

THREADING NEEDLES.

Edie, daughter, thread my needle. My right is growing poor; The silver thread has missed the eye...

An Opal Ring.

Leopold Aston, with his happy blonde face and immense fortune, had brought a letter of introduction to D. Sherwood, of the Elms, and Doctor Sherwood had taken Leopold Aston by the hand and introduced him to his two pretty daughters.

In the first daisy of pleasure, they looked to him very much alike; but by-and-by he found that Arabella and Mildred Sherwood were very different. He was to stay at the Elms during the summer. In the autumn he was going abroad.

When Leopold came in from a fine, breezy walk by the river, Mildred was dusting the ornaments on the mantle, and Arabella was arranging some flowers upon a table.

Leopold took up his hat, which he had laid down, and they went out into the sunshine. Doctor Sherwood, reading upon his newspaper, lifted his spectacles from his nose, and took them off, and looked up.

Mildred was about to remark that Arabella never cooked, because it made her head ache, when something in her sister's lock checked her. She swallowed her words in momentary confusion, and rose from the table with a bewildering thought pressing upon her.

It was possible that this young man of fortune, with all the world before him where to choose, had fallen in love with Arabella—that he would wish to marry her!

How They Amuse Themselves in the Hudson.

The late ex-President Thomas A. Scott, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, did much to build up this great thoroughfare, and by that means to extend, foster and encourage the trade of the whole country.

It is a full and excellent band of music on board. The restaurant will be conducted on the basis of popular prices, and no intending problem for the board. These features of the excursions cannot fail to commend them to the confidence and approval of tourists who wish safety, pleasure and profit combined in one trip.

Our three young Americans had been in the meantime introduced in due and ancient form to the police magistrate at Durango, Mexico, but their presence seemed at first to intimidate him, then again to excite his wrath.

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There was a step upon the gravel, a putting aside of the chemist's vase. "My ring! Have you found it, Miss Arabella?"

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With slight variations the orations and scenes were several times repeated on the way until at last the house where the dance was going on was reached and entrance obtained. By that time the procession was half imposing; for every patrolman met had followed at a short distance with lantern in hand, wondering who was to be slaughtered—the chief or the Americans.

About Some Fish.

In 1875, while sailing south, a dolphin was caught which was of unusual size, some 4 feet 6 inches long. It is exceedingly interesting to examine the stomach of all fish, but this particular one was especially so.

Their severing his vertebral column was dispensed with. The contents of the shark's stomach were exposed to view. Among many minor items were several large lumps of fat, fully a pack of beef bones, many fish-bones, with pieces of the bones of a cow, a pig, a sheep, a rabbit, a crab, 7 inches wide, pieces of stones, probably ballast, and a half-worn boot.

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A Queer Calling.

A petite lady in a neat, though noticeably plain attire, and carrying an array of books, brushed into an alcove in which a reporter was seated at Mercantile Library Hall, St. Louis, the other day.

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To Jail He Went.

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The United Latchkeys.

Edward Burke a well meaning citizen of Ohio, lately took into himself a fair daughter of the Blue Grass State for a wife. Unfortunately for him, his pretty spouse was not the mildest-tempered woman living, and shortly after marriage she showed a disposition to make his life miserable.

For some time he bore up manfully under his severe probation, but at last, overcome by the weight of his sorrow, and the disappointment of his fondest hopes he applied to a friend, one Ebenezer Biful, for a specific to ameliorate his condition.

The meeting continued half an hour longer, and during that time Burke talked about every imaginable subject, and sang more songs in five minutes than a professional singer could give in an hour.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Guy Fawkes was executed in 1606. —The crown of England is valued at \$24,000. —Germany has \$100,000,000 in silver in circulation. —Cromwell refused the crown of England in 1659.

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