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THE BLOOM OF LONG AGO. How oft along the vanished path, Still with the flow of youth aglow, Spring up the flowers of a former past...

THE DIAMOND CRESCENT. The day was bitter cold, and the crowds hurrying along Broadway turned neither to right nor to left in their haste to reach home and the comforts of the fireside.

But just at this moment Miss Adelle caught sight of me, and drawing herself up with dignity she waited for an explanation of my presence there. Stating the case briefly I asked her to tell me something about the child.

In less than three months from the day that I first discovered Eva, Miss Adelle found herself with more work upon her hands than she could easily attend to, and I found myself—no, I will tell you about that later, for now comes the most remarkable part of this narrative...

Calamities of Prominent Men. James J. Wilson, of New Jersey, was successively Clerk of the Legislature, editor, State Adjutant General and United States Senator. His mind became unbalanced, and one night he jumped out of the window and was badly injured.

Jim Fisk's Dodge. Years ago when the New York Central and Erie railroads were engaged in a desperate and destructive battle of cut rates, Jim Fisk played a shrewd dodge...

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS. Cleaning Lamps. Every now and then the lamp needs a thorough cleaning. The oil should be carefully emptied away so as not to leave any dregs in the bottom. This can be put into a bottle and be kept for cleaning.

Useful Hints. To brighten faded carpet, sponge with a mixture of one part ox-gall to two parts water. Apple sauce is much improved by the addition of a tablespoonful of butter and requires less sugar.

Manufacturing a Poem. It is usual at Cambridge University to annually give a handsome sum for the best poem. Some years ago a wretched undergraduate, for a mere jest, made a poem by piecing together fragments of all those which had for many years been the winners.

THE FIRE WORSHIPERS. THE ANCIENT TRIBE OF GUEBRES, FOLLOWERS OF ZOROASTER. A Peculiar Sect in Persia With a Superstitious Reverence for Fire—An Honest and Reliable People.

The religion of the Guebres is several centuries older than Christianity. They are followers of Zoroaster, who regarded the sun, moon and stars as objects of worship, and fire as a sacred element to be treated with reverence and awe.

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MATERNAL INSTINCT. I wonder what my papa means By calling me Miss Fidget? A silly goose That has no use—A troublesome little midwife.

HUMOR OF THE DAY. Geographical—What is the capital of Jay Gould? It is the year when the girls leap and the men fly.

Chinese Table Etiquette. As soon as the guests are seated on the mats, two, and sometimes three, small, low tables are brought to each. On the one immediately in front of him the guest finds the little covers, bowls, and chopsticks.

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A Youthful Weather Prophet. The six-year-old son of a Kentucky man is acquiring notoriety as a weather prophet. The child is small for his age, and cannot yet talk plainly, but has developed barometrical powers to a wonderful degree.

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