

In the Twilight.

BERTHA PARKARD ENOLET. They sat in their soft-cushioned rockers...

They made such a beautiful picture— Those two people aged and gray...

THE LIFTED CLOUD.

"Rosa, darling, are you quite happy? If I ever cause you a moment's unhappiness..."

The youthful Rosa folded her hands meekly over her bosom and answered solemnly: "Wilbur, thy people shall be my people."

The happy couple became tired of visiting and, disgusted with boarding, then they went to housekeeping...

It was a representation of the death of Washington—the mourning family with different expressions of grief upon their countenances were grouped around the dying hero...

"What do you think of it, dear?" he pleasantly inquired. "It is the most horrible dand I ever saw," she replied, scornfully.

"Indeed," said his wife, mischievously, "I can't decide whether the goddess is weeping over the dead general or over the intensely black negro..."

"No, Rosa; I intend it shall remain," he replied emphatically; "it is a very impressive picture." "Very," said she, sarcastically, "nothing can be more impressive than a death scene—it is especially suggestive for the walls of a parlor."

"You are a fool," he exclaimed, with rising anger. "Then I'm not a suitable wife for a gentleman of discriminating tastes and politeness," she retorted with bitterness.

Then she rushed to her own room, threw herself upon a chair, flung her arms half across the table and burst into a storm of hysterical sobb.

All their little variances rose to her mind; how very singular that Wilbur should admire this odious picture; she had often heard his indignant comments upon various works of art...

"Dear Mrs. Plant," she exclaimed, piteously, "I am very unhappy; Wilbur has called me a fool—and I thought that the first year of married life was always the happiest."

"Not always, dear Rosa; it takes years to learn the ins and outs of each other's character, as well as to assimilate in habits and tastes, but don't be disconsolate; love has as many lives as the proverbial cat."

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS.

A Few Suggestions from Kate Upson Clark are Well Worth Reading. Do not kiss your friend good-by unless you are very intimate with her.

It is indeed worth while to consider that, often, "trifles discover character more than actions of importance."

Young people's societies are multiplying in all parts of the country, says Youth's Companion. Most of them are educational in their purpose and influence.

A plan for the purpose has recently been used by certain societies in Boston and its neighborhood, which has been as popular as it is novel and comprehensive.

At home, he said, he was indolent, but in the office he was very busy. He had a great deal to do, and he was very particular about his work.

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Atmospheres. "We are the creatures of condition," remarked a sage, who had estimated life from many stand-points. Yet, to one's self-hood, are we indebted for that subtle emanation, suggesting strength or weakness, antagonism or gentleness, which seems to permeate the atmosphere with elevation or depression.

"Do in Rome as the Romans do," and always beware of the social bore, who deals only in truisms, which may be another name for malice, which in any form is all the better for being sugar-coated.

Beware of the Pharisee, ever on the alert for criminations. There is even in the bitterest wrong, some saving clause of suffering, and to no human being has the creator accorded the sovereign right to judge or to condemn a fellow mortal.

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FLOWER GARDEN.

WOMEN AS FLORISTS. A writer in The Housekeeper, gives the following valuable advice to women who wish to become florists.

I am asked to give approximate figures as to the cost of starting a florist's establishment which shall include one or more greenhouses. A single greenhouse say 20x50 feet would cost complete, if heated by flues...

These figures in all cases include the entire fittings, benches, ventilators etc. Of course if these buildings are erected on one's own ground, we have no expense for rent. Then comes the stocking of the house with plants...

A small brass rod is fastened to the mantle; if this chance to be marble, as most of them are, a board, a trifle larger than the shelf must be fitted and attached or covered with cloth.

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HORSE NOTES.

Terra Cotta is training well, and he acts like a 3-year-old. It is rumored that A. J. Cassatt will shortly return to the turf.

Lem U'eman will campaign Chester A., 2373, and Charley Clay. The New Orleans spring running meeting will open on April 2.

Senator Stanford, of California, refuses to put a price on Palo Alto, record 2.154. Jockey Stoyal has returned to the East, and he says he will ride for Mr. Tompkins.

Sinoli, record 2.107, Robert Bonner's purchase, will come East in Charles Marvin's string. Entries to the Rochester \$10,000 Elower City stakes for 2.30 horses will close on April 1.

The ten big winning runners of 1889 earned \$392,238, against \$71,920 for the ten leading trotters. Wellington, the brother to Sinoli, record 2.104, will be trained for fast record this season.

Annie Eastin, the dam of Golden Rod, 2.21; Endymion, 2.231, and Dolly Davis, 2.29, is dead. Jockey Dingley had a narrow escape at Clifton when Gladstone fell with him.

The br. s. Fontaine, by Mambrino Dudley, heads the list of F. F. Tom's trotting stock, LaCross, Wis. William E. Weeks has decided to locate this season and train at Dundee Park, near Paterson, N. J.

The Driving Club of New York will give a spring meeting on June 18 to 21, the week following Island Park. The Union Park Trotting Association, of Saginaw, Mich., will hang up a \$3000 purse for trotters in the 2.25 class.

Recently at Guttenberg, Bookmaker Thompson laid Bookmaker Lichtenstein \$6000 to \$1000 on Anomally. Protection, the winner of the Junior Champion stake, is one of the most highly-thought of 3-year-olds at Latonia.

W. L. Cassidy & Co., have refused an offer of \$15,000 for the 3-year-old bay filly Kitty Cheatham, by Blazes, dam Kate Fisher. Joseph J. Burke has received the appointment of presiding judge at Washington Park, Chicago, for the coming season.

G. M. Boggs, of Nashville, Tenn., bid \$25,000 on Alcazar, Unclein Brothers, of Milwaukee, bid \$8,000 advance and took the horse. Thomas Kelly, the well-known theatrical manager, has purchased the coach team formerly owned by the late Charles J. Harrah.

Secretary L. D. Packer, of the National Association of Trotting-Horse Breeders, has decided to postpone the closing of the stakes of the association announced for March 15 to April 1.

William Gregg has a fine chestnut filly, 2 years old, by Epaulat, out of Ethie, and he is about purchasing a full sister to the filly of the same color. The Iroquois Hunt Club Stable is a new organization at Lexington, Ky. It has in training one 3-year-old and six 2-year-olds for the coming campaign.

Hon. C. M. Thomas, of Bourbon county, Ky., has sold Edeline, the 2-year-old sister of the unbeaten Edgemark, to J. Malcomb Furber, of Boston, for \$6000. In France it is intended to spend \$80,000 odd in encouraging horse breeding, \$26,000 for buying horses and mares for the stud farms, and about \$40,000 in veterinary education.

William Marks, of Morris Brothers, has purchased a 100-acre farm above Bryn Mawr. He has two Electioneer stallions and one by Stamboul; also a number of brood-mares. He intends to breed trotters.