

THE WHEEL.

See the wheeler with his wheel,
silent wheel.
How many murderous thoughts pass through
our mind as past he steals;

A Gambler's Wife.

"What new beauty have we here,
Carl?" I asked, taking a small colored
picture from among the mass of
papers, pamphlets, wrapping paper,

"I did not play that night; and my
whole attention was given to those
two. The young man lost from the
first deal. Roulette after roulette was
swept from the table by his watchful

"I was awakened about daylight by
voices in the adjoining room—those of
a man and woman, evidently. The
man's voice was low and pleading,

"If you refuse me, you seal my ruin
and your own. I have no more gold
—and I must have the diamonds to
retrieve myself."

"Something tells me I shall win to-
night, and I must have the ring."

"Never, Charles! I cannot give it up.
It is all I have left. It was my
mother's, and I will not let it leave

"The man's voice was so choked
with passion that his words were in-
articulate, but with a burst of wild
anger he left, slamming the door after

"I saw neither of my gambling ac-
quaintances that day, and the night
found me again in M. Carlo's rooms.

"Make your game—the game is
made up!" cried the dealer, and was
about to deal the cards when the young

"Fifty napoleons upon the red!"

"Sir, you must stake the money."

The gambler started and turned
paler than ever, a long, shuddering
sigh broke from him as he felt first in
one pocket, then in another, and finally

"Suddenly the door opened and he
ran in, as if fleeing for his life. I
shall never forget that sight, Louie.

"The other passenger I could not
make out at all. He was elderly, com-
monly dressed, and with scant gray
hair and heavy whiskers. His piercing

"There! it is worth 10,000 francs.
Now cover my stakes," he cried.

"I instantly recognized the beauti-

uncertain I became. I thought, too,
there seemed an effort at disguise.
He kept his face averted all he could,

"We sped along over the beautiful
road, each absorbed in his own reflec-
tions, broken only by an occasional
low sigh from the lady, and soon ar-
rived at our destination. The train

"Dinner over, we went to the thea-
ter, and afterward by the persuasion
of a friend, to a private gambling-
house. I was greatly surprised, on
entering, to see my elderly traveling

"After supping at a coffee-house I
went back to my room at the hotel,
but for some cause could not sleep.

"I found them all—travelers, prop-
rietor and servants, wild with excite-
ment over the murder of a beautiful

"The miserable man took his life be-
fore he was apprehended for his crime,
and the old gambler who, first in one

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even with Howard, last evening. I
have never touched cards since, and I

ful diamond as the one his wife had
worn in the cars, and the conversa-
tion I had heard that morning came

"Red! I bet on the red!" again
shouted the croupier; and in a
moment the young man called "Black

"With a wild cry the wretched
loser fled from the house; and com-
pletely unmanned by what I had

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A Milanese Beauty.

Yet I cannot help being inflamma-
ble, especially in the neighborhood of
Milan, which is surely responsible for
the prettiest women in the world.

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with kohl was another Eastern fash-
ion (not yet extinct) of equal popular-
ity. The large languishing black eye

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Ancient Toilets.

The use of cosmetics in connection
with the bath prevailed among the
wealthy women of a very remote period.
At the magnificent court of Ahasuerus,
in the seventh year of his reign,
the following elaborate processes of
"purification" were prescribed for the

It is most interesting to learn, in
connection with another couplet of
this exquisite song, "My beloved is un-
to me as a cluster of camphire in the
vineyards of En-gedi," that En-gedi is

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Human Wear and Tear.

It is not desirable to enter very
fully into the duties of railway men,
for these must necessarily be tedious
to the reader. With regard to the
work of signalmen, engine-drivers,
and guards, it may be well to point
out that the nature of their employ-
ment is more difficult, and involves a

The engine driver must look out for
signals, regulate the running of the
train, and keep his engine under con-
trol. He remains standing the whole
length of the journey, exposed more
or less to snow and storm, lightning

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Small Jokes.

Perhaps you like conundrums?
Very well, here is a few dished up
just on purpose. We have lots more
that we may let fly some other time;

They were out sleighing. "Gussie,
dear," said she, as she leaned a tender
cheek on his manly-checked ulcer,
"why are these snow flakes like your

An Iowa paper has supplied a long-
felt want by giving to the public an
obituary notice that bears upon its
face the stamp of honesty. It says:
"He gained his riches by loaning

A lively stable-keeper named Spurr
would never let a horse go out without
requesting the lessee not to drive fast.
One day a young man called to get a
turnout to attend a funeral. "Certa-

An old story is being revived of a
prayer-meeting held for a poor fellow's
relief who had broken his leg. While
Deacon Brown was praying a tall fel-
low with an ox-goad knocked at the

"I can't give you this paper,
Tommy, to read, because there are
some things you mustn't see." "Well,
Auntie, just put a mark against the m,

Tit-Bits of Humor.

What is that which a cat has but no
other animal has? Kittens.

What is the difference between a
girl and a night cap? One is born to
wed and the other is worn to bed.

Why is it easy to break into an old
man's house? Because his gate (gait)
is broken and his locks are few.

What is the difference between a
hungry man and a glutton? One longs
to eat and the other eats too long.

What is the difference between a
cashier and a schoolmaster? One
fills the mind while the other minds
the till.

What is the difference between a
fisherman and a lazy school boy? One
baits his hook and the other hates his
book.

What is the difference between a
tube and a foolish Dutchman? One is
a hollow cylinder and the other a
silly Hollander.

Why is a watch dog larger at night
than he is in the morning? Because
he is let out at night and taken in in
the morning.

W. D. Banks, of Clayton Ga., has
the boss cow. He says a man can
pick her up and tote her; then set
her down and milk her, and he can't
tote the milk.

A woman has suggested that when
men break their hearts it is all the
same as when a lobster breaks one of
his claws, another sprouting immedi-
ately and growing in its place.

When a boy falls into the water
what is the first thing he does? He
gets wet.

Women seldom stop to think. True
enough, but they never fail to stop
and talk.

The husband who finds himself con-
fused in argument by his wife in-
stantly begins to out-roar her.

COLD SLAW.—Beat the yolks of four
eggs to a light cream, then stir grad-
ually into them five tablespoonsful of cider
vinegar. Add two or three teaspoon-
fuls of sugar and stir the mixture over
the fire until it begins to thicken like
boiled custard; then remove and add
a teaspoonful of anchovy mustard.
Set the sauce upon ice to become cold,
and pour it over the sliced cabbage
just before serving. Celery is often
mixed with the cabbage for this salad.

Hittite inscriptions never before
noted have been found by two Ger-
mans, Drs. Sester and Puchstein, on a
lofty cliff of the mountain called the
Nimrud Dagh, a part of the Taurus
range in Asia Minor, where the Eu-
phrates breaks through. The inscrip-
tions are on colossal blocks of stone
on the terraces of the mountain.