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SELECT STORY. UNCONSCIOUS DETECTIVE. Miss Twitterbit was devoured with curiosity about her new lodger.

WATER TIGHTENS THE SHORES AND THE GREAT COLUMNS IN MIDSTREAM. "What a beautiful bridge between old age and childhood is religion."

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after all, the valentine had elucidated the mystery of Mr. Hunter's conduct. It was evident that some unlucky love affair was at the bottom of his unhappy...

She did this because she had arrived at the conclusion that the poor young man was pinning away from the effects of an unrequited attachment. Having been herself cruelly jilted thirty-five years ago...

He had evidently been hastily sealed up, just as she was starting, and had never been properly secured. "Under any other circumstances Miss Twitterbit would have seen to it that the letter was sealed in the presence of another person's correspondence. But she was so nervous and perplexed that she could not resist the temptation to take a peep at the letter. Its contents were so utterly surprising that she was struck dumb with indignation by returning. She therefore stealthily unfolded the document and read as follows:

There was no formal commencement or ending, and the signature to this peremptory and laconic epistle, which Miss Twitterbit read two or three times in blank bewilderment. But she resolved to deliver it, being impressed with its importance because she failed to understand its meaning. Besides, it stimulated her curiosity, and she concluded that it would, perhaps, be wiser to explain matters to the lady and leave her to act as she thought best, than to risk causing mischief by not carrying out the instructions she had received.

"Thank you, sir," said Miss Twitterbit, gratefully. "Mrs. Hartley's" said the gentleman. "Yes, that is the name," remarked Miss Twitterbit, involuntarily glancing at the address on the letter. "Can you tell me which is the house, please?" "Certainly," returned the gentleman, promptly. "It is the last but one on this side. No. 13 did you say?" Allow me to look."

"It is all right," said the stranger, running his eye quickly, and with evident satisfaction, over the mysterious contents of the letter. "I recognized the handwriting. I am Mr. Hartley."

Love, Hate and Murder. The sequel of the fatal love of a Federal prisoner, named Captain Raphael Livingston, who was a prisoner in one of the Confederate prisons at Salisbury, N. C., during the late war, has just come to light.

RETURNING FOR A BRIDE. Miss Austin managed to render some assistance to her lover that he got through the Southern lines and made his way to his home in New York.

A Political Outfit. True the teacher lives by the ignorance of the others; but ignorance on the part of children is in accordance with God's law, and therefore right. Teacher, magnify your work—Indiana School Journal.

Be something, young man. If none of the existing parties satisfy you, organize your own party. But have a policy. Institute a war cry. View with alarm and point with pride on your own book, but do not view it point. If you are very vigorous you may also at times be "a little" horror. You will find this very effective toward the close of the campaign. If had time, my son, I believe I could fit you out with a full and complete assortment of tools, weapons and armor for politics.

Home comforts and joys are made up of so many apparently little things that it is difficult to picture them in a way that does them justice. Our homes may be models of beauty; we may have fine paintings and rich furniture and carpets, but we may be certain our friends are not so happy as they seem when they are with us.

Our home-life shapes our character. No other influences leave such indelible impressions. As the home is good or bad, so are we. Selah; indeed, does a wretched cheerless home produce a noble man or woman, seduce a thief or murderer. Ever active, profound, far-reaching, the influences of our early home are about us, shaping our lives.

Boys and girls should love their home, and no effort should be spared to make home worthy their love. On the purity of the home-life hangs the destiny of our government. The parents who are to-day rearing corrupt, lawless, idlers, worthless and uneducated boys and girls, are guilty of a crime against society, and words can condemn them too strongly.

Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, exalts the soul, subdues pride; she bridle the tongue, refrains the hand, and tramples upon temptations.

A Cincinnati man whose wife was East during the recent excitement there, telegraphed her to come home, in the following language: "You can now return in safety. All signs of the riot have now completely subsided, but the soldiers are again hanging out free lunch signs."