

Ring the Curtain Down

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Ring up the curtain! A little room on the top floor of a house—a tall, dirt-begrimed, many-windowed house—in a dingy street lying between Holborn and the Strand. A bed, a table, two chairs, a fire-place and a battered-looking wardrobe. On the mantelpiece a second-hand revolver. By the bed, divesting himself of his overcoat, a young man of perhaps 30 years of age. So much for the scene.

Richard Tempest reached out for another letter and read it, and another, and yet another. Something impelled him thereto. Some were from himself, some from his brothers and sisters, and these often contained references to him. For the moment Richard was Dicky once more—living in that joyous past—when he was a child. Every little sentence recalled some memory which was at once sweet and bitter—which soothed him, and which burned him like hot irons.

AIR WAR'S HORRORS PICTURED BY MAXIM "With Flying Machines No Home Will Be Secure, Women Nowhere Safe" MANY AIR FLEETS NECESSARY In Future God Will Fight on the Side of the Strongest Aerial Artillery—Will Obliterate Frontiers—Invalids and Cripples May Be Enlisted.

PIG IDENTIFIED BY SAUSAGE Lawyer Puts Pieces Together and Proves Porker Was Stolen and Butchered By Bunglers. Paterson, N. J.—Jersey Justice has been confronted with many difficult legal problems, and it has solved them in its own peculiar way. Never before perhaps has it been called upon to decide whether a pig that has been killed, dressed, cut up and distributed is the identical pig that was stolen.

STAKE THROUGH HIS CHEST, HE SURVIVES Both of Lanz's Lungs Transfixed and One Arm Pinioned to Body by "Edging" PHYSICIANS DREW IT ALL OUT Victim was Well in Ten Weeks After Operation—Amazing Recovery from Terrible Injury Described by Dr. Highland.

CACTUS LEATHER NEW PRODUCT Giant Saguaro from Mexico Adapted to New Use. The recent discovery of a new product, called cactus leather, was an accident, like a great many other useful discoveries.



The Giant Saguaro. In the fiber when dry, led to a success after about a year of careful work.

WINNER OF SUFFRAGETTE'S CONTEST A MALE

Writes of "Potent Wisdom Uttered in the Ear of Struggling Man" and Wins \$100 Prize.

Chicago. — After considering more than 1,000 poems, sent from all parts of the United States, the judges selected to award the \$100 prize offered by Mrs. L. B. Bishop, of Chicago, for the best verses supporting woman suffrage awarded the prize to Louis J. Block, principal of a Chicago high school.

GREAT JANICULUM FINDS.

Image of the God Kronos in a Well Under an Altar. Rome, Italy.—Signor Rava, Minister of Public Instruction, communicates the particulars of an archaeological discovery of the Janiculum, where excavations have been going on since last June.

DAYSE MAYME'S MAN.

Family Boosted Him Mightily at First but Now Admit He is Human. Atchison, Kan.—Miss Dayse Mayme Appleton will be married to-morrow to an out-of-town man. When the engagement was announced a year ago, the Appletons said Dayse Mayme's man was a member of one of the most prominent Philadelphia families.

The Mysterious School.

"You describe your hero," commented the editor, "as being porphyrogenic." "Well," demanded the poet, "what's the matter with that?" "I must confess that I don't know what porphyrogenic means."

Not a Snake.

A letter carrier in Washington, D. C., had just opened a letter-box, when he started back in affright, screaming, "A snake! a snake!" A policeman came to his aid, and after repeatedly prodding his club in the box, lifted out a string of sausages which had been reposing on the top of a collection of letters.

Good Cigars in Manila.

Most of the cigarmakers in Manila are females. One factory there employs three thousand hands. Every body smokes in the Philippines. The youngsters learn to puff cigarettes before they can walk. A good cigar there sells as low as a cent, and the best for five cents each.

The Language of the Umbrella.

There is a language of umbrellas as of flowers. For instance, place your umbrella in a rack, and it will often indicate that it will change owners. To open it quickly in the street means that somebody's eye is going to be in danger. To shut it quickly signifies that a hat or two will probably be knocked off.

The Kitchen God.

The kitchen god of China is perhaps not rightly so called. He has place over the cooking range, but he is the "recording angel" of the Chinese house, and it is his duty to note the actions of each member of the family and report them to the gods at the end of every month.