

UNDER THE SNOW.

Alas, my person lies under the snow. The shrouding covering soon. Each flower that I reared has bowed its head; I loved them, live, and mourn them dead!

After Many Sorrows.

It was my eighteenth birthday, and I had, by dint of several months' strict economy, had prepared a great surprise for me—nothing less than a party, the first I had ever been able to call my own.

MARRIAGE AMONG THE BACHELORS.

I sat down, resolved to think over it all calmly, and then to dismiss Stacy Percival from my thoughts forever; only this, I knew, could I hope to recover my peace of mind.

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THE PASSIONS THAT INDUCE DISEASE.

The passions which act most severely on the physical life are anger, fear, and grief. These are the most common, and are comparatively innocuous. What is called the passion of love is not injurious until it lapses into grief and anxiety.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

In Pendleton, Oregon, there is a grandmother the 72. The Kansas Legislature has elected a colored minister as chaplain. Lowell, Mass., has eighty two mills employing a capital of \$16,000,000.

TOURIST COLUMN.

A New Way to sleep.—Many of you, children, have your maids who go with you on a nature, and that you sleep a nap, while your little brother and sister have their naps, or perhaps the kind mother sometimes, to "shut up" the children, and have them sleep in the mountainous districts of India? Years ago I saw it and it is a most curious custom, but believe there is a flowing stream of water convenient, a shed is built and under it troughs of stone filled from the stream. From these troughs the water is drawn and used in a most curious way.

THE SING SING PRISON LAUNDRY.

In the Sing Sing Prison Laundry is being the washing business in New York city. Even the Sing Sing can't compete with Sing Sing. The capital employed in manufacturing of paper collars in this country is \$1,000,000, and nearly a million paper collars are made daily.

THE SAVANNAH NEWS.

The Savannah News says there is no portion of the South where industrial laborers are not needed and where they will find immediate employment at good wages. Benjamin Downing, "the oldest Old Fellow in the world," has just died at Newport. He lacked two months of being 102 years old.

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