

THE VIOLETS SEE SENT.

What came you from her bow'r to bring,
You blue-eyed messengers of spring?

BRAVE LITTLE TRUDE.

Gertrude May is my sister-in-law, a
bright little fairy of 19, with a pair of
eyes like stars, and a merry, thrifty way

When Annie and I were married we
took Gertrude to live with us; I could
not bear the thought of the lovely girl

After the birth of our baby Grace she
took the entire management of the
household upon her young shoulders,

So we went on for a couple of years
as happy as birds in a nest, making
much of the blessings we had, thinking

Alas, I never dreamed that the first
reverse would come to us through me.

"Ever a hard worker, one particularly
hot summer I had double duty to per-
form at the bank, and I had over-tasked

I remember falling with a dull crash
beneath my desk one day, and it was
weeks ere I was conscious that I lay at

I had been stricken down with brain
fever, and the doctor said the struggle
back to health and strength would be

After about six weeks, and I had
been declared out of danger, I awoke
one evening, after taking a long nap to

I lay some time in a drowsy state,
when suddenly I was aroused by the
unmistakable sound of a sob close by

"Don't cry, Annie, dear," she said
soothingly, "you'll wake him."

"We shall pull through all right,
dear, never fear!" was the brave reply.

"But every cent of the money is
gone! There's a month's rent due and
no end of little outstanding bills. Be-

"Heaven help me! her words almost
killed me!

"But even then little Trude was equal
to the occasion.

"We must make some money Annie,"
she said firmly.

"How?" in despair.

"It is the height of the blackberry
season, and the fruit is unusually fine.
I shall go out at 5 o'clock to-morrow

"Oh, that could never succeed," she
sighed.

"Well, I'm going to try, anyway!"
was the undaunted rejoinder.

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morning Annie came to me, all dressed
up in her best, and in a nervous way,

I answered her that I was perfectly
comfortable and urged her going.

Through the scalding tears that gath-
ered before my eyes like film I saw
Trude with a large basket upon each

God only knows what I suffered those
two hours.

I had fallen into a light sleep from
sheer misery and exhaustion when I
was awakened by the entrance of Annie.

"Oh, what do you think?" she cried.
"Who do you suppose is in the parlor
with Trude?"

"Yes!" exclaimed Annie, "Trude
went to town to sell some blackberries,

Scarcely were the words out of her
mouth when dear little Trude entered
the room, looking like a bluish rose in

I had seen the young gentleman two
years before, when I was courting my

After the first salutations were over
Trude said to me:

Mr. Dayton doubts my assertion that
I sent him my address when we moved
out here. Don't you remember that

I was obliged to confess that I did
not remember the occurrence.

In the meantime my wife had gone
to the closet, brought out my winter

"Now you must atone for your
shameful neglect sir, by giving me your
sister-in-law as my wife. And, as ex-

"It is for Trude to say," I answered,

"There is as yet only one crematory in
the country—the one at Washington,

"About five thousand," he replied.

"There is no escape from it," he
said.

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conversation of the preceding evening,

5,000 Cremations.

There is not much of Kate Field,
physically. She is short and slender.

A more mentally versatile woman
never lived; and it is not more than

He who says what he likes, must ex-
pect sometimes to hear unpleasant

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after you are done living, to hold your

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London.—Paris.

The pneumatic tube for the transmis-
sion of mails between London and Paris

is, if laid, to be put down alongside the
railway tracks. The distance is: Paris

to Calais 184.5 miles; Calais to Dover
by water 24.2 miles, and Dover to Lon-

don 86.3 miles, a total of 296 miles. The
pneumatic subway would be constructed

of cast-iron pipes of 15.3 inches in diam-
eter and 13-foot lengths, connected by

The carriage suggested is composed of a
wire frame covered by a sheet of asbestos

This covering would have a kind of metallic
brush coating, to enable the compressed

air to dilate to a certain extent around
the truck and cool the latter, thus coun-

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

All that thou givest thou wilt carry
away with thee.

One pound of learning requires ten
pounds of common sense to apply it.

The virtue of prosperity is temper-
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

—There was little change in the con-
dition of ex-Secretary Frelinhuysen on
the 24th. His pulse is growing slower,

—Andrew Wylie, Justice of the Su-
preme Court of Columbia, on the 25th,

—Isaac W. England, publisher of the
New York Sun, died on the 25th, at his

—In the joint convention of the Illi-
nois Legislature on the 25th, "all the

—General Grant was better on the
25th and quite cheerful in spirits. The

—All the American troops were
withdrawn from Panama on the 25th.

—A despatch from Clarke's Crossing
received at Winnipeg on the 26th, re-

—A despatch from Plattsburg, New
York, says there was a washout for

—General Henry J. Hunt, retired,
was on the 25th appointed Governor of

—A. U. Wyman, Treasurer of the
United States, has resigned, his resig-

—The office of the Weekly Signal, at
Old Yakima, Washington Territory,

—Governor Cameron, of Virginia,
states that he is unable to say what

—General Grant's improvement con-
tinued on the 27th, and he took his

—The large railway hospital of the
Fould system at Fort Worth, Texas,

—Forest fires are raging in the Dis-
mal Swamp and along the Norfolk and

—General Grant, on the 27th, fur-
nished the following for publication:

—George H. Parker, a well-known
lawyer of Iowa, has been appointed a

—It is understood in Washington
that there is a difference of opinion be-

—An election held in Princeton,
New Jersey, on the 27th, to get the

—General Grant was reported strong-
er on the 28th, notwithstanding the

—Conrad Baker, ex-Governor of In-
diana, died on the 28th, in Indianapo-

—An East bound freight train on
the Pennsylvania Railroad was standing
on a siding near Kinzler's on the 29th

—The ice gorge opposite Quebec has
been broken, and all the floating ice

—The President on the 29th, etc.,
made the following appointments:

—The splendid new building erected
for the Board of Trade of Chicago at a

—The negotiations going on will,
it is hoped, lead to the disbandment

—In regard to the \$20 gold piece said
to have been recently tested at the New

—The Superintendent of the Assay Office
reports that it was found to be slightly

—The Senate on the 24th the bill to
prevent the trade of impure and un-

—In the Senate, on the 28th, the Bul-
lett bill, amended to take effect the first

—The House on the 24th was reported
a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the

—In the House on the 28th the General
Appropriation bill coming up on second

—In the House on the 29th ult., the

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