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The United States Signal Service now embraces 192 stations, from which reports are made daily, and employs about 400 men...

It is stated that in ten years ten million acres of forest have been destroyed by fire in the United States...

According to the United States Postal laws and the United States Revised Statutes, a husband or wife cannot open one another's letters...

The various computations of the amount spent yearly in this country on liquor are very curious. One speaker at a temperance meeting at Brockton, Mass., asserted that from the sum spent every year on liquor 1,000 \$1 gold pieces might be put on each word in the Bible...

Washington is the best shaded city in the world. At present there are 63,000 shade trees in its streets, most of them in a flourishing condition...

A farmer near Hudson, Mich., got his wife to help him lower his mowing machine from the barn loft, where it had been stored. He fastened a rope to it, and passing it over a pulley asked his wife to hold the end until he descended...

The sword recently presented to General Miles by the people of Arizona is said to be, with one possible exception, the finest gift of the kind ever received by an officer of our army...

Within the past three years four cases that have excited national interest have been tried in Chicago, and in each case the jury has brought in a verdict which has accorded with the evidence and public opinion...

Statistics are not always amusing, but often suggestive, and those of the Dead Letter Office are depressing: 4,500,000 letters were last year sent to the Dead Letter Office for various reasons...

The United States Treasury agent in charge of the Alaskan seal islands reports that the British marauders, during the last season, have taken 50,000 skins on the islands belonging to the United States...

ONE GOOD LIFE. A sunbeam piercing the forbidden shade. Of some dark prison cell has often brought Quiet to troubled spirits, and has made Dark, morbid brooding change to peaceful thought...

THE CASKET'S KEY. BY LUCY B. HOOPER. When Chester Seabrook, young, wealthy, intelligent and ambitious of literary fame, went to Italy to collect materials and to consult authorities before beginning his projected tragedy of "Cesar Borgia," his friends and relatives in New York were far from anticipating the actual results of his researches...

Louis was going to sail for Europe in a few weeks, and that she would not see him again for a long, long time. In fact, the peculiarly morbid disposition of the young man had finally become repellent to her bright nature, and though she was always affectionate and kind to him, she felt, unconsciously, a certain degree of relief in the thought of his absence...

On the eve of your marriage, all radiant and smiling in your bridal finery! "Cousin-Cousin Louis!" stammered the young girl, amazed and half alarmed at Seabrook's demeanor...

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A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE. An official return of the number of game of all kinds that have been shot in the Austrian empire during the last season has just been issued, and the figures certainly show that sportsmen have a fine time of it in the dominions of the Kaiser...

ABOUT DANDELION. Have you ever wondered how this common wild flower got its name of dandelion? Well, you must know that its petals are supposed to be like the tooth of a lion...

MORNING. Lo! from out the Orient splendor Comes the day, While about his chariot golden Sunbeams play; Dewdrops on the meadow grasses All alight, Glistening in the yellow sunbeams, Diamonds bright...

BOWSER'S INJURED ANKLE. IT IS THE CAUSE OF MUCH ANXIETY AND TROUBLE. A Chapter in the Domestic Life of the Bowser's Graphically Recited by Mrs. Bowser...

When evening came Mr. Bowser had a slight fever, and he grew more peevish. He wanted me to telegraph to his brother in Japan, his sister in California, and to telephone the doctor...

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