

LOVE'S MILLIONAIRE.

I say: "The world is lonely; The hearth at home is cold. And sad is life to child and wife When life hath little gold!"

AN UNEXPECTED VALENTINE.

When my dear Aunt Maud died—she died the very summer I graduated—I was really too heart-broken to care what became of me.

I had always lived with my aunt, had known no other mother; therefore her death was the greatest blow possible to me.

Dick is a moderately young bachelor. He is an attorney-at-law, and has a very fair practice indeed.

We got on famously together, so famously that in all probability the last chapter would have found us still there, he a grizzled old bachelor, I a grizzled old maid.

On this day, memorable above other days, just about an hour after dinner Dick received a telegram to go up that evening to A—, a city fifty miles away.

Dear Girl—Have to leave on next train to meet a man in A—. Probably won't get home till tomorrow noon.

It was such a bore to lock up at that late hour and go out for the night. It had been such a gloomy afternoon, and looked like it would rain.

I had never heard of any burglaries in the village, so I made up my mind that I would stay at home that night.

I did not want any tea, so I let the servant girl go early, and sat, neglecting even to light the lamps, before a big oak fire in the sitting room.

I soon became deeply absorbed, so deeply absorbed that I presently went to sleep at it, and in a dream saw our poor man tried, convicted and actually sentenced to be hanged.

I woke up suddenly, frightened to find myself enveloped in darkness, relieved only by an uncanny red glow from the fast-dying coals upon the hearth.

I was possessed with a strange, sinking fear. I was afraid to move, afraid to turn my head to left or right.

My fear increased rather than diminished as the moments dragged by. I could hear my heart beating. I soon

became enthralled by terror. I had a kind of instinctive animal fear of impending danger. I thought of the money. It was locked up in the cabinet at my right hand.

I endeavored to rally my courage, to persuade myself that I had awakened from a nightmare, and was nervous; that there was nothing to fear, and that I was making a baby of myself.

I could not throw off the notion. Just then it began to rain—a regular down-fall, as if the bottom had suddenly fallen out of the clouds.

I was listening with every fibre of my body drawn taut. Listening for what? I did not know. Something thing beyond, behind the rain.

The windows were too high from the ground to admit of my jumping therefrom without incurring the risk of a broken limb.

What went on down below? I did not know. In the cessations of the rain I could hear the heavy tread passing to and fro in a search, I knew, for that money.

I was so benumbed with cold and fright that I think I lost consciousness, and would probably have tumbled down the chimney but that I was so rigid and so walled in I could not.

The next thing I remember was opening my eyes and seeing the square of my light above me. Then realizing all, my strength gave way, and I fell heavily, striking my head against something which left me senseless for hours.

When I came to myself I was in the arms of a young man who I had never seen before. He sat upon the floor, and held my head across his knees.

A number of electric lamps of various sizes and shapes have been patented and are constructed by an electrical engineer in Vienna.

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had pronounced me more frightened than hurt; and, really, but for the dreadful cold I caught and my wounded forehead, it did not amount to anything, and soon became a tremendous joke.

And it turned out that this friend of Dick's, whose acquaintance I made in such an unconventional fashion, was the very client whose money I defended.

And it also came about that—that he—that I—that we have—we have grown to know each other very well; and Dick—Dick is to look out for another co-operator before next fall; because—well, for reasons best known to myself.

Electricity in the Earth.

"Take a spade, turn up a small quantity of soil, hold a portion in your hand, hold it up to your ear, then smell it. You will observe first a slight motion, hear a faint sound as of the moving of distant timber, and readily notice the odor of heat.

"Electricity, as is being gradually shown, is fire—fire of friction, if you will, the first known by the inhabitants of our globe. Look at an arc lamp and see its combined sparks as they emit from the carbons so swiftly that they are taken for a regular flame of eye-bedazzling light.

Distilling Peppermint Oil.

The manufacture of essential oils from peppermint, wormwood, sassafras and sage is practically the same, and all of these plants are raised quite extensively in the country for this purpose.

It costs about as much to raise an acre of peppermint as it does an acre of corn, and the yield of oil is about ten to twenty pounds to the acre.

A Light in His Pocket.

The neck of this bottle contains a small battery, in which three pairs of platinum and zinc elements of the smallest possible size are concealed.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Massachusetts Ploughman thinks that Ex-Governor Hoard's statement that "every milk-selling section in the United States is growing gradually poorer and poorer" may well be questioned.

Six years ago a school saving system was introduced in Norristown, Pa. The deposits for the six years aggregate \$39,072.56; the withdrawals amount to \$25,118.69, leaving \$13,953.87 on deposit to the credit of 1,390 school children.

The growing scarcity of fur-bearing animals suggests to a writer in The London Spectator the feasibility of breeding such animals on farms in Siberia.

Tea-drinking is greatly on the increase on the Continent. In Germany the annual consumption of tea rose from 2,000,000 pounds in 1880 to 6,000,000 in 1892, and in France, Hungary, Austria, Norway and Sweden there was an equally notable increase.

A hygienist has been collecting statistics in regard to the life of dwellers on various levels. He finds that those whose occupations or poverty require them to live in cellars die first, as might readily be supposed; next come those who live on the third or fourth floors; next those on the ground floor.

George K. Holmes, lately of the census office, recently computed the public and private debt of the United States at \$20,000,000,000 in round numbers.

Bruin's Acute Gastritis.

Thomas Millie, a New Yorker, who is visiting friends at Binghamton, started with them on his first bear hunt last Wednesday.

A curious story has just come out which shows that Germany's affection for the Transvaal Republic is older than some persons imagined. It appears that twenty years ago, and previous to the Majuba surrender, the German Government made a big present of war material to the South African Republic.

George W. Feeney, one of the oldest engineers in the service of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, who has just died, was the engineer of the locomotive that drew Abraham Lincoln to Washington for his inauguration, in March, 1861.

Statistics of the French Expedition to Madagascar.

Statistics of the French expedition to Madagascar show that of 17,500 troops sent to Majunga 3,000 died and excessive mortality. It is said, arose from lack of hygienic methods generally and insufficient attention to procedure usually adopted to diminish sickness and death while campaigning in highly malarious regions.

exhausted by incessant trena work and fatigues, and unsupplied with proper nutritive rations.

The difference between the modern steam vessel and the old-time sailing ship is marked in many ways, one of which is the post of command. On sailing ships and the earlier steamers the captain's and officers' post was on the quarterdeck, which was as far aft as it was possible to go.

In the crush and friction of larger events little attention has been given to the fact that Hungary is celebrating this year the thousandth anniversary of the Magyar conquest and settlement in Pannonia.

There was a rustling in the underbrush on the bank high above, and the shaggy hide of the long-sought bear came into sight.

A Primeval Kitchen.

The frugality of the Italians who are working on the New York Central Railroad and the Dobbs Ferry (N. Y.) Millionaires' Club has been manifested recently. On Sundays as well as during their unemployed hours these sons of Italy may be seen searching for acorns in the vicinity of Dobbs Ferry.

The Italians on the Ardsley Casino grounds have a peculiar mode of getting their meals. Several nights ago a Press reporter saw them prepare their dinner. It was about 6.30 when all the men assembled around a big wood fire in a thatched roof hut in the ravine near the old Cottenet barn.

STATISTICS.

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DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES.

Charles Edmondson and James Neekly were drowned in an oil tank near Steubenville, Ohio, Neekly in trying to rescue Edmondson.

Morton Finell was killed and Joseph McIntyre and George Bradley injured by the explosion of a dozen sticks of giant powder in the oven of a stove at a quarry near Anaconda, Montana.

Mary Jones and her husband, while driving across the tracks of the Philadelphia, Reading and New England Railroad, at Mount High, N. Y., were struck by an east-bound passenger train and both killed.

In connection with the earthquake in Northeastern Nebraska, a Butte despatch says that about fifteen miles north of that place "the ground is very warm, and in some places the smoke and heat is so intense that it is unendurable."

At Montpelier, Ohio, Allen Sharpless and his 15-year-old daughter were burned to death. Their residence had taken fire, and the father, after rescuing his wife and two other children, went back for the girl. He was overcome by smoke and perished with her.

An Indianapolis despatch says that "persons who were at the wreck on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, at Tanner's Creek, in Dearborn county, declare that seven or eight tramps were killed." Officers of the company insist that but one was killed.

TORNADO IN AUSTRALIA.

Many Persons Drowned and Great Destruction of Property.

A terrific tornado, accompanied by flood, occurred in North Queensland, attended with great destruction of life and property. Many vessels are missing as the result of the storm.

The rainfall during the tornado amounted to 26 inches, and it is estimated that the damage of property will amount to \$500,000. A large number of persons were drowned.

INDEMNITY FROM TURKEY.

Terrell Presents Claims for American Property Destroyed in Riots.

United States Minister Terrell has demanded an indemnity of \$100,000 for the burning and pillaging of the American missions at Marash and Harpoot.

MARKETS.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities such as Flour, Wheat, Corn, Hogs, Sheep, Butter, etc., under different regional headings like Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.