

PARAN LITTLE GIRL
BY H. R. J.
A child all motion, fire and grace,
From airy feet to floating hair,
With whimsical smile and sunny face,
Was "Papa's little girl."
All summer, when the glowing flowers
With laugh and song through joyous
Went "Papa's little girl."
But when the snows lay deep and cold,
And all the trees were frosted fair,
Far out toward sunset's land of gold
Went "Papa's little girl."
Alas, the bright floating days,
The swirl, the dance, the world,
Aerial, shadowy, angel, came,
For "Papa's little girl."
But even when his joy breath
Touched lip and cheek, and sunny hair,
The sweet, pale, white, white hair,
"Papa's little girl."
A fearful hush, a cold despair,
Fell through the world's gay restful
When I viewed the very little and flowers
Mused "Papa's little girl."
And though she walk the golden streets,
And within the gates of pearl,
As if not God remember her,
Was "Papa's little girl!"
No, after all I lost nothing by these
Two—still somehow I didn't speak of
them to Peggy.
The next day all was right, and at
night I took some people to a ball,
a carriage full of them, and back the
same way. The next night a gentleman
and lady engaged the carriage,
and when we had gone some distance,
the gentleman stopped me.
"Driver," said he, getting out, "I
want to speak to you. Why did you
admit a lady to our carriage?"
"Sir," said I, "I had no right with-
out your permission, and I did not."
"We found one there," said he,
"and naturally my wife didn't like it."
"I never spoke to her and she doesn't
sever, perhaps she'll tell me."
"Mighty the lady alighted, I
looked in.
"There's no one there," said I, "no
one at all."
"I see there is not," said the gentle-
man, "but—"
"Take care, don't get in again,"
said the lady. "We're only a little
way to walk now."
"And they paid their fare and walk-
ed away.
"This is getting queer," said I to
myself.
"And again I did not tell Peggy,
though I wished to.
"But what should happen next ev-
ening, but that, coming home, I saw
my own wife walking on the pave-
ment. She'd been out to spend the
evening at her mother's."
"Take care home, Simon," said she.
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petually in a box. Bred amid the
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honored, and guarded from babyhood
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round her, she learns to think and act
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tem. Reared at her side, the Ameri-
can youth grows up with an instinc-
tive reverence for and desire to pro-
tect helpless innocence and maidenly
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leads the charm of her winning grace
and youthful sweetness are more
powerful for good than the salons of
Becanier or De Stael. The love that
she inspires is a young man's best
shield against temptation. She does
not herself understand—what good she
has done and is doing every day. Yet
her white image, her white wings, her
many a youth from the temptation,
her clear eyes lent light to the com-
prehension of better things."
Ex-President Grant's young son,
dear, got tired of seeing so much
good every day when with
his father in London. This is what
he said in a letter to a friend: "Of
course you have seen in the papers
the gratifying matter father has been
received in England. It is rather a
nice thing to read about, but when
you have to go out every evening to
a dinner and see the same old faces,
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the air in the city was obscured by
constant showers of ashes and stones.
The people had to use lanterns in
walking about the streets; and the low-
er classes, who interpreted the calam-
ity as a visitation of divine anger
against the government, proceeded to
rise up arms, and to besiege the
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called out, and the insurrection was
partly suppressed. The government
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priests had inflamed the passions of
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An apaid for yacht is now polit-
ly termed a floating debt.

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the soil but not to turn it up. After
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ue to plow till the field is finished.
What advantage is subsoiling? Is
the question I hear asked. Twenty-
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stand up." Then appealing to an
other party he said: "Sir, may I sit
next to you? You don't look like a
liar." We need hardly say that he
got his seat and that the original pro-
prietor thought that there was some-
thing wrong about our social system.
—Baltimore Gazette.
Remarkable Escapes of Eminent Men
Some years ago a young man, hold-
ing a subordinate position in the
East India Company's service, twice
attempted to deprive himself of life
by snuffing a loaded pistol at his
head. Each time the pistol missed
fire. A friend entering his room
shortly afterward, inquired of him
to fire out of the window; then
went out without any difficulty. Sat-
isfied that the weapon had been
duly primed and loaded, the young
man sprang up, exclaiming:
I must be preserved for something
greater than this. He then gave up
the idea of suicide, which, for some
time previous, had been uppermost
in his thoughts. The young man
some time afterward became Lord
Clive.
Two brothers were on one occa-
sion walking together, when a violent
storm of thunder and lightning
overtook them. One was struck dead
on the spot; the other was spared,
also would the name of the great re-
former Martin Luther, have not been
known to mankind.
Bacon, the sculptor, when a ten-
year-old boy, fell into the
pit of a soap-boiler, and must have
perished had not a workman, just
entering the yard, observed the top
of his head.
When Oliver Cromwell was at in-
fant, a monkey watched him from
his cradle, leaping at him from the
garret window, and ran along the
leads of the house. The utmost
alarm was excited among the in-
mates, and various were the devices
used to rescue the child from the
monster. All were in vain, and he
would be rescued had not courage,
and were in despair of ever seeing
the baby alive again, when the mon-
key quietly retraced its steps, and
deposited its burden safely on the
bed. The subsequent occasion, the
nurses had well-nigh applied at
intervals of three days, six or seven
times, in all, except in the case of hor-
ses that have lost tails and manes,
when more applications may be re-
quired. The experiment will be won-
derful in this century. It was re-
marked, however, that a majority
of the people who went into the oil
regions when petroleum speculations
were at the highest, came out bald-
headed and with a tired appearance.
On the other hand, a well known and
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serted to be one of the new petroleum
products.
Fictitious Barons for Hay.
A few writers are advocating mak-
ing barons as a right way of preserv-
ing hay. One of them says:
The general opinion among
farmers is, that barns with air spaces
adapted to care and preserve hay
and not the fashionable, which is the
same the world over. But this op-
portunity is rather amusing the way I am
treated here. They consider me a
stranger, and at all the dinner parties I
sit ahead of all the nolemen; and the
waiters say, 'Will His Excellency
have some fish?'
Cotopaxi and the Virgin Mary.

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