

I LOVE YOU, DEAR.

A scent of violets in the air, And singing birds...

THE STURGIS WAGER A DETECTIVE STORY.

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CHAPTER XIX.—CONTINUED.

"That will do," observed Sturgis, presently; "the old woman is coming as fast as she can..."

east wall to within a few feet from the rear of the building. Here, in the northeast corner, rose narrow shelving, on which were arranged a collection of bottles containing a varied assortment of chemicals.

"Then she was not betrothed to the other fellow, after all?" "No; that seems to have been a mistake."



BEGAN TO SEETHE AND BOIL.

fact that neither of these two men had derived much, if any, pecuniary profit from his crime. The bookkeeper, as we have seen, was a mere cat-paw in the control of the accountant, and his posthumous confession has given us the explanation of the power exerted over him by his accomplice.

ROOT LIKES CORBIN.

An Official Friendship That Is the Talk of Washington.

Secretary of War and Adjutant General of the Army Spend Much of Their Time in Taking Equestrian Exercise.

Since Elihu Root came to Washington as secretary of war, 14 months ago, he has acquired the habit of an inveterate equestrian, although he had probably not ridden on horseback more than 100 miles altogether in the other 54 years of his life.



TWO OFFICIAL FRIENDS. (Secretary Root and Gen. Corbin After a Ride to Mount Vernon.)

Two fine horses which bear him and his chief of staff is heard in one part of the district and nearby states or another, and on half-holidays or dull days, and sometimes on Sundays, very distant points are reached.

HELP FOR WOMEN

WHO ARE ALWAYS TIRED.

"I do not feel very well, I am so tired all the time. I do not know what is the matter with me."



MRS. ELLA RICE

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If you are troubled with pains, fainting spells, depression of spirits, reluctance to go anywhere, headache, backache, and always tired, please remember that there is an absolute remedy which will relieve you of your suffering as it did Mrs. Rice.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the shoes' quality and price.

Advertisement for RHEUMATISM treatment, including 'DROPSY' and 'PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION'.

LEGEND OF THE TOPAZ.

Pretty Story of the Restoration of a Blind Emperor's Sight by a Snake.

The topaz is called the stone of gratitude, and the old Roman books record the following legend from which the stone derives its attribute, says the Philadelphia Press:

CHAPTER XX.

THE LEAD-LINED VAT.

Sprague seated himself upon the long pine box; and Sturgis, dropping into the only chair, began his narrative. As he talked, he carelessly whittled the cover of the wooden box with the knife which he still held in his hand.

Merely Reminiscent.

"Mr. Bash, how long have you been coming to see me?" "About six years, Miss Julie. Why?"

Light Enough.

Tramp—Kind lady, have yer got any light employment yer kin give a pore man? Lady—Well, you might clean the lamps and wash the windows.—N. Y. Journal.