

THE RIVER OF LIFE.

The more we live, more brief appear
Our life's succeeding stages:
A day to childhood seems a year,
And years like passing ages.

AUNT ABBY'S LITTLE ROMANCE.

In hunting up my friends at Wells-
march, I had occasion to inquire my
way of an old woman digging potatoes

She looked up as I spoke, and leaned
on her hoe, tall and gaunt and some-
what grim, but with a singularly lucid

The picture haunted me, and on
reaching my friend's house I spoke of
it. "I was directed," I said "by the

"Ah," said my host with a look of
interest, "you have seen Aunt Abby!

She is quite an extraordinary charac-
ter; and, little as you would think it, to

"But, Aaron," I said, "how can it
be a good fortune to you, since it is a

"I don't know how much there is
in all that," said Aaron. "Stories get

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said; "and I have had the story from

"Why not?" was his answer, in a
tone that astonished and grieved me.

"What I said disturbed him; and I
could see that a dark shadow was com-

"No," he said, "if it's a claim any-
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"I don't see it," I replied. "On the
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"So we argued until he grew very
much irritated and got up to go.

"I don't see the thing as you do," he
said, "and can't."

"I am sorry," I said, "for it is very
plain to me. If you can take and enjoy

"I don't know how to compliment an
author," she said, seating herself on a

and troubled. 'Can't you look at it
as I do—not even for my sake?' he

"Not even for my sake, Aaron?" I
said, though my heart was ready to

"Oh, we can't be separated, Aaron,"
I said, and clung to him with all my

Well, we had my talks on the sub-
ject after that; and the more we talked

My own little piece had given me a
key to her heart, and I soon found it

"I have heard something of your
history," I said, and it makes me wonder

Her large, gray eyes beamed upon
me mistily. "I have asked myself the

"I hear that he was, in many re-
spects, a worthy man," I said, "to lead

"What were they?" I asked. "His
ease and his pride and his worldly pos-

"He was a worthy man. Few people
blamed him, but a great many blamed

She wiped her eyes and resumed, in
answer to my questions: "We were

"Why should you?" something
whispered. "Why can't you do what

"On the other hand, a clear, deep
voice said: "Walk by the light that

"Why am I telling you all this?"
she suddenly interrupted herself. "Ah,

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Buyers of Old Books.

"Where do all the old books come
from? Well, that is a question which
requires a long answer. It is one

"So many books are now printed and
sold in pamphlet form, however, that

"The larger the number of these works
in a library, the greater the value of

"School books are excepted from this
classification. Second-hand book stores

"Well, they range from five to seven-
cent-fifty cents. Good novels, which are

"When Caesar wrote his Commentaries
he did not think that they would

"Greenleaf, when he puzzled his head
to paralyze the school children with his

"The old missionary Jesuits in India
and China relate with holy horror the

the Tartars certain men, honored above
all others, being idol priests from India,

Among other delusions they exhib-
ited, all of which he describes with great
exactness, he says "they can sit in the

"And now comes the most astonishing
trick of all, which has a touch of the

"The Kadi Afkharadin was next to me,
and quoth he: "Waltah! 'tis my opinion

"It has become an established fact
that those who have trained the left

"These curious depressions of the soil
known as sinks have attracted the at-

"The old missionary Jesuits in India
and China relate with holy horror the

"Five courses of brick will lay one
foot in height of a chimney. Nine

"A very learned friar who lived several
hundred years ago, and is described as

A Mystery of the Plains.

An old miner told the following tale
in relation to a wagon train. He said

"He assured me that he had worked
in mines in California and Nevada for

"I was engaged to one of the most beau-
tiful as well as wealthy ladies in the

"I had an attack of palpitation of the
heart, like that which overcame me

"I became aware of a report louder and
more distinct than thunder, and turn-

"I would avoid going to the point of
destination of the train and would con-

"The electric battery is being worked by
sunlight mostly, if not entirely, and the

"From the fight against insects on
house and conservatory plants early in

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