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FROM AFAR.

High on a bough a mocking-bird outpours Ecstatic melodies in liquid trills, Now soft and low, now with a note that thrills,

MEAN HET.

Away up among the Boston mountains, in Arkansas—near a stream so rapid that it seemed a torrent of hurry and worry—there stands an old stone house.

right sort of work the church can be put in first rate condition. This is your first charge, ain't it? "Yes, I have just come from college.

"Yes, but I am a heathen. Wonder what would become of me if I were to die. Oh, I know, I would be buried." "Miss Billingsly, you should not talk so."

LEAPING INTO THE NIAGARA

AN INCIDENT RECALLED BY OD-LUM'S FATAL EXPLOIT. A Swede's Wonderful Jump from a High Suspension Bridge into the Furious Flood—His Lucky Escape.

WISE WORDS.

I dare no more fret than I dare cease and swear. Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not.

THREE LESSONS.

There are three lessons I would write, Three words as with a golden pen, In tracings of eternal light Upon the hearts of men.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

An eye-deal person—The oculist. A matter of taste—Strong butter. The best posted traveler is a letter.

The Richest Street in the World.

No street in the world possesses more value than Fifth avenue. Yet the city derives but one million dollars a year in taxes upon the property, which shows conclusively that this city suffers from the epidemic of undervaluation.

Closing London Tower.

The Tower of London is locked up every night at eleven o'clock. As the clock strikes that hour the yeoman porter, clothed in a long red cloak, bearing a huge bunch of keys and accompanied by a warder carrying a lantern, stands at the front of the main guard-house and calls out, "Escort keys."

The World Without Sugar.

Has any housewife ever realized the alarming condition of cookery in the benighted generations before the invention of sugar? It is really almost too appalling to think about.

Mortality in War Times.

From official records of the war department based on the losses given and the total number of men furnished by the States and Territories during the war it appears that:

Serious Results of Sunday-Fishing.

Sheik Kemal Edin Demeri, who died about A. D. 1405, and was the author of a voluminous treatise on the life of animals, relates the following story as a fact: "The inhabitants of a town called Ollia, on the shore of the Red Sea, were in olden times metamorphosed into monkeys, in punishment for their wickedness."