

THE LITTLE FEET.

A MOTHER'S VILLANELLE.

Across the lonely chamber floor
And down the passage through the hall,
The little feet resound no more!

JANE AND ARTHUR.

Dearest Jane Dobbins and Arthur
Lathers thought that they were very
clever when, in the first bloom of young
love, they had a memorial photograph

For this young man was romantic of
temperament and ingenious of mind.
From his earliest perception he had vowed

But time was his friend, so avant de-
spair! The lovers were young, and their
complacent parents had declared that
they must wait.

At school he had been allowed the run
of the laboratory—and sometimes a run
from it—and there was nothing in the
nature of smoke, stench or explosion

But George remembered, and when he
had carelessly read the maker's name on
the back of the photograph he could

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Arthur was seen smoking on the street,
and thus became a warning of disappoi-
ment. And George, who now called
assiduously on Jane, found his antici-
pated joys almost as enlivening as a

George heard the tidings with con-
sternation. Was this the end of his
chicanery? Then he had been deceived.
Heroines truly had the unpleasant habit

"I hate you!" said the girl, with a
sudden burst of instinctive passion.
And George sped to his room and
battered his head against the wall—but

But Arthur didn't think so. It is
easy to philosophize after the scar, but
not after the wound is yet raw. He was
very blue when leisure permitted his

One wintry afternoon during his stay
in the metropolis, being especially mis-
anthropic and time dragging with him,
Arthur got into an uptown stage, for

The stage stopped. A young lady en-
tered and took a seat by the door. She
extended her fare, and Arthur forgot
himself sufficiently to take it. As he

Oh, how pretty, how sweet she looked!
Was it possible that one so fair could be
so false? Yet were not these terms cor-
relative, and was not seeing believing?

Arthur sighed so fervently that he
must have attracted notice, but at this
instant the stage lurched and fell to one
side. There was a scream, a shout, and

By this time a crowd had collected
and began, after the fashion of crowds,
to theorize regarding the accident. Some

maintained that it was of no moment
since the stage would go as comfortably
on three wheels as it had on four. Oth-
ers that the imprisoned passengers were

"Stand back," he shouted, "and give
the lady air." As if a stage ever wanted
for this essential except in warm weather!

"You should feel at ease now, Mr.
Lathers."
"And why now, pray?"
"On the stage, you know. You are
such an actor."

"I don't know what you mean."
"Oh, you do not?"
"Pray, Miss Dobbins, in this enforced
association, which no one could regret

"That's mine," asserted Jane.
"Hello!" cried Arthur as he suddenly
bent forward.

Two heads then bumped as one. They
recoiled, but again plunged forward, for
each had seen half concealed in the
straw, but which the shock of the acci-

"No wonder the crowd surged and
shouted. The streets of the metropolis
are prolific of dramas indeed, but idyls
are as scarce as daisies between the

"I'll retaliate on that Percy," said
Arthur, "if it takes a lifetime!"
"Dear, dear. Revenge pays its own
debt, but has George accomplished

ROAST SWEET POTATOES.—Choose
even sized potatoes, cleanse them with
a brush and put them in a quick oven.
They are done when they will yield to

CURIOUS PLANT LIFE.

Plants that Eat Live Animals—Plants
that Have the Sense of Feeling—
Others that Seem to See.

And 'tis my faith, that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

Scientists are making deep researches
in plant life, and are discovering some
strange facts which seem almost too
weird to be believed. They tell us that

Plant life has not been keeping abreast
of the advancement of the nineteenth
century; but it is the scientist himself
who is making the steps ahead.

There are many species of plants which
require animal food to keep them in a
healthy state. Whether they would
actually die if not allowed this food

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many varieties which have the power of
digesting food, as this article deals
simply with those plants which the

Linnaeus thought that the pitcher
plants collected the water so that thirsty
birds might drink from them. He was
a great philosopher, but his surmise

It remained for Mellichamp and Hooker
to make the discovery that the water in
the cups was diluted by the plant with
some substance which attracted insects,

AS WITH AN ESTHETIC.
The writer has before him a number of
these plants in separate pails. The ex-
periment of introducing a live fly at the

An insect remains in the liquid but a
short time before it becomes soft and
separates; it sinks to the bottom and
becomes nourishment for the plant. The

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THE BODY AND ITS HEALTH.
HINT FOR THE BATH.—Put to a cup
of sea salt one-half ounce of camphor
and one-half ounce of ammonia in a
quart bottle; fill the bottle with hot water
and let it stand twenty-four hours; then,
when prepared to bathe with a sponge,
put a teaspoonful of this mixture, well
shaken, into your basin. A surprising
quantity of dirt will come from the
cleanest skin. The ammonia cleanses
and the camphor and the salt impart a
beneficial effect which cannot be exagger-
ated.