

LITTLE MISTRESS SANS-MERCI.

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Little Mistress Sans-Merci Trottooth world-wide fancy frock; Trottooth cooing to and fro; And her cooing is command— Never ruled there yet, I trow, Mightier mona-ch in the land; And my heart it lieth who e Mistress Sans-Merci doth fare.

MISS BAXTER'S BLINDNESS.

The dining car was in a shimmer of light. The dead white of heavy linen, the opalescent glare of glassware, and the quiet gleam of silver trembled together in the swift motion of the train. Miss Baxter, who had but recently left her berth, dropped into a seat and leaned back a moment, dazed by the lavish waste of color. Meanwhile the insistent sunlight took liberties with the dull brown of her severely brushed hair, ruing burning fingers through it, and edged it with quajottish gold. Then she hastened to draw the curtain and throw a blue square of shade over her corner of the table, sighing as she settled down again, and all the painful scene of the evening before came surging back.

claimed, taking from her hand the one she was making a sad mess of. "Harry, I never can forgive you for doing this," Miss Baxter concluded, after a moment's contemplation of the whirling blur of green through the car window. "Well, I never could have forgiven myself if I hadn't—and there it was," he asserted dispassionately, laying the pulpy, broken sphere of the orange before her. It is quite a jaunt from Manhattan to Manitou; but one morning they exchanged the cushioned weariness of the train for that blue hollow of the hills, with its gayly-colored roofs and gables showing here and there up the canyon like a scattered troop of butterflies. Then life became one long breath of delight. What color there was! The earth seemed hung in some rarer medium than common air. The yellow cactus blossoms were like flakes of flame. A scarlet flower fairly burned into the sight. Grace developed a new enthusiasm every day, and piled her palette with cobalt and chrome. Even Fleming, who had preceded them, grunted out now and then, "Put in your loore pure. Make her jump."

"Can't you help me at all?" "Of course I can, small girl; you're all right. Nothing shall touch you," he reiterated as his arms closed tightly around her. "Oh, silly, can't you see I've lost my glasses?" she exclaimed, pulling away from him and flushing red among the greenery. But he held her tight. "You don't want them; you see better without them, blue eyes. Confess, now, you never really saw before. Give up trusting in those wretched glasses and trying to be independent. Come, see your career through my eyes."

THE JOKERS' BUDGET. JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. Overlooked the Bait—Couldn't Be Anything Else—Cause and Effect—Difference in Name Only, Etc., Etc. OVERLOOKED THE BAIT. Clara (fishing for a compliment)—This is your fourth dance with me. Why don't you dance with some of the other girls? "Charlie—Well, the fact is I dance so badly I hate to ask them."

A HOPEFUL VIEW OF HIS CASE. "There is nothing stable about him. He is constantly changing his mind." "All the better. By constantly changing his mind, he may get a milder case of insanity than he has now." [New York Press. DOWN TO BED ROCK. He (fiercely)—Didn't you promise at the altar to love, honor and obey me? "She—Yes, but I can't perform impossible duties. I can obey you—that's all." [New York Herald.

A Remarkable Lighthouse. One of the most wonderful lighthouses in the world is that at Minot's Ledge, near Boston. Its history has been one of romance. The greater part of its foundation is under water at low tide. In 1847 a skeleton lighthouse of iron was erected there on iron piles placed in holes drilled in the rock. A furious hurricane burst upon the coast in April, 1851, and anxious watchers from the Cohasset shore thought the structure had been carried away. But, as the sun sank, out shone the light across the storm-tossed waters. At 10 p. m. the light was seen for the last time. At one hour after midnight the fog bell was heard above the roaring of the breakers. At daybreak the ocean was a blank; the lighthouse was gone. Knowing that no help could reach them, the keepers had lighted their lamp as a warning to others, and their lives had gone out with it.

POPULAR SCIENCE NOTES.

A Berlin chemist claims to have discovered the art of reproducing colors true to nature with the camera.

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It is a popular test of the power of an opera or field glass to try to sight four of Jupiter's moons. To ascertain the limit of a small telescope, having object glasses of 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 inches in diameter, try to sight the rings of Saturn.

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To form an idea of the experiments that take place abroad in the way of testing new devices in warfare, the station at Liege, Belgium, consumes nearly four million cartridges and forty tons of powder a year in testing firearms.

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Big and Little Telescopes.—"Great Telescopes" was the subject of an address delivered recently before the Chicago Academy of Sciences in the Athenaeum building by Professor J. E. Keele, formerly astronomer at the Lick Observatory, now director of the Allegheny Observatory, Allegheny, Pa. A large and attentive audience, composed chiefly of professors and scientists, listened to the lecture, which lasted more than two hours. "The popular idea of telescopes," said the professor, "is wholly erroneous. There is no use of increasing the magnitude of the lenses beyond a certain size. Nothing is gained. I have frequently been able to do more and better work on a clear night with a little two-inch lens of my own manufacture than was possible on a 'twinkling' night with the great Lick telescope. The only real advantage possessed by the great telescopes is a much higher resolving power—that is, through the great lenses astronomers are able to distinguish an appreciable distance between two stars so close together that they have always been regarded as one. "The Lick telescope was an experiment, and the Chicago telescope will be a further experiment in the same line. In atmospheric conditions Chicago will have to yield the palm to California, although I do not doubt that the new observatory, taking advantage of past experiments, will be the most complete and perfect in existence."

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Mongolian Camels. The popular idea regarding "the ship of the desert" is completely at fault if applied to the camels of Mongolia and Pechili. Juvenile natural histories talk of the soft padded foot for which this animal is so distinguished, as if a "sandy bottom" were the only surface upon which he could walk with comfort. But the greater part of mercantile transport in North China is performed by camels, and, except in the immediate neighborhood of Peking, sand is an unknown luxury to this much-enduring beast. How vast is the number of camels thus employed may be guessed from the fact that during our day's journey we passed more than eight hundred wending their dilatory way from the Tartary steppes to the plains of Chi-li. They chiefly carried soda-soap, a kind of animal alkali or lye found on the borders of Mongolia, and cut into blocks each weighing about 200 pounds. At no time is the camel a prepossessing object. But here nature provides him with so shaggy a covering that his ungainly form becomes even more hideous. Camel's wool, by the way, used for padding clothes, is an article of considerable traffic hereabouts, and, when spring zephyrs take the place of winter blasts, the herdsmen of the plateau shear their camels by a process which preserves the merit of extreme simplicity, pulling out by hand whatever has not been shed naturally. Many animals are kept for the sole purpose of yielding wool, but the amount obtainable from each is singularly disproportioned to the huge bulk of the producer. A heavy fleece taken from a full-grown camel will seldom average over seven dollars, while eight dollars is a high price for the pica of 135 pounds.—[Century.

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Milk Powder. The recent invention of a German agriculturist is attracting attention as a convenient substitute for condensed milk. He claims to have solved the problem of preserving milk in a solid state for an indefinite period. His milk powder, specimens of which have been exhibited at agricultural exhibitions in Germany, is prepared from skim milk, and it is said to contain about thirty per cent. of albuminous matter, or about seven per cent. more than meat of good quality. The powder is easily soluble in four or five parts of hot water, and can be used with great ease for the preparation of cocoa and other beverages, or incorporated with potato flour for confectionery purposes and the like. In case the invention turns out to be all that is claimed for it, this will create an increased demand for milk and inaugurate a new industry that cannot but prove advantageous to the farmer.—[American Dairyman.

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THE GRIP. I feel me in a terribly weak condition; my health nearly wrecked. My appetite was all gone, I had no strength, felt tired all the time, had disagreeable roaring noises in my head, like a waterfall. I also had severe headaches and severe sinking pains in my stomach. Having heard so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, I concluded to try it. All the disagreeable effects of the Grip are gone. I am free from pains and aches, and believe Hood's Sarsaparilla is surely curing my catarrh. I recommend it to all. Geo. W. Cook, St. Johnsbury, Vt. HOOD'S Sarsaparilla cures Constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal. Young Mothers: We Offer You a Remedy which Ensures Safety to Life of Mother and Child. "MOTHER'S FRIEND" Robs Confinement of its Pains, Horror and Risk. After using one bottle of "Mother's Friend" I suffered no little pains, and did not experience that weakness afterward usual in such cases.—Miss Anna Gayer, Lamesa, Mo., Jan. 18th, 1891. Sent by express, charges prepaid, on receipt of price, \$1.00 per bottle. Book to Mothers mailed free. HEADQUARTERS, REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS. RHEUMATISM. FORTINE gives instant relief and is a quick, safe cure for Rheumatism in its many forms. Address W. T. CHEATHAM, JR., Haverhill, N. H. TO YOUNG MEN. Splendid opportunity to learn a business that will give steady employment and a salary of \$1000 a year. Send for stamp for circular, containing full information. Address Geo. H. Lawrence, 31 E. 10th, N. Y. City.