EVIL

Pretty Mrs. Blank had a very unpleasant experience in Bay Grove, N. J., and it was all due to a mistake.

When she moved herself and her baby and her pug, and other household goods to Jersey, along in the spring, the villagers seemed to be ready to take her to their seemed to be ready to take her to their arms and their hearts. They gave her teas, they showed her all the show sights of the neighborhood, they posted her on the proper church to attend and the proper people to know. They almost gave a dinner in her honor, and that is something that had not even been dreamed of since an unfortunate of foir of several wars hear when fortunate affair of several years back, when a heartless detective had appeared at a feast and had carried away with him one who for a brief month had all Bay Grove at his feet. It was the remembrance of that touching incident that made people hesitate, and by their hesitating Mrs. Blank lost the dinner.

She was bright, her maid's caps were irreproachable, and what flirting she did was artistic enough to be a pleasure to look upon. But it was seldom that Mrs. Blank was artistic in that way, and therefore she was popular with matrons and maids. The men liked her, too, and all went merry as a marriage bell for many a day and until somebody ill-naturedly asked a question.
"Where is Mr. Blank and who is he?"

queried this busybody. this, and she didn't volunteer any information on the subject. So gossip, having nothing to feed upon, grew rapidly, as is generally the way, and in a week Bay Grove began to believe that something

must be very wrong somewhere. Now, it happened that Mrs. Blank had brought one letter of introduction to Bay Grove. This epistle had been hurriedly penned by a young woman about to take a flight to Europe, and, under the scrutiny of a female committee of investigation, it appeared to lack satisfactory details about the nominal head of the Blank family.

"I do so hope you will like Mrs. B.," it ran. "She can see so little of her husband, you know, that it will be very dull for her out there unless you look after her a bit. I think she frets over husband sometimes, but how can it be helped now? But then she has-

And there the writer drifted into matters that were never intended for the public eye. When the letter was received the sentences about the husband had attracted no attention; but now, with suspicion resting heavily upon them, the committee women agreed that something must be very, very wrong with Mrs. Blank's spouse. It came about, therefore, that Mrs. Blank was soon put to the question.

"When are we to see your husband?" asked one of her friends in a guileless way. Mrs. Blank pouted. "Really, I don't know," she said. "He is in Aubur now with that poor wretch Kemmler, I believe."

Auburn happens to contain a prison. Kemmler was then in that prison. It is not difficult to put one and one together and get a dozen, it you are in a proper frame of mind for the achievement. So it happened that when Mrs. Blank entered church the next day there was a rustle of silk all through the pews, and with it a general feeling that the sermon should deal with hypocrisy. But it didn't. It was devoted to mercy. Which only goes to show that preachers are not always in touch with their congregations.

When Mrs. Blank joined the group in the vestibule after the service, the church thermometer hanging there dropped half a dozen degrees. Nobody quite cut her—the sermon had been really a good one but the social atmosphere was tull of little icicles. Mrs. Blank went home alone, wondering what was the matter.

The next day one of her closest friends called upon her. Just as the visitor was departing she indulged in a sort of spoken postscript, saving the important part of her business for the last, just as if she were writing a letter.

"How is Mr. Blank?" she queried.

As there is a reformatory in Elmira, this | visitor. proved to be a very unfortunate response. Bay Grove posted itself on New York's penal institutions, and the next day three acquaintances of Mrs. Blank failed to see her on the street. Nobody called, and her name did not appear on the list of patronesses of a strawberry festival the village was pledged to make a glorious success. She attended the festivities and was greatly puzzled by her treatment. Everybody seemed to shun her except one young man who was popularly understood to have gone very wrong in a big wholesale store in the city. He had never paid her much attenfriend and a sister.

\*Finally there came another caller at the pretty clearly. Then he addressed the Blank cottage. She came up like one bent on business that is distasteful but must be done. She was, by the way, the person to whom the letter had been addressed.

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The letter brought an answer in the Nobody but Mrs. Blank could answer shape of a young man in a slouch hat, who came down by a late train and went directly to the Blank cottage. He sat with Mrs. Blank on the piazza, and they talked earnestly for a long time. It was nearly midnight when the conference ended. Then the young man started for the gate. Mrs. Blank followed him, and they stood talking together by the posts for two or three minutes. It was a beautiful clear moonlight night, and anybody in the neighborhood could have seen the young man kiss Mrs. Blank when he went away. He

caught a very late train for the city. Now, nobody in Bay Grove would willingly play the eavesdropper or the spy. That goes without saying. But, as a matter of tact, several pairs of eyes saw the parting in the moonlight, and as many pair of ears heard the man say: "Well, dear, I'll be down here in a week, and then it won't matter what these people say or

A pretty woman, with a husband in three jails in a month and a mysterious midnight visitor! Bay Grove was scandalized. There could be no doubt after that that nobody in the village knew the offender. She seemed to have gained invisibility. Nobody saw her when she went out; at least, nobody gave any sign of seeing her. Even the scapegrace gave her up—which meant a great deal, for he believed that he had only his wickedness to pride himself upon. Six days passed and a caller again rang the door bell at the cottage. He noticed | wait till the automatic coupler is perfected. with a shudder that the wire seemed to be getting rusty for want of use. That touched him, for he was the landlord and he hated to see the property depreciate. He had come to tell his pretty tenant that she must seek other quarters. She paid the rent regularly, but pressure had been brought to bear upon him—and his family had social aspirations, and he couldn't afford to dis-

regard pressure. He stammered, but was firm. Mrs. Blank was amazed, but loquacious. He explained that the cottage must be vacated at once. She declared that such a proceeding was unheard of. She tried to break down his resolution, but failed. Then she showed signs of getting hysterical.

"Oh, if my husband were only here!" "Yes, Madam, if he were, but he ain't." That was as near to sarcasm as the landlord ever came. He was a philanthropist by nature and a preserver of the village

morality by necessity. "Hullo, what's all this?" said somebody in the door-way. Landlord and tenant turned like a flash. Mrs. Blank gave a shriek of delight, and threw herself into the newcomer's arms. The landlord looked How is Mr. Blank: she queried.

"He has been sent to Elmira," was the disguested. He merely saw a young man in a slouch hat, no doubt the midnight

> "I think you had better go as soon as you can, both of you," he said. "Well, that's cool. I've paid the rent of this house and I mean to stay, especially as its suits my wife, or did until the neigh-

bors went crazy." This was from the young The landlord looked dazed. "Your wife?" he said. "Why, then, you're her

"Naturally," said the young man dryly."
"And now," he added, "what is all this to-

He heard all about it in the next ten tion before, but now he treated her like a minutes, although it was a sadly disconnected story. Still, he got the gist of it

landlord. "Look here; you don't deserve an ex-planation, but I'll give you one. My busi-ness is to see things and to write about them. I have been employed by a

prison life in New York. To see them I have had to study the prisons carefully, and it has taken six weeks of hard work. In it has taken six weeks of hard work. In that time I've had just time enough to spend one evening at home and then hurry back to work. And now I come down here for a rest and find that you people have gone mad and treated my wife disgracefully. Somebody is going to smart for this."

As a matter of fact, a good many persons did smart, but only mentally, and therefore they survived and were anxious to make amends, The landlord withdrew his demand, and agreed to put in a new

his demand and agreed to put in a new curb. Those who knew him say he suffered enough over this to atone for all he had done. Then came flocks of feminine visitors to the cottage, full of tears and explanations and contrition. The Blanks had determined to go away, but these had determined to go away, but these good people wouldn't hear of it. They showered the cottagers with attentions, and then they did something that settled it that the Blanks would continue in Bay Grove. They played their trump card. They gave Mrs. Blank a dinner, and Mr. Blank's determination to depart gave way. He and his wife are the pride of Bay Grove now.—New York Times.

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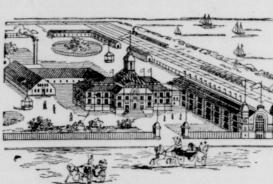
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