

Forty.

In the heyday of my years, when I thought the world was young. And believed that I was old—at the very gates of life—

MRS. RAYNOR'S SYSTEM.

Mrs. Raynor's neatness was a proverb in the locality in which she lived; her brother called her "painfully neat," and sometimes thought, when driven almost desperate by her system, that he would buy a farm for himself, and never again take any of his brother-in-law's land on shares.

marvelously white and clean by vigorous scouring. No matter what happened, the system went on as usual—nothing whatever was allowed to interfere with that.

would be handed over to the tender mercies of a servant. That fact, if no other, should make you prudent and careful of your health," said Jack.

she could not trifle with her health as she had done, and much thought during her convalescence had convinced her that she had no right to trifle with her husband's happiness either.

TOPICS OF THE DAY. There are in use in the United States alone 200,000 telephones and transmitters. New York, including Brooklyn, Jersey City and suburbs, has some 4,000 subscribers; Chicago and suburbs, 3,600; Cincinnati, 3,500; Philadelphia, 1,800; Albany, 1,200; Buffalo, 1,100; Baltimore, 1,000; Louisville, 1,000; Milwaukee, 700; Lowell, 734; Springfield and Holyoke, 850. Portland, Me., has more subscribers as to population than any other city in the world, having a telephone to every fifty-one persons; Springfield comes next, with one to each sixty-two persons.

Rose Leaf. Rose Leaf, Rose Leaf, we called her. For she was, oh! so dainty-sweet and blossom-like and fair!

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

When a doctor cures you for nothing he is one of nature's no-bill-men. The circus performer is the aesthete of the period now, for he is in least most of the time.