

TOWANDA :

Thursday Morning, August 29, 1861.

Selected Poetry.

ONCE BEFORE.

Alone she sat beside her window,
Hearing only the rain drops pour,

Slow she swung the little easement,
Where the autumn roses glowed,

Low she said, in accents lonely ;
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In the rain he stands imploring,
Where she sits in silent prayer,

Selected Tale.

My Husband's Child.

A SECOND WIFE'S STORY.
I had a little daughter,
And she was given to me,

I had married a widower. How many times
I had wondered, blamed, laughed at such marriages.

Her acquaintance came about oddly enough.
She was staying with my old school mate, Eliza.

"I like it," I said to Lizzie, throwing my
self down, after a long morning's ramble, in

"I never had the means to be fashionable,
my poor five hundred a year has to

"If you had five thousand a year, instead of
five hundred, fashion and frivolity would

"Who is it?" I asked, becoming Lizzie to
my window.

"No other than Hiram Woodbury, the Doc-
tor's best friend, and certainly the last man I

to Dick, though, and of course that makes him
so to me."

I ran up stairs to smooth my tangled hair,
and make my costume a little more presentable,

I had not known Mr. Woodbury four days
before I felt in my heart that here was a man

By the time he had been there a fortnight,
we knew each other better than we could have

We were alone, sitting under a clump-of
pines at the west of the house, where we had

"I have only known you a short time, Agatha,
but you are already dearer to me than I can say.

"His words were strong and fervent, and he
gathered me close in his arms to his heart—

"I know that I shall be giving a good mother
to my little Laura. I should be cruel were I

"What could I say—I who had said so often
that I would wrong no dead woman by

"Did you love her—your wife?"
" Tenderly—most tenderly."

"You are the love of my youth. But why these
questions, Agatha? Are you not satisfied

"I must be," I whispered in a voice whose
calmness startled me, it contrasted so strangely

"I will be Laura's mother, so far as seeing
to all her wants and being kind to her is

"It was with such an understanding as this,
that we were married, but my wedding day

"I do love you dear, is not that enough?
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I was silent on the subject afterward, for
very shame, but the demou of jealousy made

For five weeks we were travelling together.
and this our honeymoon was a happy one.

After our bridal night until the day before
we were to go home for the first time, I had

"Thank you, Agatha. I am glad you think
of Laura sometimes. She has been spending

It was a beautiful home on the east bank
of the Hudson, to which we went the next

I had not been prepared for so splendid a
sight. It was a perfect architectural inspira-

"I never saw anything half so beautiful,"
I whispered ecstatically to Hiram, who sat

"Oh, I love you new mamma, I always
did. Will you love me, too, and let me be

When my husband came in half an hour
afterward, he found me asleep with Laura

There was never any jealousy in my soul
afterward. The fulness of Hiram Woodbury's

Now it is true that this man was of the
lower caste, whose wives alone can go out,

What do the native females of high caste
do the whole day? They must not go out;

THE HUMAN FIGURE.—The proportions of
the human figure are strictly mathematical—

HABIT.—"I trust everything under God,
said Lord Brougham, "to habit, upon which,

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most and prays the loudest.

those delicate limbs—no pulse fluttered in the
tiny wrist—no heart-beat stirred the little

I had been ill three days, when one morn-
ing, my nurse went out for a few moments,

"Come up here, little daughter," I whis-
pered, with such tenderness as she had never

"Laura," I said, "God gave me a little
daughter, and the same hour He gave me

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The Esquimaux.

The ordinary routine of the Esquimaux life
in most localities is as follows: In the month

In the autumn, also, the migratory flocks of
geese and other birds are laid under contribu-

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county, will be held in accordance with the

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Educational Department.

Teachers' Institutes.

The Teachers Institutes for Bradford Co.,
for the Fall of 1861, will be held at the follow-

Teachers are respectfully requested to be
prompt and punctual on the first day. Much

Teachers should bring with them readers of
different kinds, writing paper and pencils, sing-

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