

A MODEL GARDENER.

Bill Hedger was a gardener... He had a garden...

STRANGELY MET.

Well, I am really very sorry! sighed Mrs. Evans, looking ruefully at the small pile of bank-notes in her lap...

Why, I can't go out without decent dresses! chimed in Miss Augusta. "I won't, for one, I know."

So, she considered them by adding, little Elsie, the plain sister of these petted girls, as she quietly entered the room and overheard the conversation...

"I really would, ma. I dare say I should not be at home among those city people. Just let me go to aunt Laura's, and give Gus and Bell all the money."

"I am so sorry, but really there wasn't a shilling left after the girl's shopping was done, and so—"

ready for her journey. Her face was bright and sweet, and her manner so winning that no one would fail to turn for a second look.

The carriage was well filled, and the only vacant seat was very near her and hot stove. Here Elsie bestowed her glance about at her neighbors.

"I never!" panted Bell. "I never did!" "I'm sorry, Bell," said Elsie demurely still. "But you know you would make me go to the city, and I can't help it now."

So they took the little thing, and she went on her journey. And it was a pity some good angel could not have whispered to the anxious mother, who, in the distant city, feared for her child's safety.

"I shall not leave this little thing until she is with her grandfather. She has told me with her own mouth that she will be much as usual because I did not come today. Is there a train?"

"I shall be just as you wish," said Elsie, as she went. "I am going to let you know when you are traveling with."

I should have done so for your kindness, Mr. Lovell. Isn't that the truth? "It is. Now we go, and I shall see you safe in your aunt's hands before I leave you, Miss Elsie."

"What do the ladies wear now?" asked the reporter. "Here you are, if you want to see something nice," replied the clerk. "These goods come from Paris, and are embroidered by the French nuns."

And the handkerchief was deserving of all the praise bestowed. The border was some six inches deep and made of blue, roses and small field flowers, with buds and fern leaves for filling, all done in fine green work.

A few years ago, about two miles east of Tallahassee, was found a position of high and rugged mountains, the workshop, the like of which has not been seen in modern times.

The novelty was a deep cardinal cambric with a checker border made by hemstitching little blocks of white on the red border with white cotton.

"I choose butterflies," said Elsie. "Here you are, in every stage of development, 'cat,' 'chairs,' and 'out,' high colors on a white ground, '18 a dozen."

rious objections about touching their pretty faces to these horrors, any one of which would produce hysteria. "I guess not, Woman will tolerate more from art than she will from nature."

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Colorado has developed coal oil. —New York city has 3,000 teachers in education. —There are 75,000 French people in New York city. —Americans are returning from Europe early this year.

—The first Scotch missionary of the Reformed Kirk began work in Calcutta in 1820. —The Maine hay crop this year will equal 150,000 tons—one-half more than last year. —Within a year Savannah, Ga., has erected 250 houses, costing an aggregate of \$300,000.

—San Bernardino county, California, does a considerable business in drying potatoes for market. —The signal station on Pike's Peak, 14,156 feet high, is the highest building in the world inhabited the year round.

—The receipt of the Patent Office for the current year will exceed \$1,200,000, according to the estimates of Commissioner Marble. —The immigration for the fiscal year falls a little short of 600,000, against nearly 80,000 in 1882, and 670,000 in 1881.

—The Kansas crop of castor beans for the poor in 1882 that the average of this year was reduced nearly 75 percent. —Mr. W. H. Bull wishes he had more pea and bean vines for cows; he finds that this feed increases the flow of milk.

—The area devoted to spring wheat in Kansas has steadily decreased since 1875, this year to the extent of over 50,000 acres. —Mr. Charles Brigham, Marlboro, N. Y., is out of pocket to the extent of four years, killed by Paris green bought for use on potatoes.

—A new bath sponge so poisoned the eye of Dr. Corbett, of Montreal, that loss of sight in the injured eye is feared. —It is computed that domestic animals to the enormous value of \$12,000,000 are killed annually in Russia by wolves.

—In Virginia they are making flour of pea-nuts, and it is raised. It is customary in Georgia to pound the nuts for a pastry. —Marseilles and Paris are now connected by an underground telegraphic cable laid in a cast-iron pipe six feet below the surface.

—Allan P. Morris is named as the first man who drew a pension under the Tennessee law granting \$10 a month to Confederate soldiers. —Tangier, Africa, still has a slave market, and recently manumitted a slave sold as low as \$24. A negro boy of 8 years brought \$38.

—Paris has twenty-three libraries, which it is proposed to increase in number to forty. More than one-half of all the books read are novels. —Oregon, Washington and Idaho, have been spared a visit from even one of the 600 cyclones reported by the Signal Service Department.

—The Egyptian census has just been completed. The total population is given at 17,788,240, of whom 3,363,918 are males and 14,424,322 females. —Roman gates were so doubled as the make two passages, one for egress, the other for ingress, and were covered by heavy lintels resting on the vertical columns. —Prof. Baird, of the Smithsonian Institute, and President of the Fish Commission, can name at sight, and in most unpronounceable terms, any species of fish, and is said to be frequently called to remember the names of close personal acquaintances.

—A broken needle, about 1/4 of an inch in length and perfectly bright, was taken recently from the shoulder of W. T. Beard, gunsmith, of Kimball block, Salt Lake City. It had entered at his heel 11 years ago. —Captain Paul Byron, the aquatic artist, told a reporter the other day that he has now about completed a marine dress in which he will be enabled to make excursions on the beds of rivers and lakes. —It appears that Wilmington harbor, the seaport of Los Angeles, has never been properly, if at all, surveyed by the U. S. authorities, and a British non-of-war is now engaged in that work—a rather anomalous state of affairs. —The imports at New York for last week were \$10,802,574, of which \$3,274,132 were dry goods and \$7,528,442 were raw materials. The total imports for the first nine months of the year 1883 are \$295,451,319, against \$321,422,725 for the same period last year. —The present form of the Corinthian column first appeared about 150 B. C., in the temple of Olympian Zeus in Elis. It was built under the direction of Cosuttus, a Roman, and soon after its completion Sylea carried the columns away and used them to restore the temple on the Roman Capitol. —The latest estimates by German scientists of the total population of our earth are, in round numbers, as follows: Australia, on 9,000,000 square kilometers, 4,000,000 inhabitants; Europe, on 9,500,000 square kilometers, 415,000,000 inhabitants; Africa, on 30,000,000 square kilometers, 205,000,000 inhabitants; America, on 43,000,000 square kilometers, 89,000,000 inhabitants; Asia, on 44,500,000 square kilometers, 830,000,000 inhabitants.