

DIVINE COMFORTS.
A dream of heaven I had,
The vision haunts me still...

MRS. ROBINSON'S TELEGRAM.
There has been plenty written against
me, and against you too, I have no
doubt...

for my lodgers for years, should think
I could not pay.
'No,' he replied humbly; 'but I
thought you could cut it shorter.'

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my time, and many of them have been
very nice people on the whole, but it is
as you will find when I read and gone,
and you have the care of everything on your
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have had the place and everything in
it in my time. Many a night I have laid
down on my back, and I have never
fallen asleep, and I have never seen
a broken chair or cracked china.'

'Mr. Bayley, they were the nicest
people I ever had to do with, and the very
dear I am sitting in was given me by
Mrs. Bayley's father. You have often
wondered why I keep such a beautiful
chair in my kitchen, and now I will tell
you.'

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very ill?' he asked, trying to speak
crossly; but I could see he was really
very anxious for my reply.
'She has been very ill, sir; and I
thought it was my duty to let you know
about her and your grandson.'

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Westminster Palace, the assembly-
place of the British Parliament, stands
in a huge granite terrace on the left or
northern bank of the Thames, between
the river and Westminster Abbey, and
just above Westminster Bridge. It is
in the western part of the metropolis,
near the Treasury, the Horse Guards,
Charing Cross, St. James's Park and
the Palace, and on the opposite bank are
the great St. Thomas's Hospital and
Lambeth Palace. The building occu-
pies the site of the old palace which
was destroyed by fire October 10, 1534,
and covers about eight acres of ground.
It has a river front of 900 feet, and
contains 100 stairways, 1,100 apart-
ments and two miles of hallways. Its
foundation was laid April 27, 1540.
The hall of the House of Lords was
finished in April, 1547, and the House
of Commons in February, 1552. Its
cost has been more than \$5,000,000.

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The famous Napoleon Column in the
Place Vendôme, Paris, was constructed
by order of the great soldier from can-
ton captured in his wars, and was de-
signed to illustrate in bronze the won-
derful career of the Corsican boy. It
was modeled after the Trajan Column,
and is one of the most conspicuous and
notable landmarks of the French
capital. But it has had a curious his-
tory. In 1871, when Paris was held by
the Commune, it was resolved to pull
it down, and the attempt was immedi-
ately taken to undermine its base. The
idea being to cause it to fall with one
grand crash, symbolical of that national
fall which the Communists hoped to
see take place as a result of their mis-
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There are nearly 550 female mis-
sionaries in India.
—England paid \$25,000,000 last year
to foreigners for cheese.
—Reports of hard times come from
Washington Territory.
—A moral catechism for schools is
suggested by Coddwin Smith.
—A London baker recently bought
42,000 sacks of flour in one day.
—The number of young body physi-
cians in Germany is rapidly increasing.
—Foxes are numerous and unusually
tame in and around Barrington, N. H.
—Ohio is credited with having more
colleges than any other State in the
Union.
—France has 5535 subscribers to the
telephone, while Germany has only
4090.
—Church bells appear to be going
out of use in most large cities in this
country.
—A cow wags on the bridal pres-
ents received at a wedding in Sullivan
county, N. Y.
—The musical profession in Naples
is said to have been entirely broken up
by the cholera.
—A new school is soon to be started
in Florida to furnish mental recreation
to winter visitors.
—It is said that at present prices British
farmers, the London Economist says,
lose about \$10 an acre.
—A suit to recover three hundred
gallons of buttermilk has been begun
by a Jackson, Ga., farmer.
—Edmund About's death is ascribed
to a broken heart, which was caused
by breaking through the ice has been
considerably increased by the cold
snap.
—The prospects of an American ex-
hibition in London next year are said
to be so good as to be absolutely as-
sured.
—Detectives in New York city are
retired upon pensions. A sergeant of
detectives retired the other day on \$800
a year.
—This year, for the first time, it is
said, the Zulus have had the entire Bi-
blical translated for them into their own
language.
—In London banks each one of the
directors, it is said, serves in turn a
short time as practical manager of the
institution.
—The average cost of the free deliv-
ery system in New England Post offices
is 3.3 cents for each piece of mail mat-
ter handled.
—The Italian opera season at Paris
was inaugurated by the production of
"Lucia," with Mme. Sembrich in the
leading role.
—Spanish fishermen have taken
to a general use of dynamite, and this
is corresponding alarm in Spain and the
adjacent islands.
—The czar of Russia has ordered his
pictures out of the public squares at
St. Petersburg on the ground that they
are liable to insult.

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A traveler in India says the account
made by the oldest and best informed
of my native acquaintance (and I am
not talking here of Bengal demagogues,
but of men holding it may be or who
held high office in the government
and deservedly trusted by it) of the
gradual estrangement which has come
about within their recollection between
themselves and the English in India, is
most instructive. In the days, they
say, of their youth, 30 or 40 years ago,
though there were always among the
company's officers men who from their
abuse of power were disliked and just-
ly feared, the general feeling of the
English toward the English in India
was one of respect and even affection.
The Indian character is affectionate,
is enthusiastic, and inclined to hero-
worship; and the English in early days,
from their superior knowledge and
strength of character, exercised in the
summit of the magnificent pile in
the Place Vendôme as though it had
never been plucked piecemeal into the
Seine by an angry populace.

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