

LOVING WORDS.

Loving words will cost but little, but they will make the work and weary...

THE STEWARD OF ABBEYLANDS.

It is to be hoped Arthur will not accept the situation, Maggie?

What situation, dear? I asked, without even looking up from my work...

That stewardship in Ireland, I said, without even looking up from my work...

Yes, I have been asked, Maggie? asked my sister, looking at me with a very troubled, thoughtful countenance...

That's no reason they may not say, Maggie dear, replied Ellie gravely...

And, like all inconsistent people, he takes an active, energetic, destructive little people can be clothed by magic...

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than what I did see, replied Ellie, with a smile. But, despite all her efforts to be cheerful...

Five years passed away—five short happy years—blessed by Providence in many ways, and darkened by only a single trouble—little Ellie, my youngest darling...

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with home-made straw mats, a chimney-piece adorned with exquisite frescoes supporting some battered tin candlesticks and shining candeliers...

After inspecting the rooms, we returned to the hall, and had some supper; and then, when the children were gone...

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hearing the sound of wheels near the principal entrance—we generally near the east door, and on going to the windows I saw my sister Ellie alighting from a post-car laden with boxes...

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there—young Captain Blake, Sir Redmond's nephew, just returned with his regiment from foreign service. In a few hours we were all comfortably in bed...

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Why We Dine as We Do. In civilized countries all the world over the order of a plain course dinner is nearly the same...

There is an elderly man, with one hand, who is generally to be found about Blakeville, carrying my sister's garden fork...

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When there is too much home, there is always too little home. Good housekeeping is by no means as rare as good housekeeping. It is of far less importance...

There are too many preserves; too many ruffles and tucks and elaboration in the making of garments...

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NEWS IN BRIEF. —England has 513 peers. —Dances are becoming common in Scotland. —At Vienna 344 people committed suicide in 1884.

—London contains 2,000 clergymen and 8,700 drinking places. —High gas bills are also being complained of by Baltimoreans.

—The University of Michigan has 1,377 students, 180 of whom are women. —A war between rival stage and horse cars owners is raging in Trenton, N. J.

—Twenty-three were closed during 1884. —Lasso competitions are among the amusements in frontier settlements of Texas.

—A list of bad tenants is posted in the offices of the real estate agents of Chicago. —Of the young ladies in the Normal College in New York, 25 per cent. are Jewsesses.

—The shipbuilding prospect is gradually assuming a brighter outlook in Bath, Me. —German public schools are about to adopt Hawthorne's works for the study of English in the schools.

—Sites of old lake dwellings have been discovered on the eastern coast of Yorkshire. —This country has 6,588 Indian children in boarding schools and 5,180 in day schools.

—The French government paid the inventors of dynamite 10,000 francs for his work. —The tax on commercial travelers is being done away with by many of the Georgia towns.

—Haverstock, N. Y., is credited with the greatest brick manufacturing centre in America. —A recent census gives the population of Jersey City as 37,442,000, of whom 18,950,159 are males.

—Nine boys deserted recently from the training ship New Hampshire, now lying in Newport Harbor. —Eighty-eight million dollars is the estimated value of the finer rings of this country actually worn.

—The membership of the G. A. R. in Vermont includes about one-half of the veterans residing in the State. —The price of certain kinds of boxwood has increased considerably in consequence of the roller shutters.

—Counterfeit silver dollars are in circulation in Williamsport, Pa., to the annoyance of business people. —For selling the railroad tracks an employe of a Boston company was arrested recently and fined \$25 and costs.

—Melrose Park, with a population of 250, has four churches, one of which will hold the entire population. —Barn burners have been remarkably numerous in Huntington county, much to the annoyance and loss of farmers.

—The loss of cattle from the cold in some sections of Indian Territory reaches as high as sixty per cent., it is reported. —A Jersey City man has recovered a verdict of \$5 against a Palace Car Company for the loss of an umbrella left in the car.

—A number of steel file pieces recently forged at the arsenal, Osaka, Japan, have been served out to the Imperial Guards. —Instances of human beings being attacked with glanders are becoming more frequent, to less than three such cases being reported from Illinois.

—An octavo volume of sacred songs in shorthand, picked up by the British Museum, is discovered to be the work of James Ward, the English painter. —Seventy Hungarians are to be shipped back to Europe from New York this week, as they are without means of subsistence or friends to keep them.

—During the past week two more new cigar factories were added to the already large number in Key West, Fla. They will employ about 150 operatives.

—It is estimated that two large parties given in Boston recently were productive of the distribution of two hundred thousand dollars among artisans and others.

—An unusual number of foxes are roaming through New Jersey, especially in Warren county, where the farmers have suffered great loss through their depredations.

—Beth, who was organist in Colton from 1877 to 1879, is to have a monument to his memory erected by the townspeople to celebrate his two hundred birthday.

—Less than 200 of the more than 600 people mentioned by the Bible in Palestine, west of Jordan, are said to remain unidentified by the Palestine Exploration Fund staff.

—A famous inn at Bath, England, called the Selan Club, has been demolished. Under the cellar a fine mosaic pavement has been found belonging to Roman times.

—An enterprising stage manager in London has had his stage grass manufactured of feathers dyed and then sewn into mats, the whole having a most realistic effect.

—A bill introduced in the Michigan Legislature provides that the occupation and policies of each candidate shall appear on a voting paper giving the names of all candidates.

—The value of the fishwams and shark's fins exported from India to China last year was \$90,000. The value of the produce of Bombay milk, condensed milk and yarn, exported to China was \$8,163,000.