

Mabel's Christmas Prayer.

'Twas Christmas eve, and little Mabel, kneeling for her evening prayer, thinking only of Kew-Kingle, and of what would be her share...

KNOXIE GRANGE.

"She is certainly a very pretty girl!" said Elbridge Root, decidedly, to his friend, Mr. Berry. "Yes," assented his friend, "but it strikes me that for a young lady brought up in the splendor which, according to her own account, surrounds her, she is rather lacking in refinement and elegance of manner..."

up to a lonely little mountain inn, which nestled close to the tall gate as if for companionship. "Can you tell me, my friend, if we are far from Knoxie Grange?" said Root, hailing a little old man who sat on the piazza steps apparently half asleep...

FAITHFUL TO THE LAST. Affecting Story of a Little Newsboy Who Lost \$10. A business man of Detroit, whose office is on Woodward avenue, relates this singular experience in the Free Press...

THE PASSIONATE POET. Swinburne Dispensing Lollipops to Children. How very conservative Mr. Swinburne is in his daily habits. He generally takes an afternoon walk from Putney over to Wimbledon, where he "puts up" for a quarter of an hour at the house he is fond of visiting...

FLOWERS IN HISTORY. Like the holly, the Mistletoe (Viscum album) claims a place amongst our historical flowers being employed at the winter festival no time-honoured and dear to us all. It is somewhat difficult to record any circumstances respecting its history with which the reader is not already acquainted...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to delight in—beauty, frankness and freedom. Three things to admire—intellect, dignity and gracefulness...