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THE MEADOW-LARK'S COLORS.

One lovely morning in the bright September, A meadow-lark rose gayly singing with the sun...

NELLIE'S MISTAKE.

Nellie Graham stood leaning against the casement of an open window leading out to a sloping lawn, at whose base flowed a sunny, rippling stream of water.

He opened his eyes with a half-wondering look, as though delirium must have overtaken him.

At this instant the hunter returned with assistance, and a half hour later the wounded man had been borne to Myra's home, the wound dressed, and the knowledge given that it was merely a flesh hurt, painful but not dangerous; yet his recovery was a tedious affair.

THE EAGLE.

The original bird chosen as the symbol of the United States always had a bad reputation. Franklin said its adoption was a mistake. It was not a distinctly American bird, to begin with.

"Them Doctors."

I had just unfolded the daily and settled back in the seat for a pill at the news, when she reached over and poked me in the neck with her yellow parakeet and called out:

THE SHEET EFFECT.

Many of the peculiar effects produced upon the stage, imitating moonlight, sunlight, thunder, wind, rain and other natural phenomena, are a puzzle to those outside of the business.

MINISTERIAL FISH DINNERS.

According to one account, in early part of the last century, a very high tide in the Thames broke down a portion of the sea-wall that protected the marshes of Essex, near the village of Dagenham.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Holland is not pleasant during the summer months. —Vandalia was the capital of Illinois from 1815 until 1836. —It rains three times as often in Ireland as it does in Italy.

THE ARCTIC PROBLEMS.

Captain Delaney, of the Arctic mail steamer Kite, says since he left New York a vast body of prodigiously heavy field ice has swept southward from Baffin's Bay through Davis's Straits, extending eastward on the one hand toward the shores of Greenland, and westward on the other all along the coast of Labrador.

Animals in War.

Men and animals are able to sustain themselves for long distances in the water, and would do so much oftener were they not incapacitated, in regard to the former at least, by sheer terror, as well as complete ignorance of their real powers.

The Yellow Summer Mildness.

John James Audubon first discovered the yellow water lily in Florida, and mentioned it; but none of the botanists of the time could ever find it, and it was not until 1828 that it was discovered by one of the botanists who had been taken in at the Cornua. The poor things, my informant, a staff sergeant, told me, when they found themselves abandoned, faced round and swam for miles after the vessel. A man on the east coast of Lincolnshire saved quite a number of lives by swimming out on horseback to vessels in distress. He commonly rode an old gray mare, but when the mare was not to hand he took the first horse that was offered.

Beware of boom times. Brevity is the soul of wit. As you sow, so shall you reap. Be always at leisure to do good. At a great bargain pause awhile.