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The Deserted Mill.

Drip, drip, drip, The eager flow is still, And only drops of water fall Beneath the gnarled mill. All moidly are the bags of meal, And moist is grown upon the wheel, So silent and so still.

TWO SECRETS.

"You don't mean it, Hetty?" Loyd Sutton, a good-looking, manly young fellow, leaning on the half-open field gate, looked earnestly in the face of the young girl on the opposite side of the fence. She shrank from meeting his eye as she answered: "I am not accustomed to saying what I don't mean."

said, in a low tone, agitated, yet full of decision: "Hetty, decide now, once for all! Will you keep on with me down this path, or will you go with Mr. Frisbee on the other? Choose!" She hesitated, and her color went and came. "You have no right to speak to me so."

ty shrank more closely into her corner, and the high-backed arm-chair hid her. She heard him rummaging about behind the books on the shelves, and then she saw his arm extended to the light, holding up two glass vials. So near was she that she distinctly read the labels, one of which was "Laudanum."

FACTS AND COMMENTS. A convention of humorous paragraphers is talked of. The unfortunate city upon which this somber affliction will fall has not yet been named. Widowers will be in the ascendancy in Washington this season, as the President is a widower, the new British minister is also, and so is Mr. Allen, the Hawaiian minister, now the dean of the diplomatic corps.

though open-air life is so favorable to health, yet it has the apparent effect of stunting the growth in early youth. Thus, while the children of well-to-do parents, carefully housed and tended, are found to be taller for their age than the children of the poor, they are not so strong in after years; the laborer's children, for instance, who play in the lonely country roads and fields all day whose parents lock their lumber doors when leaving for work in the morning, so that their offspring shall not gain entrance and do mischief, are almost invariably short for their age; the children of working farmers exhibit the same peculiarity.

Man. Like to the falling of a star, Or as the flights of eagles are; Or like the fresh spring's gaudy hue, Or silver drops of morning dew; Or like a wind that chafes the flood, Or bubbles which our water stood; Even such is man whose borrowed light Is straight called in, and paid to night, The wind blows out, the bubble dies; The spring entombed in autumn lies; The dew dries up, the star is shot; The flight is past—and man forgot. —Dr. Henry King.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A fish is a dependent creature, and it never comes out of the water on its own hook.—Staubsville Herald. "How does that suit you?" asked the chimney. "I think that you are a thing of fumes, habits," answered the poker. It is not strange that when the sexton peals the wedding bells the contracting parties should be paired off.—Toledo American. A boot and shoe shop hangs out the sign: "Cast iron lasts." We all know it does, but we don't want any boots made of it.