Little by Little.

One step and then another, And the longest walk is ended; One stitch and then another, And the largest rent is mended; One brick upon another,

And the highest wall is made One flake upon another, And the deepest snow is laid

So the little coral-workers, By their slow but constant motion, Have built those pretty islands In the distant dark-blue ocean;

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TIMELY TOPICS.

The Passing Day. Stay, sweet day, for thou art fair, Fair, and full, and calm;

Crowned through all thy golden hours,

With love's freshest, purest flowers Strong in faith's unshaken powers,

Rich in hope's bright balm. Stay, what chance and change may w

Now we breathe in sure delight! Now we smile in fate's despite.

So with head, and heart, and will,

Prize the passing day.

-All the Year Round.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Take the joy that lingers still, Take the pause in strife and ill,

Stay with us, sweet day. Ah! she cannot, may not stop; All things must decay;

As you glide away; New is all so glad and bright,

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The dining-room was open on the gardens, apparently open on three sides. Around the open sides was a wall of servants, attendants, soldiers, mandarins, and if you looked beyond into the gardens, under the corruscating folinge, burdened with variegated lanterns, you saw groups and lines, all staring in upon us. Our dining-room was, I have said, an open hall, looking out upon a garden. Our table was a series of tables, forming three sides of a square. The sides of the square were not occupied. Here the gardens moved about. At each table very six persons, with the exception of the principal table, which was given upon 6 ceneral Grant, the Viceroy, the Tartareneral, Mr. Borie and Mr. Holcombe.