

IF I WERE FAIR.

If I had little hands and slender feet;
If to my cheeks the color rich and sweet
Came at a word and faded at a frown;

Perhaps like other maidens I might hold
A true heart's store of tried and tested gold,
Love waits on beauty, though sweet love
Is none.

Perhaps the baby, with a scream of joy,
To clasp my neck; would throw away a toy,
And hide its dimples in my shining hair.

Oh, just a little fair, with some soft touch
About my face to glorify it much!
If no one slummed my presence or my kiss,
My heart would almost break beneath its bliss.

THE COUNTRY COUSIN.

"So you are to have a country cousin
for a visitor, Seraphina?"
"Yes; don't you pity me?"

"Oh, we couldn't get rid of it. Pa
insisted on it, though ma and I did all
we could do to prevent it. Well, I got
out here. Goodby, dear."

"Why were you obliged to invite
her?"
"Pa insisted on it, though ma and I did all
we could do to prevent it. Well, I got
out here. Goodby, dear."

"I will ride on," she said to herself.
"I don't want Seraphina to know that I
have heard her speak of me. I will
ride a mile or two further, and take a
car back. I will take care not to disap-
point her expectations, but appear as
countryified as she expects."

Edith Grant was the daughter of a
well-to-do farmer, and though she had
always lived in the country, had en-
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branches, quite equal to her cousin,
while she had been a diligent student,
and made much better use of them.

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Half an hour or more after Miss Sera-
phina arrived at home, the bell was
rung by her country cousin.

"Why, Cousin Seraphina, how dew
you dew, and how's your ma? I'm
proper glad to see you?"

"Just as I expected," said Seraphina
to herself, with an inward groan.
"Her cousin, Edith Grant, to be sure,
just arrived from New Hampshire."

"I believe she does," said Mr. Fow-
ler.

There was another surprise.
Later in the evening Edith was led to
the piano by the Count, and her bril-
liant execution excited enthusiasm.

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ler.

Tommy's Racy Ratiocination.
Tommy—"Do hens ever pray?"
Mamma—"How absurd! Why do you
ask?" Tommy—"Well, I was just think-
ing that they might say 'Now I lay
me.'—Yale Record.

Furs and Winter Styles.

With the advent of the winter
season which has begun during
Yuletide, the subject of "Furs" be-
comes, as a matter of fact, of perman-
ent importance to Modistes and their
customers.

She was received coldly by Mrs. Fow-
ler and Seraphina, who regarded her
with evident disdain. Her uncle looked
at her in astonishment. Even he was
surprised at her evident want of taste
and countrified ways, yet he was kind.

"It will be a good lesson to Seraphina
and her aunt," he said. "I'm really
glad, though, to find you're not quite
such a rustic as you looked."

"I could only keep her away from
my party," thought Seraphina a few
days later. "She will disgrace us all."

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Long-winded Lawless.

HOW THE JUDGE BROUGHT HIS SPEECH
TO AN END.

Henry Watterson tells this story of
Hon. B. Lawless, a former member of
the Louisville bar, and who came
from Glasgow, Ky. He was a "long-
winded" talker, and when he arose to
make an argument he did not know
when to stop.

At last Judge Ballard beckoned his
brother, Jack Ballard, to him and im-
plored him to stop Lawless if he could
"Oh, that's easy enough," replied the
brother: "I'll stop him inside of
three minutes." There was a great
deal of curiosity to see how this could
be accomplished, as the orator seem-
ed to be nowhere near the end of his
speech.

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obtained cheap at this office. tf.

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and used all kinds of remedies with-
out relief. Mr. Smith, druggist, of
Little Falls, recommended Ely's
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first application was magical, it
allayed the inflammation, and the
next morning my head was as clear as
a bell.

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