

The Two Lights.

"When I'm a man," the stripling cries,
And strives the coming years to scan,
"Ah, then I shall be strong and wise,
When I'm a man."

STOLEN FROM THE FORT.

The sun shone as brilliantly on the
parade-ground at Fort Fletcher as
though it was an earthly paradise

Mabel Heriot, sitting in a small
porch in front of her husband's quar-
ters, her fingers busy with some huge
darning in a pair of scarlet stockings,

Life had been so easy—no cares, no
responsibilities, no anxieties—while
everything a girl could desire of lux-
ury, amusement and admiration had

"Oh, what a boy!" she cried, rising to
catch him as he passed.

"An Indian woman, with a basketful
of beadwork strapped to her back,
stood gazing at the mother and child,

"Me want nothing white mother can
give," the squaw answered, gravely,

"Not cry any more!" he said in his
cheerful little voice, and kissed the

She turned as though she would have
flung her arms about him, but Mabel

"Pretty boy very good to me; white
mother not be afraid me hurt him,"

She stepped forward with an impulse
to say something kind, but paused

With a kiss that was even more ten-
der than usual, Mabel Heriot took her

All that day Mabel felt strangely

anxious and restless when Trottie was
out of her sight. But by the next
morning common-sense had gotten the

In vain Tom Heriot assured her that
her naughty boy, who was a great
pet in the regiment, would surely be

Nobody but Mabel gave the Indian
woman more than a passing thought,

It was Mabel who spoke, almost at
once, in a strange strained voice that

"Tom, darling, do not give him up.
Our boy never went near the bluff.

More to soothe her than from any
hope of finding her belief true, Tom,

"We must make up several parties
and search for them," he said, briefly,

There is this much of resemblance to
a family in such a small and isolated
community as the garrison at Fort

But no doubt troubled Trottie. Grief
was evident in every line of the bent,

Before midnight they were all gone,
and she was left to wear through the

All that night and the next day she
lived through her suspense as women

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Yes, she had brought him back; for
there she stood in the doorway, hollow-

her blanket, where she had carried him
pappoose fashion, looked Trottie's tired
little face and anxious blue eyes.

"Why did you bring him back to
me?" she asked, holding her boy
tightly to her breast—a passionate

On her return to their camp the day
that she had first seen Trottie, she had
told her husband that he reminded her

Short as she made her story, Trottie,
tired out with so many griefs and joys,

"God bless you, you good woman!"
she said, softly. Then with all her

They kept her a few hours; they
made her rest and eat a little. But

"Me want nothing white mother can
give," she answered, gravely, as she

And so she left them."

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FARMING IN CHINA.

Orderly Mulberry Orchards and Well-
Kept Fields—Hiding Their Riches.

In passing through the silk-growing
districts, which begin very near to
Shanghai and extends all around to the

Underneath the trees were great
quantities of vegetables were grown,

At the time when I was in this coun-
try, too, there was a very general feel-

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FASHION NOTES.

Fine steel trimmings of all kinds
are greatly in favor, and no wonder;

Summer dresses will be made of
much Swiss embroidery in ecru and

Materials for spring and summer
millinery are unusually rich and varied.

Bands of fancy ribbons are used
on tea and evening gowns as trim-

The colors of the spring in mili-
tary goods will be on a subdued order;

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HORSE NOTES.

August Belmont's once noted race
mare Sultana dropped April 3d,

J. N. Wilson, of Easton, has sold
a brown gelding, 7 years old, by Ham-

The Volante-Bard match race
will probably fall through since Mr.

There are at least six superior 4-
year-olds now at the Memphis course,

El Monte and Gollah, two of Bald-
win's Derby colts, were given a trial

The Aberdeen Trotting and Run-
ning Association is the name of a new

Robert Steel's stallion Epaullet,
2:19, is nearly it not quite blind.

The Cleveland Association has
tendered the use of its track and

Russell Bailey, of Versailles, Ky.,
has sold the saddle stallion Markham

E. J. Baldwin's racing team of
twenty-two horses have left their

Crit Davis has first-rate tools for
the campaign near at hand. He re-

At a special meeting of the New
Jersey Association of Trotting Horse

President Grant and other promi-
nent officers of the National Trotting

Nathan Straus, the owner of Ma-
jolica, in reply to J. H. Temple's chal-

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