

TO THE END.

[Mary Grant Major.]
A child sat reading; her golden curls
Drooping low o'er her storied page—
Reading the tale with parted lips,

OUR TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Some of the Articles We Buy of Our At-
mond-Eyed Brethren.
(Middle-aged readers can readily recall
the time when the empire of Japan and
the heart of Africa were equally un-

Of Japanese imports, during the season
ending December 31, 1885, New York
took nearly \$6,000,000 in value;
Chicago, \$2,500,000; San Francisco, a
half million; and Canada say three and
a half millions.

Japanese vegetable wax is another im-
portant product of the awakened island.
It is a rival of paraffine wax in many
ways, and is consumed in great quanti-
ties by New England carriage-makers,

The metal antimony, of prime neces-
sity in medicine, is yet another valuable
product of Japan, and the last season
brought out nearly 30,000 piculs, worth
\$138,000.

China's Newspapers.
[San Francisco Chronicle.]
With three exceptions, all of China's
very limited newspaper list is published
at four of the twenty ports open to for-

The Garden of Eden.
[San Francisco Chronicle.]
The reputed site of the Garden of Eden,
at the junction of the Tigris and Eu-
phrates (which united become the Chat
El Arab), is now occupied by a sterile

A medical man advises the disease of
feather dusters, and advises the use of
a cloth to wipe away dust. He asks:
Do you know just what you are doing,

Bird's-Eye View of the World's Fair.

[Joanquin Miller's New Orleans Letter.]
This is a climate that not only tolerates,
but invites, even compels, color.
Nature sets the example. The bound-

And it is not the least bit bad taste.
In Genoa, under the same kind of skies,
the same custom prevails. And I think
no one can accuse the Italians of bad
taste in the matter of color. You may
remember how constantly Dickens refers
to his residence there in Genoa as "the
pink ail."

Not as Proud as We Ought to Be.
[New York Letter.]
"Why, sir, the majority of the readers
of Longfellow in England don't know
that he isn't a fellow countryman of
theirs," said a well-informed Briton to

The immense increase in the city popu-
lation in the last decade and consequent
extension of the limits of social life
are fast causing the disappearance of
an essentially American custom,

Disappearance of an American Custom.
[San Francisco Argonaut.]
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lation in the last decade and consequent
extension of the limits of social life

Italian scenery.
[Atlantic Monthly.]
There was a time when I resented as
hotly as most other Americans the idea
that any scenery could surpass our own;

Abolish the Duster.
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feather dusters, and advises the use of
a cloth to wipe away dust. He asks:

Emily Faithful tells about reportorial
enterprise as follows: "I was asked a
question about a matter respecting
which I did not care to be interrogated,

SHOP-GIRLS' WORK AND WAGES.

Their Pitiful Remuneration—Why They
Marry—Objection to the Kitchen.
[Chicago Tribune.]

"You say that flesh and blood is
cheap," said the floor-walker in a melan-
choly way as he paused in his monotonous
promenade and gazed about him
at the endless perspective of counters be-

"The family of which that pretty girl
at the ribbon counter is a member lives
very comfortably indeed in a pretty lit-
tle house on the north side. Beside her-
self there are two other sisters and two
brothers. They all work in the shops.

"Speaking of the marriages of shop-
women reminds me that I have fre-
quently been astonished to see really
sweet, pretty, and refined girls marry
the most disgusting specimens in the
way of men, about whom there seemed
to be no possible attraction beyond the
fact that they were trousers. But it is
unquestionable that in this class of so-

"The lot of a woman entirely depend-
ent upon her own resources, who earns
her living behind the counter of a shop,
is intolerable. Just think of trying
to exist on such a pittance as \$3.50 a
week—30 cents a day. Why, it is starva-

A Beautiful Beach.
[Chicago News.]
"Where have you been, Mrs. Shoddy?"
"Down to the auction."
"Buy anything?"
"Oh, yes, bought the most beautiful
book I ever saw—red and blue, with gilt
edges."

A Durable Pavement.
Pavements made of brick impreg-
nated at a high temperature with as-
phalt are found more durable for wear
than granite or compressed asphalt. By
driving out the air and water the bricks
take up 15 or 20 per cent. of bitumen;

Rail Roads.

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