

THE PRISONER.

A man's skull in his lifelong jail. Behind its prison bars, From its eye window does the soul, Peep at the earth and stars; But unlike jail a of wood or stone Its prisoner over dwells alone.

HOW HE SETTLED WITH GRINGO.

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"Back in the seventies," said a Texas merchant who was "on East" buying goods, "when I was adjutant for a big mercantile house of Galveston, I was sent to investigate a creditor of theirs out in the southwestern part of the State, my instructions being to collect the claim or run an attachment on the concern."

overtook me at the door of the deputy's office, and hearing the new turn given to my situation, said: "That's all right. I'll serve you paper. The captain of the Rangers is virtually a sheriff anywhere in the State—at his own discretion, you know," laughing and giving me the wink.

arched nostrils contracted and distended like a restive pony's. "I reckon you're is wine to ketch him?" she said complacently. Just here my attention was diverted to Tobe, whose name of Hartsfield we had not yet learned. Going to a rack over the door between the two rooms, he took down an old army musket, and a raw-hide belt containing powder and shot horns.

BREAD FOR MILLIONS. A GLANCE INTO A BIG CITY BAKERY. It is Run by Steam and Employs a Crowd of Workers—How the "Staff of Life" is Made.

FOR THE CHILDREN. TODDLER'S. If I could know for a summer day What the birds and flowers to Toddlerkin say; If he would but take me by the hand And show me the wonders of Babyland, I would sing you songs all laughter and fun; Tell tales you would wish might never be done; Find treasures that only the babies know, Guarded by fairies whostand in a row; But Toddlerkin shakes his dear little head When I would be back into Babyland led. I cannot bribe him with kiss or caress; He wants the whole land for himself, I guess.—[New York Independent.

FICS AND THISTLES. THE storm helps to make the oak. If you want to preach well, live right. WHEREVER there is trust in God there is rest. THE troubles that kill are the ones we borrow. THE man who knows God knows how to watch and wait. God never fails the man who faithfully speaks His truth. NO MAN who is ruled by his feelings can travel in straight line. Building a Home. So many people are now building homes for themselves that a few hints on the subject may not come amiss. One of the first considerations is the location. A sunny slope is always one of the most desirable places to build a house, so that one may have the advantage of good drainage and the wholesomeness of a cheerful exposure. One can hardly have too much sun, in spite of the old-fashioned prejudice against it. The house should face the sun, and the southeast is considered the best exposure. This will bring the kitchen and pantries on the north side of the house, where they should be. If the house is to be heated by furnace, the cellar walls should be eight feet high, at least, to allow room to walk under the pipes which convey the heat to the floors above. A low-walled cellar is a mistake in any case, as a laundry or supplementary kitchen can otherwise be had on the ground floor, or a workshop for the man of the house. If the bay window usually found on the southern side of modern houses runs down to the cellar, here is an excellent place to winter geraniums, fuchsias and other plants which have outgrown plant-stands or shelves. The kitchen proper should always be located a little one side of the main building, when it is on the same floor as the dining and living room, as it usually is in the country, so as to prevent a direct draught when the front doors are open and bring in the odor of cooking. Too little attention is paid to this one item in building, though it is essential to a healthy and agreeable atmosphere. Some houses are built in such a way that it is impossible not to perceive what has been the menu of the last meal on entering the front door, and there is a blending of all the past meals hanging about the rooms. Such an atmosphere as this must be unwholesome. The door which communicates between the kitchen and main house should have a strong spring on it, so that it cannot be left open through negligence. There should always be a ventilator in the kitchen window, which should be open at all times, and an abundance of windows for light and ventilation. The angle formed by the extension of the kitchen beyond the main house may be utilized either for a back piazza or a small conservatory, an item of expense not necessary if a piazza is decided upon; but when building, a few additional dollars here and there are not grudged by the majority of people, particularly if a taste or hobby who thus secures a long wished for conservatory will never regret what may seem at first sight an extravagance.

A Mother's Story. HOOD'S CURES. "German Syrup". Garfield Tea. PATENTS. OPIUM.