

The Birthday Gift.

By J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

Where the willows that overhang the lane
Make pleasant shade in the golden weather.

The Bishop and the Peasant Boy.

By BEATRICE HARRADEN.

ONE hot summer morning in the year 1394, a young peasant boy
of about fourteen years of age, trudging
on his way to the city of Winchester,

And he went off singing some cheery
melody, leaving Stephen all the better
for his kind words and his encouraging
manner; and as he walked on alone he

Well, Stephen was weary, and after
some time he fell asleep, smiling to
think that at least he had carried out
part of his father's wishes, and had

"I'm not afraid to come to him," he
said, eagerly. "For father said he was
good, and that he would help me in my
work; and that perhaps, if he thought

The stranger smiled. He was pleased
with the little peasant boy, who had
the artist's soul, and the artist's enthu-

"Come," he said. And he took him
by the hand, and led him over the
cathedral, and showed him the designs
of the altar, which the bishop had

And the good bishop led the little
peasant lad to the high altar, and blessed
him, and offered up a prayer that
God might keep him all his days, and

It is not known, for certain, which
part of the cathedral he helped to
alter and beautify. But when I go there,

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

ICELAND POPPIES.

The fragrant elegant crushed satin
like flowers of bright yellow, vivid
scarlet or purest white are produced in

DOVDY GARDENS.

The following written for the Amer-
ican Garden by a man who has spent
a lifetime in floricultural work contains

"Some gardens have a look much
worse than that of neglect; they are
'dowdy.' One cause for this is over-

In the window-garden the same thing
is noticeable. Ten times as many
plants as look well or do well are

It is better to have a single specimen
in the vigor of health and bloom, than
a floral hospital. A single plant of

The Father and Mother of Salt.

Near the mouth of the Rio Negro in
the Argentine Confederation, South
America, are many Salinas or little salt

As these two crystals are always
on the borders of the salinas, when the
water begins to evaporate, the Guachos,

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dema, and several titled ladies in Lon-
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SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

George W. Childs on the Formalities
of Dining and Dinner Giving.

Few persons would find more inter-
esting history when discussing the
etiquette of dining and dinner giving

There are evident reasons why invita-
tions to a dinner party should be ac-
cepted or declined, if possible on the

Before the gentlemen leave their
dressing room, the servant in charge
gives to each an envelope containing a

Meanwhile host and hostess wait near
the door of the drawing-room in order
to welcome the coming guests. In en-

The custom of "roof introductions,"
as they are termed, has been instituted
in this country, but to my mind they

When dinner is announced by the
butler to the host, that gentleman leads
the way to the dining-room, in com-

Menus are out of date except at large
dinners. Two or three copies of the
menu, written on porcelain tablets, are

Ladies and gentlemen withdraw from
the table together, or, as is often the
case, the gentlemen arise and the ladies

Seventy Five Years ago, in what was
then far west, English families of
goodly size, depended for their mending

This precious implement was one
day lost by a woman who had carelessly
left it in her clothing when going on a

A friend was recently visiting in the
town of B. with her husband. Finding
it necessary to repair the good man's

Like some other things, mending
may be carried to such a length as to
cease to be a means of economy. Time

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which are collected all the materials
needed in the work. Needles of vari-
ous sizes, yarns both cotton and woolen

Every good housekeeper will have
besides the mending basket, a box in
which are stored pieces of all the cloth-

Before the clean white clothes are
laid away in the drawers, all rips, tears
and frayed button-holes must be mend-

Great care must be exercised in mend-
ing striped, checked or figured goods
to match the figure perfectly, as well

To fit and neatly set in a patch, cut
out the hole till the cloth seems firm
and run the edges around diagonally in

Small tears in woollen goods should
be darned with ravelings of the same,
having first put under a piece of the

The New York Woman.

Mrs. Lee C. Harby, the Southern
writer, contributes a well-written arti-
cle to the Illustrated American, the

She charms in she in the majority that
no time nor inclination is left to notice
the disagreeable minority who might

It is pleasant to meet the New Yorker
in the busy rush of her daily life. Her
active individuality gives an impetus to

A charming capote has a bandeau of
open straw work interlaced with narrow
green-velvet ribbon; and the crown of

Another is of lace straw lined with
cream-colored tulle, and narrow velvet
strings to match. The front of the

But though she cheerfully promotes
success, she does not pause to comfort
failure. The woman who stumbles and

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Our Fashion Letter.

In all the large dressmaking estab-
lishments, there reigns just now, an
indescribable confusion, for there exists

Among the beautiful novelties which
we have seen during the last few days,
in one of our most prominent and ex-

For cool evenings at the seashore, or
in the mountains, costumes of Hun-
garian make are prepared, which have

From the great variety and beautiful
patterns of Scotch gingham, French
percales, batistes, etc., which have been

Old-fashioned, organly muslins,
which were once so popular, are again
taken into favor, but are brought out

Skirts, especially of cotton fabrics,
are made quite plain, all the trimming
of the gown being put on the bodice

There was never anything prettier
than ribbons for trimming; so every-
one will be glad to know that they are

Waistcoats are now considered an in-
dispensable part of ladies' wardrobe,
and those made of the same material

The daintiest of all the modiste's cre-
ations are the summer bonnets, we re-
peat to include the hats, although they are

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Never talk or whisper in church, es-
pecially after the exercises are opened.
Do not put on your overcoat or adjust

Never be one of the starting crowd
about the door or in the vestibule, be-
fore or after church.

Short and half-long jackets of seal
plush, heavily braided, bid fair to be
very popular the coming winter.

HORSE NOTES.

—Hawover may be placed in the stud
at McGrathiana.

—Reclaire has a splint and has been
let up in her work.

—Eureka stable's bay filly has been
scratched from Toboggan Slide.

—Jockey McCarthy has been set
down for the remainder of the season.

—Lowland Girl, 2:19, has dropped
a fine black colt by Ambassador,
2:24.

—There will be a trotting meeting at
Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Sep-
tember 29.

—A brother to Connemara has been
foaled at Mr. Cassat's Chesterbrook
Farm.

—Little Minch, now 11 years old,
started at the Memphis meeting, but
did not get a place.

—William Easton has sold Eolian to
Messrs. Kohrs and Billenberg, of Deer
Lodge, Montana.

—C. B. Hawkins recently had a full
brother to Longstreet foaled at his farm
near Lexington, Ky.

—Senator Hearst's Almont ran a
mile in 1:41, at San Francisco, on
April 15, with 114 pounds.

—A. Nightingall, rider of Uet, the
winner of the Grand National, at Liver-
pool, received one present of £1,000.

—A great deal of work has been done
on the Linden (N. J.) track since last
fall, and it is now said to be a safe and
fast course.

—Green Brothers—Jimmy and Dan
—of Wawaset Driving Park, Wilming-
ton, Del., have over twenty horses in
their stable.

—Bow Bells, the 3-year-old brother
of Bell Boy, injured himself at the
Hermitage Stud, and will not be trained
this season.

—Isaac Flemming will hook Aubine
and Lady Wellington to a 68-pound
skeleton wagon when he tries to break
the double team record.

—The Hartford Purse, \$10,000, for
yearlings, to be trotted in 1892, who
colts and fillies are 3-year-olds, will
close on Monday, May 5.

—Among the new features which
Mr. Morris proposes adding to West-
chester is a tan gallop, under cover,
perhaps for winter purposes.

—J. H. Shultz's stallion Crescento,
record 2:24, 7 years old, by Mambrino
Dudley, dam Mayenne, by Wedgewood,
died from internal troubles recently.

—Jockey Fox was ruled off at Mem-
phis on the 18th for pulling Joe Wal-
ton in the Peabody Hotel stakes on the
16th.

—S. W. Street's brown colt Sentim-
ent, formerly Prince George, has
been de-striated out of all engagements
at Westchester.

—Palisade, by Powhatan, dam Indem-
nity, by Tipperary, recently worked a
mile at Lexington in 1:43, the best
time to date.

—The New York Senate at Albany
on April 15 passed the bill extending
the lives pool-tax of 5 per cent. to the
gross receipts and membership dues of
racing associations.

—The work of seeding, manuring,
plowing, harrowing and rolling the
track at Hartford is already completed,
and the track is both soft and springy
to the horses' hoofs.

—The Maple Stud (J. T. Stewart
& Son), of Council Bluffs, Ia., lost on
March 25, the imp. bay mare Chatter-
box, foaled 1886, by The Speaker, dam
Lady Di, by King John.

—Colonel F. E. Braes, a noted mem-
ber of the English turf and breeder of
St. Gatien, who made a dead heat with
Harvester for the Derby at Epsom in
1884, committed suicide by shooting
himself with a revolver on April 21.

—Robespierre's success in the Tennes-
see Derby recently at Memphis will
serve to make him in some demand for
the Kentucky Derby. He is a full
brother to Jacobin, and cost the Chi-
cago Stable \$4000 as a yearling.

—The well-known brood-mare Het-
tie R. died recently at Captain Frank-
lin's Kennesaw Stud, Gallatin, Tenn.
She was a bay mare, bred by Captain
Franklin in 1878, by imp. Glenagarry,
dam Kathleen (George Kinney's dam),
by Lexington.

—The Sire Bros., of New York, have
bought from A. G. Beckwith, Evans-
ton, Wyo., a 5-year-old roan mare
Vanita, by Aberdeen, dam Wyoming
Belle, by Lowe's Pilot. She had a 3-
year-old record of 2:24, and a 4-year-
old record of 2:29. John E. Turner
will train her this year.

—According to the Memphis corres-
pondent of the Nashville American
Proctor Knott's left fore leg is a little
suspicious. It is the one that he
struck in the Twin City handicap at
Sheepshead Bay last fall, and there is
a little knot, something like a splint,
half way between the knee and ankle,
near the middle tendon.

—During the Winter Meeting of the
Passaic County Agricultural Society at
Clifton, which continued ninety-two
days, 500 races were run, the total
days of money distributed being
\$223,973. There were 193 different
winning owners, those credited with
\$1000 or more, D. A. Honig and J.
H. McCormick, leading with \$23,934
and \$14,897 respectively.

—There are nineteen subscribers to
the Merchants' and Manufacturers'
Guaranteed Stake of \$10,000 to be trot-
ted at the summer meeting of the De-
troit Driving Club, July 22 to 25, 1890,
as follows: D. T. Foster, Bloomington,
Ill.; James Stinson, Chicago, Ill.; C.
D. Bills, Tecumseh, Mich.; D. Deming,
Terre Haute, R. L. and C. S. Cobb,
Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Glenview Stock
Farm, Louisville, Ky.; James E.
Farm, Paris, Ky.; Hickory Grove Stock
Farm, Racine, Wis.; G. W. Lethy &
Son, Chicago, Ill.; Budd Doble, Chi-
cago, Ill.; W. P. Jams, Terre Haute,
Ind.; John Lathan, Hamtramck,
Mich.; Edgewood Stock Farm, Terr,
Haute, Ind.; George H. Hammond,
Detroit, Mich.; James O. Gray, Boston,
Mass.; James Elliott, Philadelphia,
Pa.; Bob Stewart, Kansas City, Mo.;
F. S. McGraw, Bay City, Mich., and
Palo Alto Stock Farm, San Francisco,
Cal. Horses must be named on Mon-
day, July 7.