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At the King's Gate, A beggar sat at the king's gate, And sang of summer in the rain— A song with sounds reverberate Of wood and hill and plain, That rising bore a tender weight Of sweetness, strong and passionate; A song with sigh of mountain pass, Ripple and rustle of deep grass, The whispering of wind—moose shavings, Low lapping of long lily leaves, Red morns and purple-mooned eves.

THE FIRST CLOUD.

"It was to meet such difficulties as this that tonight—" "Better!" I wrote the first sitting at my desk, and said the last aloud, impatiently—well, there, angrily—for Mattie had bounced into the room, run to the back of my chair and clapped her hands over my eyes, exclaiming: "Oh, Dick, what a shame! And you promised to come up and dress!" "I do wish you would not be so childish!" I cried, snatching away her hands. "There's a blot you've made on my manuscript."

last she glided gently to a chair and sat down. "What are you going to do?" I said, roughly. "Only to wait for you, Dick, dear," she replied. "You need not wait. Go on. I shan't come. Say I've a headache—say anything." "Dick, are you unwell?" she said, tenderly, as she came behind me once more and rested her little hands on my shoulder. "Yes—no. Pray, don't bother. Go on. Perhaps I'll come and fetch you."

I sat on, musing and musing, till suddenly there was a buzz outside the house, then the rush of feet. I fancied I heard the word "fire!" repeated again and again, and turning to the window, there was a glow which lighted up the whole place. I dashed downstairs and out of the door, to find the road thronged, for a house a little lower down was in flames, and, to my horror, I had not taken a dozen steps before I found that it was at our friends' the Wilsons'. There was no engine, but a crowd of excited people, talking eagerly; and just then the fire escape came trundling along the road.

"You've burnt yourself too, Dick; look at your foot." It was quite true; the toe of one slipper must have been in contact with the fire; and it was burned completely off. "But, Dick—dear Dick," she whispered, nestling closer to me, "are you very, very angry with your little wife for being such a girl?" I could not answer, only thank God that my weak fit of folly was past, as I clasped her closer and closer yet. "Mattie," I whispered at last, in a very husky voice, "can you forgive me for being so weak?"

FOR THE LADIES. News and Notes for Women. Princess Christian is engaged upon a translation of Professor Esmarch's work, "First Help in Sudden Accidents." A Simpson county, Ky., bella glories in a head of hair which is seventy inches long and very thick. She has refused \$50 for it.

Courtship Among the Choctaws. There are still 2,000 Choctaws living in their ancestral homes in Mississippi, and, on the authority of Mr. H. S. Halbert, they retain in all their pristine vigor most of the usages of their ancestors. Among these the methods employed in conducting a courtship and performing a marriage are curious.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Dr. Hewson asserts that the common sparrow is liable to have smallpox, and is capable of communicating the disease. It is suggested by Herr Dueberg that the moon may be habitable on the side invisible from the earth, the water and the atmosphere being drawn thither by the effects of gravitation.

Fashion Notes.

Lace of every description appears on new costumes, in neck lingerie and on fine underwear. The basque to be in good form must define the figure to perfection, but should not be tight.

HEALTH HINTS.

Three-fourths of the summer diarrheas and dysenteries are attributable to the use of animal food, together with the unclean habits of body of those who eat it. To destroy black-heads, wash the face thoroughly at night with tepid water and rub briskly with a Turkish towel; then apply a mixture of one ounce of liquor of potassa and two ounces of cologne.

An Ounce of Prevention.

Sometimes an ounce of prevention is worse than a pound of disease. One day last week the children came running in, shrieking that a big hawk was circling over the poultry-yard.