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When a new Russian Czar is crowned he receives congratulations in more than fifty languages and twice as many dialects from his own subjects.

Advocates of the single tax have selected the State of Delaware for their propaganda and experiment, and already have a very large following.

The Journal of Insanity says that "genius oftentimes seems to have about it a touch of madness, and insanity sometimes shows streak of genius, but the relation between the two is accidental, not essential."

The worst anticipations of General Weyler's cruelty are more than fulfilled, declares the New York Tribune, by his own proclamation.

The astonishing statement that Russia is the country that will presently lead in music is made by Ysaye the famous violinist.

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A SUNSET FANCY.

To-night, as I sat at my window, While the west was all agleam With that strange and wonderful splendor That is fleeting as a dream,

A Ride to Independence.

BY FRANCIS BENT DILLINGHAM.

ELINDA came softly down the stairs and looked in at the front room where her sister was sewing.

"Oh, I don't believe I need anything extra; I shan't be cold," Belinda remonstrated.

"Yes, you will, too," Mrs. Bascom said decidedly. "You go right upstairs and get your sack."

"She's just as happy as ever," she said to herself. "It's a good deal better I didn't let John Baker hang around here."

"Why, they say that John Baker smokes, and he don't attend no church regular, so far as I can make out. That's just like Silas, exactly."

"Oh, I have had the most delightful ride!" Margaret cried, rubbing

vigorous at the handle-bar of her machine.

Belinda sighed wistfully. "What fun it must be?" she murmured.

"Oh, Belinda!" she cried, dropping the rag with which she was polishing, "get on and try it—do. I'll hold it steady."

"What if any one should see me?" she whispered, but an excited girlish light was in her eyes.

"I never tried to learn anything in my life before," she said, breathless with delight.

"Do you know what I've been thinking, Belinda? I'm going to Europe this fall, and I would be perfectly delighted to let you have my wheel while I'm gone."

"But I don't think I ought to take your wheel," Belinda protested, returning to the lesser but more polite objection.

"Now, Belinda, it would be a real comfort if you would take care of it for me. You can keep it right here at uncle's, and come and practice until you want your sister to know about it."

"Well, Belinda, you're just going to make me say it," with a tender quiver in her voice.

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ness in her slender frame that at length brought her to a safe, slow ride around the yard.

But it was long before Belinda could be tempted outside the garden gate. She was very much afraid that some body might see her, and what is a much more common fear to a novice,

One day, soon after Margaret had left, Belinda was going down the garden path on her way to her second absolutely independent ride, when Mrs. Bascom called from the window.

"Belinda," she cried, "come right back and change your dress! I declare you ain't going out lookin' that way, are you?"

"Now, Sarah," she said, "I've put on just the kind of things I want to wear, and I'm going to wear them."

"But don't you think I ought to be independent if I'm ever going to be?" Sarah took up her sewing as she turned away.

"I ain't never considered the question," she said, grimly.

It was a beautiful day, but Belinda did not once look at the clear sky and autumn woods as she rode along.

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through tears of mingled joy and pain.

"The bicycle ain't broke," said the driver; but neither Belinda nor John heard him.

"Why, your wrist is broken," John said, and he tried to get a handkerchief about it, but either because Belinda looked at him so hard or because he wished to do so pleasant a task, it took him many minutes.

"Better git in, Miss Belinda," invited the driver, lifting the bicycle to the front seat; "you can't go home if you've hurt your wrist."

"Sarah doesn't know about my riding," she whispered.

"Suppose we tell her together." The driver had just looked back to ask Belinda how much she paid for her wheel, but he turned quickly to the front again with a low whistle of surprise, though he was undoubtedly a gentleman, as his broad back thereafter testified.

"Blades of Toledo." The Spanish towns were celebrated throughout the civilized world for the excellence of their swords, and among them all Toledo stood unrivalled for the temper of her steel.

And that the completeness of the noblest weapon men ever made should not be marred by the lack of any element, natural or artificial, the fairy god-mother, Nature, contributed one more gift.

After-Effects of Grippe. No one has, up to date, been able satisfactorily to diagnose the after-effects of this remarkable epidemic.

A Remarkable Address. An Irishman in Manayunk, Penn., received a letter the other day from his sweetheart in Ireland addressed as follows: "Seville Schofield's mill office, Main street, Manayunk, Philadelphia, United States of America, in care of Mr. Edward Clegg, to give to Michael Hopkins, for Mary E., n."

Yankee Enterprise Needs Taken as a whole, Central America offers a fair field for foreign enterprise. By young men of self-dependence and sober habits, possessing a capital of from \$5,000 and a tolerable knowledge of the Spanish language, either in commerce, agriculture, or mining may be confidently relied upon, but they must avoid all interference in local politics.

Round the Hearthstones. Household necessities, cheer and comfort in winter, require the building of a cheerful, warm fire-place is a gratifying task, but the harm fire may do has been magnified.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain; cures wind colic, etc.

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