

THE LITTLE SHAWL.

Just a little half-worn shawl,—
That was all.
With attitudes slipped and meshes torn,

THE MAGIC OF SOUKNES.

"If dot old stork efer brings a leetle baby to my house, two things I'll bet dot boy will have," said Spiegel, his gray eyes bulging a challenge to the musicians about him.

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"I wish I had learned to play," Fritzzy sometimes said to his mother; "But I couldn't. I'm simply not there when it comes to music, and papa and every body else knows it. I can't keep time, and I can't strike the right notes, and then I start to practice, my mind flies clear away, and the first thing I know I'm pilning up a bunch of errors. But with I wish I could have—just for papa."

Then he raised to his mouth a big lemon, his savagely into the top of it, and administered a prodigious suck.

Sherrman and Boyd.
William Tecumseh Sherman was not loved in the South, but there was a time when he had good standing in Louisiana.

The White-Tailed Gnu.
This is a new animal in two senses of the word; it being a recent arrival at the Washington Zoo. It is one of many animals which the keeper does not care to go into the cage or yard with, as it does not lose its wild instinct, and its horns are terrible weapons, being very sharp and strong.

Tons of Beet Sugar.
One of the most important of the industries developed in recent years is the production of sugar from sugar beets. More or less desultory work was done on sugar beets as far back as 1867. In 1892 only six factories were in operation in this country, the combined output of which was a little more than 27,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Care of Oriental Rugs.
The original rug must be guarded against the attacks of moths and other insects, and there are various ways of doing this. It is better to leave rugs on the floor all through the summer, cleaning them often, and frequently exposing them to the sunlight. But if the home is to be closed for any length of time there must be one of the several excellent means employed to protect the rugs from insect attacks.

Utilize the Poster Bed.
Those who have a collection of old-fashioned furniture are lucky if they possess a four-poster bedstead. There are various forms of the four-poster, some with head and foot-boards. Others with only a head-board and foot-board, while others have been made to supply the demand have an advantage over the antique in being fitted with box springs and hair mattresses. There are many, however, who will not use four-posters, claiming that draped beds are unsanitary, and exclude air. If the four-poster is dressed simply in washable material, which is changed frequently, there is no reason why it should not be sanitary.

First Illustrated Postage Stamp.
It is not generally known that the idea of printing illustrated stamps originated in Philadelphia. The distinction of having first suggested the illustrated stamps is claimed by James C. McCurdy, a mailing clerk, of 911 West Susquehanna Avenue, Mr. McCurdy first suggested the idea to the Post Office Department as early as 1887. A few years later the Columbian series of illustrated stamps was issued and found such favor that many other series have followed to commemorate important national events.