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Oh, wait for the afterglow When the crimson clouds fade and go, And the wind, full west, Brings a vague unrest, Then wait for the afterglow.

Oh, wait for the afterglow When the light of this life sinks ion, And the long day dies In the half-drawn sighs, Then wait for the afterglow.

Oh, wait for the afterglow When with hands clapsed in hand we'll go Toward the tender west And in perfect rest, Then wait for the afterglow.

Oh, wait for the afterglow
When the heart of the earth beats slow;
One pause—it must tell
All its hidden spell
In the light of the afterglow.
—Georgia E. Bennett, in Keokuk (Iowa) Unitarian Calendar.

THE AFTERGLOW.



was twenty years along now," she said. man out of touch Naunie. with village life, "What say?"
everybody said Nannie looked alarmed; she raised that she made a her voice and spoke with careful emmistake that she phasisgret. Yet, though out me a little while," she repeated. eenest watch upon Her mother nodded.

village eyes kept keenest watch upon them, village prophecy was for once at fault. Hester's girlish beauty changed she said. "I'm glad you're going, into comfortable middle-aged comeli- Nannie, though we shall miss you so." ness, and Ezra grew stiff and rheumatic, yet their devotion to each other tenderness. Her mother looked up home, it seemed as if the pages of life spoke with curious eagerness. had blown back for them and they "Naunie," she said, "tel were once more lovers, and the world don't I hear as I used to?" was for them alone.

with his ears forever sealed to all the light. this, but one day as he lay watching going to tell your father." his wife and the doctor, the knowlwas speaking, but the deaf ears could catch no sound. His weak, peevish voice jarred suddenly upon their talk. "Why don't ve speak so's I can hear ye, stid o' mumbling so?" His wife starte, and then cast quick, imploring glance at the doctor. She leaned down over the bed; her

face was in the shadow and her husband could not see her eyes. "Do you hear me now, dear?" resolved themselves into words. "Of course I hear ye," he said fretfully, "only why don't you speak up? I ain't so sick, be I?" The words were a little clearer now,

hough still far off. "You have been very sick, but are etting better fast. It has to be quiet or you, you know, dear, but you will soon be up, now." The old man shut his eyes wearily;

the effort had been a heavy one for him. His wife turned to the doctor, ing would smile at each other and her eyes shining through her tears. "I can make him hear," she cried, "I knew I could. I didn't believe Ezra could get where he couldn't hear me. And he needn't ever know now. The doctor looked at her and said

nothing. He was a young man, and t seemed very pitiful to him. But he had not understood the old weeks he was about again, as well as ever, apparently, save for the sealed ears. His wife chattered to him in her old fashion, and kept out of sight the medicines she took for her strained who came to see him, and thought mistaken; there were other sounds called Nannie hesitatingly. many of them—that had been woven into a life of nearly seventy years, and

vacant stillness; and he knew all. One afternoon she found him sitting in the big wooded chair in the kitchen, studying his old twisted hands. He Delicacies in Season. Accommodation for Travelers. Pabst Milwaukee Bavarian and Loewenbrau Beers. "I'm most broken up, Hester," he

"Don't!" she cried, "don't Ezra!— Her mother spoke slowly, choosing can't bear it! We're both getting her words. "And tell him," she said, older, but that's all 'tis." He shook his head sadly.

about it lately, and sometimes I think more I could do to show my love for folks was right and it hadn't orter my husband."

The woman listened and a great nd put her trembling hands on his. If your Invention is Patentable free. We give you honest work at reasonable fees. Call on or wrate for list of inventions wanted, to

He looked up, startled. "God knows you haven't, Hester," e said earnestly. "And, Ezra, if anything should hap-

en to me-if I should be sick or helpseemed for an instant that the face of her mother.'

aimost passionately. arm about her, looking down the road. | if it's no use." It was toward nightfall, and the valley was full of shadows, while above the ills floated soft gray clouds—the dead "Wo were so near, you know—it sunset. And even as they looked a sudden thrill and flush came across

two old figures stood silent in the the occasion. midst of the golden light. It was a few weeks after this that the talk, was being driven over to later than 5.30 p. m. on Saturdays or ing to advance \$100 at six per cent. Hester caught a severe cold. She was line was so quiet that her the day immediately preceding a holi-day, and Namic's. She was so quiet that her day, nor between the hours of 8.80 p. fixtures, consisting of chandeliers, bad her husband and child to care for, "I don't feel as if I knew what to m. and 5.80 a. m.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

HEN pretty Hester | and her mother would not let her stay | too, he felt better and cheered right "They'll be needing you-I can get older than she, "I guess they can get along without her strain her little voice to make me and a shy, silent me a little while-longer," answered hear:"

"I guess—they can get along—with- if the golden baby head reflected a

"I said it had been quite a while, Nannie's face filled with a pitiful was unchanged; indeed, after Naunie, suddenly and noticed, and a strange has the distinction of owing the their only child, married and left expression came into her eyes. She queerest name in Maine. Godsend's

Nannie's face flushed. With a sud- his four boys in trust, the whole of it That was before Ezra had typhoid den impulsive gesture she threw her to go to the first grandson who should fever. Through his long illness his arms about her mother, sobbing bitwife nursed him tenderly, but he terly. But in her mother's eyes the came from it a broken-down old man, strange expression grew into a glad "Don't feel so, Nannie," she said.

been set. He was slow in realizing "I-I guess I'm almost glad. I'm made. Six years after his wedding edge broke harshly upon him. He sorely against her will. She told her great estate under the terms of the could see his wife's lips move as she husband that it almost broke her will. It was agreed that the boy's smoothed the bed with her soft, heart to think of them so; if it wasn't mother should bestow the name, but wrinkled hand, but he could hear no for little Nannie she would go back she neglected to tell the minister horse did not really read the sign—he would Then he turned his dull area. word. Then he turned his dull eyes, there and stay, but she couldn't take about it before the party had assemwith a pitiful look of pain darkening the child-it might hurt her throat se- bled in the Church. Then when the them, toward the doctor. He too, riously to have to shout to them. clergyman asked what name he Then she caught Nannie up and kissed | should bestow the child's father spoke her again and again; she wondered up and said: "I think you'd better how she could live if she couldn't call him a godsend, because he has hear that baby voice. She was proved that to my family." The words troubled, too, for the child had a deli- spoken in jest were taken in earnest cate throat and she dared not take by the clergyman, who proceeded to

they would miss her so! spoke of it herself and said that she worth of property along with his and father had talked it over, and they name, he is trying to stand it .- Defrom a distance. He struggled with knew it would be best not to have the troit Free Press. the sounds a minute or two before they mustn't worry—they could get along all right as long as they could hear each other. Indeed, it seemed as if the bond of suffering drew them closer together. It was beautiful to see the old man's care for his wife and his tenderness in speaking to her. The neighbors who had pitied at first talked often of it; they said they never saw two deaf people take such comfort in each other. Often on summer days the two high-pitched voices would be heard, and the people pass-

sometimes linger a little. "'Tis kind o' social to hear them."

So the winter passed and the summer, and then quite suddenly, one night when the earth was lying hushed and silent under a soft fall of snow, the old man passed from the silence of man's strong constitution. In a few his life into the greater silence that is beyond the reach of human voice.

come to the funeral, and the house petition of the electric light was to was full of grave decorous whispers,

so's I can hear. It--it wouldn't production."-New York Times. in place of these there was a great seem proper, somehow. It won't make any difference to Ezra now, and I"-she faltered a moment, and tender light came into the faded blue! there are many languages in the world, eyes-"I guess he can't say anything but the actual number is probably begave her a tremulous smile as she about my husband that I don't know youd the dreams of ordinary people. a hundred times better than him."

nie, gently.

"that we've lived together thirty years, and it don't seem more than "No, 'tain't, Hester-I've been a- thirty weeks as I look back. And tell seeing it for a long time. You're him that in it all was never an angry young yet-you can see and hear just word, never anything but a love I can is you uster, but I-I'm an old man, speak of; and tell him" (she was cry-Hester. You've been a good girl, and ing a little now, but her face was we've had a happy life together, but I still touched with the wonderful every province has a tongue more or didn't calculate for you to be tied up light) "tell him that the only thing less peculiar, and this we may well to an old man. I've got to thinking I'm sorry for now is that there wasn't believe to be the case throughout the

"I will tell him all." said Nannie. That was a strange funeral-the ain seemed to beat up in her throat neighbors spoke of it afterwards. The and choke her voice. She leaned over still figure that sat dead to the words of tender healing spoken by the min-"Ezra," she cried, and the appeal ister seemed to lend an element of n her voice carried it with clear dis- mystery to the scene, and the coninctness to him, "Ezra, have I ever trast between the darkened room and aid or done a thing to make you feel the brilliant, sparkling world outside flashed upon their eyes like a miracle. They spoke of it on the way home. and said that Ezra had been a good

husband to her, and no one would fill "Nannio means all right," Mrs. ess, would you love me less? Would Tarbox said, smoothing her black the consciousness of his own import- that wave; all sickness that the

"Tis so," answered Mrs. Slocum. er, I wish you could see," he said too. "Tain't as though she wasn't afimost passionately.

If rose stifly, and stood with his spry enough yet, but it seems most as "I shall sort o' miss hearing them

summer evenings," said her friend. seemed almost like company. "I guess we'll all feel bad to see the

say to her, though she is my mother," ! she whispered to her husband. They helped her tenderly into the house and Nannie put her into the easiest chair. From the next room baby voice broke in upon them.

"Mamma, can I see dran'ma? Nan nie wants to see dran'ma!" Nannie was hurrying to the do when a voice stopped her. "Let me have Nannie, please-it"

so long since I have!" Nannie stopped at the door, a gree wonder in her eyes.
"Why, mother!" she exclaimed. Her mother looked up at her with

emulous smile. "Yes, I know. I meant to tell yo before, but I couldn't, someways I've heare all the time; I was only deaf day or two from cold. I thought really was at first, and then I kept it up, because it comforted-him-some how. He'd felt he was old and breaking down, you know, but when I did, up. There was only one thing—I did want the baby so! And it seemed as if 'twould break my heart when she did come not to answer her, and to have

"And you kept it up all these months!" said Nannie, in hushed tone. Her mother looked up; she was holding little Nannie with eager, trembling hands, and it almost seemed as wonderful light upon her tired face. "I guess when you've loved a man more than thirty years, that isn't much to do," she said. - Pacific Rural Press.

How Godsend Lufkin Got Ills Name. Perhaps Godsend Lufkin, of Tilden, grandfather, old Peter Lufkin, owned "Nannie," she said, "tell me true about all the wild land in the town. When he died he left his property to come into the world. At that time none of the boys were married, but they at once remedied this fault, every one taking a wife inside of a year from the time the will of their father was the wife of George Lufkin presented Nannie went home the next day to him a son, who was entitled to the

her often to see the old folks-and formally christen the boy as "A Godsend Lufkin," a name which he bears But it was not so hard; her mother to day. As he got nearly \$100,000

l'assing of the Coal Stove. If the statements of active and reputable members of the coal trade may be believed, the use of gas for cook-Not long since a builder of numerous tion at his club that, after a careful investigation, he had ascertained that nearly 40 per cent, of the business of pire. the gas companies in the Harlem region was day business. The gas heaters and ranges, he said, were burning almost as much gas as the illuminating burners. "The passing of the coal stove,"

said the investigator, "means a serious loss to the coal trade. The substitution of gas for coal as fuel has been growing gradually, until new it confronts the retail coal dealer as a problem involving his very existence. It The neighbors for miles around is to him now about what the comthe gas companies a few years ago. broken strangely when any one spoke In fact, the coal trade has had nothing voice; she cautioned the neighbors to the wife. She was pale and silent; but hard luck since the advent of only once did she speak of anything natural gas. Instead of the old evil that he did not know. But she was that she wanted done, and then she of overproduction being responsible for the lack of profits in the coal trade. "Tell him I don't want him to speak the chief trouble comes from "ander-

> The least learned are aware that The geographer Baldj caumerated 860. "I'll tell him, mother," said Nan- which are entitled to be considered as distinct languages, and 5000 which may be regarded as dialects. Adulguns, another modern writer on this subject, reckons up 3064 languages and dialects existing and which have existed. Even after we

have allowed either of these as the number of languages we must acknowledge the existence of almost infinite minor diversities, for almost world at large. It is said that there are little islands

lying close together in the South Seas the inhabitants of which do not inderstand each other. Of the 860 distinct languages enunerated by Baldi, eighty-nine belong to Europe, 114 to Africa, 123 to Asia, 117 to America, 117 to Oceania-by which term he distinguishes the vast number of islands stretching between Hindoostan and South America .- Tit-

An Expert Bore. Barthe, the French dramatic author. was remarkable for his selfishness. He was so completely wrapped up in A heated term is now produced by a dress, "but she hasn't time to set ance as to be often strangely insensible doctors cannot understand is attributdown and make a work of entertaining of the wants and woes of others. ed to 'Bright's disease,' and living Calling upon a friend whose opinion his youth looked back at her.
"It is so," answered Mrs. Slocum, he wished to have regarding his new into the country.' The nomenclature comedy, he found him dying, but not is different, but the old things are the withstanding, proposed to read his same."-New Orleans Times-Dem-

play. "Consider," said the man, "I have not more than an hour to live.' "Ay," replied Barthe, "but this will occupy only half that time."

German Working Women's Hours. German clothing manufacturers are these, and the valley was filled with house shut up," responded Mrs. Slo-the glory of the after-glow, and the cum, her voice full of the solemnity of than eleven hours daily, and on Satnot permitted to employ women more urday the time is curtailed one hour. And Mrs. Banks, all unconscious of Neither can they be engaged to work pawnbroker was found who was will-

THE HORSE WANTED SHOES. Showed That He Knew a Blacksmith Sign When He Saw It.

If his mistress is to be believed, (and who dare say she isn't?) the old horse Jerry, some of whose exploits have been related before, can read. The other day he was put into the car ryall and driven to a town some four miles away. The roads turned out to be unexpectedly slippery, and Jerry was smooth-shod. He had so dreadful a time in getting down the hills that all the people had to get out and walk, and as he was trying to pull up one hill he actually so lost his footing that the carryall began to run backward, pulling the horse down hill aftor it, and if the driver had not expertly cramped the wheels into a bank there must have been a bad accident. The mistress declared that if she got the horse to the town alive she would have him sharp-shod there. They did get to the town at last. As they were driving through the

streets-the way being easy enough in the town—they came to a place where the sign of a blacksmith's shop hung at the head of a little alley. The shop itself was not in sight-only the sign to direct people down the alley. The horse had never been shod at this place, nor anywhere else in the town, but as soon as he came abreast of this sign he attempted to turn down the alley, and his driver had difficulty in getting him past. After some other matters were attended to, the driver went back to the blacksmith's shop to get Jerry shod, and he headed directly for the shop in the alley without any guiding. As the man was shoeing him, hethat is, the man, not the horse-remarked: "That horse don't need a word-he knows just when to take up every foot and just when to put it down—he understands the whole business."

Now, on his way home, the old horse never slipped once, and you cannot convince his mistress that he did not know that what he needed was sharp shoeing, nor that he was not aware that that sign pointed the way to a blacksmith's shop.

"Look here," said the Listener, when he heard the story, "was there a horseshoe painted on that sign?" "Ye-yes, there was," said she, summoning up her mental picture of it. -"Then that accounts for it. The knew that it pointed the way to the place where he could have some of the same sort of things put on his feet."-Boston Transcript. Why Russia Wants China.

The intimacy of China and Russia has most profound causes. The Chinese have a very distinct feeling of their interests. Between Russia and Chinese interests there is no opposition. England, the United States, Germany and France have only one object; to make of China an immense market for the product of their industry, to impress upon it, by force it need be, their merchandise. On the contrary, Russia and Japan seek to facilitate the exportation into Europe ing and heating purposes of coal, not of Chinese products. Russia, with its only in the vicinity of Greater New railroad, will be the middleman be-York, but throughout the country. tween producing China and consuming Europe. The Russian provinces apartment houses on the upper part produce nothing which China furof Manhattan Island made the asser- nishes; they have every advantage in being put in contact with the innumerable population of the celestial em-

The immense current of exchanges which will be established between China and Russia by the new railroad will carry life and prosperity into the Siberian steppe. In exploiting China the Russians will with the same stroke throw Siberia open to improvement they will rapidly make it one of the greatest centres of agricultural production in the world, In the econo mic development of China, Russia has nothing to lose and everything to gain -The Chantauquan.

Another Worm. An inspector was recently examining class of girls in natural history, says Scottish Nights. "Tell me the names of any animals you know," he began; but the faces of the children expressed bewilderment at the request. At length, however,

little girl at the back of the class shot up her hand as though a bright idea had suddenly struck her. "Ah," said the inspector, "the mallest girl in the class knows. Well, ny dear, what is it?"

"A worm," came the triumphant an "Well-er-yes, a worm is really as mimal, but can no one think of any

"If I were one of you big girls," the inspector remarked, after a pause, on seeing the same hand held up, should be ashamed of myself." Then turning to the scholar, as

last resort, he said: "Well, what is it this time, my "Another worm, sir," was the quick

New Names For the Same Old Things.

"New names for old things," re-

marked a gentleman yesterday, "are the order of the day. There are from time to time heavy rainfalls in this country which in the old time were characterized as 'downpours,' or something of that kind. Now, however, we hear of 'cloudbursts' everywhere. Every time a mill creek overflows or a hay crop gets suddenly spoiled, it is ittributed to a 'cloudburst.' People have been dying from stoppage of the heart's action since the beginning of mortality, and yet it is but recently that we began to hear of 'heart failure. cheaply in summer is called 'going

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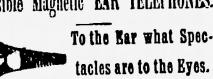
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