TWO KISSES.

When I made a visit home,
And stole up stairs, [illegible]
I saw, or rather [illegible]
My sister [illegible]

With [illegible]
With [illegible]
And [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

...he came to Carson you took the best picture in the State. Now you see Sal and I got hitched down there last Monday. Now, her folks live in [illegible] style, and they live in the States. They never saw me, and if I send my photo East they'll be [illegible]. I'm a slight better than I look, and when people come to know me they vote me a brick. Now, what I want is to get some good-looking man to sit with Sal for a picture. Will you stand it? She'll [illegible] a handsome whiskers of yourn and create harmony. You can have a solid equivalent, and they'll take me for a pretty [illegible] man." Mr. Beals enjoyed the idea immensely, and sat with Sal for the picture, which [illegible] the [illegible] the husband of her Eastern friends.

A recent advertisement contains the following: "If the gentleman who keeps the shoe store with a red head will return the umbrella of a young lady with whalebone ribs and an iron handle to the slate-roofed grocer's shop, he will hear something to his advantage, as the same is the gift of a deceased mother now no more with the name engraved upon it."

Paradoxical as it may seem, a man can be too drunk to climb up a ladder, yet he can get up stairs with as much ease as the most [illegible].—Hackensack Republican.

The flea, says the *Boston Transcript*, is the politician of the insect world. He is ever [illegible] for place, creates no end of disturbance, and you never know where to find him.

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A young man may do a great many foolish things, but he will never wear a pair of white pantaloons to a picnic but once. He will never forget the large amount of fun he didn't have on the first occasion.—Norristown Herald.

The season for musty jokes on the strawberry short cake has arrived and everybody is just writhing with anguish as they peruse items relating to the long and short of it. Those who are well-bred will rise, whomsoever, and endeavor to suppress the strawberry joke.—Hackensack Republican.

A Saving Clause. (Scene—Dinner party on the finish of second course.) Mr. Host: "Oh, Mrs. Brown, could I tempt you to a small piece more fish?" Mrs. Brown (who has been raised above her original position): "Oh, no, thank you; I am quite satisfied—leastways as regards the fish."—Judy.

The pen is the wire that conveys pearls from the battery of the brain to paper.—*Whitehall Times.* For the sake of argument, suppose it was a pig pen! (Now, something ought to be worked in here with reference to "casting pearls before swine.") But then this is a very warm day. Heigh-ho!—Wheeling Leader.

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[illegible] are to [illegible] the [illegible] figures of hunger and thirst; and the salvation of Christ is represented as a flowing fountain, where refreshing and [illegible] streams flow "without money and without price."

In lesson 7 the prophet Micah instructs us as to the [illegible] and triumph of Messiah's kingdom (Micah [illegible]).

A [illegible] picture is presented of [illegible] the latter day, when the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills." Then there shall be peace among all nations, and men shall sit every one beneath the shadow of his own vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid. It is a sweet and comforting revelation.

In lesson 8 the prophet Joel predicts the dispensation of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2: 28–32).

Standing on the mount of prophecy and looking down upon the future, the prophet sees an era of great spiritual prosperity coming in the train of the gospel of Christ. The Spirit is to be poured out in large measures, and the children of the Church are to share largely in the blessing.

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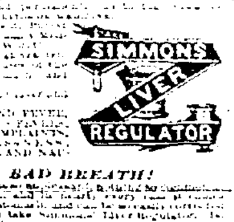
Lesson 10 spreads before us the valley of dry bones (Ezek. 37: 1–10.

And under the image of a restoration of those to life and motion, the prophet predicts the restoration of the people of Israel to their own land and their former prosperity. It is a graphic and well-known passage of Holy Writ, and rich in spiritual instruction.

The next lesson, 11th, impresses upon us the need of relying upon the aid of the Divine Spirit, in order to all true spiritual progress (Zech. 4: 1–14). The Church is represented as a golden candlestick, fed with oil by olive trees standing by her side, from which the oil is conducted directly into the burners. It is a fine figure



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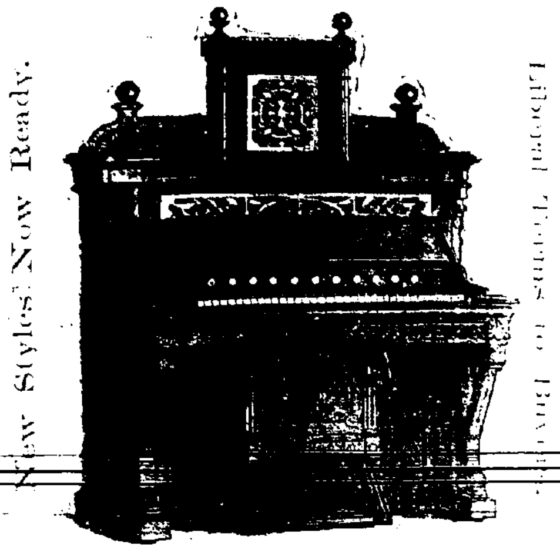
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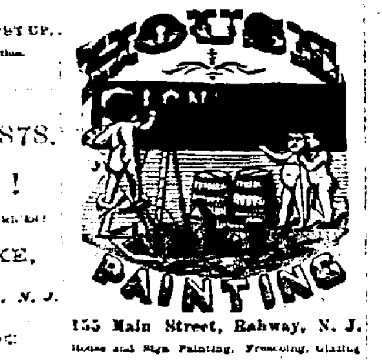

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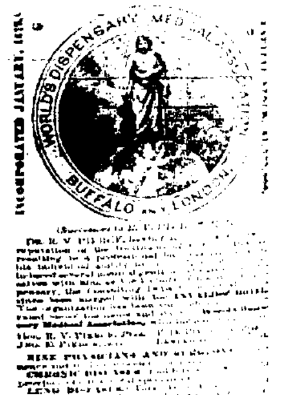

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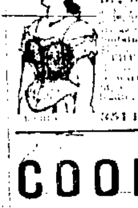

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THE WILD ROSE.

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THE COBBLER'S STORY.

[illegible] I was frightened. I had read so many murder cases in the newspapers, I was afraid I was to make one of them. He looked at me as if he would not think twice of putting one of my own knives through me.

'It will take a good hour,' I said, 'and I can't make a neat job of it.'

'Will give you thirty minutes,' he answered, taking out his watch—'Botch it any way you like, only make it strong. Thirty minutes, mind.'

I went to work with all my might, the young man eying me very much. I felt all the time as if he was pointing a revolver at me.

'Do you object if I do this with pegwork?' I said, when I came to the heel; 'it will save a good fifteen minutes.'

'Peg away,' he growled. 'Time almost up.'

I managed to get the heel on some sort of fashion. It didn't look much like its mate—ha, ha!—but he paid no attention to that.

On went the boot.

'Now button it,' he said.

I did so.

He took a glance at the street, then his hand in his pocket, and pulling out a roll of bills, threw me a five.

'There you are! he exclaimed.—'Will be back one of these days for the change.'

So saying, he darted off double-quick, and, turning up the street, was out of sight before I could count three.

My first thought was that he had given me a counterfeit note. But I discovered, on examining it, that it was genuine, and no mistake.

'I am in luck to-day,' I thought. 'Five dollars for thirty minutes' work!'

On looking a little more carefully at the bill, I perceived on one corner a drop of something red, which did not appear to be exactly dry. No, I can't say it was red, like red paint or vermillion; yes, it was red, though—loathsome, more red than anything else. It looked so fresh that I put my finger on the spot, just one might say, without thinking of anything particular; yet I was in a kind of puzzle, too, considering it did look, as I was telling you, quite fresh like.

When I put my finger on the spot and took it off again, something stain[illegible]

...'Peter,' said she, 'be sure you don't [illegible].'

'Why not?' said I, my teeth chattering.

'I tell you, you must not do it until we get the news.'

[illegible] I went to work. I had so [illegible] the shop, but went into the other room, and [illegible] bed. I laid awake nearly all night [illegible] a terrible state with my finger. At last I fell asleep, and dreamed it began to swell, and kept growing larger and larger, till it was bigger than my head. I was in great trouble. A doctor came to cut it off, and, just as he was [illegible], I heard a scream which woke me. There was my wife standing over me, with a newspaper in her hand.

'The awfullest thing that ever happened!' she cried. 'Mr. P—— was murdered yesterday afternoon, and it was his murderer you did that job for. Read!'

The account was short. Mr. P—— had been discovered in the basement of his warehouse, near his vault, quite dead, stabbed over so many times.—The vault—it was where he kept his valuables—was open. Everything [illegible] taken, of which was a large sum in bank bills—a tremendous robbery.—From the basement into the vault, you crossed an area, covered with an iron grating, which let light into a cellar below. The murderer's heel must have caught between the bars during the scuffle. It was wrenched off, and was found stuck there. There was no clew whatever to the murderer except the heel.—This was the whole story.

I jumped out of bed.

'Now, Peter, what are you going to do?' asked my wife.

'I am going to see lawyer E——; he was one of my customers, and tell him all I know.'

'That's right,' said she.

I hurried off as soon as I was dressed. Lawyer E—— was not up. I waited for him. As soon as he came into the room, I told my story. He took it coolly enough; but that was because he was a lawyer, I reckon.

'Wait till I have my breakfast,' he said, 'and I will go with you to police headquarters.'

'To be locked up?' says I. 'Won't that be the way of it?'

He laughed.

'I will take care of you, Peter,' says he; 'will go bail for your appearance, if necessary.'

After he had his breakfast, we started off together. Lawyer E—— took me to the chief man; I forget what they call him. I told my story over again. Then I answered so many questions that I began to feel as if I had killed Mr. P—— myself.

"Before they got through, they showed me the heel of the boot. I could have sworn to it on a stack of bibles. Then I pulled off the rag and showed him my finger.

What's that for?' said the police officer.

...wretch cast a piteous glance [illegible] and then turned away.

I threw down my work and ran into the other room for my wife.

'I have seen him, I have seen him, I have seen the murderer!' I screamed [illegible]. 'Put on your hat and shawl, and follow him to the ends of the earth, and see where he goes—young woman and child with him—young woman and child. Do you hear?'

Quick as a thought, almost, my wife was on the sidewalk.

'Be careful,' says I; 'don't let him suspect.'

Before the words were fairly out of my mouth, she was out of sight.

I sat like a petrification for more than a good long hour. Nobody came. First I was so crazy glad to discover that wretch I did not know what to do. Then I began to settle down more quiet, and when half an hour passed, and my wife did not get back, I fell into a great thinking, and so many things came crowding, crowding, into my mind.

'That is his wife with him,' I said to myself, 'and that little tot, trudging at his side. God forgive me, what am I trying to do? To make that young woman a widow, and the little tot an orphan?'

The perspiration stood in big drops on my face—I could scarcely breathe.

'Suddenly, the vision of the young girl waiting for her father to come home appeared to me. There she was, standing in the doorway.

'Heaven help me!' I exclaimed, aloud. 'He shall hang! What is this young wife to me, or the little child either?'

'After that I settled down, weak as a kitten, and remained in a tremble till my wife came back.

When she did come, she did not [illegible] the same woman she [illegible] had taken off her hat and [illegible] it, crazy-like, in her [illegible]. Her eyes were as big again as they were before, and she looked neither to the right nor left, but plumped herself square into her seat, and said nothing.

'Well, where did you go?' I asked, after waiting a little.

'Peter,' said my wife, solemnly, 'are you sure he is the one?'

'Sure as I am that we are now talking together.'

'Then may the Lord have mercy on our souls!' she exclaimed.

'I thought she had gone off in a fit, but she came to presently, and undertook to tell me.

'I followed them to Mr. P——'s house,' she articulated. 'As sure as I live, I followed them to Mr. P——'s house, where Mr. P——'s widow lives, and there they went in. I asked the servant, who stood on the stoop a minute, if the gentleman and his wife were staying there.'

'What's that to you, Impudence?' she said.

'Nothing,' I answered; 'only I thought I knew the gentleman.'

'Then you ought to know he stays here, without asking.' And with that the door was slammed in my face. Oh, Peter, Peter, it can't be the one.'

'It is the one,' I repeated, 'and that I'll prove in less than an hour.'

I started for lawyer E——. He went with me once more to the head police. The head police took me all to pieces again; then he charged me to say nothing myself, and not to let my wife breathe a word to any one.

I heard not a thing for three days, and began to think it is all given up, when slap came the arrest, and I was called on to be present at the examination.

I never told the particulars of the awful tale but once since. I don't [illegible] I ever can do it again."

The cobbler stopped, took a long breath, and proceeded:

"What do you suppose? It was Mr. P——'s own nephew, who lived in Philadelphia, who murdered him. He confessed the whole before he came to trial. He had come here for two days, and taken a room [illegible] the night before, expecting to start for home in the morning [illegible] next day he walked to [illegible] made stopping down to his vault. He entered, unperceived, and waited till the vault was opened, and then committed the murder and robbery. He escaped without notice, and in thirty minutes after he left my shop he was on the train, and, strange to say, was never suspected. Three years he courted and married his cousin, Miss P——, whom on that fatal day I encountered at the door. She was his wife, and little Tot their daughter. Oh, my God!

He was tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The governor commuted the sentence to state prison for life. There he is now.

I sometimes feel sorry," continued the cobbler, after a pause, "that I ever saw the man. But," he added thoughtfully, "I suppose it was best."

"What became of his wife and child?"

"I cannot tell; they left the country. Dead for aught I know."—*Richard B. Kimball.*

EFFECT OF DIET.

Charles Napier, an English scientific man, has been testing the truth of Liebig's theory that liquor drinking is compatible with animal food, but not with a farinaceous diet. The experiment was [illegible], with results substantiating the Liebig theory.

Among the most striking instances of reform brought about by a change of diet is that of a gentleman of sixty who had been addicted to intemperate habits for thirty-five years. His constitution was so shattered that he had great difficulty in moving his life. After an attack of delirium tremens, which nearly ended fatally, he was persuaded to enter upon a farinaceous diet, which, we are assured, cured him completely in seven months. He seems to have been very thin at the beginning of the experiment, but at the close of the period named had gained twenty-eight pounds, bring[illegible] about the normal weight for a person of his height.

Among the articles of food which are specified by Napier as preventives for an inclination to alcohol are macaroni, haricot beans, dried peas and lentils, all of which should be well boiled, and flavored with butter or olive oil. The various garden vegetables are said to be helpful, but a diet mainly composed of them would not [illegible] the tendency to intemperance so effectually as one of macaroni and farinaceous food. From this point of view, high glutinous bread would be sour, such acidity being calculated to foster the habit of alcoholic drinking. A like remark may be applied to the use of mixed food.

If we inquire the cause of a vegetarian's [illegible] to alcoholic liquors, we find that the carbonaceous starch contained in the macaroni beans or oleaginous aliment appears to render unnecessary, and therefore repulsive, carbon in an alcoholic form.

A LESSON IN POLITENESS.

A friend of Dean Swift one day sent him a turbot as a present, by a servant who had frequently been on similar errands, but had never received anything for his trouble. Having gained admission, he opened the study door, and putting the fish on the floor, cried out, rudely.—

"Master sent you a turbot."

"Young man," said the dean, rising from his easy-chair, "is that the way you deliver a message? Let me teach you better manners. Sit down in my chair, we will change places, and I will teach you how to behave in the future."

The boy sat down, and the dean going out, came up to the door, and, making a low bow, said:—

"Sir, master presents his kind compliments, hopes you are well, and requests your acceptance of a small present."

"Does he?" replied the boy. "Return him my best thanks, and here's half a crown for yourself."

The dean, thus caught in his own trap, laughed heartily, and gave the boy a crown for his ready wit. The teacher, as well as the scholar, received a lesson that time. The boy certainly knew enough to make his way through the world.

A SECRET SYSTEM.

Every one has heard of the secret police system in Russia—the most wonderful in the world. Social resorts, stores, markets, all are under their control. Secret agents are found everywhere. The universities and high schools literally swarm with them. They are generally recruited among such of the students as show a decided tendency toward "smartness" and are not overburdened by an exaggerated feeling of honor. A handsome monthly salary is offered to them on condition that they will report all that happens amid the turbulent youth of the schools. A man who has once been reported as suspicious is virtually lost in Russia. In every career which he attempts to follow he will be stopped by an invisible hand, and he will be put out of the way once for all at the very first opportunity.

A Portland fish inspector has in his possession an ordinary pair of scissors which were found in a large cod. It is probable that the scissors were dropped from some vessel and, their brightness attracting the attention of the fish he snapped them up as something good to eat. The points were shut together, and the scissors were very rusty.

Iron railway sleepers are said to have proved, both in India and in England, much cheaper than wooden ones. Their gradual adoption is predicted.

God furnishes us the fine wheat; but we ourselves must knead it into bread.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

[illegible] at dead low [illegible].

Most people's conception is worse than their [illegible].

The Householders' Association of [illegible] [illegible]

...[illegible] the [illegible] in Norway [illegible] help himself to water, as he does to hay, from a trough [illegible] it, and accordingly drinks like a human being at [illegible]

The [illegible] City of Mexico [illegible] The Emperor [illegible]

A huge stone, [illegible] and the dimensions of [illegible] which was [illegible] Church of Sainte Marie [illegible], in the Isle of Guernsey.

A man falls in love just as he falls down stairs. It is an accident, perhaps, and very probably a misfortune, something which he neither intended, nor apprehended. But when he runs in love he [illegible] runs in debt; it is done knowingly and intentionally, and very often rashly and foolishly, even if not ridiculously, miserably and ruinously.

A Belgian chemist asserts that the colors of [illegible] flowers [illegible] one dram of alcohol to [illegible] parts of alcohol. Heating alcohol to a boiling heat is not a pastime for the inexperienced to indulge in. The flowers are dipped in this solution and then shaken and pressed.

There are in Russia many obscure sects whose rites are on a level with those of the most barbarous savages. The disappearance of sundry children has resulted lately in the discovery of a sect which held that real blood should take the place of wine at the Lord's Supper, and whose agents abducted and killed infants to supply this.

The Island of Jersey, in the English Channel, produces a remarkable variety of cabbage called the Jersey cow cabbage, which grows to the height of three or four feet, and is cultivated for fodder. The stalk, which is tall and very straight, is often made into walking sticks, and, when smoothed off and varnished, it is similar in appearance to bamboo cane.

The latest novelty is a "barometer handkerchief." The design printed on it is a man with an umbrella. In dry weather the umbrella is blue, in changeable weather gray and in rainy weather white. The secret lies in printing this design in chloride of cobalt, but the first washing removes that sensitive chemical and destroys the barometric properties.

Lovers of pillow laces may be interested in the following division into styles:— Mediæval, with its grotesque groups, monsters and trees, down to 1550; geometrical, with its squares and circles, from 1550 to 1650; Renaissance, with its flowing wreaths and garlands, from 1650 to 1720; rococo, with its stiff and disconnected bouquet and flowers, from 1720 to 1770; and dotted, with its small flowers, "tears" and bees; from 1770 to 1810.

English ladies now invite their guests to wear clothing of a particular color, always, of course, choosing one that is becoming to themselves. A clever woman could revenge herself on a rival of a different complexion in this way, but the general effect must be very unpleasant. Nothing is sillier than the appearance of three sisters dressed alike, and a whole room full of women arrayed in the same color must be a sight to dream of, not to tell, and not to dream of except after a late lunch on mince pie.

The Russian language is one extremely hard to learn, and cannot be acquired with dictionary and grammar. It has so many inflections and puzzling grammatical rules, and these are clogged with such lots of exceptions, subexceptions and minor subexceptions and words which, like the [illegible] to have an independent erratic course of their own, the student of books becomes bewildered, and throws up the study in disgust. The true way to master the language is by the colloquial system.

In excavating for the foundation of a house in a street of Geneva, Switzerland, some distance from the Rhone, a number of piles identical with those found in lacustrine villages have been uncovered, a circumstance which points to the conclusion that the river was once much wider than at present, extending probably to the foot of the steep hill which marked the limits of the ancient city. In the same neighborhood has also been found a sculptured slab, which appears to have formed part of the entablature of a Roman building.

One of the most recent hypotheses of the origin of petroleum is that advanced by M. Mendelejeff. Starting with the nebular hypothesis he regards the interior of the earth as metallic, doubtless composed largely of iron and carbides of iron; through vents made by earthquakes, water gained access to these bodies at a high temperature and under great pressure, and, by their mutual chemical action actions, metallic oxides and saturated hydrocarbons resulted. It is these latter, according to M. Mendelejeff, which, carried by watery vapor, have spread themselves through the overlying rocks.

PHUNNY-GRAPHS.

[illegible]

To the Point.—[illegible] Mrs. O'Bralaghan: they came out so fast nobody couldn't catch 'em."—Fun.

"Marion," he asked, in that style which a big brother assumes when patronizing a little sister, "Marion, do you know that the earth turns round?" "Of cos I does," answered Marion, resenting the imputation of ignorance; "that's the reason I tumbles out of bed."

The tramp's last dodge is to ask your advice about going to the next town, and when you warmly advise him to go he says he has much confidence in your good judgment, and will emigrate further on at once. "But," he adds, "wouldn't you advise me to have a ten-cent [illegible] before I start?"

It is related that one day Colonel Marshall, of Kentucky, said to Benton: "Senator Benton, why do you talk to yourself so much?" With great dignity Benton replied: "Colonel Marshall, I can talk to a very intelligent and very [illegible]. I love to talk to a good man, and I love to hear a great man talk."

Little [illegible] was told, "Never ask for anything at the table—little boys should wait until they are served." The other day mamma forgot him [illegible] served at all. What could he do? Presently, after reflecting seriously, he asked: "Mamma, when little boys starve to death, do they go to Heaven?"

"What made you quit the [illegible]" asked a man in Nevada [illegible]. "I got into trouble by marrying two wives," was the response. "Well," said the other, "I [illegible] because I got into trouble by marrying [illegible] wife." "And I," added a [illegible], "came here because I got [illegible] simply by promising to [illegible]."

Madame His [illegible] Poire.—Adolphus: "What is that noise, darling?" Darling: "Oh, it's only papa. Ever since he read in the papers of actions for breach of promise of marriage being abolished he is always going about cracking his horsewhip." Adolphus: "Oh! (Pauses reflectively.) Well, would u—er—be troubling you to—er—name the day?"—Funny Folks.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

[illegible]

[illegible] No man can be at peace while he is under the condemnation of the divine law. "The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." A sense of sin raises a storm in the bosom, and a guilty conscience drives all peace away. Conscience is a witness for God in the sinner's bosom and she forecasts the final sentence of his law. Let her be once aroused and peace is gone. The thought of God, to one who is under the condemnation of the law, is only an aggravation of his fear. "I remembered God, and was troubled," said David. "When I consider, I am afraid of him."

3. Faith in Christ removes guilt, satisfies justice, and reconciles to God, and thus brings peace to the soul. Guilt is liability to penalty for violated law. Christ has paid that penalty. Justice demands Atonement. Christ has made it by his death. God is angry with the wicked. Christ's death and intercession turn his anger away. And a little simple, childlike, sincere trust in the word of Jesus secures [illegible] these to every believer. "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

4. A living Christ secures and perpetuates what a dying Christ accomplished. "When we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son." "So Christ was once offered to bear the sin of many." But having been reconciled, we are saved by the life of Christ, for he "ever liveth to make intercession for us." [illegible] We need both a dying and a living Christ. Christ on the cross is [illegible], and so is Christ on the throne. We want both and we glory in both. We can say, he died for me. And we [illegible] "I know that my Redeemer liveth." "He died for our sins and rose again for our justification."

5. The Atonement is the most glorious monument to the infinite love of God towards a sinful world. It sprang from love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." [illegible] "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and gave his Son to be the propitiation for our sin." Its fruit is love. "We loved him, because he first loved us." Its glory is love. "God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Love will be its triumph. "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." "Unto him that loved us, and washed us in his blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

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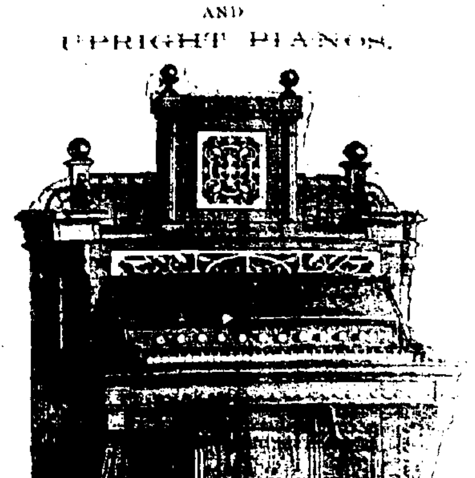

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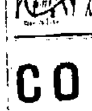

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KITTY'S RASPBERRY FLOAT.

"Oh, mother!" exclaimed Mary Wylie, in tones of dismay, "the cream is all sour!"

And her handsome face darkened with positive annoyance. It was really too vexatious, for she had invited a score or more of her friends to meet her newly arrived cousin Kitty, and of course she ought to have ice cream. The Wylies were rather famous for their delicious ice cream, which they always made themselves for company, but the thermometer at ninety-eight and a thunderstorm had curdled all the milk in the dairy.

"The cake is all ready," said Mary, sitting down in her perplexity. "But what else are we to have? Coffee is too hot, and lemonade is too much like a fair. Kitty, can't you think of some little light thing, easy to make, to take place of ice cream?"

Thus appealed to, Kitty upraised her head from "Daniel Deronda," and said, thoughtfully, "Do you like a float?"

"What is a float?"

"It takes eggs; mamma makes it often for us at home, evenings. She beats the whites of eggs up like a great snowy mountain, and puts in sugar, and then she beats in strawberries, or jelly, to make it a pretty color and to flavor it. We eat it in saucers like ice cream."

[illegible] said Mary, with a little revival of hope, "and we have oceans of eggs, but strawberries are all gone—it is near the Fourth of July, you know—but there are raspberries, to be sure, down in the lots. But I burn so if I go in the sun, and the servants are all busy—no, I'm afraid we can't make it."

"I'll pick the berries!" said Kitty, jumping up; "I'd like nothing better than a stroll in the lots, and I'm so very brown already that the sun won't hurt me."

"But you'll be so tired," remonstrated Mary, looking admiringly at the merry brunette face, "and I want you to look your prettiest to-night, so that our Rahway young men may lose their hearts."

"I think I would rather have raspberries than hearts," replied Kitty, saucily, as she put on her hat and took a pail, and, with a few words of direction, went down the garden, and out through a gate into the back lot.

It was a burning July day, but Kitty was a child of the sun, and she liked it. She had not been in the country for a long time before, and she fairly revealed in the feeling of the grass under her feet, the whirr of the grasshopper, and the little cloud of brown butterflies that fluttered all the time just ahead of her.

"Here are the raspberries!" she said to herself, as she came to the low stone wall—"not very many, either—I suppose they picked a good many for supper last night. But I'll glean as I go."

So she gleaned as she went, but the berries were scarce, and as the old wall was in a tumble-down condition, and there seemed to be more berries in the next lot, she climbed over and wandered on, meeting with better success. A lane ran by the lot she was now in, and a black-eyed young lady walking through it stared curiously at Kitty as she passed.

"I believe I like birds better than I do people," was Kitty's mental comment on this; "you dear little robbins singing so over in those apple trees, I mean to go and watch your housekeeping, and rest a little while, for my pail is almost full."

The apple trees were in a corner of the lot, and when Kitty reached them she found a pretty bubbling spring there, and rocks covered with lovely lichens.

"Uncle Robert has good taste," she said, "to keep such a charming little nook here." And she threw herself down in the shadow of one quite tall rock, and fanned herself with her hat. She was in a mood to thoroughly enjoy everything, and it seemed to her she had never seen the sky look so beautiful before, nor such beautiful clouds.

"I'd like to marry a farmer!" she said impulsively aloud; and to her utter dismay, a pleasant, manly voice from the other side of the rock responded:

"Would you?" That's quite a rare choice, now-a-days."

Kitty [illegible]

[illegible]

"Do forgive me," he said; "you must not be one sorry the least bit," [illegible]

"I will," answered Kitty; "but you [illegible]"

After that, of course, it was absurd to [illegible] happy young creatures in the heyday of [illegible] and [illegible] over every berry. Kitty told him what she picked them for, and for whom, and he said he was well acquainted with Miss Wylie.

"Perhaps then you will be there to-night," she remarked, hoping in her heart he would.

"I have not been invited," he answered, soberly.

"Oh, well, said Kitty, merrily, [illegible] I'll invite you, for Mary said she [illegible] company for me, and I [illegible] two or three more she wanted to ask, but hadn't been able to [illegible] them. Won't you come?"

The young man hesitated; he felt as if he were sailing under false colors. The truth was, he and the Wylies were not on good terms, the old folks had formerly been friends. But their lands adjoined, and a dispute about boundaries had lately arisen, not [illegible] this same pretty knoll with its spring and apple trees. The old [illegible] had been lost track of, and Mr. Wylie, [illegible] Hugh, or fancied he did, that he had a right to the knoll. The claimant was Hugh Greystone, who had refused to recognize. His father, who had recently died, had always [illegible] possession of the knoll, and certainly prized it, and Hugh saw no reason why he should give up his title. Mr. Wylie, who was not and hasty, began legal measures, and Hugh, indignant, and compelled to take up the defensive, had naturally ceased visiting at the Wylie mansion.

"Of course you needn't come if you don't want to!" and Kitty, piqued at his hesitation.

"I do want to come," he answered, earnestly, "and will, if I can possibly arrange it so."

[illegible] Kitty, [illegible] brought her [illegible] she lifted the pail of berries, and would have said "good morning," but Hugh stepped instantly to her side, and taking the pail, went with her as far as the piece of dilapidated wall where she had first crossed over. Then he watched her until she disappeared from sight in the Wylie garden.

When he turned back his brow was knit, but his lips were smiling. The merry little brunette face had aroused his interest as no other face had done. Hugh Greystone had more romance and generosity in the depth of his soul than any one dreamed, and was quite capable of doing a Quixotic deed once in a while, if it harmed no one but himself. He determined to go to Mary Wylie's party, and to pay a royal price for the privilege.

"Here are your raspberries!" exclaimed Kitty, gaily, as she entered the house, "and now I'll sit down and pick them over."

"You dear little soul!" said Mary, with fervor, "you are such a comfort! But I am afraid you are tired out, your cheeks are so flushed."

"Oh, I ran up the path," said Kitty, bending over the berries. She had fully meant to recount all her adventure for Mary's entertainment, but, after all, so unaccountable is a girl, she said not one word about it.

Together they prepared the float, beating the eggs up high and white, and lightly and gradually adding the sugars and berries, till they had a great dish heaped up like a massy mountain with the delicacy, which was in time an exquisite pale purple. It was set aside with the cake, and then the girls flew to adorn themselves.

Evening came and the guests gathered. It was a house where every one liked to visit, and Mary Wylie was a popular girl. Her cousin, the stranger, looked very piquant and pretty in a black grenadine, with a few cloth of gold roses, made quite a sensation, and she herself enjoyed the event the more perhaps because of a certain secret excitement that set her heart bounding every time a new comer entered the door, and her first thought was, "It it he?"

But time passed, and he came not. There had been dancing, and every one was warm and tired. Refreshments were always served early at the Wylie's in obedience to good, old-fashioned notions on the part of the head of the house. So presently the cake was passed about, and the company partook, with the pleasant anticipation that ice cream was coming next to make them cool and comfortable. It was such a sultry July evening that they must be pardoned. When the high piled purple dish was brought in, it was universally noticed, for human nature does feel interested in what it is about to eat at a party.

"I never saw such lavender ice cream before," whispered one to his neighbor, and Mary Wylie heard it.

She dipped it out into saucers, and, with the [illegible] sympathy of a hostess, [illegible] by disappointment. The fact was, [illegible] a [illegible] thing, but [illegible] it did fail that it [illegible] that were made up for the [illegible]

[illegible]

"I'm afraid I did," said Kitty, looking embarrassed at the inharmonious and meaning glances that met her on all sides, and feeling that, for some reason her cousin was annoyed.

But now some one passed his saucer for a little more float, and some other another began to praise it, till at last Mary's equanimity returned.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wylie, who had been sitting comfortably all the evening out in the honeysuckle-scented piazza, had company of his own. It was Hugh Greystone, who coming up the path and finding him there, had stopped for a talk.

"Mr. Wylie," he said, "I've come to say that I have changed my mind about our law suit. The knoll is out of [illegible] you are sure about your survey, I can't say but there may have been a mistake. In fact, I concede the knoll."

"That's right, Hugh, my boy!" exclaimed Mr. Wylie, his stiff dignity [illegible] "I [illegible] you [illegible] the fair thing when you came to think it over."

Some little friendly chat followed, and [illegible] Mr. Wylie took Hugh in, [illegible] with the most impressive [illegible] company all had [illegible] and finally introduced him to Kitty, who blushed like a cinnamon rose. At her side he strayed, and when Mary [illegible] brought him some cake and some float, he pronounced the latter perfection, and ate [illegible]

"Why didn't you tell me I was too [illegible] this morning?" Kitty asked, softly.

"I had been waiting for you too long," he said, half jesting, half earnest.

"Six weeks later Mr. Wylie went out one pleasant morning to repeat his survey, and to lay the foundation of [illegible] His measurements did not come exactly as he expected, and he was growing puzzled, when suddenly, in driving a stake, he discovered a few inches under ground, [illegible]

"Now we can set things right," he exclaimed, exultantly. But his face fell as he went on surveying, for by the aid of the stone he rectified his survey and was confounded to find that the old wall had been right all the time, and the knoll was none of his! He looked up and saw Hugh Greystone crossing the field.

"Hugh!" he called out in his hasty [illegible]

"The knoll is yours, sure enough."

"Oh, I made you a present of it," said Hugh, rather grimly. "But if you don't want to keep it, you can give it to my wife."

"Your wife?" asked Mr. Wylie, amazed.

"Yes," replied Hugh, with a look of happy pride, "Kitty has just promised to be mine for life."

So the little summer episode reached its sweet conclusion, and by the time the brown autumn leaves were fluttering over the field instead of the butterflies, Kitty became a landed proprietor, and was mistress of the knoll.

Some singular stories have been told in years past in regard to the magical effects produced at sea by pouring oil upon the troubled waters during violent storms. Captain Jarman, of the four masted ship [illegible], had heard these stories, and resolved to test the truth of them. So he provided two canvas-shaped sacks, each provided with about three gallons of common whale oil. On his last voyage he encountered a violent storm in the middle of the Atlantic. The gale was terrific; the waves rolled over the stern, threatening to sink the vessel. Then the captain thought of his oil, and puncturing one of the canvas bags, he caused one to be towed over each quarter. The effect was marvelous. The waves, although remaining at the same height, no longer broke over the stern, and wherever the oil had spread over the surface of the water apparently a calm. Captain Jarman considers that such a simple and inexpensive method of reducing the storms at sea is worthy of being adopted. It is said that whaling vessels, which are saturated with oil, often lie quietly during storms, while other vessels near them are tossed violently about.

There is Balm.—Anybody can soil the reputation of any individual, however pure and chaste, by uttering a suspicion that his enemies will believe and his friends hear of. A puff of idle wind can take a million of the seeds of the thistle and do a work of mischief which the husbandman must labor hard and long to undo, the floating particles being too fine to be seen and too light to be stopped.—Such are the seed of slander, so easily sown, so difficult to be gathered up, and yet so pernicious are its fruits.—They know that many a wind will catch up the plague and become poisoned by their insinuations, without ever making the antidote. No reputation can refute a sneer, nor any human skill prevent mischief.

A Wyoming girl thrashed a young man for flirting. The trouble was, according to the Buffalo Express, that the flirting was done with another girl.

A NEW TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

We learn from one of our State exchanges that a strong effort will be made to induce [illegible] to pass laws for the punishment of habitual drunkenness, of a more particular and stringent character than have yet existed. [illegible] has been constantly on the increase that a newly promulgated plan [illegible] "moderate drinking" is a fallacy, [illegible] at the root of the evil is by a system of legislation which shall make the drunkard himself responsible. It is a member of it that his offence is a crime, not only against those to whom the law gives a claim upon him for support and sustenance, but against society—his example tending to demoralize and corrupt others; therefore, it is argued that he is a fit subject for restraint and disciplinary punishment. The existing laws are based on this theory; but the friends of the new measure say that they are insufficient for the purpose in view, and indifferently executed. They believe if the penalties were, in one sense, more severe and more clearly defined, and if the administration of the law for their infliction were made more obligatory than, in time, the evils of drunkenness would be, in a great measure, checked, and the curse eradicated. They say that laws for the punishment of those who sell liquor or excessive [illegible] while they do little or no good in stopping inebriety, but that the man who knows when he indulges to excess and becomes a habitual drunkard, that he will be restrained of his liberty and compelled to labor for the support of his family, if he has one, or to pay the fine imposed on him, and not be allowed to do so in any other way, will have before his eyes a salutary warning which he will be apt to heed.

Dead Your Letters in Full.—[illegible] clerks are constantly employed in the New York Post Office in attending to incompletely and incorrectly addressed letters. As many as [illegible] defectively addressed and misdirected letters have been received in one day. Many letters do not bear the name of State or county, and in view of repetition of post offices bearing the same name, no little difficulty is involved in securing the correct transmission of a great deal of mail matter. [illegible] of letters going astray that are not directed with the name of the State as well as the post office, the following table gives. There are in the United States the following post offices bearing the same names: 30 Washingtons, 21 Springfields, 7 Philadelphias, 11 Brooklyns, 22 Richmonds, 12 Bostons, 16 Middletowns, 20 Williamsburgs, 5 Baltimores, 11 Bangors, 11 Buffalos, 17 Burlingtons, 17 Charlestons, 4 Chicagos, 4 Cincinnatis, 10 Clevelands, 22 Daytons, 12 Louisvilles, 12 Lowells, 2 Milwaukees, 14 Nashvilles, 15 Quincys, 12 St. Pauls, 7 Toledos, 12 Wilmingtons, 5 Omahas. This list might be extended to more than [illegible] different and familiar names.

One day recently an order was issued in the New York Post Office that letters that did not have the State marked on them should not be forwarded until it could be ascertained what place they were intended for. Great confusion followed, some very important letters being detained. One letter contained [illegible] delphia, was delayed a day, and an important business transaction was thereby frustrated. Every letter that is designed to reach the person to whom it is addressed should have the State as distinctly marked as the post office, and in some cases the county as well as the State should be marked. It is really astonishing how little care many persons exercise in directing letters.

How Far the Sun Shines.—The Philadelphia Record says:—Few people are aware that the proud boast of Englishmen that the sun never sets on the British Empire is equally applicable to the United States. Instead of being the western limit of the Union, San Francisco is only about midway between the farthest Aleutian Isle, acquired by our purchase of Alaska, and Eastport, Me. Our territory extends through 197 degrees of longitude, or 17 degrees more than half way round the globe. The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, in commenting on this fact, says: "When the sun is giving its good-night kiss to our westernmost isle on the confines of Behring's Sea, it is already flooding the fields and forests of Maine with its morning light, and in the eastern part of that State is more than an hour high. At the very moment when the Aleutian fisherman, warned by the approaching shades of night, is pulling his canoe toward the shore, the woodchopper of Maine is beginning to make the forest echo with the ringing music of his axe."

A terrible warning to young girls against forming indiscriminate acquaintances occurred recently in Elizabeth. A young girl residing with her parents, went to a picnic, and accepted the escort of a young man whom she had never met before, but who asked that he might see her home. He took her far out of her way, and on the outskirts of the city, where her cries for help were unheard, knocked her down and by violence outraged her. After accomplishing his vile purpose he left the unfortunate girl, and she, in her bewilderment, wandered back to Broad street, where she met Officer Walsh about two o'clock. She told the officer her story, and he took her to Police Headquarters. She did not know the scoundrel's name, and although the detectives were set at work on the case, he will probably escape detection.

In an editorial comment on advertising schemes, The Reading (Penn.,) Times truthfully says: There are men who would rather spend $10 or $20 in the rail-card and board nuisances, which may be seen by a few hundred people, than to expend the same sum in their home papers, where tens of thousands of eyes would see their card every day. This is an age of newspaper reading, and the sooner business men come to realize this fact in all its importance, the better it will be for business generally, and the better it will be for themselves.

A store was broken into one night, but, strange to say, nothing was carried off. The proprietor was making his boasts of it, at the same time expressing his surprise at losing nothing. "Not at all surprising," said his neighbor; "the robbers lighted a lamp, didn't they?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well," continued the neighbor, "they found your goods marked up so high that they couldn't afford to take them." That storekeeper didn't advertise.

SUNBEAMS.

A dealer in extracts—The dentist.

Grand colony—The organ-ic [illegible].

The current news always makes a currant jam in the newspapers.

How to take a man down—Employ a short-hand reporter.

A whole set of false teeth now for $3? Just chew on that.

The most [illegible] "Oh, you're [illegible]"

The oysterman's [illegible] "Do unto others as you would have [illegible] for you."

Actors cannot carry their quarrels on the stage. They must "make up" before they play.

It may be a very hard thing to be tried by adversity, but now [illegible] be tried by the County Judge!

Many a man who prays not to be led into temptation [illegible] ed if his prayer was granted.

"Ez a general thing," said John Quiness, recently, "I am down on puns, but upon my word I've often considered a blacksmith a base sort."

An Indiana man writing to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State for a license to practice law, said:—"If you have two mass send me largest one."

A Western rural paper asserts that there are two many hogs in that county. The writer has probably been taking a ride on a street car on a cold day.

If the characters of all our young men stood as high as their shirt collars, the community would present a better aspect than it does now.

Says an exchange: "Even small boys carry arms in this town." Awful, and it! [illegible] carry [illegible] in this wicked city.—Kansas Commoner.

The Norristown Herald [illegible] that both the [illegible] and the mummy come from the East.

"What is the use of that man painting his name twice on his sign?" said [illegible] man to his friend, as he pointed to a sign which read "J. E. Walker, Jeweller."

"Your late husband, madame," began her lawyer—"Yes, I know, he was always late of nights, but now that he's dead don't let us upbraid him," said the fair widow.

A Boston man who bought one hundred Havana cigars, on being asked what [illegible] were for, replied that they were [illegible] for his wife.

The man who thought a fire extinguisher at a Hartford Hotel was a water tank, and tried to draw a glass of water therefrom recently, knows a thing or two more than he did before he tried.

There was a grand ball in New Haven a few nights ago, and when the next morning the janitor was sweeping up he found a set of false teeth on the floor. Nobody has claimed them.

"Pompey, why am de cross-colored baby like de butter up on de vally?" "Give 'er up, Jones; why am it?" "Way, one am clover yellow, ain't it, and ain't de other a colored yeller, too?"

"It is all very well," said a henpecked husband, when told to look after the children: "its all very well to tell me to mind the youngsters, but it would suit me better if the youngsters would mind me."

Jones (who had been to the "club" until two a. m.)—"Mary, where the keeping light for—may ask?" Mary—"I [illegible] Henry, you know that [illegible] lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." Jones kept better hours for the next week or two.

If there is any distinction between "a while" and "a time," it is often lost sight of. For instance, when a young man leaves off work and says he is going off "for a while," no one can feel sure until his return that he has gone off for "a time"—with all that the word implies.

The family physician was congratulating the lady of the house on the health of her six-year-old son who, she said, had not had an "ache or pain" for a year. The youth spoke to his father afterward, saying —"Ma is mistaken about that, I had a hard pain last summer, after the whipped me."

While modern science is doing so much for man's comfort—providing elevated railroads, electric lights and proofs that his ancestors were monkeys and climbers—it has made no effort to discover a means of fastening the buttons on his boots so that they will not come off at a critical moment.

It was a rich widow who wondered that a handsome young man had fallen in love with her. "Yes, it is wonderful," said Mr. Sprucesp, "but I do love you so intensely. Why, I even love the ground you walk on." "I thought so," remarked the widow, "but I am not in want of a landlord at present."

Don't you feel awfully mean to slyly appropriate another man's umbrella because it has an ivory handle, and after escorting your girl home, and wondering in your mind what pleases her so, to find upon holding her about that the owner's name is painted in large letters upon the inside.

"No woman of proper self-respect," says [illegible] marriage ceremony, "will submit to be given away." Perhaps not, but their woman's-rights, to be "given away" is not the worst feature of the ceremony. She is too often "sold." And if she isn't, the chances are that the man is.

Two ladies, both of them a little dull in the hearing, were in church the one day when the minister bad for his text, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." They listened patiently enough, but when they got out the one said to the other—"Janet, wasn't yon an awfu' text the minister [illegible] we're a' to be putten out o' the parish."

It never rains in Peru, and a man in that rainless climate never knows what it is to get up Sunday morning and spend two hours pumping out his cellar, when he is just wild to go to church. But to atone for the loss of this pleasant pastime, he has to stand up about four times a week and let a ranging earthquake kick him clear across the county line at one time and two motions.—Hawkeye.

M. de Lossey, of Belgium, has lately tried with success an electrically lighted beacon or buoy, for canal and harbor purposes, made as follows: The lantern of the buoy is provided with a Rhumkorff coil, a vacuum tube or globe. A battery composed of large zinc and carbon plates placed close together are carried on the lower part of the buoy in contact with the sea water. Wires from this battery lead to the primary circuit of the induction coil, and the secondary electric discharges appear in the vacuum tube. This apparatus yields a constant electrical light as long as the battery lasts. It is not very strong, only becomes visible at night, but the plan, it is believed, may be made useful.