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**A School Episode.**

Little Louisa and Her One Dress Teaches her a Lesson.

She was just a little curly headed school girl who wore one shabby black dress such a long time that the children made fun of her when she came and went among them.

"What do you think?" they said to each other, "that little Louisa has only one dress and she wears it all the year round."

But that was not true. It was a winter dress, and one day in spring little Louisa blossomed out in pink.

"What do you think?" cried the children "Louisa's got a new dress."

Children are unfeeling little monsters, naturally. One of them discovered that Louisa's dress was not new, and she took pains to announce the fact to the school in a few scornful comments.

"Made over? Yes, indeed and so old fashioned! We could see the old stitches. Some one has given it to her!"

Louisa heard and cried herself sick. The teacher knew nothing of it. She was doing sums on the blackboard and thumping knowledge into the children's heads.

"Please, teacher, a girl's fainted!" This unusual announcement roused all, even the lethargic teacher, into a show of interest. The girl was Louisa she of the pink dress.

"She's been a cryin' awful," volunteered one of the other children. When the child came to herself, she clung sobbing to the teacher's unfriendly hand, and told her story.

"Twan't cause it was out of fashion—I didn't care for that; nor 'cause 'twas the only one I've got, 'sides the old black one, but it was made over for me from one of m-m-mother's, and oh-h, teacher she is dead!"

A tear fell from the eyes of the teacher, who had traveled that road herself.

"I'm sorry," she said; I will see that the children treat you differently in the future."

And she kept her word.

**Snakes on the Sidewalk.**

What People Must be Afraid of Down in Texas Towns.

One night this summer as a man in San Antonio, Texas, passed along the street he almost trod upon a large rattlesnake that was lying on the sidewalk.

His first impression was that the snake was dead and had been placed there by a practical joker to scare people, but on throwing a stone at it, which was a very large one, it coiled up, rattled and made ready to defend itself. Just then another gentleman came along and would have walked right onto the snake had not the first man called his attention to the reptile. Both parties then tried to kill the snake, but the early weapons they had were an ax handle and some small rocks, and the reptile escaped into a garden. Fortunately at the time the electric light showed the presence of a snake, or both of the men would have been badly bitten before they realized their danger.

The next night about 2.30, as a Poleander was rushing his growler to a saloon, he heard a "rattle," and, looking around, he saw a big snake lying coiled up near the fence and ready to strike him. The man gave a horrible yell and jumped almost across the street. His snakeship was killed and soon lay in pieces on the road, and the Poleander went off triumphantly with the head and rattles of the defunct snake. This snake is supposed to have been the one that scared pedestrians on the previous night, and the neighbors are much relieved by the idea that it can no longer scare or injure them.

**The Distress in Russia.**

Reports Show that the Government is Powerless.

Reports from the provinces of Sunbisk and Samara show that the local Government is unable to cope with the prevailing distress, and that relief has not reached the more remote districts. The work of distribution is not properly organized. Numbers of prosperous persons are receiving help, while many who are entirely destitute are dying of hunger. The authorities have forbidden the local press to record the state of affairs.

The provincial assemblies are panic stricken and are utterly unable to remedy the disorder. The supposed reserves of grain are missing. It has been discovered that when the Czar ordered the distribution of the reserve grain in the government granaries the officials did not dare to acknowledge that the stores were empty, and tried to make up the deficiency from the military granaries in order to conceal the peculation. It is feared that this will greatly hamper the military commissariat in the event of Russia engaging in a war.

The funds for the relief of the starving people have also been deplorably mismanaged. In some districts, which are under powerful patronage, there is more than an abundance of relief, while in other districts no heed is paid to the starving peasants. Many Government employes complain that their superiors deduct a certain amount from their wages for the relief fund, thereby leaving them poverty stricken.

**A KNIGHT-ERRANT RESSON.**

Papa Primus—"You have abused my hospitality, sir, and I shall hold you to account for kissing my new typewriter, against her will, last night."

Young Secundus—"So she is my acquirer, is she?"

Papa Primus—"Yes; what have you to say for yourself?"

Young Secundus—"Only this. It was in the dark, and she mistook me for you at the time."

**Miss Liberty Still Lives.**

Philadelphians familiar with the story of "Miss Liberty," as they term the young lady whose profile was taken as the model for the goddess upon the silver dollar, read with surprise recently that the picture "represents the features of a once living, breathing, beautiful American woman," says a Philadelphia paper.

"That 'Miss Liberty is beautiful no one would question, but the imputation that she is no longer in the flesh all her friends were ready to deny."

The young lady is Miss Anna W. Williams, teacher of kindergarten philosophy in the Girls' Normal school, Seventeenth and Spring Garden streets. At the time Miss Williams' classic features attracted the attention of the mint engraver she was principal of the girls' school at the House of Refuge.

Her profile was then considered to be the most perfect of any woman in Philadelphia. It was with great difficulty, however, that she was prevailed upon to give sittings to the artist, and only upon the condition that her identity should never be revealed would Miss Williams consent to have her likeness indelibly stamped upon the hearts of the people—for it is said the dollar is nearest the average American heart. But it is impossible to keep the secret long, and soon after the dollars were put into circulation the young woman's identity also became known.

The story that the engraver had put so much of his own soul into the work that he fairly worshipped his ideal, and that the romance ended as it always does when two hearts beat as one was the production of a romantic imagination.

Miss Williams continued to teach at the House of Refuge until a few years ago, when she obtained the position at the girls' normal school, which she now so acceptably fills.—Chicago Herald.

**Some Historic Islands.**

Of the many who have read and enjoyed Lord Tennyson's noble ballad of "The Revenge," probably few know much about the singular little group of islands, lying well out in the North Atlantic almost eight hundred miles from Portugal, off which the famous fight celebrated by the Laureate took place.

Nothing certain was known about the islands until, about the middle of the fifteenth century, an honest Flemish merchant, hard pressed by stress of weather, took refuge under the lee of their rocky and inhospitable coasts.

Tall, conical peaks of volcanic origin, and wooded almost to the summits; high tablelands covered with trees, shrubs, and tangled undergrowth, and cloven at intervals by tremendous ravines, down which the mountain torrents flung themselves foaming into the sea; a coast rising up everywhere into giant precipices characterize these islands, and, as a final touch to the weirdness of the scene, there is no sound or sight of living thing except the hawks, creatures as wild as the islands, and now and then dart like lightning into the sea after fish.

It is from these birds that the islands derive their name, the Portuguese word for hawk being *agor* (plural *agores*); but the English navigators of the time called the group the "Western Isles; and doubtless, before the discovery of America, it must have appeared to them situated far toward the mysterious realms of the setting sun.

Our worthy Fleming, returning safely to Lisbon, whither he was bound, reported his discovery to the Portuguese court, which, with commendable enterprise, forthwith despatched a navigator, Cabral to make inquiries. In this way the island of St. Mary's was discovered in 1422 but it was not till a quarter of a century later that the position of the whole group was ascertained. The finding of the Azores, however, was a trifle compared with the magnificent discovery of America sixty years later, and there is little wonder that from that time a mania for voyaging and for colonization began to spread among the more adventurous spirits of Europe.—C. E. Palmer in November St. Nicholas

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**How to Prevent Quarrels.**

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