

Willfulness.

I offered hand and heart and self To somebody—a willful elf— Who heard me through, then "Nay!" And answered but a scornful smile...

A TURQUOIS RING.

Hattie Thorpe, the nursery governess, sat playing at building block houses with her two little charges, Artie, aged nine, and Louis, aged seven. She was only eighteen herself—a tiny girl for that age...

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"Miss Thorpe! Why, I'm so sorry! Is anything the matter?" Edward asked, gently, fearing some misfortune to the girl, or that she had lost some relative; for he was not aware that the little governess was fatherless and motherless, and without a blood relation in the world.

"Oh, Mr. Edward," sobbed the poor child, "you must be mistaken. I have stolen the ring I have stolen her turquoise ring." "Impossible!" exclaimed Edward, shocked.

"Oh, yes, sir. Thank you, sir. It is impossible, but she thinks so." "Helen can't think anything so cruel. I'm not mistaken, sir," she said, so plain, two or three times—that I stole her ring because you gave it to her, Mr. Edward, and that I would like to steal you too."

Once or twice that evening, and again the next day, Miss Langley spoke of her missing ring; the servants were interrogated; mamma was complained to; Artie and Louis were ordered to divulge their hiding place, if, in the spirit of practical joking which those young gentlemen often indulged in, they had secreted it; but questions, complaints, threats, were all in vain; the turquoise was gone.

Something over a week had passed away, and Edward Montague, in order to redeem his promise to his cousin, had run up to town, and was returning in the late evening, carrying in his breast pocket a small velvet case, inside of which reposed a lovely turquoise ring, having on it Helen's initials in tiny diamonds. It was such a lovely ring that the salesman had smiled and given Edward a knowing look as to its value.

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"Oh, nonsense, Nell; and never mind, anyway. I'll get you another, and a prettier one, without pearls on it, and then you won't have to remove it all the time."

The Savage Prisoner Tamed. He was sent to Sing Sing, branded not only for immediate crime, but as a desperate character, who would be certain to tax the constant vigilance of the authorities, and give them trouble.

Under the management he improved much, and he was made an object of dread and suspicion, and almost a wild beast in ferocity, he became a favorite with all, gentle, tractable, quiet and obedient.

The existence of a continuous, though sluggish, current in the eye, flowing from behind forward, has been demonstrated by Dr. Max Knies. The following was the method of investigation pursued: A minute quantity of a solution of potassium ferriocyanide was introduced into the posterior part of the vitreous humor.

The System of Awards. The system of awards adopted by the Centennial Commission of Philadelphia is original, and appears to be one that will give satisfaction. Two hundred judges, one half of whom will be foreigners and the other half citizens of the United States, are being selected for known good character and qualification, and each will receive \$1,000 for his services during the exposition.

Confidence with Wives. In connection with the reported remark of a gentleman, who said he didn't believe the ladies he met in Washington street knew that the times are dull, and that their husbands are having a hard time to keep their heads above water, the Boston Journal relates the following: All husbands do not make their financial affairs a topic of conversation at home, and some better halves know less of their husbands' affairs than they do of their neighbors'.

Treating Hydrophobia. Chinese physicians treat hydrophobia in a highly original manner. Two sandstone bottles, half filled with wine or spirits, are placed upon a fire until the liquid boils. The contents are then emptied, and the red-hot mouth of the bottle is applied to the bite and held there until it is filled with blood, when the same course is pursued with the other bottle. A decoction of rice, in which camphor has been boiled for an hour, and then removed, is also given to the patient, who is required to keep perfectly quiet for eight or ten days.

IN A WESTERN FORT. The Experience at Fort Peace where the Indians have Spent Months Fighting the Indians. Fort Peace, the garrison which has been relieved by the troops, is on the west side of the Yellowstone river, six miles below the mouth of the Big Horn river, and is a strong fort. One company of regulars originally by one company of forty men.

Drifting—Sably Drifting. Tested About on the Ocean of Life. She was a fragment—a bit of wreck, or seaweed, drifting about on a great ocean, which sometimes bore her calmly forward, and again roared and raved around her and took malicious pleasure in dealing her against the cruel rocks.

Items of Interest. One county in Illinois sold its permit crop last year for \$500,000. "Why should we celebrate Washington's birthday more than mine?" asked a teacher. "Because he never told a lie," shouted a little boy.

A young man in London having trod on a dog's toe, was bitten so severely that he died five days afterward. The relatives summoned the proprietor of the animal before a magistrate, who rendered the remarkable decision that, there being no evidence that the dog was ferocious before being trod upon, he must dismiss the complaint.

A Chinaman's Project for Revenge. Ah Ping, alias Ah Sow, a Chinese thief who is under arrest for having made a murderous assault upon Officer Byraw, in San Francisco, while in prison awaiting an examination, conceived a terrible plan to punish a fellow countryman who had on one occasion given him away to the police.

Composition of the Human Body. A complete analysis of a man, recently made by Dr. Lancaster, of London, has been described by him in an interesting chemical lecture. The body operated upon weighed 158.4 pounds, and the lecturer exhibited upon the platform 23.1 pounds carbon, 2.2 pounds lime, 23.3 ounces phosphorus, and about one ounce each of sodium, iron, potassium, magnesium, and silicon.

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Something of a "Strike." Speaking of "strikes" before the Legislature of New York the Times says: A common trick is to get some preposterously "striking" bill introduced, and then go to the persons or corporations it is aimed at, and tell them that for a certain amount of money they can get it defeated. There is no possible chance for the bill passing, and perhaps it is never heard of after its reference to a committee; but the object of the lobbyist is gained by its introduction. It gives him all the ground he needs to work upon, and it would certainly appear that he does not often work in vain. In fact, his occupation seems to be a profitable one, for very little money ever gets out of the hands of the professional lobbyist when once it is placed there.