



Poetry.

PARAPA ROSA.

BY EDWARD KING.

O spirit, disembodied though thou art, I cling to thee, and cannot let thee go! Thy voice rings through the chambers of my soul...

Miscellany.

Those Dear Little Feet.

A well-posted fashion writer observes: Among the many reforms for which women have come to be grateful, the shoe reform is one of the best...

Lovers' Proverbs.

Love hides hidden paths. Love makes time pass, away, and time makes love pass away. Love is little, love is long.

THE DARK CLOUD.

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"Where are you going, Diana?" asks Mrs. Hoadley of her beautiful daughter who enters the room dressed for an outdoor walk...

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"Why so, mamma?" asks Diana. "Because, my dear, Mrs. Wainwright is a very peculiar woman, and she is very particular in her notions about her daughter's suitors..."

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THE BARBAROUS BULL-FIGHT.

A Mexican correspondent says: "The Spanish bull-fight loses nothing of its barbarous character..."

"I have something to tell you, Norman," he tells Diana on the day of their happy reconciliation, "it was I when I held that interview with Shelton..."

"I don't consider you authorized to put that question, sir," says Norman. "I have an excellent reason for doing so."

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THE GOOD-BY HOSPITALITY.

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AN UNLUCKY TALISMAN.

Several of the Paris journals express great sympathy with the misfortune of a Frenchman who, being in Dublin at the time of an execution for murder...

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YOUTH'S COLUMN.

SAFE HOME ONCE MORE.—On the coast of Massachusetts, there are small towns where the fishermen dwell close by the salt sea...

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VARIETIES.

SPICER'S SON, who works in a candy shop, says he has a handsome maid who is not an "old maid" until she is thirty-five years old.

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CONVENT APPOLOGUES.

A respectful public functionary in Dundee, of paragonian habits, was one day rallied by a friend from the country upon the extreme shabbiness of his attire.

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