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BEYOND.

It seems such a little way to me across to that strange country, the Beyond. And yet not strange—for it has grown to be the home of those whom I am so fond; they make it seem familiar and most dear; as journeying friends bring distant countries near.

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letter was brought to me in a strange, and yet strangely familiar, hand, bearing only your color post-mark. My heart throbbed, my village came and went—the so-called Caroline's eyes fixed on me with expression of amusement. I felt that it was betraying my self, and, with a mighty effort, I laid the letter face downward upon the table.

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changed words now. One day I was much concerned to hear from Mrs. Thomson. She had been away for some time. "Marion Morley leaving!" I exclaimed. "You surprise me! Why is she going?"

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spent the interval before I got the answer. At last it came. "Through disappointed in you once, I am writing to you again, and so I grant your request. Come and see me to-morrow morning, that we may talk over."

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The English drawing-room is almost always at the back of the houses and looks out upon the garden, for it must be known that, however large the grounds, the house is built quite near the road and there is little or no front garden; and there is sure to be quite a high wall at the front, so as to shut off the house and grounds from the gaze and eyes of the common herd. Many houses, indeed all these high walled houses, have the servant comes from the house to the outside gate to answer the bell. The papering of the drawing-room is of somewhat lighter color than that of the other rooms. The furniture is also less massive, and has just a tendency to decoration and art. The line is strictly drawn at water-color painting upon the walls.

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NEWS IN BRIEF. — Dakota's debt is \$304,000. — Paris has 1,026 ballet dancers. — Dakota has forty-eight women bank clerks. — Princess Beatrice is a victim of rheumatism. — Chicago invested \$45,000,000 in real estate in 1884. — San Diego, Cal., exported 1,108,000 pounds of fish last year. — Australia has 700 universities equal to Yale or Harvard. — St. Paul Masons are about to erect a temple to cost \$150,000. — Sixty-four women engravers earn their livelihood in England. — Sugar is reported to be selling at two cents a pound in Cuba. — Helena, M. T., has a coal 10 months old that weighs 550 pounds. — The annual revenue of the British government is \$210,000,000. — Anthracite has been discovered (a new find) near Gila Bend, A. T. — Cincinnati people are buying fall old clothes, say to have them. — A fire damaged Australia to the extent of \$10,000,000 per year. — Farm rents in England have declined six per cent. in five years. — There are 600 professional beauties in London who don't work at all. — There are 452 women editors in England and 1,300 photographers. — American steam trunks are used by French and English railroads. — Good butter is selling for 17 cents a pound in Napa City, California. — Every member of the Texas Land Board is said to favor its abolition. — One town in North Carolina shipped last year 103,000,000 cigarettes. — San Francisco has 1,940 Chinese children ineligible to public schools. — Not a solitary young man in Oglethorpe, Ga., is said, chews tobacco. — Kit Carson's monument at Santa Fe is to be unveiled on Decoration Day. — Farmers near Fresno, Cal., are marketing green corn and strawberries. — In Baltimore recently, 100,000 cases of canned corn were sold in one day. — A Massachusetts physician has induced forty young men to stop smoking. — There are 558 persons engaged in the Postoffice Department in Washington. — There are 112,095 English school teachers, nearly all of whom are spinners. — Berlin expects a visit from Sitting Bull and ten other Indians next summer. — There were 3,355 postoffices established last year, and 1,421 were discontinued. — A pearl has been found on the western Australian coast valued at \$20,000. — A gentleman of Rockingham, N. C., has a pair of elk that he drives to a loggy. — An astronomer in Kendall, Or., asserts that the moon is a semi-transparent body. — Buffalo's Music Hall, which was destroyed by fire a week or so ago, is to be rebuilt. — The fiber of the hop vine is substituted for rags by French paper manufacturers. — Nearly \$2,000,000 worth of printing ink is used in the United States every year. — A reversible boot, which may be worn indifferently on either foot, has been patented. — Ten thousand five hundred women bind English books and 2,342 assist in printing. — The number of postoffices robbed last year was 457, while 247 others were destroyed by fire. — There were 468 postmasters who died last year, while there were 764 who were suspended. — Wilmington, Mass., has 312 trading establishments, making an annual business of \$3,600,000. — The number of farmers in State Legislature is said to be decreasing from year to year. — The number of postal notes issued last year was 3,887,217, amounting in money to \$7,411,392.45. — A parrot, seventy-five years old, still sings and a great talker, is the pride of March Chuk, Pa. — The record for 1884 shows losses in the United States and Canada to the extent of \$112,000,000. — By a small majority the Trustees of the British Museum have decided in favor of Sunday opening. — There were 1,450,768,669 ordinary postage stamps sold last year, the value of which was \$20,777,444. — Lincoln, Georgia, will charge \$1000 for liquor licenses on and after the 1st of next October. — The people of Glenwood Springs, Col., have not seen the sun for a month owing to the constant rains. — The son of an English peer, it is stated, is employed as a car-starter at the Union Depot, in Pittsburg. — There are 91,138 women milliners in England. The nails are used in fastening horsehoes in place. — The free delivery system is now in operation in 150 cities in the United States, employing 7,599 carriers. — Statistics are cited to show that there is one divorce for every sixteen marriages in the State of Ohio. — There are in this country at present, according to estimates, very nearly, if not fully, 50,000 skating rinks. — There are 16,000,000 school children in the United States, 10,000,000 of whom are enrolled in the public schools. — The largest sum ever accumulated in one body is said to be the \$500,000 in the United States Treasury. — Just sixteen years ago the interest on the national debt amounted \$143,000,000 a year. It is now \$25,000,000. — George O., a famous Maine horse, for which \$4000 was the price recently refused by the owner, died the other day. — A cent of 1804, unrecirculated and perfectly bright in its original packed box sold recently in New York for \$200, it is stated. — The death of his grandchild, which occurred a few days ago, so affected a male resident of Newport, R. I., as to cause his death. — A Goshen (N. Y.) man, who died recently, bequeathed all his money to strangers, while his relatives he consoled with the possession of his shotgun.

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