

CLOSING THE DOORS.

I have closed the door on Doubt; I will go by what light I can find. And hold up my hands and reach them out To the glimmer of God in the dark and call: "I am Thine, though I grope and stumble and fall, I serve; and Thy service is kind."

BLUE HYACINTHS.

"My dear, there's a young man at the front door asking the most impertinent questions about this house, and he insists on seeing you. If you'll just speak to him, darling, I'll stay right by the phone and be ready to call the station house if you think he is a suspicious character, for I am sure, Evie May, he looks the part."

things they put on graves. And now we go up after dinner and stay there till it is dark, and sing. Mr. Jenkins sings bass, and Daggert and Walker did a turn every night until they had to go on the road, and Miss Minns does so enjoy it, because she never goes anywhere in the evenings, she is so tired from sewing all day!"

"It don't sound healthy, Evie May, and I wouldn't mind him hearing me say it. Believe me, those packing-cases are not in existence, and if they are, he's got 'em filled with things which don't belong to him and never did." Miss Minns, pausing to take breath, switched to a new subject.

and Cora, who were due home again on Sunday afternoon. That was to-morrow. But for the moment all that Evie May could think of was today. Such a happy day in the morning, ending with such a black night. After a long while she said her prayers, and lay very still with her arms straight at her sides, staring into the dark.

jewelry, Evie May, and trusted me with them— Don't you see, dear, that you put into my hand something finer than anything I'd ever seen in a darned, rotten world? I saw there were jewels in it, Evie May—courage and faith in your fellow men, and honor. I hadn't any of them, dear, I'd just been a respectable rotter, until I saw that little-girl ring with the pearl missing. I knew then that I had missed the Pearl of Price, Evie May, and now I want you to give it to me as a keepsake to have and to hold, until death do us part—"

FARM NOTES.

—Keeping farm activities on one of the most important activities on a successful farm. Don't neglect them during the busy season. —Watch for starting of crab grass and remove while it is little. Drop some grass seed around where the crab grass is taken out.

CITY OF WASHINGTON UNIQUE

Cosmopolitan, Yet Distinctly American, is the Capital of the United States of America. During its history with a territorial form of government, the District of Columbia had two governors, Governor Cook and Governor Shepherd. President Grant appointed Governor Shepherd and stood by the governor in all the furious attacks made upon him in the stormy political strife that prevailed in the District of Columbia when the people had the vote.

Tree From Walking Stick

One of the largest trees in Hutchinson, Kan., has grown from a walking stick. In April, 1874, Judge W. R. Brown was walking along East Sherman street, twirling a cottonwood stick. Amos Plank was working in his yard when Judge Brown came along. "Well, I guess I'd better plant you a tree," the judge remarked, and he stuck his cane into the soft ground.

Practical Training

A specially designed seven-story brick structure has been erected in San Francisco for training firemen. It contains a room where the operation of sprinkler systems is demonstrated. Another room is, in effect, a chamber where the men brave smoke and try out various kinds of protective devices. The fire alarm system is studied in another room. The basement is used for instructing recruits how to enter burning cellars. Even the exterior walls are used for training in wall-scaling and in fire-escape work.

Fixing "Index Number"

The "index number" is a well-established device commonly used for measuring changes in wholesale and retail prices, and rates of wages over long periods of time. It is constructed by securing each month the prices or rates of a uniform list, at certain specified places, and striking an average. Such numbers are usually reduced to percentages. The lowest price known is sometimes taken as a base, or, as in case of investment stocks, 100 is used.

How Bryan Kept Cool

William Jennings Bryan once told how he kept cool when making a speech. "Do you know," he observed, "that when I am addressing an audience in a particularly warm hall, I take a small piece of ice about the size of a pullet's egg. I put it in the palm of my right hand and hold it tightly. Then I shift it to my left hand, holding it in either hand for about five minutes. "Then I pass my cold hands over my forehead. I have always found this very effective."

Didn't Know About Tub

An Indianapolis man was visiting in the country near where some small boys had an excellent swimming place. The lads, in friendly fashion, invited him in one afternoon. "Oh," replied the man, "I may not be able to swim now, for it has been years since I was in the creek." One lad looked at him with a puzzled expression, then asked: "Haven't you washed off since then?"—Exchange.

There Was Reason

"Trotsky is a man of few words," remarked Brown. "Well," answered the flippant friend, "you take a look at some of the words in a Russian dictionary and you won't blame him."—Somerset County Gazette.