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CHAPTER I. "June! June! where are you?"

"June! June! where are you?" "I am here," answers a charming voice...

"Tom has come. Of course he asked for you at once, and Aggie said she thought you had gone home..."

"Tom did not say how faint he would even go without dinner to stay another day..."

CHAPTER II. Tom was a trial to his mother, the Honorable Mrs. Ellenmore. If Tom had been a brilliant, dashing scapgrace, she would have idolized him...

"Tom felt himself rather in a cleft stick. If June were going to stay, he would accept joyfully..."

"I must be going. I did not know it was so late." "Give my love to auntie," Agnes called after her, sweetly.

THE CONVENTION

It is estimated that the nerves, with branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain, exceed ten million.

In a communication to the Paris Academy of Sciences, M. Grahnet says that the surface of cast iron kept at a red heat is capable of transforming carbonic acid into carbonic oxide...

It has been demonstrated that while there is a certain amount of petrolatum as a fuel for locomotives, there would be trouble in obtaining a supply of the fuel. It has been estimated that the entire petrolatum supply of the country would not furnish fuel enough for the use of the locomotives...

The fanciful notion which men used sometimes to entertain, that the earth is, in some sense, a living thing, would probably have derived support from the fact that the earth is covered with life...

How to Be Great. We are all born to do great. Most of us marry but once. We certainly can die but once. And if we look at life as a small bundle of great things, we shall certainly not think it worth while to squander it...

One of the Kaiser's Jokes. There are many good anecdotes about the German emperor, and it must be confessed that the most amusing are those which have a small amount of humor. The following, which comes from Mr. Ehlers, the traveler, is smarter than most.

Free Traveling Libraries. For many years Melvil Dewey, director of the New York State Library, has advocated a scheme of State distribution of books by the way of loan to institutions and to groups of taxpayers on payment of a nominal fee.

Men more easily renounce their interests than their tastes. All men love freedom; but the just man demands it for all mankind, the unjust man for himself alone.

MAXIMILIAN'S REIGN.

The Closing Days of the Ill-fated Mexican Empire. Mrs. Sara Y. Stevenson is contributing to the Century a series of papers on the French intervention in Mexico...

His Maiden Speech. The maiden known as "Stage fright" has no means confined to the stage or to people deficient in self-confidence. It is one of the peculiarities of the House of Commons, as related by Mr. Michael MacDonogh in the "Book of Parliament," that it not only expects, but demands, a certain amount of stage fright in a member's maiden speech...

Here was a strong, intelligent face, the lines of which were somewhat hard at times; and her determined expression impressed one with the feeling that she was the better equipped of the two intelligences to cope with the difficulties of practical life. It is probable, had she been alone, she might have made a better attempt at solving the problems than did Maximilian; at least such was Marshal Bazaine's opinion, as expressed before me on one occasion...

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor of the telephone, first entered Boston he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches in the depth of winter.

Microbe Destroyer. It is said that lemonade is a microbe destroyer, since the bacilli of cholera cannot resist the acids, especially the powerful citric acid of the lemon. One grain, declares an authority, will destroy all the microbes in a quart of water.

How to Rule a Man. "You can never tell in advance what men are going to do," says Aunt Phillida Broadbent in Puck. "There is a proverb which says that the way to govern a man is to know how to dress him. You can win one man's everlasting subservience by the successful application of a mustard plaster, should he require one, and the same action will produce the same result in both of the next man. One man can be subjugated by making him afraid of you, and another by making him think you are afraid of him. You must talk to one man and listen to another. All you need to know how to dress is nothing a year and always looks well."

Dr. Samuel Johnson's Walking Stick. Dr. Samuel Johnson's walking stick is exhibited in a book store in Cincinnati, and is the property of John Thurnick, of that city.

The man with a grievance always proves a grievance to his friends.

SERMONS BY THE RAIL.

The Rev. George H. Hepworth's Sunday Discourses in the New York City Station. Entitled "Hersey"—Dr. T. De Witt Talmage Preaches on the Evil of Gambling.

Notice, also, the effect of this crime upon domestic happiness. It has sent its ruthless claws into the bosoms of hundreds of families, until the wife sits in rags and the sons grow up to the same infamous practices...

It is a very queer world in one respect. Bible will go to the devil, and the matter of religion there is as much fashion as there is in dress. What the majority believe is the rule, and the minority go with the majority. If it does not condemn itself to our judgment we secretly dissent, but we do not dissent. It is a common element of hypocrisy into the Holy of Holies, demoralizes mind and heart, forces from us every noble sentiment, deprives us of heavenly recognition and approval. Our vital energy is sapped, our self-respect is annihilated, our pride is lessened, and our every noble sentiment is driven from us...

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