

Crocons.

Oh, the dear, delightful sound
Of the drops that to the ground
From the eaves rejoicing run...

—St. Nicholas.

THE MILL-HAND.

Gilbert Falconer sat in his library,
surrounded by all the conveniences
of wealth—but his attitude was listless...

pretty contour of the small, bent head,
and the slender, well kept fingers.
An irresistible desire seized him
to make her look up. Bending down...

impure ventilation and vile sewerage,
broke out in that part of the town
where the mill operatives lived,
and death gathered in his harvest with
relentless force.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Fashion Notes.
Beaded trimmings are in great vogue
Some of the new suits are flounced
to the waist.

JOHN CHINAMAN IN NEW YORK.

Life in the Transplanted Section of the
Flourery Kingdom—The Interior of a
Chinese Store.
The great obstacle in the way of the
growth of the Chinese population...

TIMELY TOPICS.

A French scientist has invented a
number of small electric lamps which
can be used by the surgeon in illuminating
the throat, the mouth, or even the
more interior parts of the body...

An Ode to Leap Year.

One year out of four,
The girls "have the floor,"
And skip for the boys like chickens for dough;

—T. W. Greenblatt, in Philadelphia Item.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Chicago drank 7,000,000 gallons of milk
last year.
Petroleum has been discovered in
Brown county, Texas.