

THE LITTLE WOMAN.

One of the Little Women, she came up to Heaven's gate: And seeing the throng was pressing, she sighed that she had to wait.

THE MAN AT WASHINGTON.

"Tell us a story, Uncle Timothy." Old Timothy wasn't really our uncle, but we boys in Old Middleton called him uncle.

"I tell you, boys, he put up a mighty powerful argument in defense of ministers, an' I b'gan to feel a good 'ealashamed of myself for what I'd said. But I hed t' kind o' face it out, not bein' one t' back water in a hurry, so I said—"

BULBS IN A BOWL.

An Easy Way to Cultivate Miniature Floating Gardens. A novel way of growing bulbs, such as crocuses, has been tried with good success.

VICTORIA'S LETTERS.

Royal Secrets That Are Stored Away in Buckingham Palace. "We may wonder if the world will ever be allowed to see the private correspondence amassed by the late Queen Victoria," says a writer.

A Royal Snake Slaughterer.

The "secretary bird" is one of the most precious birds in South Africa. It is royal game, and any person destroying one is liable to a fine of 250.

Silver Sword of Hawaii.

One of the most curious plants in the world and one of the greatest interest to all botanists is the silver sword.

Prince Henry the Navigator.

The kingdom of Portugal counted in its royal house one of the men who hold first rank in scientific attainment and practical application.

First Steam Press.

On Nov. 29, 1814, a newspaper for the first time was printed by steam. Although the application of steam power to printing machinery had been successfully experimented with some years previously, the hostility of the working printers rendered it inadvisable for the masters to introduce such a startling innovation into their printing houses.

THE WHIP IN RIFLE BARRELS.

It is Caused by the Pressure of Modern High Power Powder. The use of high power powder in rifles has given rise to a phenomenon which did not exist in black powder days.

ORIGIN OF THE PERISCOPE.

The Reflecting Spyglass Used at the Siege of Sebastopol. Speaking of the origin of the periscope, the following extract from the writings of the well known inventor of "Pepper's Ghost" gives the credit to the clerical profession.

GAM'S DRY HUMOR.

When the gallant Welsh captain, David Gam, was sent forward by Henry V, to reconnoiter the French army before the battle of Agincourt he found that the enemy outnumbered the English by about five to one.

WELL FITTED.

"Yes, grandma; I am to be married next month." "But, my dear," said grandma earnestly, "you are very young. Do you feel that you are fitted for married life?"

MORE THAN THE AVERAGE.

Mrs. Wayup—How much sleep do I need, doctor? Doctor—Well, the average person needs about seven hours. Mrs. Wayup—Then I shall take about fourteen. I consider I am much above the average.—Judge.

A PLAIN HEROINE.

"This is refreshing. The author says his heroine isn't beautiful." "It will be refreshing to see the pictures of the heroine come up to the print."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MUCH ENTERTAINED.

Said Cholly—I have just been looking over a volume of revised statistics. Cholly Algy—Well? Cholly—I had no idea there were so many interesting ways of breaking the law.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MANY SIDED WOMAN.

Man thinks he is going to solve the mystery known as woman after he is married, and then the plot thickens.—Toledo Blade.

IT IS BAD TO WORK LOITERINGLY.

It is bad to work loiteringly; it is worse to loiter instead of beginning to work at all.

CURIOUS ORIGIN OF A LAW.

It Was Passed in England on Account of Peter Thellusson's Will. The Thellusson law, once enacted by the British government, was a law to regulate the disposition of property by will and to prevent the excessive accumulation of estates.

ORIGIN OF THE PERISCOPE.

The Reflecting Spyglass Used at the Siege of Sebastopol. Speaking of the origin of the periscope, the following extract from the writings of the well known inventor of "Pepper's Ghost" gives the credit to the clerical profession.

GAM'S DRY HUMOR.

When the gallant Welsh captain, David Gam, was sent forward by Henry V, to reconnoiter the French army before the battle of Agincourt he found that the enemy outnumbered the English by about five to one.

WELL FITTED.

"Yes, grandma; I am to be married next month." "But, my dear," said grandma earnestly, "you are very young. Do you feel that you are fitted for married life?"

MORE THAN THE AVERAGE.

Mrs. Wayup—How much sleep do I need, doctor? Doctor—Well, the average person needs about seven hours. Mrs. Wayup—Then I shall take about fourteen. I consider I am much above the average.—Judge.

A PLAIN HEROINE.

"This is refreshing. The author says his heroine isn't beautiful." "It will be refreshing to see the pictures of the heroine come up to the print."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MUCH ENTERTAINED.

Said Cholly—I have just been looking over a volume of revised statistics. Cholly Algy—Well? Cholly—I had no idea there were so many interesting ways of breaking the law.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MANY SIDED WOMAN.

Man thinks he is going to solve the mystery known as woman after he is married, and then the plot thickens.—Toledo Blade.

IT IS BAD TO WORK LOITERINGLY.

It is bad to work loiteringly; it is worse to loiter instead of beginning to work at all.

EPIGRAMS BY PRESIDENTS.

Not Many Deathless Sentences Have Been Handed Down to Us. How very few things which any of our presidents said can anybody recall offhand!

PREPARATION OF PARMENT.

Parment is the skin of sheep or other animals prepared in sheets to render them fit for being written upon. The heavier parchment, used for drumheads, is made from the skins of asses, older calves, wolves and goats.

TO LENGTHEN LIFE OF NECKTIE.

A good many people who are users of four-in-hand ties are more or less bothered by the tie's becoming useless after it has been worn a few times.

HOME GROWN OATS BEST.

The Maine agricultural experiment station has by its wide studies of inheritance in oats proved the idea current among farmers that foreign grown seed is better than home grown to have little basis. As the Journal of Heredity notes, a variety frequently behaves much better after it has been acclimated for a year or two.

STEAM POWER.

The power of steam was known to the ancients, a mechanical contrivance in which it was used being noted by Hero of Alexandria about 130 B. C., but nothing came of it, and it was not till the seventeenth century that its power was again recognized.

A DEAD ONE.

"He is a dead one" is not slang. It occurs in Longfellow's "Spanish Student." The clowna Chispa says, "I have a father, too, but he is a dead one."

MUCH HARDER.

"There is nothing harder than getting out of a bad habit." "Yes, there is—getting into a good one."—Boston Transcript.

OUR DUTY IS TO BE USEFUL.

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires, but according to our powers.—Amiel.