

TARTAR LOVE-SONG.

Three days across the desert. Three nights with the stars overhead. From the tents of my father and kindred To the tents of my love we fled.

The Sergeant's Stratagem

"Oh, John, dear," and the wife of John Edgeworth ran into the little parlor where he was seated thoughtfully, "one of the soldiers that have just come into town has been billeted upon us."

smile was the shadow of some pleasant memory, and not the light of a present joy. A domestic came in, and started when she saw the young girl.

"The proverbial fascination of a scabbard," disarmed Nancy's prejudice against the intruder, for she answered without hesitation.

room two persons, one evidently from his appearance a clergyman, the other an old, sharp-featured, stony-eyed little man, whom the sergeant supposed to be the bridegroom.

"I thought you were up stairs, Miss Amy," she answered.

Indebtedness Charity. It is evident from letters that have been written in the newspapers during this winter, that there are those who sincerely think that careful inquiry regarding poverty, and regulations of relief based upon it, must somehow deaden human sympathy and deepen the suffering of the poor.

Warling's "Farm Villages" deals with the financial and moral disadvantages of the present system of isolated farm life, with plans showing how they can be remedied.

The Mocking-Bird in Florida. A fine mocking-bird (Mniotilta varia) is king of the grove, but in close proximity to the house, near the hedge of Spanish-bayonet is a small cypress completely covered by a native grape-vine, forming a pyramid of living green.

What is the good of being married, dear, we are better as we are." So a clear, Bohemian caught the words, dreamily uttered by a dreamy-eyed girl, leaning with two fair cheeks against a fence, and overlooking a hollow in the rear of a smoken thoroughfare.

Shelling Turtles. The tortoise shell of commerce is merely the scales that cover the bony shields of the turtle. These scales are thirteen in number, varying from an eighth to a quarter of an inch in thickness.

Shooting Horses in Turkey. Travelers in Turkey describe two different ways of shooting horses in Turkey and Russia, which may seem very awkward compared with the simple method of the American smiths.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. There will ever be a place for the virtuous. Time's chariot wheels make their road in fastest pace. Never kill a fly with a club when a feather will do as well.

Genius is the gold in the mine. Talent is the miner who brings it forth.

"Send Nancy out to the Prince's Arms, and engage a bed for him, Mary," he quietly said. "We can't have him here, and Mattie, poor child, going to be married to-night."

"The old story," said the sergeant; "and to make it complete, my girl, your young mistress should have another lover when she likes."

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