

My Little Wife.

She isn't very pretty (So say her lady friends); She's neither old nor young; With verbal odds and ends...

THE AUTOGRAPH ALBUM.

I must be an eminent man, or people would not write me so many letters, tell me all their private affairs, ask for large loans without security...

to every autograph fiend the sense of his special, personal inquiry. At last I had the happiest thought of all. Why not write scathing and contemptuous quotations in every book? Nobody could accuse me of deliberate libel...

autograph album?" said Helena, suddenly. My blood ran cold. "I have not received it," I gasped. "It was some time ago," she said. "I had never asked for an autograph before, and I thought I would try the effect of the request on the only eminent man I know. I scarcely knew you at all, though, when I sent the album. And to make the onslaught all the more formidable, I sent a book for papa and another for Aunt Jane. But of course you have overlooked them."

Lost and Found. My name is Anthony Hunt. I am a drover, and live miles and miles away upon the Western prairie. There wasn't a house in sight when we first moved there, my wife and I, and now we haven't many neighbors, though those we have are good ones. One day, about ten years ago, I went away from home to sell some fifty head of cattle. I was to buy some groceries and dry goods before I came back; and, above all, a doll for our youngest, Dolly. She had never had a store doll of her own—only rag babies her mother had made for her.

FASHION NOTES. Colored satin straws are in great favor. The feather trimmings are put on quite at the back. The new cotton materials are legion in color and make, but pale pink and gray appear to be in the ascendant. Stripes of all widths predominate. One pretty variety has alternate stripes of check fabric, about two inches or so in width, in shades of gray, blue, red or brown, with stripes of open work white canvas. For cool morning or easy tennis wear these would look well.

HORSE NOTES. Blue Rock, brother to Raceand, is well thought of. S. A. Tanner has moved his horses to Belmont Course. Gallifet continues to be the book favorite for the Kentucky Derby. Erie, Pa., will hold a \$5000 summer meeting in June. Jerome Whelpley will drive Nathan Straus' horses again this season. S. S. Brown's runners have been shipped from Mobile to Washington. The Flemish jogs Major Dickerson's road team out to Fleetwood track every fine day. Gus Wilson, of Cleveland, has the blk. m. Josephine, by Kentucky Prince, in his stable. Peter Pollard, the well-known Baltimore horseman, spent most of the winter in New York. Mr. Ellis D. Yarnall recently purchased of George A. Slingerly a brown gelding that can trot in 2.40. Bookmakers report that there never has been a spring when betting on the Kentucky was such a drug. Robert Steel has purchased the bay mare Happy Maid, 2.30, by Happy Meum, dam Rosa Bonheur, from A. Oliver. Bankrupt was invincible at the New Orleans meeting. He did 1 mile and 70 yards the other day within 1/2 second of the record. Edmund Dwyer Gray, founder of the Dublin Sport, died on March 27. One of his last requests was that nothing should be written of him. The Dwyer contingent of 2 year olds, which have been wintering in Kentucky under Hanegan's care, will be shipped to New York. Ben Starr, trotting record 2.21 1/2, pacing record 2.20 1/2, by Tom Hazard, has been sold to a Boston man for \$3000 by A. T. Paige, of Akron, O. The 3 year old colt Comrade, by Gideon, dam by Norton's Hambletonian, that made such a good showing in the 2 year old stake at Mystic Park, last season, died the last week in March at C. Gilmore's stable, Waterville, Me. The blind stallion Scott's Thomas, 2.21, by General George H. Thomas, dam Lady Rice, by Whitehall, was kicked in the stifle a few days ago while performing stud duty. The bone was broken and he is not expected to recover. An important change has been made in the Detroit programme for the summer trotting meeting, July 24 to 28. Purses \$200, for 2.19 class pacers, will be for 2.25 pacers instead. This is in deference to the wishes of owners of pacers eligible. The broodmare Rosa, by Roscoe, dam Vienna, by Vandal, died at the farm of Foster & Wright, Mercer, Pa., foaling a filly to Hell's Wagon. She was the dam of the well-known George Wilkes stallions, Barnie Wilkes and Wilkie Collins. The management at Clifton announces that a prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the jockey having the most wins at Clifton and Brighton Beach during the season of 1888, and one of \$500 to the jockey having the second largest number of winning mounts. James McLaughlin was presented at the Star Trotting New York with several floral tributes and a gold and silver whip studded with precious stones, the gift of R. K. Fox, as an emblem of the jockey championship for the racing season of 1887. The "good luck" which was proverbial last season with D. A. Honig, the St. Louis turfman, appears to be on the wane. First he lost the services of his very able trainer, R. W. Thomas; then his promising filly Omaha died, followed by the death of the good colt Nan Leland, and now a dispatch comes from St. Louis announcing the death from pneumonia, after a few days illness, of Archie McDonald, his new trainer. Some of Corrigan's horses are equally at home on the flat or in going over the sticks. Irish Rat is a stake animal, but for all that he is being schooled for cross-country work, and jumps as well as the best of them. Ten Times won a hurdle race in great style a couple of weeks ago, and the next week won just as easily on the flat, and in pretty good time at that. Winslow is also a jumper as well as a fair flat performer. The entries for the Clay stakes, Island Park's great \$8000 purse for the 3.00 class closed April 19th, and received eleven nominations, as follows: A. P. McDonald, Albany, N. Y.; A. W. Hubinger, New Haven, Conn.; J. J. Bowen, Boston, Mass.; R. W. Hunt, Troy, N. Y.; J. E. Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; D. De Noyelles, New York city; A. J. Russell, Albany, N. Y.; John Trout, Boston, Mass.; Roy's Bros., Columbus, Wis.; M. P. Longley, Lynn, Mass.; Pleasanton Stock Farm Co., San Francisco, Cal. The Clay stakes will be trotted the second day of the great Eastern circuit meeting, on June 13. Breeders have asked frequently at what age the average brood-mare will stop breeding. The question is one that can hardly be answered when such a mare as Jesse Pepper is still in the ranks. She is 29 years old, and foaled a few days ago a colt by Duquesne, 2.17 1/2. Mr. H. N. Smith told me a few days ago that he was going to breed Lucy, 2.15 1/2, to Barney, brother to Opal, 2.23, this spring. Lucy is now 32 years old. Green Mountain Maid is 26. She is in foal to Messenger Duroc, Miss Russell and Addie are 25. Both of them are in foal to Elector. Maid of Clay is 32. She has not had a foal, however, since 1881, and was bred last season. Lady Fashion dropped George B. when she was 28. Death in the majority of the instances seems to be the limit. The true nature of electricity will be understood when it is stated that an electrical signal will travel one thousand miles in less time than it takes a nerve tremor to traverse the human body.