



After all, the spring, cold winter, then the spring with its showers; after the rain and the flowers, then the bloom of the flowers.

CAPTAIN CRAWFORD'S "TAKING DOWN."

Then there's Captain Crawford. Of him I believe to speak with bated breath. He is fairly good-looking, but thinks himself an Adonis, has a comical way of saying things which makes you laugh, and is agreeable to an extent, but believes himself to be an original genius who would take the world by storm if—mark the "if"—he thought it worth so taking.

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when Captain Crawford appeared. However, he was equal to the occasion if he was not. He looked as cool and nonchalant as ever, said "Good morning" to her as if they had been on the most intimate terms possible, looked after her as he walked, and even occasionally addressed his compliments to her.

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STAGING IN THE HILLS. Taking a Trip by Stage to the City of Deadwood.

The name of Deadwood, a city that is still in the "wild West" in spite of the rapid improvements thirty years have seen west of the Mississippi, is familiar to many people, and it is not surprising that it is somewhere out in the mining regions.

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A QUEER WISH. A Dying Man Asks for Cabbage, Eats It Raw, and Recovers.

Mrs. Rose Terry Cook tells a story of a hospital patient whose life was saved after he had lain apparently, at the point of death for some time.

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NEWS IN BRIEF. —A College of Music is about to be built in Paris.

—There has recently been trouble some at Newport.

—Silver is scarcer than gold in the Nevada mining camps.

—Cincinnati makes two-thirds of the collins used in the South.

—A railroad is to be built to the top of Pike's Peak, Colorado.

—The late L. M. Hill, of Georgia, made \$700,000 by farming.

—President Darling, of Hamilton College has recovered his health.

—Ex-Senator Tabor has bought \$250,000 worth of copper lands in Texas.

—By law in Arkansas no saloon can be built within 500 rods of a church.

—There are twice as many sheep in the United States as in Great Britain.

—Nine Cherokee Indians have established a national bank in the territory.

—It is probable that women will soon be granted the franchise in Ohio.