

A LAZY PHILOSOPHY.

I reckon I'm kin to the lilies; I toll not, an' never spin; I only answer to roll-call when the winds from the west blow in.

The Diver's Stratagem.

N 15—I found myself aboard the brig Mermaid, a schooner of 100 tons, bound for the Persian Gulf en route to Constantinople.

Her motions were as graceful as those of the crescent on the Persian coast, near which this girl had lived.

When I learned this from our steward, an inquisitive, talkative Frenchman, I must confess that my heart was stirred with pity for the unfortunate damsel, and I felt that it would be no more than right for some good-natured person to snatch the girl from the hands of her lover.

As far as we could see, the water was one mass of boiling, hissing spray. Then there was a strange, rumbling roar, as of an earthquake under the sea, and vast columns of water, tossed far upward, mingled with the sound and fury of the storm.

For two hours we were thus driven along, bewildered, almost blinded, by flying rack and spray, when the tempest broke slightly abated, and we were enabled to move about the deck.

The captain loosened his topazils and endeavored to edge up close to the wind. Vain the attempt; the brig would not come up, and we were rapidly driven by wind and current toward the port which we had left a few days before.

The Circassian girl came up; and when she divined what was taking place her blue eyes shone with joy. Broken English she explained to me during a few minutes' conversation which I held with her while the Turk was below filling his pipe, that she believed her lover, Gustave Morono, would start in pursuit of the brig in his little fishing smack the moment he could hear that she had been carried away, and she hoped that now we would soon fall in with it. Even as she spoke an erratic blast struck the brig, down went the vessel making a furious plunge. There was a loud, snoring sound, and over went the mainmast by the board. The wreck was cleared with axes, but the brig now rolled wildly, shipping enormous seas every time.

"Man the pumps!" was the order. It was executed; the men worked hard, but the water gained on us. In a few hours the craft would be water-logged, so that we should be obliged to abandon her.

A six-oared cutter—our only boat—was lowered, provisions were deposited therein, and we quitted the little Mermaid with feelings of deep regret. The Turk kept grumbling and growling as the boat was whirled wildly along before the blast, and held on firm to the arm of his fair property, as it now fearful that she might escape him.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

Something that will interest the juvenile members of every household—Quaint Anecdotes and Bright Sayings of Many Old and Canning Children.

One of our boys wants to know how the ancient Romans performed simple multiplication. They did not understand multiplication, or any other part of the science of arithmetic, as we do.

The fundamental principle is the use of five letters of the alphabet to express numbers, thus: I represents one; V, five; X, ten; L, fifty; C, one hundred; D, five hundred; M, one thousand.

Birds, Beasts and Telegraph Poles. To creatures incapable of understanding their use, the first telegraph-poles were naturally misleading. A London paper is authority for the statement that when these useful articles were introduced into Norway they had a disquieting effect on the bears.

The woodpecker also listened to the humming, and concluded that innumerable insects were concealed in those tall poles. Therefore they also went to work to find the treasure, boring holes to extract the insects.

With a curse the Turk discharged his pipe after the girl, and he was a small bird in Natal that used to build its mud-slung nest in the branches of trees, but as soon as the telegraph-wires were set up, it changed the location of its housekeeping and built on the wires, so that snakes could not molest its treasures.

Several well-to-do young men of Chicago were discussing the question of what sort of a wife one of their number, who was contemplating matrimony, ought to try to secure. Among other advantages he was advised to look for a wife with natural feet, as bound feet were already reckoned un-fashionable.

HABIT WAS EASILY ACQUIRED. New York Judge Who Confused His Official with His Marital State. Judge James Fitzgerald, of the New York Supreme Court, is an excellent example of what perseverance and single-mindedness will accomplish.

True Grit. The other day Herman Gruta, a 16-year-old boy employed at \$1.08 a day to repair roads and tracks on the Lackawanna Railroad tracks at Paterson, N. J., was struck by a switch engine and buried to the earth unconscious, with a crushed right arm.

Not His Fault. Lady (indignant). That parrot you bought of you hadn't been the mouse fully before it began to swear dreadfully! Dealer—But you insisted, ma'am, on getting one that would be quick to learn—Life.

The pleasures of vice are as poison while the pains of virtue are as pleasure.

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Perhaps you have already discovered that powders and wafers will not cure these eruptions on your face. They may cover up and suppress, but they cannot remove. Rashes, boils, salt-rheum, skin-itch, hives, eczema, tetter, etc., are but surface indications of a deeper trouble. And

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FASHION AS A REFORMER. Foot-binding is no longer considered stylish in China. Fashion is responsible for many evils, but now and then it does the world a good turn.

A WOMAN OF HOLLAND. Composed the Boer National Anthem—New Song by British, Too. The national anthem of the Boers was written by an old lady who is at present living a peaceful, obscure life in Holland.

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