

THE MERMAIDS

THE LONG PLEASANT SUMMER WAS DRAWING TO A CLOSE...

The long pleasant summer was drawing to a close, and the winds were becoming raw and chilly...

As the little girl wandered on the forsaken beach where many times she had watched with such pleasure the sports of happy children...

SEE SPIED THE BEAUTIFUL FIGURE OF A WOMAN.

"My home is nearby. And do you also live here?" The lady smiled and replied: "Then you do not know me? I am the queen of the mermaids..."

Having thus spoken she arose and was about to take her departure, when Annette cried: "Oh, please do not go. You are so beautiful, and I am very lonely on this dull shore..."

"You know not what you ask," said the mermaid; "my people are not like yours. They live only for enjoyment, and often in their pursuit of pleasure, are selfish and cruel..."

"You are a few of my subjects," said the mermaid; "and so long as you are faithful to me, I will grant you all your wishes, and will neglect none of your wishes..."

The wonders of a mermaid's realm did not end with the crystal palace and a coral park; there were also groves, brilliant colored flowers, and intricate shells with their dainty tints...

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Annette was no longer happy in her beautiful home. The secrets of the sea had brought to her constant thoughts were of the old man and his great sorrow...

THE GIANTS' ARROWS

WERE POTENT FOR GOOD OR EVIL, ACCORDING AS THEY WERE AIMED.

SO WITH THE LITTLE CHILDREN. THE DUTIES OF PARENTS IN STARTING THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

FEAR SHOULD NEVER BE SUGGESTED.

There are two quite evident facts about arrows in the hand of a giant. The first is that they are very formidable weapons...

As soon as a child is born into this world its father and mother ought to begin to train it in religion. For religion means, as regards the child, the conscience and the heart...

THE CARDS WERE GLENDED. How a Lawyer Saved a Big Pile of Money in an Ocean Poker Game.

Senior Cooper, the Mexican ex-king, tells the following poker story occasionally: "One time I was going to Europe in a steamer and witnessed a remarkable game of poker..."

Only the \$5 notes were up and the lawyer sat there with four aces in his hand, the biggest hand that could be dealt except a royal sequence...

THE CLAIMS MADE FOR M. CASSENAIS' NEW SYSTEM OF TRANSMISSION. M. Cassenais, the inventor of the system of steno-telegraphy, is a civil engineer...

THE FORESTS THERE ARE ALREADY SHOWING GOOD RESULTS. The available forests of cork trees are already relatively extensive, although hardly sufficient to supply the demands now made on them...

THE OLD, OLD STORY. By and by the father and the mother ought to tell the child the great revelation of the Christian religion. They ought to tell him how God loves the world...

ROMANCE OF THE WAR

WINNIE DAVIS' WEDDING AND THE FAMOUS RESCUE OF BLACK JERRY RELATED IN A REMARKABLE WAY.

A GRANDSON OF ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE EVENT IS THE GROOM.

THE OLD SLAVE IS STILL ALIVE.

At this point it was necessary to resort to a ruse, as the officers were receiving reinforcements in the district, none of the men were procured and Jerry was slipped into one of them...

THE REASONER, TOO, CAN BE IMPERIAL IN THE "WOODEN SHOE." Indeed, the history of the courtship, which covers some five years, reads like a romance...

Then, too, the romantic elopement of Jeff Davis himself with the daughter of Zachary Taylor a half century ago, lends spice to the story, and shows that it is not a mere blossoming of the imagination...

THE LIBERATION OF THE SLAVE, IT WILL BE remembered, created the great excitement through the country, and brought to the front among others the Rev. Samuel J. May...

Not being very closely guarded, Jerry soon slipped out of the room and ran for his liberty. He got off nearly half a mile before he was captured...

UP IN THE MOUNTAINS near Asheville there used to be an old darky who had a great reputation, both as a thief-catcher and as a secretary of thieves as well...

THE THIEF WHO WANTED TO ESCAPE used black hair, and when they curled, he fed in the direction of the thief-catcher's usual haunts...

THE AFFAIR IN THE MEAN TIME had produced the widest excitement. The spectacle of the man, who had been through the streets like a hog, worked the populace into a frenzy...

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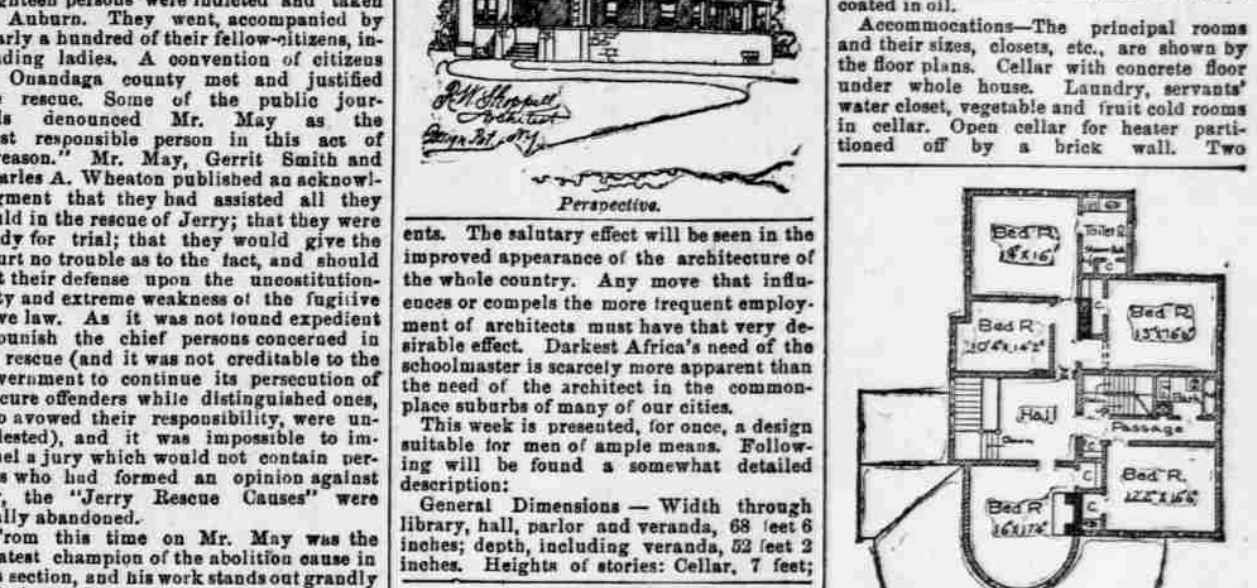
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POWER OF LIGHTNING. A Flash Enters a Crevice of a Lodge and Lights Pitty Toss of Rock. New York Tribune.

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