

Miss Edith's Modest Requests.

My Papa knows you, and he says you're a man who makes reading for books; But I never read nothing you wrote, nor did Papa—I know by his looks. So I guess you're like me when I talk, and I talk, and I talk all the day; And they only say: "Do stop that child!" or "Nurse! take Miss Edith away."

specy I say it—poor Will is dead and gone, and you've been true to his memory all these long years, and what has he to do with you now? "I know," she said meditatively, "but—but, Harry, he made me solemnly promise never to marry again under penalty of his everlasting displeasure. And don't be angry with me, Harry, will you? But I almost know he would appear to me!"

"Go look at the big clock in the dining-room, Nellie, and see if it is near the stroke of twelve." She went dumbly, mechanically, at his behest; and when she came back, he was gone, and the moonlight streamed in on an empty room.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Butter Making. The American Farmer thus sums up the various modes of making butter in different parts of Europe: "Denmark and Sweden, along with France, are the countries which supply England, Brazil and the east with butter."

Juvenile Jack Sheppards. At Hawick, England, recently, William Laird, aged fifteen, and John Turnbull, aged fourteen years, had been detected in the act of stealing...

THE UNITED STATES MINT.

Items of Interest to Business Men and the Household. The two-cent pieces were abolished five years ago. There are five times as many one-cent pieces used as three-cent.

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If money is tight, avoid it—it ought to know better. "Man wants but little here below," and he generally gets it, too.

A NOVEL GIFT.

"So you won't have me, Nellie? You are sure you won't marry me?" Pretty little Mrs. Nellie Willard looked meditatively out of the window into the quiet village street, as if among the leafless trees on the frost-bound landscape she could find the answer to Harry Levison's questions.

Shakespeare and the Bible.

Read the following curious parallels between Shakespeare and the Bible. They will be found interesting: Bible—"But though I be rude in speech,"—2 Cor. xi. 6.

Great Muscular Power.

Mr. Gosse relates the following anecdote in 'The World of Wonders,' of a three-horned beetle, which is not larger than an ordinary English stag-beetle.

Cautious of Land Travel.

M. Geriaux has published some curious statistics on the danger of traveling by land. He says that in the old dilapidated days a man had one chance of being killed in 300,000 trips, and one chance of being injured in 30,000.

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DEACONS OF ORTHOGRAPHY.

A pretty deer is dear to me, A hare with downy hair, A hart I love with all my heart, But hardly love a bear.

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