

THE STERN OLD JUDGE.

The stern old judge in relentless mood Gazed on the pair who before him stood. She was bowed, haggard and old, While he was young, defiant and bold; Mother and son—and to gaze at the pair, Their different attitudes, look and air, One would believe, ere the truth were known, The mother convicted and not the son.

MONTHS AFTERWARD.

"Gossip—it's a confounded nuisance, that's what I call it! Why can't they let us alone? I am accustomed to any amount of gossip. People must have something to talk about, and I'm sure I'm delighted to be able to afford them any amusement, but when it comes to being snatched on the back and congratulated six times in one afternoon, it's coming it a bit too strong. I don't mind for my own sake—a man can look after himself—but I'm thinking of you. I was in hopes that you had not heard."

agree with you; that's one comfort. As I am so utterly repulsive in your eyes, I think I had better say 'good-afternoon' at once and relieve you of my presence."

"What nonsense you talk! I never said a word about your appearance that I know of. That's the worst of arguing with a woman: she flies off at a tangent, and there's no good with her. I don't see why you should be offended. You seemed to think it quite as impossible to fall in love with me."

"That's different. I mean I don't care what you think, but other people think—that's to say, I have always been told. Some people think I am very nice, if you don't. I think it's perfectly hateful of you to say such things. I should like to know, just as a matter of curiosity, what it is in you object to so much."

Two Famous Wives.

Women in whom the American Public is interested.—It seems that Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Sewall have not much in common.—The former is Active and Aggressive; the latter is Retiring and Shuns Society.

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Baron De Hirsch.

It is, of course, impossible to give a complete list of Baron de Hirsch's benefactions, but the following are probably the best known: Jewish Colonization association, \$10,000,000; De Hirsch trust for United States, \$2,500,000; trust fund for educating in Galicia, \$5,000,000; fund for assistance of tradesmen in Vienna and Budapest, \$1,455,000; fund for the Hungarian poor, \$1,455,000; and turf winnings during 1884-4, distributed for charitable purposes, \$800,000; gift to the Empress of Russia for charitable purposes during the Russo-Turkish war \$200,000; gifts in 1893 to London hospitals and other charities, \$200,000; gifts to Alliance Israelite Universelle, \$400,000; proceeds of the sale of his son's racing stud, distributed among his charities, \$60,000. These alone amount to the enormous sum of nearly \$22,000,000. Baron de Hirsch's noble work does not cease with his death, but rests on carefully planned foundations, administered by agents he chose in the several countries.

Gems as Omens.

Stones That Bring Good and Ill Luck to Their Wearers—Complete List of All Known Gems. The lucky stone for each month is as follows, together with the lucky flower: January—Garnet, insures power, grace and victory; the flower, snowdrop.

The President's Private Life.

The following is a fair idea of the many incidents that come free to a president: Every bit of linen, bedding, towels, and such things is furnished. He is shaved by the White House barber. His table is spread with the finest, daintiest damask, set with the most exquisite china, and bountifully supplied with flowers from the White House conservatories.

More "Distortions."

Eminent Republicans Who Declared for Silver. The Republican papers not being able to produce arguments to combat the opinions of former statesmen, some of them Republicans, can only say that the Democratic press are publishing "distorted" statements. We herewith give some more of these "distorted" statements: "I am certainly of the opinion that gold and silver, at fixed rates by congress, constitute the legal standard of value in this country, and that neither congress nor any state has authority to establish any other standard, or to displace this standard."

Killing the Fish.

The sawdust and other refuse of the Lackawanna lumber company at Cross Forks which is emptied into Kettle creek, is killing large numbers of fish in that stream. A remonstrance, signed by 100 persons, complaining of the cause for the killing of the fish has been sent by fish warden Moyer to the state fish commissioners.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

To prevent buff and gray lines from fading or growing streaky in the process of laundering, add a tablespoonful of black pepper to the first water in which they are washed. To keep pinks and blues from growing dingy, add a tablespoon of salt to the first washing water.

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