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IN AFTER YEARS.

Mrs. Callender was "at home." Randal Stacey was at the door of the music room, feeling utterly bored at the whole thing.

"It all depends how one looks at it, don't you know," said Mrs. Callender usually has a lot of celebrities and then, too, one may always be certain of hearing really good music.

"I was young and foolish," she said presently, speaking in a calm, matter of fact tone, "and at the time I did not understand what was perfectly plain to me afterward. It was extremely dense of me, I admit."

"You are speaking in enigmas," he rejoined a trifle brusquely and awkwardly. "I wish you'd be a little more explicit."

"I didn't know," she broke in Stacey eagerly, "I didn't know anything, or I would have helped you, Stephanie, I have done anything for you, Stephanie."

"You didn't know?" she echoed. "But you yourself pointed out my capabilities, of which I was ignorant."

Stephanie Craven pass out of his life in those past days! He had not realized it before. He had been a miserable fool, but he would do better now.

"A pretty, fresh voice of average quality?" So much for the keen penetration on which he had prided himself. An eager crowd surrounded her when she ended her song, and Randal Stacey could not reach her just then.

Autumn Leaves. Why Autumn Leaves Are Colored. The casting of the leaf is not a sudden and quick response to any single change in environmental conditions, but is brought about with a complex interplay of processes begun days or perhaps weeks before any external changes are to be seen.

The plastic substances within the leaf, which would be a loss to the plant if thrown away, undergo quite a different series of changes. These substances are in the extreme parts of the leaf, and to pass into the plant body must penetrate many hundreds of membranes by diffusion into the long conducting cells around the ribs or nerves, and then down into the twigs and stems.

All are Prey to Superstition. "Superstition of some kind seems to be implanted in the breast of all persons, and it cuts quite a figure among the prospectors, drillers and others connected with the oil regions."

President Kruger III. The London Chronicle says that Paul Kruger, President of the South African republic, is suffering from Bright's disease in a very advanced stage, and a leading physician is of the opinion that he is not likely to live more than eighteen months.

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Bicycle Works For Temperance.

Francis Murphy Writes of That and the Trolley Car as Great Run Fighters.—Abstinent Times Coming—Marvellous Advancement of the Last Quarter Century—Even Greater is Predicted.

Comparative total abstinence from intoxicating liquors in coming to this country. Not legislation, but moral suasion and the evolution of society is bringing it. Wonders will be accomplished in the next 25 years, just as they have in the last quarter of a century, and who can foretell what will be then?

Electricity won't make friends. It hits back when touched. Like rum. To govern it men must have his whole brains. When a man presents himself in the offices of the great traction companies who employ millions of men in this country, one of the first questions he is asked is: "Do you drink?"

Electricity is everywhere in its general use. To watch it and handle it men must be sober. By this subtle fluid wonderful work has been done for the cause.

The white-breasted nuthatch and the little gray creeper—so generally confounded with the sapsucker—live exclusively on tree insects, yet the nuthatch is in had rapine with many farmers because they believe it kills their trees.

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Birds To Be Spared.

No decent person that knows the value of birds that sing, whether their notes be harsh or sweet voiced, will ever kill a singing bird," said a naturalist.

The farmer, the gardener and the fruit grower should know more about the birds that nest and sing and fit about their premises, for then they would defend and protect them, and in time have them back in something like their old time numbers and variety.

The robin, it cannot be denied, is a sore trial to the man who has fruit trees and bushes, but if he could only bring himself to stop and think how many thousands of ravaging insects that are the special enemies of his trees and bushes that the robin destroys, both before the fruit has ripened and for weeks after it is gone, he would not begrudge the bird the few quarts of cherries or berries that it leaves on as partial satisfaction of the debt the grower owes him.

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Quay-Hastings Fight.

According to the Republican papers there is a great fight on in this State between Senator Quay's political machine and the Simon-pure Republicans headed by Governor Hastings—witness the Pittsburgh meeting of the Simon-pures that nominated W. K. Thompson for state treasurer and the firing of Senator Quay's friends from the Governor's cabinet.

We believe—we know—that in the fight for political supremacy between Quay and Hastings, the Governor will not make a bite for the Senator. Quay has brains and is a fighter, while the Governor, if he has brains no one ever accused him of it, and as a fighter Mark Hanna described him rightly when he said he had no more backbone than a dish rag after working.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

There are now in America 2,338 women practicing medicine in one or the other of its forms, and inclusive of 130 homopaths.

A homely set of teeth will spoil the prettiest mouth ever fashioned after Cupid's bow-string. On the other hand, a commonplace face becomes positively attractive when the lips open and disclose two rows of clean, well kept ivorys. They need not be like dentifrice advertisements, and the "pearls" of the old-fashioned heroine are in this practical age but lightly esteemed.

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