

BEFORE THE DAY.

We wakened at the dawn, but we never saw the day; And we spoke our little prayer, but we never reached the play.

THE MISER'S HOARD.

HAVE you ever strolled in the quiet city of San Antonio where the river cuts like a steel knife blade through the hills?

On the bridge spanning the river stood Juan Tascas, their sun-brown faces, their sun-brown faces, their sun-brown faces.

"I tell you, Juan, if Raschal's only heir, he should never marry my daughter. A proud, lazy, trifling fellow."

"You were talking of young Quito," he said. "Yes, the boy is wild—apparently trifling—but there is an element of good about him."

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It was in the gray light of New Year's morning that Marco, the woodcutter, looked up as he passed Miser Quito's house and saw the print of a bloody hand on the wall beside the door.

Quito house were Tascas and Pfitro.

"This is not the mark of Raschal's hand; the fingers are too short and broad for his."

The hunt for Raschal was savage but fruitless and at last was given up. "He must have drowned himself," the people said.

The miser's house was locked, and Texas wore on until the wild flowers of the crimon grew less vivid in hue.

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Raschal unearthed his uncle's treasure; but to this day you may see above the brim of the styre, the damp walls of the haunted house, whose door is sealed with the imprint of a crimson hand.—Waverly Magazine.

Request of Valuable Engraving.

Schultze von Melas, a wealthy citizen of Zurich, Switzerland, who recently died, left a valuable collection of engravings to the Polytechnic Institute of Zurich.

The Telegraph in Ireland. Ireland's telegraph department recently proved that it could manage Gaelic by taking the speeches delivered at an Irish festival at Letterkenny.

Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham. Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMS, Englishtown, N. J., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I cannot begin to tell you how I suffered before taking your medicine."

LADIES AND MORE LADIES. Some Instances of the Various Uses of an Abused Word. The word lady still has about it a certain halo which ought to prevent its indiscriminate use.

What the Farth-Worm Does. In the St. Nicholas, Myrtle Lockett Avary has an article entitled "On Little Gray Helper," in which she tells of the humble earth-worm and its service to man.

How Insects Hide. How many have ever noticed the skillful way in which many insects disguise themselves when in danger from a large animal or bird?

Mistakes of Fogs. One of the most common mistakes a fog makes is his ideas in regard to size. This he hankers after most of all.

A Great Discovery. Mrs. Read—Isn't it strange? Mr. Read—What, my dear? Mrs. Read—There never yet has been a strike in an alarm clock factory.

It is regarded as perfectly legitimate by some men to rob a stranger.

He Sitteth, Waiting and Watching, with ST. JACOBS OIL to cure Rheumatism. It Cures Surely.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household.—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cats and Cuddling Children.

Of Course, She Mean. "Have you an ear for music?" asked a caller of 4-year-old Mammie.

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TRUMPET CALLS. Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed. SALOON in the devil's recruiting station.

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THE RUSE OF A DETECTIVE.

Now a Sleuth Managed to Get an Admission Under Difficulties. "I had to resort to a queer ruse once to get an admission from a man I was after," said a private detective.

Cause for Grief. "Why, Grace?" asked a mother of her little daughter, aged 8, "what makes you cry so?" "I'm crying," sobbed Grace, "because I don't know how to do it."

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THE CREAMERY. Butter must be sweet and clean. That is the requisite. It can not be perfectly sweet unless the place in which it is made and all the utensils used in its manufacture are perfectly clean.

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