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People tell the story yet, With the pathos of regret, How along the streets one day, Unawares, from far awdy, Angels passed, with gifts for roed, And no mortal gave them heed.
They had cheer for those who weep,
They had light for shadows deep;
Balm for broken hearts they bore, Rest, deep rest, a boundless store. But the people, so they say, Went the old, blind, human way,— Fed the quack and hailed the clown When the angels came to town.

It has been and will be so; Angels come and angels go,— Opportunity and Light,— Twixt the morning and the night, With their messages divino And we wonder why we heard Not a whisper of their word, Caught no glimpse of ther grace In the passing form and face; That our ears were dull as stones To the thrill of spirit tones, And we looked not up, but down, When the angels came to town.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS.

By MABEL NELSON THURSTON.

****************** HE light from the little hand-lamp on

look at each other; the man's hand pity him if you could see it now, rested tremulously on a little pile of Annie. And if-" with studied carclessness she thrust her fingers into all the pockets, keeping her tell-tale face turned from the light.

"I shouldn't pity him—I'm afraid I hate him; but go!"

She watched him as, his frail figure

"It was a fine box," said the misly: "A generous box."
"Yes," answered the woman me-

Suddenly she dropped the coat in a band's sake, she could not forget it, heap on the floor and buried her face and the next time she went to the was broken with pity.

The woman did not lift her face; the ment; then he turned and disappeared was on its way. And now---"

The man looked about him at the motley heap of old and new, poor and fine, with a pitiful appeal for com-"And now you have a good new

dress at last, dear; and that overcoat his face brightened; and he ended wife ran across to him. with cheerful confidence: "And we can have a Christmas for the children, Annie. They never sent toys in the

The woman lifted her head eagerly. "I forgot the children," she said; "I was thinking of you and the dreadful would." winter. I am glad for the childrenoh, I am! I can write-to-morrow-I nm sure." She spoke with a pathetic eagerness and touched the toys loving- again.

noney. But I wish you could go, serious face.

spare, they planned; and the check in her own heart, spoke with quiet rushed to it and threw it open. In back in the box; there was much to only half his quarter's salary, for the planning, to buy food for six weeks. Beyond that they would not let them-

what she could not give. Her husfrom her husband and children; she could have done so much with the money that that cost!

her, and her his and her her her her her his and her his an

money that that cost! One day the minister came in and are not alone, and that Mother will and both the child's face and the began fumbling in the box. 'Wasn't there a pair of warm gloves

in here?" he asked. "Yes," answered his wife, laying mother the child ran back to the Annie?" aside her sewing and hurrying to save | threshold with a cry of terror. She | something of the order his nervous was a timid little thing, and she had ful ones." Her sure woman's touch The tears rolled silently down her lit- promise to wear them." had gone straight to them through the | the white face and waves of fear beat | chaos; she stood smoothing the fur up in her throat; but she did not fal- ened. "Did Jim do that?" he said

answered; "my older ones will do

quickly.

"Jim Cassock." A silence followed, and in the the table struck silence the name went echoing and sharply across a echoing through the woman's brain. "I can't-bear it !" she cried; "he

they had spent the evening unpacking not these. It isn't right!" "His need is greater than mine, answered the minister, simply. "He The missionary and his wife did not hurt his hand last week. You would

children's toys; the woman held a The woman reached up and pulled long heavy overcoat with a fur collar; his face down to her and kissed it with

bending against the wind, he faced sionary. His voice was husky; he the immensity of the prairie. When struggled with it and added more firm- he returned, several hours later, she had his supper hot for him, but she asked no question of his errand. Yet though she put it aside for her husin her hands; she made no sound, but town she watched for Jim. He was her thin shoulders shook pitifully. always loafing about somewhere down The man crossed the room, stumbling | the long, rambling street; and he was over the piles of clothing on the floor, that afternoon. But as he saw the and eaught her in his arms. His voice minister a strange expression came into his face, almost as if he were strug-"Annie," he cried; "oh, you poor gling with his worst self and crying dumbly for help. It only lasted a mo-

"He seems almost afraid of you." money," she sobbed. "They've al- said Annie, wonderingly. Then her ways sent us money before, and they face changed; the man was not wearnew how much more we needed it ing the gloves, he had sold them for this year. I thought that now we could drink and was ashamed to meet the pay the bills for all last summer's minister; she had known that it would sickness, and you could have hot cof- be so! She would not pain her husfee when you came home these dread- band by a word, but she looked down ing God all these days that the box the minister drove silently on, with a cloud of discouragement blurring the strong patience of his eyes. Not even his wife knew of how many sleepless

nights this man had been the burden. It was several weeks later that the is just what I need; and there is much | went over to the medicine shelf. His to give away." Then his eyes fell face was pinched and blue, and his again upon the little pile of toys, and hands shook among the bottles. His

"What is it, dear?" she cried. He leaned against the shelf, fighting the chill that was upon him. "Cassock's little girl," he said, "she is very sick. I am going to carry him some quinine; I told him I

The woman's face sharpened with fear. "You can't," she cried; "you're sick yourself; you can't g go out

He seemed to struggle with the words before they became clear to him: then he tried to smile down at her. "I must," he answered.

as she bent over the toys, he noticed | She put her thin hand in his and how heavy were the blue veins on her drew him to the fire, and pushed temples and how thin the hand that him down into a chair before it. She set the doll's dress in order; and he spoke soothingly, as if to a child. felt a sudden tightening at his heart. "I'll send the medicine," she said; "it will be all right. But you must the children and go back to your get over this chill; you can't go out

Only half comprehending, the man She looked up, startled and hurt huddled over the fire, shaking from and indignant all at once. "As if I head to foot. His wife hurried into would think of it!" she cried. "As if the other room; three children were it is any harder for me than it is for there, the oldest a girl of ten. Her troubled sleep; but his wife was walkyou! I don't have to go out in all mother called her softly: "Come

a laugh that disappointed her by The child obeyed her wonderingly. struggling uncertainly with the sobs | She was a sensitive little thing, and that choked her throat-"besides, I the voice smote strangely upon her. couldn't; the money didn't come, you Her mother leaned down and caught must have kept her until some one the child to her as if she could never "Yes," answered her husband, heav- let her go. Then she held her away worry—she would not. But as the moily; "that is true. We haven't the and looked steadily into the little ments lengthened into one hour, and

"Ruth," she said, "you have always been Mamma's help, and now the bed where her husband was tossacross at him, speaking with slow in- she wants you to do something hard ing and tried to pray; but only the tensity. "I believe you're making me for her. Will you do it and not be child's name came to her lips.

sick, and Papa was going to take her the cry as she saw who the man was. some medicine; but Papa is sick him- The next minute a child's face was self and cannot go. So you must lifted from his arm, and a child's carry the medicine to Deacon Gar-voice filled her ears. nett's and tell him about Papa, and hard and cold and pitiless. The chil- ask him to send it to the Cassocks'. and he brought me home. dren were warmly dressed, thanks to Tell him that it must get there to- mamma, it was so good of him! the box; but they needed better food, night or Mamie may not live. Can The woman caught the child pas-

"Yes," answered the child. Her tude she could not speak.

be praying for you every minute till woman's were strangely moved. He

ter, she went steadily on into the and there was a thrill of gladness in But the minister was looking at her darkness and emptiness saying over his tired voice. He took the gloves

and she went quietly on under the ing. Then a flash of great joy illumined her worn face. "David!" she In fifteen minutes she reached Dea-con Garnett's and stood knocking at "Ta "Take them out," he answered, the door; there was no answer. She breathlessly.

fierce terror; but nobody came, and pile of bills on the bed; there were ten the sounds seemed to thunder mightily in all, and each was for ten dollars. about her in the still, sharp air. She was very cold now; but she sat down were common, but it was none the less on the step a moment to think. There a thanksgiving. "And now you can was but one thing to do; her mother have the coffee," she said, "and the had said that the medicine must get to | children"—she broke off, but her eyes

· Over the old coverlet the minister's sobs she struggled to her feet; even hand clasped his wife's; but there were no tears in his eyes. "Jim Cassock sent it all back," he looking pitifully back at the home said; and the words sounded like a light; then she turned away and ran, psalm.—The Independent.

> A War Balloon That Works. of a balloon that can be steered in any

This wonderful balloon was launched Mr. Cassock lives?"

The man had not been drinking for many miles. Then it collapsed, much; he stared down at her in amaze- owing to an accident to the machinery. ment. "If 'taiu't the parson's kid!" The military authorities, who have ache cried. What are you doing here cepted the balloon from the inventor, are not greatly discouraged by this accident. They say that more serious accidents have happened to most imhood. "Papa's sick," she said; "and portant machines at their first trial, in-

Deacon Garnett's; but nobody was about 130 feet long by forty-two feet there, so I had to come myself. Do high, and has a weight of some 7500 pounds. Motion is obtained by a

enough,"he exclaimed. "Inin't good The ascent was made from the fur much in the way of meetings; but I maneuvering ground at Tempelhofer can't let the parson's kid go round town | Felde, near Berlin, and at first good alone. I'll take you to Cassock's, and headway was made against a strong wind, but unfortunately (probably The child put her arms about his owing to the gale), the belting conneck and leaned against him with a necting the motor and the shafting sight of content. He was a rough, bad slid from one of its pulleys, and the man; but the child trusted him, and be whole affair immediately fell in a knew it. He held her gently so that slanting direction in Schoneberg, one she was not shaken by his long strides. of the suburbs of Berlin. The engineer In five minutes he was knocking com- sprang out of the car just before the mandingly at the door of a shanty at ground was reached, but the car and motor were smashed to atoms, and the Jim Cassock opened the door him-self. His eyes were red and swollen, aged. During the night the hurribut he had not been drinking; the door cane completed the havoc and the

The cost of the balloon was about "What's wanted?" said Jim, fiercely, \$50,000, but as its maneuvering "I can't see anybody; my child's dy-capacity is considered proved, another to be built without loss of time.-San Francisco Chronicle.

The Largest Nügget of Silver. toward the miserable creature before the Smuggler Mine at Aspen, Col., in Jim rubbed his hand across his fore- It was impossible to assay it in the orhead and looked from Ruth's tired lit- dinary acceptation of the word, and it tle face to his own baby. Then, sud- was put directly into crucibles, and

remark. He picked the child up again, Calculating Bicycle Speed. A method of obtaining the approximate speed at which a rider is cycling he got a horse from somewhere and be- is suggested by a cycling paper as follows: The rate of speed is ascertained by noting the number of revolutions which the pedal cranks make in a given number of seconds, the number of seconds in every instance depending upon the gear of the bicycle. For example, a rider whose wheel is geared at sixtysix goes as many miles per hour as his pedal cranks make revolutions in 11.78 seconds. The following gears and seconds to correspond in this method are given: Gear 54, seconds 9.94; gear 60, seconds 10.72; gear 66, seconds 11.78; genr 72, seconds 12.84; gear 78, seconds 13.92; gear 84. seconds 15; gear 90, seconds 16.03; gear 96, seconds 17.14. Inasmuch as the ordinary rider would be unable to split seconds with the requisite fineness for this table, the method is good

were, performing the labor. The boat club house and grist mill will be pleasing features. A miller is seen raising barrels of flour by a pulley. The power will be supplied by three water motors concealed under the toy.

Where He Stopped Last."

-New York Journal.

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corner of the box on the floor; it was hates you so—he has injured you so; a large box, and and they will just go for drink. Give it; but it was quite

chanically.

words came chokingly from between | behind one of the houses. her fingers; "I was so sure of the

ly, trying in her thought to override her disappointment with the children's Her husband stood looking at her;

"Annie," he said, pleadingly, "take mother's this winter. It is too hard again.' weathers. Besides," she added, with here, Ruth."

glad that the money didn't come," she afraid?" They folded the clothing and put it with a quick breath. he minister had received—it was for cheerfulness. Board was in debt-would pay their lebt and leave enough, with careful

The winter settled down on them,

knocked again; then as the truth She slipped her fingers into one dawned upon her she beat at it in a glove-finger after another and laid the Cassock's that night; she must go to were shining through tears. the town herself. Choking back her the few minutes on the doorstep had made her stiff. She stood a moment

ran-into the shadows of the great Nearly an hour later a man, hurrying from one of the saloons in the town, was stopped by a child's voice, "Please, sir, can you tell me where

this time of night?" The child's weary face looked whitely up at him from the old blue this medicine had to go to Mamie Cas- cluding the railroad locomotive. sock, else she'd die. I carried it to you know where he lives?"

I'll take you home!"

and a worn, sickly woman holding a heap of ruins. child who was monning feebly. "No thanks to you if she doesn't," retorted the other man. "The parson's sick and sent the medicine: this

hendingly; but the woman started up mine says: "The nugget formed part with a little cry. She put the child of a consignment of 15,061 pounds of "Don't you understand, Jim?" she "The medicine's come—it's

come, man!"

To put 'em on himself!" ly; "I'll tell him."

and she nestled contended in his arms: she was half asleep from weariness and only had a hazy knowledge of it when gan riding across the prairie. The minister had fallen into a ing the floor, beating desperately back the fears that stormed her heart. Nothing could have happened to the child; there was not far to go and she knew the way perfectly. Mrs. Garnett could bring her home. She would not

then into another, she could fight her fears no longer. She knelt down by Suddenly she started and listened. "I'll-try," answered the child, There was the beating of hoofs across the prairie, nearer nearer; now they Her mother, crushing back the fear were stopping at the door. She the sudden blaze of light, horse and

and their white, patient faces constantly appealed to the mother for night."

you remember? It must go to-sionately in her arms, and looked up at the man, her eyes full of the gratiband's cough began to trouble him, heart was beating painfully; but she too. The woman met it all with a will said no word, and stood perfectly still wa'n't going to see the parson's kid sternly keyed to silence. She could while she was being wrapped up. wandering round alone if I knowed not bear to touch the dress that had Then her mother set the lamp in the it," he said. Then he turned abruptly come for her in the box; it seemed to window and went to the door with away and galloped into the darkness. her as if it was so much life stelen her, and held her for a moment so The sharp blast of cold air woke the minister. Through the doorway he

The minister's patient eyes bright-

The German army is in possession

direction.

The balloon is built of aluminum, is With a smothered exclamation the man stooped down and picked the child up. "I guess you've walked fur in the car beneath.

swinging back showed a bare room, next morning the thin shell lay in a

Probably the largest nugget of silful nights, and the children more meat. the street with dim eyes; it was so I never doubted it. I had been thank- hard to have things go that way. And contempt, keener than any rebuke, 1840 pounds, which was taken from 1894. In regard to this nugget, Jim stared at the man uncompre- gentleman who is connected with that down on the bed and ran across to her ore which with silver at fifty-eight cents netted us free and clear of all expenses very close to \$82,000. This particular nugget was gotten out by tself and seemed to be extremely pure. denly he dashed into the other room. | the crucible returns given to us by the He came back in amoment with a pair company. This streak of silver ocof gloves which he thrust into the curred as a core in some very rich ore, child's hands. "Tell the parson that I averaging about 1000 ounces per ton. couldn't wear 'em, that I ain't touched At times it would be a half an inch in 'em!" he said, eagerly. "Tell him to thickness, and then widen out to two put 'em on himself; will you tell him? or two and one-half feet. It was a little purer than a silver dollar and al-"Yes," answered Ruth, wondering- most as bright. We were obliged to mine by the side of it, allowing it to Jim stood at the door a moment; he hang down into the stope until we had tried to say something more, but the reached a natural crack or very thin words stuck in his throat; then his place when we could break it off. It wife called him, and he slammed the extended along the stope for twenty door, shutting them out into the or thirty feet in height, was three or four feet in length, with the width as Ruth's friend grunted, but made no given."-New York Times.

> only for a rough calculation. A Baltimore man has determined "It won't take long, dear," she rider seemed to start up from the toy in creation. He is making this said. "Little Mamie Cassock is very ground. She shrank back with a littoy for his own pleasure, and it occupies one end of the parlor. He has a large plateau, on which are a windmin, castle, railroad equipped with two trains, a log cabin and a cottage. "Mamma, I was afraid; but I went, In the plain below are an artesian well, a farmhouse with a pump by it, a Ferris wheel, chutes having a lake at the bottom, windmill, church, prison, swings and band stand. In the plain is a large lake, on which boats will ply. The windmill, Ferris wheel, trains, pumps, etc., will all work, having their attaches, as it

"Did Jim Cassock get the medicine, in a cometery in Lincoln, Neb. It marks the grave of James Jacobs, a His wife ran to him, and she had butcher, who died in 1891. The desomething in her hands. "Yes, dear, ceased was of a roving disposition, so hands were destroying. "Wait, dear, never been alone before. Then she he has it," she answewed; "and-I his father had a valise modelled in I'll get them. I wanted you to put turned sharply. Her mother had told wronged him, David. He sent the marble and placed on the grave. The them on last week. They are beauti- her to be brave—she must be brave. gloves back to you and wanted you to inscription, in addition to the name, date of birth and death, is "Here is Women in British India.

But the minister was looking at her tying tenderness. There are more women in British and over her one little prayer: "God, and absently began pulling them on. Suddenly his face changed.

"They are not for me, dear," he is the fear of the timid little child-heart."

"Annie," he cried, excitedly; "put your hand in here!"

She obeyed him wonderingly, alipning her hand in the warm finese line.

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