

Reminiscence.

A gap among the hills,
And a white road through the trees;
A gap among the hills,
And some few memories.

The Lacemaker's Sacrifice.

In the Rue de Lille, Valenciennes,
was a little one-story house, half
concealed by a thick growth of
Virginian creeper and clematis.

At thirteen years of age she had
been left an orphan with an only
brother, a journeyman cabinet-maker,

The rich laces of pure artistic
design, real masterpieces of delicacy,
made by Noemi, were those which
won Valenciennes its fame.

For his part, Louis behaved in his
regiment as he had done at Valenciennes;
that is to say, in a creditable way,

But her joy was of short duration
Some days later cries of "War!"
suddenly resounded on all sides.

Noemi, who had never read the
newspapers, now hurried every morning
to the offices of the Valenciennes papers

One morning the news reached her
that a convoy of wounded belonging
to her brother's regiment had arrived
during the night.

her beloved brother was there among
his comrades, and she ran to the
ambulances, passing from one to the other,

But evening approached, and all had
been in vain. The hope which had
supported her during the day departed

She pictured to herself her poor
brother, abandoned on some battle-
field far from all aid, stretching his
hands to her in agony,

"What are you looking for, miss?"
"My brother."
"His name?"

The wounded man recovered
consciousness at the sound of her voice
and opened his eyes.

"You must keep calm," he exclaimed,
"or we cannot answer for anything.
The wound is healing; your brother

"No," replied the young officer.
"Well, as the doctor says you will
soon be strong enough, I shall have

One morning as she entered the
hospital, her countenance beaming
with joy, her brother made a sign to
her to speak in a low voice,

"Oh! the poor fellow! the poor fellow!"
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The days passed rapidly and Louis
daily grew stronger. Had he not
promised to make haste to get better?

In moving, the count displaced the
bandages on his wound, and a stream
of blood gushed forth and inundated
the bed.

"Quick! Quick!" he shouted. "Some
Hot! Quick!"
While the distracted nurses were
looking everywhere the blood still
flowed, and the anxious doctor reiterated

Today Count de Lanterac d'Am-
broyse is a colonel; he has three
children—one tall, pretty daughter

"From time immemorial," said
Judge Asser Corruith, of Louisville,
"Southern people have been lavish in
bestowing titles.

It is a curious fact that one of the
only things which even an expert
graphologist does not guarantee to
discover in handwriting is the sex of
the writer.

An interesting little experiment
proving this theory can be made in
this way. Take twelve or twenty
envelopes written in ciphers or you are
sure of, and number each scrap

"Willie," said an interesting young
mother to her first-born, "do you know
what the difference is between body
and soul?"



TO REMOVE PUTTY.

To remove old putty and paint,
make a paste with soft soap and a
solution of caustic soda, or with
slaked lime and pearl ash.

TO ECONOMIZE IN EGGS.

Eggs at this season are a luxury,
and should not be used too recklessly.
For settling the coffee egg shells
are quite as efficacious as the egg itself.

TWO USEFUL HINTS.

Cracks in a cooking stove can be
satisfactorily filled by a paste made
of six parts common wood ashes to
one part of table salts, mixed with
cold water.

WASHING BLANKETS.

A housewife whose blankets always
retain their softness without shrinking
gives the secret. Make the suds in
a tub with any good white soap,

THE BATHROOM SPONGE.

Brushes and sponges that have been
used in the bathroom and kitchen
require cleaning to prevent them from
having a musty, disagreeable smell.

RECIPES.

Roast Plover on Toast—Clean and
truss neatly. Cover the breast with
fat bacon, and roast in a hot oven
twelve minutes.

Bigarade Sauce—Cook the trim-
mings of the duck (giblets, etc) (the
carcass of a cooked duck may be
added to advantage) in a pint of
broth with part of a "soup bag."

Hominy Waffles—Add one-half pint
cooked hominy to a batter made of
two cupfuls flour, one teaspoonful
baking powder, one and one-fourth
cupfuls milk, one tablespoonful melt-
ed butter, one-half teaspoonful salt,

Cream Cheese Salad—Form the
cheese into balls about the size of a
large nut and press nut meats on
two sides of them, or, if preferred,
the nuts may be chopped and mixed
with the cheese; also some chopped
olives will be very nice mixed through
the cheese; arrange on lettuce leaves
and use a very little dressing.

Codfish A La Mode—Mix well then
beat until light one cupful codfish,
shedded and freshened, or cold boiled
fish, two cupfuls hot mashed potatoes,
one pint of milk, two beaten eggs,
one tablespoonful butter and salt and
pepper to taste; turn into a buttered
ramekin and bake twenty-five minutes
in a steady oven.

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