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THE OLD BOB.
KATHERINE STYAN.
Over the seas and far away,
You'll never see me again.
As you sail on the ocean waves,
I'll be watching for you,
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VIRTUE'S REWARD.
Two young ladies were seated on the porch of the "States" at Saratoga. Each had tipped her parasol over her nose at just the right angle to cast a becoming shadow and neither was at all interested in the book she held before her.

Beautifully dressed as they were, the young ladies were not without their share of admirers. One of them, Miss Benton, had a book which she had just purchased from a peddler who had been passing her. The book was very small and its cover was of a rich, dark green, with gold lettering.

As she turned the pages, she was struck by the beauty of the illustrations. They were so full of life and so different from anything she had ever seen before. The scenes were so vivid and so true to nature that she felt as if she were actually present at the events depicted.

She was so absorbed in the book that she did not notice the time passing. The sun had already set and the stars were beginning to appear in the sky. She was still sitting there, reading, when the door opened and a young man entered.

It was the young man who had just purchased the book from the peddler. He had been watching Miss Benton for some time and he was now come to see if she would buy it. He was a very handsome young man and he was dressed in the latest fashion.

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SIAM AND THE SIAMESE.
Siam is a kingdom about which a good deal has been written, but of which very little is generally known. It is a vast and fertile country, rich in natural resources and has a long and illustrious history.

The kingdom of Siam is situated in the eastern part of the Malay Peninsula. It is bounded on the north by the Kingdom of Laos, on the east by the Gulf of Thailand, on the south by the Malay Peninsula, and on the west by the Kingdom of Burma.

The Siamese people are a very interesting race. They are tall, slender, and have a very refined culture. They speak the Siamese language, which is a member of the Malay-Indo-Chinese family.

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THE WEATHER AND THE MONTHS.
This is what the old folks thought. If January be warm or windy, March and May will be cold. A warm day on the first of the year is a warranty of a most successful season.

The weather in the month of January is a very important factor in determining the success of the year. A warm January is a sign of a good season, while a cold January is a sign of a bad season.

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A Victim of Confidence.
As I stood on the steps of the Court House at Fargo, Dakota, north Dakota, a large and lanky young man hunched up to the sidewalk, and, pausing in front of me, said:
"Yes, mister, I have \$50."

The man was very nervous and he was looking at me as if he were afraid. He said that he had just come from a gambling house and that he had lost all his money. He was asking me if I would give him a few dollars to help him out.

I was very sympathetic and I gave him the money. He thanked me very much and he went on his way. I did not know that I was being deceived and that the man was a professional gambler.

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SOME PAPER NOVELTIES.
A little of the many curiosities made from a single piece of paper. I have seen boats, tea-cups, fish, frogs, and even a kettle in which you could boil water.

The greatest curiosity in my collection, however, is a paper "junk" made by a friend of mine out of a square piece of paper. It has sails, two seats, and a hold, and for the benefit of those who would like to "try a hand" at making one, I will endeavor to give a description of this simple yet ingenious toy.

Take a square piece of paper (not too thick, but of medium quality) and fold it in half at the opposite angles, then unfold it as shown in figure A.

Now take each corner and fold it in to the center, or where the crosses cross, producing B. Next turn the corners from the center back to the edge (fig. C); now take any two corners on the same side of the square (corners marked 1, 1) and fold at 2, 2, so that the points 1, 1 shall be directly in a line with the points 2, 2, and repeat this on the opposite side, thus unfolding and repeating on the two remaining sides, leaving it in the form D.

On the dotted lines in D back toward the center of the figure, and pull the corners 1, 1, and 2, 2, down to the underneath part 3, 3, towards the center 3, producing fig. E, part 3.

On the other side and it will give you F, and by doubling this backwards you will have two boats, side by side, G.

By pulling the flap on the inside of each boat outward (fig. G), and folding across the dotted lines in fig. G in the order of the numerals, you will have a pure, sturdy toy which will have a box (H).

Now raise the upper part of the deck, c, c, and you will have sails for your boat (I).

A small piece of gravel placed in the center will do for ballast, and you will find that she will sail moderately well in a light breeze. This may look difficult at first, but stick to it, and follow the instructions closely, and you cannot fail to get it right at last. If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
—One of the commercial novelties in the Maine coast is a floating jewelry store.

—A man breathes about twenty times in a minute or twelve hundred times an hour.

—The wool production of Ohio this year will amount to 25,000,000 pounds.

—The British War Office has given 30,000 worn-out helmets to the Salvation Army.

—The Simpson tunnel will need eight years and a half to bore, and will cost \$12,000,000.

—The area of Boston is set down by the surveying department as including 23,707 acres.

—It is estimated that the British mines will be exhausted in less than 600 to 800 years.

—The Ogs of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, killed \$2000 worth of sheep last year.

—British iron and steel exports to America, Argentina and Europe show a serious falling off.

—Machinery Hall, at the World's Fair will be 1400 feet long, and the second building in size on the grounds.

—The largest brick kiln ever lighted in Maine was one of 800,000 bricks fired at Portland a few days ago.

—Portugal has reduced the import duty on wheat. That nation hopes to avoid an advance in the price of bread.

—Ex-Senator Tabor has sold the Poomam Mine, at Caribou, Col., to Leonard Goff of Scotland for \$500,000.

—Chicago's post office is credited with doing more registered letter business than any other post office in the Union.

—A document envelope that works like a telescope, adjusting itself to one paper or fifty, is a recent invention.

—"Fortia" is a new explosive invented at Liege, France, said to be more powerful than anything known up to date.

—An automatic machine which forms, fills and weighs packages and then seals them is used in many large establishments.

—The progress of cotton cultivation in this country has advanced from 500,000 bales in 1830 to over 11,000,000 bales in 1890.

—Fort Worth, Texas, has the artesian well that flows 854,000 gallons of pure water daily, the largest in the world.

—Within fifty miles of the coast of Japan a depth of more than five and one-quarter miles was reached without striking bottom.

—Frederick B. Dittler, of Baltimore, has a modest claim of \$4,000,000 against the Chilean government for munitions of war furnished.

—The 1244 miles between Newcastle, England, and Edinburgh, which is done without a stop in the present longest run in Great Britain.

—The excessive amount of vibration caused by the propellers of some of the high-speed cruisers causes old sailors to become homesick.

—In the city of St. Petersburg, Russia, it begins to freeze at the end of October, and a general thaw rarely takes place before the beginning of April.

—India rates one bushel of wheat per head of her population, the United States over seven bushels per head, and South Australia nineteen bushels.