

A SONG OF TWILIGHT.

Oh, to come home once more, when the dusk is falling,
To see the nursery lighted and the children's table spread;

MATILDA'S GOOD IMPRESSION

By Harriet Lummis Smith.

"Matilda!"
The girl turned to see her mother
standing on the steps with a yellow
envelope in her hand.

was applied the family held a jubilee.
"It looks beautifully clean and
fresh," Mrs. Elliott declared, "and
you've got it on so smoothly, deary,

"I suppose I ought not to feel as
I do," sighed Matilda's mother, in
self-reproachful accents, "but I
dread his coming, dear. Your Uncle
John is one of the people who think
it a crime to be poor.

Uncle John arrived in the middle
of the afternoon, and found his
nephew's family arrayed in their
best. It was evident that he was
agreeably surprised by the appearance

"He'll get such a bad impression
at the start, with everything worn
and shabby, looking as if it needed
padding," Matilda stopped abruptly.

It was not till they were leaving
the dining room for the front porch
that Matilda caught sight of something
which drove the color from her
cheeks, and then brought the blood
crowding back in a flaming flood

"No wonder you can't cover up
the hard knocks of twenty years in
one day," her mother comforted her.

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exhausted.

doorway, looking critically about the
bare little room, stripped of all but
the more necessities. Then he looked
at Matilda's tear-wet eyes.

Uncle John was about to express
surprise, but thought better of it.
After a moment he asked casually,
"Why were you in such a hurry?"

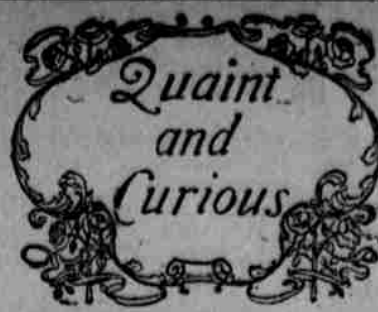
"I shouldn't recognize a thing in
the room," said Matilda's father,
admiringly. "Matilda is a fairy, with
a paint brush wand."

Uncle John looked at the black
suit. "Aren't you afraid that the
paint will get too dry?" he inquired.

"Nephew John, I have been talking
with your wife about this girl of
yours, and she confirms my idea that
she has ability, is clever with the
brush, in short."

Philological.
Jones met Smith.
"How are you, old man?" said
Smith. "I haven't seen you for some
time."

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At Hochheide, in Germany, 1029
school children had their teeth ex-
amined, with the result that ninety
per cent. of all the teeth were found
to be defective.

In a London police court the other
day a woman, testifying to bad lan-
guage used to her by another woman,
stated that her next door neighbor
came out to see what the trouble
was, and when she heard the lan-
guage she dropped dead.

The Great Western Railway Com-
pany, England, has an ambulance
corps which it drills in rescuing sup-
posed victims of railroad accidents
and giving first aid to the injured.

Verona has the noblest site of any
Italian city not on the sea. It lies
up in a far corner of Italy, backed
by the Austrian Dolomites, hemmed
in by great fortifications, beyond
which the plains stretch away to Sol-
ferino on the one hand and the lovely
Lake Garda, with its blue waters and
mountain background, on the other.

Bying Pearls.
The Fate of Necklace Once Worn by
the Wife of M. Thiers.

In the Louvre Museum at Paris is
to be seen a pearl necklace on a bed,
but on a velvet cushion. It is the
great necklace left by the great diplo-
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once belonged to this prominent
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Clogs Worn by English Workmen.
An acknowledged authority has es-
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pensioners for the natural term of
their lives, the male and female
animals being kept apart.

A LONG-LIVED FAMILY.

Story of Trees Thousands of Years
Old and Still Growing.

We have not to cross the channel
to find trees of a standing long prior
to the date of St. Luke—the yew
trees of Braburn, Kent (3000 years
old); Derby Churchyard, Derby-
shire (2000 years), and Fortingally,
Aberfeldy, Perthshire, 6500-2600
years; while other long-lived Brit-
ish yews are those of Crowhurst, Sur-
rey (1400 years); Gastford, North
Wales (1400 years); and Fontaines
Abbey, Ripon, Yorkshire (1200);
these instances and figures being
taken from Humboldt's "Views of
Nature."

There is no reason to doubt the
antiquity of the plane trees of Coe.
Those, "the seven brothers" of Bu-
nykudere, "the great valley" on the
Bosporus, are said to be 5000 years
old; and Darius and Xerxes may
have sat in their shade. Xerxes,
when a day's march from Sardis,
passed a plane tree so beautiful that
he presented it with golden orna-
ments and placed it in the custody
of one of his guard of "immortals,"
and the traveler, W. J. Hamilton,
found its gigantic trunk in 1835-37
still throwing out some thin leaved
branches. The fact is that the plane
tree, Platanus orientalis, has ever
been held in the highest veneration
and worship throughout anterior
Asia and the Levant.

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HOW THE YUMAS LIVE.

Their Homes and Games—The
Creption of the Dead.

The westbound train arrives at
Yuma early in the morning. Every-
where are Indians in gay garments,
and with blankets around them de-
spite the heat.

There is a small church on the
reservation, and at its side, in a
frame, an iron bell that the Catholic
priest is ringing. It takes me back
to the days of the missions.

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THE CIRCUS.

Once upon a time, a man—in Calcutta,
Hindooism,
Thought he'd like to own a circus—just
for fun.

Briggs—"The Highblowers keep
sixteen servants." Griggs—"That's
a good many people to work for."—
Judge.

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More than two million sheep are
taken in Paris in a year.

