

The Old Home.

I remember an old gay farmhouse, All mossy, and stained with time...

As now when I fall a-dreaming, I hear again the old home's song...

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having a first-rate time down in the country. Miss Corra was a model hostess and housekeeper...

"What an old girl your sister is, Miss Castleton," and inwardly invoke all good spirits of earth and air to bring her home with her on her shoulders...

Corra Castleton laid down the pearl-embroidered cushion with an impatient, discouraged sigh, that involuntarily repeated itself as she looked down at Madge's saucy, piquant face...

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some old darling of a Cora has been putting it in the wardrobe for me, I'll—"

"I wonder what she has possessed that door-knob? The most delicate of men who can stamp stamps to examine each one carefully..."

But, to his surprise, the hot blood rushed to her cheeks, and tears trembled in her eyes. "Oh, Mr. Arlington!"

"The hat was on the floor now, and the girl's hands were raised in a gesture of protest, as if she were pleading with him."

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SWINDLING—UNCLE SAM'S.

Cancelled stamps cleaned and used in large quantities. "The most troublesome offenders against government laws are the experts who use cancelled postage stamps..."

"Any one who has seen a Post Office employee in the New York office engaged in a bundle of letters and cancelled stamps with lightning-like rapidity can readily see how impossible it is for him to detect bad stamps unless they are cancelled by a sharp corner..."

"Another clever trick that is often employed in the hurry of Post Office work is the use of cancelled stamps on the envelope. The operator takes a stamp that has a black mark, say upon the left hand lower corner..."

"A Bookkeeper Patents a Machine for Adding up Columns of Figures. A Springfield, Massachusetts, bookkeeper has patented a machine that is designed to add brother bookkeepers and accountants in running up long lines of figures..."

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CHAT WITH A BRAKEMAN.

The Dangers, Incidents and Fascination of the Road. "Brakeman? Yes. What of it?" "Just wanted to know how the old thing works..."

"Ready? On. Warily would you be a better word. I will try to tell you how they do it. The whistle blows for brakes and all hands scramble for them..."

"Accidents? Well, they are largely due to either carelessness or drunkenness, or over-fatigue—chiefly the latter. An occasional fender is provoked by the snapping of a brake chain..."

"Once a railroad man always one. Yes, that's about the text of it. There is a fascination about the life and an untold variety of experience..."

"Men will shun any complaint nowadays to avoid their work," said our worthy speaker, as he sat at the head of the breakfast table on our first day out."

"Well, I said, 'you remember that story of the Irishman who went aboard a board road his neck, and made quite a good trade of it, till at last one of the people who used to give him meat carried a by-street, stepping along like a prize pedestrian..."

"The noble animal stood at bay pawing and stamping the ground, his long neck swaying to and fro; several men were riding at him, causing him to strike desperately with his fore feet a blow which would knock a horse down..."

"The beautiful red plumage of a South African species of birds has been chemically examined and found to be due to copper in brass ornaments..."

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