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Bring us one but the best of work and employment in the best workmen.

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AND  
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At No. 2 Phoenix Block,  
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## The Old Man's Talk to His Wife.

BY MARION SHIRLEY.

Jessie just stir the fire, good wife,  
And draw the curtains to,  
And come sit here beside me,  
My patient friend and tride.

Just another such a night, love,  
Full thirty years ago,  
We sat by this same hearth stone,  
But not, as now, alone.

For in yonder shaded corner  
Stood a silken covered crib,  
'Twas baby Joe's bright, sunny face  
The floating curtain hid.

And here on the velvet carpet,  
Where rest your slippers feet,  
You remember how he lay, wife,  
Our eldest, fast asleep.

One dimpled arm supporting  
His head, with its wealth of curls,  
I tell you what, our two fair boys  
Were worth a dozen girls!

But many a change has come, old wife,  
Since that calm, happy night;  
The crib is gone—oh! baby Joe!  
The pale, cold, white moonlight

Still hauntseth us, and the swift stream  
Hath the same waiting sound,  
As when, beneath its glassy waves,  
Our white, dead boy was found.

And Rob—ha! wife, the bitter tear  
Joe's memory hath brought,  
Gives place to a proud, happy smile  
At what our Rob hath wrought.

Our one good son, our noble man,  
Out pride and growing fame—  
Filling our home with words of love,  
The world with deeds of fame.

But wife, where is our boy, to night?  
What's not at Lee's again?  
Well, Annie is a nice, good girl,  
And I don't regret a pain.

For I went wooing once myself,  
And if our Robert's wife  
Should prove one half as good as mine,  
He'll keep good friends with life.

And, wife, we too should thankful be  
That God has blessed us so!  
Our hearts still hold the grown man Rob,  
Our hearts, the baby Joe.

## STORY TELLER



## MAY MARTIN; —OR— THE MONEY DIGGERS.

CHAPTER IV.

We will now follow the eager-eyed expectants of glittering treasure to the theatre of their secret operations in the woods. A company of five individuals, besides Martin and Gow, had already been formed according to the plan before mentioned, and many nights had been spent by them in making excavations on the spot indicated by their leader, who generally remained with them several hours each night in directing their movements, before he retired to his retreat on the mountain, where he had now, for the most part, taken up his quarters. For the first few nights of their digging he had directed their efforts to different places within a circle of ten rods in diameter, designated by marks on the trees, and constituting a boundary within which he said, he had rendered it certain by visions he had obtained in his magic stone, and the working of the divining rods, that the money lay buried. But for several of the last nights he had ordered them to proceed on excavating in the same vein, assuring them that they might depend on having centered on the right place, and to so great a certainty was this now reduced, as his stone, and often-times rods informed him, that he could safely promise them that a few nights' labor would bring them to the treasure. And such being the case, he called on each man to have the bonus to be paid him on reaching the first dollar, in readiness at the same time declining to assist them any farther till they severally complied with this indispensable requisition. This for several days caused a suspension of their labors; for it required no small exertion on the part of the company generally, and many sacrifices on the part of some of them to raise, at that day, the necessary sum. But their exertions and sacrifices, great as they were in some cases, were cheerfully and even anxiously made, in the full certainty of

soon being a thousand fold repaid in the glittering harvest which they were about to reap. Farms were unhesitatingly mortgaged to distant money lenders, oxen and horses, the only ones possessed by their owners, were sold at reduced prices, and all kinds of property were disposed of or pledged for a tithe of their value to meet the exigency. And so great was their activity that before one week had elapsed, every man of the company had reorted himself to his leader as prepared with his hundred dollars in his pocket, and demanded to be led to work.

Hitherto the enterprise had been conducted with so much caution and secrecy that little was known in the neighborhood, except by those immediately concerned, of its existence, and much less the object for which the company was formed. But either by reason of the stir created by raising the money, or because the growing certainty of success had rendered the different members of the association less guarded, vague rumors were beginning to be afflat in the neighborhood that some uncommon adventure was going on in the mountains; and many were the conjectures and dark surmises made concerning its character and object—the secrecy with which it had been conducted sufficed to throw an air of mystery and romance over the proceeding. And this had been much increased by the appearance about this time of a singularly accoutred old man, who had been known to enter the settlement from the north, and was several times afterwards seen hovering round the outskirts of the woods, back of which was the supposed scene of those mysterious operations—some supposing him a dumb mantic, from having been met and hailed without returning any answer, or showing the least sign of hearing, or recognizing the presence of another; some believing him the devil himself, come to superintend the ceremonies of the black-act which they suspected was in performance in the woods; and others, more given to matter of fact calculation, and disposed to view secrecy and mystery as generally the cloak of iniquity, shrewdly suspected him to be an agent sent from Stephen Burroughs' Snag Factory, in Canada, to establish a branch in this unexplored part of the Green Mountains. [The counterfit hills with which the celebrated Stephen Burroughs once flooded the country were at that day denominated Snags.] And it was the impression of all, it died, that this personage had some connection with the doings of the company; though those who were supposed to be its members stoutly denied the truth of this supposition, being probably, with the exception of their leader, really as much in the dark concerning the cause of the appearance and character of the old man as their neighbors.

It was on a dark night in July, a few days subsequent to the scene where we left our heroine at Martin's, that the money diggers resumed their labors. Excited by the late assurance of Gow, they came, one by one, stealing to the spot at an early hour, and having kindled a small fire, and struck a pine knot torch in a stump on the bank of the excavation to furnish light for their operations, they waited with nervous impatience for the appearance of the leader to show the spot on which their efforts were to be bestowed. The latter soon made his appearance; and, after giving his directions with the most obliging gravity with which he had sustained his part through the whole enterprise, and seeing them fairly at work he soon informed them that, from the experiments he had been making through the day, he had strong hopes of arriving at the treasure within a few hours, and that he should remain with them till the close of their labor for the night.

This thrilling announcement added fresh ardor to their exertions, and wrought them up to the highest pitch of expectation and excitement. And, in imagination, new gains were purchased, old ones richly stocked and improved, new houses built and furnished, wives were rustling in their new silk gowns, tables were groaning with dainties, and hundreds of dollars were lavished with a free hand in treats by embryo captains of militia or justices of the peace, on the occasion of their promotion,—honors which their great wealth would certainly bring to them. Thus, with lusty blows and many a glib joke, they delved on until about midnight.

Gow now made another trial with his rods; and, after essaying them some time in different points with great seeming cheerfulness and accuracy, he rose with a satisfied air, and hastily throwing the mass of things which were now no longer required, he joyfully announced to his companions that he had