

POETRY.

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The world's darkness widely before you,  
A light for your music and brain;

THE STORY-TELLER.

THWARTED.

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Philip Earle's house was filled with guests—a gay, pleasure-seeking throng that had come at his invitation to spend the summer months at his beautiful residence, The Elms.

night she was doing her best. Bernice watched her rival carefully, noticed how fondly her eyes rested on Philip's form, and how eagerly she listened when he spoke.

that looked almost ghastly in the silvery moonlight, Bernice stole unobserved over the broad staircase into her own room.

today. A curious book for a young lady to read, is it not, my friends? he said, reading the title aloud, "All about poisons." But you would not wonder at the selection if you had heard her scoldings, her denials, and her threats.

THE ARIZONA DIAMONDS. Among the numerous religious sects found in Russia the strangest and most unnatural is that of Skoptoy. Born of an interpretation as barbarous as it is literal of the text—"If thy eye offend thee, pluck it out," etc.—the fundamental dogma of this sect is mutilation, which is a sort of baptism or circumcision of its converts.

Facts and Figures. A Minnesota editor speaks of another editor as a "senile slinger of unsavory English."

English Cutlery. The importation of wire and steel goods into England was at first restricted by Queen Elizabeth, in order that home manufactures might be fostered.