

LIFE'S MID-WAY.

Pondering on the years that are not,
Thinking of the years to be,
Standing now betwixt the limits
Of life's sad, tempestuous sea;

the first time, though only for an instant.
If she saw how his face had changed in five years, and was stirred to pity, she gave no sign.

upon the floor, yet evidently Mrs. Alverton was partially unconscious.
"Call her husband—a doctor—quick!" exclaimed Laurel.

LAUREL VALE'S LOVER.

There were only a few people at the Dolphin House—it was late in the season.
The maple woods made a low line of deep red against the autumn sky; the ladders, too, muffled scarlet shawls over their white dresses as they sat on the piazza of the hotel overlooking the surf,

"Laurel," he continued, "in the old days you were never revengeful or vindictive.
If you were both now, you might gloat over the misery of my married life. I am utterly wretched. Let this just decree repay you for my base desertion."

The following winter develops a strange surprise at Nutwood, Miss Vale's home.
Her aunt, Mrs. Pardon Ardley, the most well-meaning of disagreeable persons, chose to engage herself in marriage to Mr. Abel Crabtree, the sourest of bachelors and Baron Alverton's uncle.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Silence is the severest criticism.
It is a double pleasure to deceive the deceiver.
The stoutest heart loses hope under repeated defeat.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self.
All sin is easy after that.
If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute for it.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The state of affairs on the Isthmus continues so unsettled that Secretary Whitney has decided to send an additional force to Aspinwall.
The Legislature of New Jersey adjourned sine die on the 4th.
The elevated railroads of New York city carried during the first six months of the present fiscal year 2,582,067 more passengers than the same time last year.

The session of the Legislature of New Jersey, lasted twelve weeks.
The Governor of New Jersey, on the 7th issued a proclamation designating Friday the 24th inst., as Arbor Day in that State.
The President on the 6th signed the commissions of John G. Seary, to be Internal Revenue Collector for the Third District of Texas, and Nathan Gregg to be Internal Revenue Collector for the Second District of Tennessee.

The Cause of War.

The technical question at issue between Russia and Great Britain is a disputed boundary.
The frontier claimed by Afghanistan and recognized by Russia from 1881 until the recent advance was a line running from the Hamrad a little south of Sarakhs to the Oxus.
The fertile section between the Turcoman desert and the Paropamisus was conceded to be Afghan territory even after the Russians had secured control of Merv and established an outpost at Sarakhs, about 200 miles from Herat.

Dynamite.

The Rhenish dynamite company which has factories in Cologne and other German cities, produces over 2500 tons of dynamite annually.
In Great Britain and Ireland three factories turn out about 2000 tons of the explosive annually, and smaller concerns in England, France, Germany, Italy and Spain produce nearly 3000 tons more.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

The Senate met at 9 a. m. on the 6th.
The session was confined to the first reading of fifteen bills.
A message from the Governor announced his approval of the bill relating to the study of physiology and hygiene in the public schools.
A message from the Governor announced the appointment of Charles Porter, of Erie, as State Fishery Commissioner.

HOUSE.

In the House, a resolution was adopted making the bill dividing cities of the State into three classes a special order for third reading on the 8th.
The following bill was read for the second time: Providing that the compensation allowed to pilots for conducting vessels from the capes of the Delaware to Philadelphia shall be, for every one-half foot of water which any vessel shall draw up to 12 feet the sum of \$1.87; over 12 and up to 15 feet, \$2.08; over 15 and up to 18 feet, 2.25; over 18 feet and up to 20 feet, 2.50; over 20 feet, \$2.75.