

HIS MOTHER
With her food, encircling arm
She slept her little child—
"Why, what a sweet, sweet, sweet, sweet,
warm!"
Her eager look down-bent, to see
That face, all lovely innocence,
The features of the full-grown man—
She smiled on with prophetic sense—
Forsaw the hero that should be
Clothed in his manhood's majesty,
And seeing, smiled.

Relaxed in every massive limb,
The man, so weary, sleeps;
His bearded cheek is rough and grim.
She, hovering near, with prophetic sense—
And gazing long, is fain to trace
One line of childhood's purity
In that toll-marred, world-hardened
face.

Now once again she feels and sees
Her nursing warm upon her knees,
And seeing, weeps.
—New York Independent.

HER OPPORTUNITY.
DICK, what chance have I for success? What opportunity do you see in this? The girl spoke without a tone of resentment in her voice. The young man, whose name was upon the lips of every one in the city as the rising young lawyer of Iowa, looked down at her.

"One never knows the coming opportunity until it presents itself. To each one of us there comes a chance for success. But no preaching to-night. This is Florida, and a Florida sunset is an inspiration in itself."

But Virginia was not satisfied. The red and yellow splendor of the sun as he sank over the waters of the great gulf and reflected his brilliancy on the thick foliage of the park and the gray wooden walls of the hotel did not interest her to-night. She was a mystery of a woman. But there was a strange beauty in her dark, oval face, reminiscent of old Spanish paintings which was intensified by the simple white dinner gown which she wore.

As she passed along the piazza the longers, who sat in groups of two or three in the wicker chairs, saw that she walked with difficulty on a pair of black crutches.

"What can I ever do?" the girl asked, anxiously. "Fate has decreed that I shall spend my life half helpless. I can't walk a step, Dick, without these crutches of mine. It's just as if I had a millstone hung around my shoulders."

Dick Fairfield was rarely at a loss for a ready reply. He looked out at the sea so vast and imperious, and he thought of how the lame girl at his side had come into his life.

"You are doing much, Virginia," he answered, after a moment. "You are bringing happiness into many of our lives. What more can you want to do?"

The girl turned her face and answered not at all.

The orchestra was playing in the long ballroom. It was one of the stirring marches that a great bandmaster had given as his tribute to his fellow men and women. It had been dedicated to the national colors, and the swiftness and clear rhythm told of the waving flag of the free. Dick Fairfield thought of what it had meant. He heard it as a marching chorus, and he had but to close his eyes again to see the long files of dust-covered men who had left the dock in front of the hotel twelve months ago to fight beneath its folds. He saw it carried and waving before the trenches in the swamps where disease, the deadliest foe of the hidden foe, was lurking. He thought of his own town in the west; how, when at the convention which had nominated him for mayor, the local fire department had played the song of the flag and every single man in the link had risen and shouted wildly. These easterners were content to criticize. They wondered why the hotel bandmaster didn't get new selections. New selections? Why, a march song like that had no age; it was superior to time itself. He had little use for these eastern men and women. They were too languid, too contented.

"I doubt if your thoughts are worth the fixed price," said a voice at his side. "Won't you give them to me?"

And Dick realized that it was a man's occasional privilege to change his mind.

For Virginia Howper was another kind of easterner. During the ten days he had already spent in the west, his vacation the girl had come to mean more to him each day. Her restless spirit, her ambition to succeed, he thought a wonderful contrast to the splendidly built eastern women, who preferred to let others talk and think and act for them.

"I should have been thinking of you, Virginia," he finally answered.

"The girl looked him full in the face, and read the truth in a moment with the God-given intuition of her sex.

"There goes your dance with Miss Clark," she broke in. "You must not keep her waiting."

"But I can't leave you, Virginia, all alone here."

"Please do. Then come back to me after the number. I want to be alone for a while."

And Fairfield reluctantly left her sitting on the farthest corner of the broad piazza, which had been made gay for the party by long festoons of colored paper and a multitude of candles in fantastic paper cases. Virginia sat in a brown study. The bandmaster, with an ingenuity nearly akin to sacrilege, had made the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" into a waltz. The girl knew that the music told of a man's love for a woman, of the great joy that had come into her own life.

A solitary breath of wind stirred the festoons along the front of the piazza. The coasting sailors knew a storm was brewing; a sharp breath of wind came and swung the festoons near where Virginia sat. The candle in one of the paper lanterns toppled over. In

the girl saw the accident. In a second she realized the danger to the great hotel, its wooden frame as dry as tinder. Virginia saw the peril of the hundred feet of men and women it held. There she realized her own helplessness. Dick had taken her crutches and placed them in a corner of the building beyond her reach. While she thought with the full rapidity of her active mind the fire spread to the festoons. Then she conceived her plan.

In a second she was upon her knees. She half-crawled across the piazza floor until her outstretched hand could reach her crutches. She slipped them under her shoulders and swung back across the piazza. Not a soul was near to help her, and her quick instinct told her that a scream would create a panic in the crowded ballroom. The fire danced along the paper festoon.

How she ever did it she could never afterward tell, but it seemed a miracle. Strength aided her strong arms as she climbed upon the piazza rail. With one arm grasping the pillar for support, she stretched the other toward the blazing decorations. She thought she caught the sound of hurried footsteps along the piazza. She could not reach the festoon by several inches. In a moment the dry dead vine along the eaves would be ablaze and it would be too late. But Virginia had kept her head. She coolly reached down, and grasping one of her crutches by the arm rest, stretched it up and twisted it in the blazing paper decoration. A sharp quick pull—something broke, and in a moment the whole blazing mass lay burning it out in the grass far from harm.

She turned and saw Dick standing beside her. He gravely helped her down. She went to her chair.

"Your opportunity came quicker than we expected. You did a very brave and a very gallant thing," she heard Dick's voice speaking in her ear, and she turned and gave him her hand with a word of thanks.

It is needless to tell what followed. Virginia Howper found her popularity had swept into fame. People called her the heroine of the hotel, and new arrivals begged to be presented. Sunday newspapers sent for her photographs, and the files of her achievements went far and wide. Virginia laughed at it and took it most good-naturedly. To her the praise of a certain westerner was infinitely more desirable than the entire loud-voiced pundits of the eastern contingent of the hotel.

Richard Fairfield returned to Cordova, Iowa, after his fortnight's rest in the south. To certain of his friends he gave confidences. He hinted very vaguely of a general dislike for the easterners he had met at the Florida resort. He described them vigorously as cold-blooded and disagreeable. Then he would lower his voice and hint that there was one exception to the rule. Two months later when he returned from a flying trip to Baltimore, that seemed strangely suspicious in view of his previous opinions, he gave more confidences. This time he allowed that he would make no exceptions in the future. The only exception in the east was going to be made in the west.—New York Evening Sun.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.
A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—
QUESTIONS AND RIGHT ANSWERS OF MANY CUTE AND CURIOUS CHILDREN.

When Bobby learns to whistle
His music in the air;
You hear his notes diffusing
Here, yonder, everywhere.
He whistles in the morning
Before he's out of bed;
He whistles all the day long,
And in his sleep, 'tis said.

Of times Bob knows not many—
In fact, he knows not one;
But when he whistles, whistle,
To him's sufficient fun.
And tunes he has restrictions—
Are paths one's muse to lead.
And Bobby is a rover
In Whistledom, indeed.

When Bobby learns to whistle
His music's nearly wild.
She says to all her friends
She never saw such a child.
And grandma gets nervous
And says: "Oh, me! Oh, my!
I feel that I could fly."

Why, even at the table,
He whistles his skill,
And through his puckered lips he
Emits notes sharp and shrill.
His father cries out "Robert!"
And Bobby then will cease.
And for the next ten minutes
Perhaps he'll hold his peace.

When Bobby learns to whistle
The scale of notes is clear.
That is, what's his heart's in,
In that he'll persevere.
And so, although distracted
By all the noise,
We smile and say benignly:
"Oh, well, boys will be boys."
—Chicago Record.

A JAPANESE CHARACTER.
The Crafty Jirikisha—man the Bandmaster of the Japanese Orchestra—
Onoto Watanna, the gifted Japanese writer, writing of "The Horseless Carriage of Japan," in the Woman's Home Companion, gives this description of the most picturesque laborer of the street corners and solicits fares though this is contrary to the exact police regulations. However, the Jirikisha-man is not always as principled as he might be, and has little, if any regard for the police or his regulations. He has no compunction whatever in charging the scale of fares set by the police, but as a rule the customer himself pays but little attention to this fare usually higgled over before riding, and while they walk, and some times great distances are covered before terms have been reached. The Jirikisha-man also generally (unlawfully) demands drink-money, especially when he is forced to wait at tea-houses or pleasure resorts on the road. He is constantly being set on by the police for charging more than agreed on amounts to put down female customers unless the drink-money is added. A woman hiring a vehicle, for instance, may sometimes find herself in impossible walking distance of any town or point, and a surly man demanding extra fare or threatening to "dump" her. Counter-attacks do not assist matters. Better pay to be done with it. However, when you have melted his heart with a handful of sen he becomes a friend worth having. If it is true he may "spot" you as being one whom it is worth his while to keep in touch during your visit in the city, and you will find it difficult to leave your hotel without encountering him hard by, importunately soliciting your patronage, though on each and every occasion he will call to you as though you were an utter stranger to him and has never seen you before. He does not appear to recognize you as the person who tipped him so well the previous day."

History of the Marseillaise.
Rouget de Lisle's share in this famous song amounts to the first six lines. He did not write a single note of the music, though he lacked the courage to avow the truth. The music was composed by Alexandre Boucher a celebrated violinist, in the year 1790 in the drawing-room of Madame de Moutaige, at the request of a colonel whom he had never met before, and whom he never saw again. Rouget de Lisle was an officer in the Engineers and was for well-known reasons imprisoned in 1791. It was from this prison that he heard the stirring march and at the request of his jailer he adapted to the tune the words of a patriotic song he was then writing. Some time after the Marseillaise had won fame for the young officer he met Alexandre Boucher at a dinner party in the Paris. The violinist congratulated the young patriot on the success of his poem, but he did not write a word of music. "You don't say a word about the music," remarked de Lisle, and then, in a moment of unguarded candor, he admitted that the music was not his own composition. Boucher thereupon composed the Marseillaise. The girl recovered from the shock he naively remarked, "Your music and my words go so well together that they seem to have sprung simultaneously from the same brain, and the world, even if I proclaimed my indebtedness to you, would never believe it."

Good manners are a part of good music, and it is his duty as our interest to practice both.

The Dead Bird.
Once on a time two fairies flew out of fairyland and took a walk on the earth. Their names were Fairy Pearl and Fairy Prince. They saw many things in the world that pleased them, and some that made them sad. One of the sad things was the sight of a poor little bird lying cold and dead by the roadside.

"Poor Dicky!" said Fairy Pearl, with tears in her eyes. "I wonder what made you die? How sad to think you never will sing again."

"Let us take the poor bird away with us," said Fairy Prince. "Perhaps in fairyland he will come to life again."

Now, the fairies were tiny beings, and the dead bird was quite heavy for them to carry. But fairies know how to make themselves strong. They picked a blossom that grew in the wayside grass, and powdered themselves with the yellow dust they found inside it. Then they were strong enough to lift their burden quite easily, and to fly away with it like the wind.

So they were in fairyland again. And behold! as soon as they had passed through the fairy gates the dead bird stirred his wings and opened his eyes, and flying to the top of a fairy tree, sang the most beautiful song that ever was heard.

Perhaps that is what becomes of all the birds who die! Who knows?

A Real Hero.
Sometimes it requires more bravery to do a little thing all alone than to do some great thing in company with others. Thus a soldier may be a hero in the field of battle, but lack the courage to stand up alone on a platform and make a speech.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in his essay on "Heroism," says that genuine heroism is persistence. As an illustration he tells how his little son Waldo on his way to school had to pass a house where lived a French family. The child heard the family talking their native language, which he could not understand, and that made him have a sort of superstitious fear of them. So Mr. Emerson used to walk to and from school with the little fellow.

But one day he decided that the child was old enough to overcome his fear and pass the house of the French family. He went to school with the little fellow.

Wise Cat.
These are the three reflections of Theophile Gautier's cat when she first saw a parrot:

"This is certainly a green chicken." "Chickens, even if green, are good to eat."

Then she sprang upon the perch, and the parrot thought at her in French: "Ah," thought pussy, "it can't be a chicken, after all! It must be a gentleman."

It does.

"Young man, how long have you been kissing my daughter?" "I really can't tell, sir; time flies at such times."—Harpur's Bazar.

Joseph, an Instrumentalist.
Dr. Joachim is 87 years of age. Born at Kitzne, near Presburg, in Hungary, he made his first public appearance with his violin before he was 8 years of age, and of that appearance the jubilee and the diamond jubilee have adequately celebrated. His fame mainly rests on his extraordinary skill as an instrumentalist, but he has composed a number of pieces somewhat in the same style as Schumann, but, nevertheless, having a strong individuality of their own.

Toy Soldiers in Egypt.
Among the objects found during recent excavations in Egypt was a whole company of wooden soldiers fifteen inches in height.

A girl preparing to get married attaches a great deal of importance to her new position, considering that she will get nothing but her board and clothes.

When you make a mistake don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

45 Pounds

"I wish I knew what was the matter with me, my cheeks are so pale, my lips so white, my muscles so weak, and my nerves seem to be all unstrung. I am just about as tired and depressed in the morning as I am at night. If I could only get some rest, but sleep seems to do me no good."

Shall we tell you what is the matter?

That's Anemia

Anemia—it's another name for starved blood, thin blood, poor blood. Of course this isn't the kind to have. What you want is rich blood, red blood. You want the old color back to your cheeks and lips. You want your nerves once more strong and steady. To make this change you must take a perfect Sarsaparilla, a Sarsaparilla made upon honor, a Sarsaparilla that you have confidence in.

That's AYER'S

"One bottle relieved me, and after taking eight bottles am now a healthy woman; have gained 14 lbs. weight from 85 pounds to 140; everyone asks what makes me so stout."

Mrs. A. TOLLE, 1848 HUNTON ST., PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

Mrs. Pinkham has fifty thousand such letters from grateful women.

REPAIRING "BLOODY TOWER."

Modern Addition to London's Ancient Monument Restored.

That venerable part of the Tower of London known as the "Bloody Tower" is undergoing considerable repairs at the hands of the masons, says the London News. The upper portion of the tower, which faces Traitor's gate, has been refaced in parts, pointed and colored to resemble ash. The building is to be restored all around. Chalk, in large blocks, enters largely into the composition of the inner parts of the walls, and is declared by the masons to be as hard, if not harder, than ever it was. Some parts of the wall by the Tower are fourteen feet thick.

The greater part of the outer surface of the Bloody Tower, like that of the Bell tower and some others, has since the year 1832 been plastered over with a Roman cement, into which shallow portions of flint have been superficially imbedded. This was in rough imitation of the old solid flint work of ancient times, which actually formed parts of the walls, and is seen in perfection in the tower's north-west, and as it is calculated to decay, and become dangerous through its rottenness—the flints falling, and so on—it was all removed. The lower portion of the Tower, built of square blocks of ashlar stone, has had a lot of superficial masonry cemented over the masonry, and as it is calculated to decay, and become dangerous through its rottenness—the flints falling, and so on—it was all removed. The lower portion of the Tower, built of square blocks of ashlar stone, has had a lot of superficial masonry cemented over the masonry, and as it is calculated to decay, and become dangerous through its rottenness—the flints falling, and so on—it was all removed.

Double Trouble

The complication of
SPRAINS
and
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is a very sore trouble, but doubly so, especially, as sprains or bruises, there is no remedy known the equal of

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PAINFUL, SURE CURE

Considerate Young Women.
Twigley—I don't think the Sands girls read the funny papers.

Snapsley—Why?

Twigley—Well, I was up there pretty late the other evening and when I left in thanking Miss Kate for singing for me, that her singing quite carried me away, none of them said she ought to have sung earlier in the evening.—Detroit Free Press.

Some musicians take great pains with their music, while others give them to the audience.

Probably some people are disagreeable because they are unable to attract attention any other way.

Most men are willing to serve their country in an official capacity.

SEE TO THE WALLS.

A Danger in Schoolrooms and How to Prevent It.

Owing to the gathering of so many different classes of persons therein, the interior walls of churches, schoolrooms, hospitals, etc., are apt to become repositories of disease germs unless preventive measures are taken. These walls should always be coated with a clean and pure cement, such as Alabaster, which is disinfectant in its nature, and more convenient to renew and re-apply than any other wall coating. The cost is no greater than for inferior work, while renewals are more easily and cheaply made.

He Saw the Servant.
"I'm perfectly willing to do any sort of work," he argued, as he held the door open. "I don't ask you to give me a meal for nothing."

"You'll earn it, will you?" asked the head of the house.

"Certainly I will. All I ask for is the opportunity."

"Are you particular about the work?"

"Not in the least. Try me at any blessed thing you want doing."

"Very well. My wife's out of town, and I've got a servant who has been running the house for a week or so, and I haven't the moral courage to discharge her. Come in and work her out."

"Let me see her, sir. I'll go to the back door and see her up."

He was gone about two minutes, and when he came back he nearly carried the side gate off its hinges in his hurry to get through. He didn't even stop to turn his face to the crack in the door, and he came in with a little hot steam.

"Thank you very kindly, sir, but I find I ain't hungry, and can make these old clothes do me very well till next summer!"

What Shall We Have For Dessert?
This question arises in the family daily. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. It is made of pure gelatin, and is prepared in 3 min. No boiling! No baking! Simply add a little hot water & set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. All Grocers, 10c.

What are the aims which are at the same time duties? They are the perfecting of ourselves and the happiness of others.

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Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE. All night to return the money if it fails to cure. K. W. Sawyer's signature is on each box. 5c.

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Every evil to which we do not succumb is a benefactor. We gain the strength of the temptation we resist.

The Mission of Carter's Oak Leaf:
"We can't make any better ink than we do; we don't know how to do it. We can make paper ink, but we won't make it. Carter's Oak Leaf is the best. It is made of water that nobody ever guesses his name up by claiming that the sun rose too late."

TRUMPET CALLS.
How did it get there? Or, to ask a more important question, "What will remove it?" This very day stop at the grocer's and get a cake of Ivory Soap. Don't be afraid of the cloth. Rub well, using flannel and hot water, wipe the lather off with a cloth or sponge dipped in clear water. Ivory Soap will not injure anything that will stand the application of water.

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