

The Little Sister.

When days are dreariest,
When the nights are long,
Sudden on the creaking stair
Sounds her careless song;

Blithe and gay and jubilant,
All her words a jest,
Laughter on her merry lips,
You upon her breast,

And she hath the eyes I had
When the world was new,
And she hath the heart I had
When the world was true.

Strange that she who knew no tears
So my tears should wake;
Strange her very happiness
My own heart should break.

Not a wistful ghost she comes—
Better so, perchance—
But with lips too faint to slay,
Ebet too faint to dance.

—Theodore Garrison.

Mr. Carroway's Position.

It is old how the news of a girl's
engagement spreads, and how she at
once begins to shed old lovers for

Of all men who had vowed al-
ways to be my friend, if ever I had
need of them, there remained—by the
time my engagement had ceased to

"N—not exactly," said he. "But
how do you mean? Earl's Court?"
"N—nor to China?" I went on.

"You haven't traveled much, have
you?" said I.
"Oh—well—Paris, you know. And
the Riviera. And so on," he said.

"I should have thought that was
rather a fatiguing characteristic," he
drawled.
"Would you like some tea?"

"I believe things to grow very fast
in the tropics," observed Ambie. "Saw
it growing, did you say?"

"That reminds me," said he. "I

am so sorry I could not get down here
last Sunday."
"We got your wire," said I. "It
didn't make any difference. Mr. Cosnett

"I feel a bit frightened. You are
very disagreeable today," I faltered.
"Are you are—not too ingenious,
Miss Lacey?"

"I must. It would be unfair to
both of us to keep silence any longer."
But still he found a difficulty in pro-
ceeding. "May I ask you a question?"

"I looked at him in frank amaze-
ment.
"Look here," he said with an air
of real desperation, "don't you think it

"But I do," he protested.
"Then why talk of not calling any
more?" said I.
"Can't you see," he said, with a
helpless gesture of the hands, "that—

"Yes," he nodded eagerly. "You see,
we have been a good deal together,
you and I. Such familiar intercourse

"I raised my melting eyes to his. "I
am glad—so glad—you didn't," said I.
"I should have missed many joyous
hours if you had. Please don't think

"I lifted my head sharply, as if be-
wildered. "Forgive you!" I cried.
"What have I to forgive?"

"Believe me, I love you sincerely,"
he said. "I cannot help it if I have
changed. No man is master of his
own heart. I—"

"I was very effectively amazed. "Do
you mean," I exclaimed, "that you—
you don't care now?"

He rose. I bent my face close to
the painted satin. I believe that he
was beginning to wonder if, after all,

seemed to him an intolerable while,
he spoke again, doubtfully.
"I knew you would forgive me," he
sighed.

"I am glad!" I almost shouted. "Oh,
you can't tell how glad I am!"
"Glad!" he stammered, foolishly.

"I think he muttered an oath as he
stooped, with a flaming face, to pick
up his hat.

"I must introduce you to Basil—Mr.
Cosnett. I should like you to be-
come my friends."

"I don't know what you mean," said
I, laughing nervously. "What does it
matter? Why?"

"The adventurous and daring Clive,
world famous and conqueror of India,
at 40 was decidedly a neuropath. In

Wellington was distinctly epileptic.
His fainting fits after Waterloo were
frequent, and it was an attack of

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WORTH QUOTING

The New York Board of Education
has adopted a resolution to investi-
gate simplified spelling with a view to
its use in schools.

It is considered probable that the
British Parliament will increase the
tax on motor cars this year, levied on
the purchase price.

They're finding thorium in the
island of Ceylon. You can't keep any-
thing hidden now that the rage of in-
vestigation and exposure is in full

By holding sun spots responsible for
volcanic disturbances, scientists bring
us back to the old question, "What
are we going to do about it?" suggests
the Washington Star.

The novel is as valuable a form as
any offered by law or science for
showing conditions as they really ex-
ist. Statutes and statistics are not the

Representative J. Adam Bede's sug-
gestion that Texas should be divided
into five States is described as

An inspector of London police, who
had had an opportunity to note the
behavior of the 600 Japanese sailors

A Hiawatha clergyman preached a
rather exhaustive sermon from the
text, "Thou are weighed in the bal-
ance and found wanting." After the

The suffragettes of England have
had one of their meetings broken up
by outsiders, and now know how it is

From the blue grass of Kentucky
to the Canada lake there is not a man
with a spark of liking for horses in

Except as a decorative feature in
fox hunting, stag hunting and the like,
the horse has made his exit from po-
lite literature and, appropriately

Most railroad managers suppose
the New York Tribune, have consid-
ered the proceedings which have been

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ing fad is that it isn't very likely to
kill or mangle anybody but the folk

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AN OX WAGON IN AFRICA.

The oxen were going quietly along,
when, all of a sudden, they were
startled by the heavy thud of the

"Kouta! Kouta ninni!" ("Brake!
Hard on!") shouted the driver, and
we felt the Oxvamp boy behind the

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a wagon started down a place like
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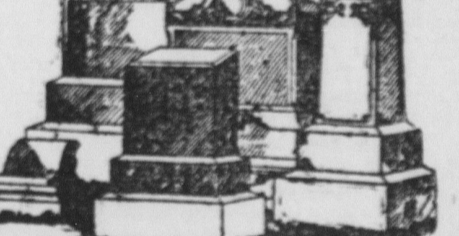
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