

The Girl's Story.

This is an occurrence in the life of a young girl who had a near approach to death, and of the marvelous manner in which she was rescued.

Two years ago Miss Mabel Shields was in Chicago. She was a remarkable fact about her is that she is alive to-day, living with her mother at 4646 West Congress Street, and in excellent health. Two years ago she commenced to fail, and after a long illness, including a long stay in a hospital, she was not only discouraged, but her health was fast failing. Her mother, who was not only distressed but terrified, utterly discouraged, she found a young woman who was passing a matter of great interest to her. This young woman was passing the same period of life fraught with danger and death. Shields said: "Two years ago I was in a hospital. At first I did not much attention to my falling health, but I would mend shortly. I was worse week after week till I became so ill that I was obliged to receive medical treatment. I was sent to the best hospital here for six weeks, but was not benefited. I had a terrible throbbing in my head and night; my whole system was on edge of a nervous collapse, and for I could not sleep. I then went to a physician there believed at first that I was growing in my ear, but after treatment from him some time, he told me there was no such growth, it was purely a case of extreme nervousness and had state of the blood. He was not able to give me any relief. I lost all color, had no good blood, and when I held up my hands you could almost see through them. I was so weak that I could not walk up stairs. I was completely discouraged, for the physical state I was in was deplorable. One of my friends suggested that I take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which I finally did. After having used the pills in one box I felt much better. I kept taking the pills and grew stronger each week, my nervousness decreased and I regained flesh and health. After I had taken the fifth box of pills I did not have any throbbing in my head and I was as strong as I had ever been. To-day I have a healthy color, a good appetite, and the nervousness has left me. In the last two months I have gained flesh rapidly and am in perfect health. This marvelous change in my condition is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I cannot say too much for them. That there be no doubt regarding this story, Miss Shields made affidavit before Notary Public L. L. James. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are composed of vegetable remedies that exert a powerful influence in purifying and enriching the blood. Many diseases long supposed by the medical profession to be incurable have succumbed to the potent influence of these pills. This universal remedy is sold by all druggists.

THE MEXICAN HOUSEHOLD.

It is Arranged and Conducted on an Economical and Orderly Plan.

The arrangement of furniture is much more formal than in the United States. It is a very common sight to see a splendidly-furnished parlor with a row of straight-backed chairs all alike with their backs against the wall and as close together as they can be placed clear around the room, says the Modern Mexican.

Heavy single doors, such as are used in the United States, are practically unknown in Mexican houses either at entrances or between interior rooms. All doors open in the middle and are fastened with bolts at top and bottom. Exterior doors are always fitted with glass panels, for they also serve as windows. All such doors opening on the street or open courts are fitted with solid shutters that are folded at the sides out of sight when not in use.

A good Mexican cook relieves the mistress of the house of worry and responsibility in a manner that is almost unknown in the United States. The cook is given so much a day, and with this amount she will purchase each morning all the provisions for the day, including even the staples that are usually bought in large quantities in other countries. On a dollar a day a cook will provide a very good table for a family of three or four, and get enough beans and tortillas and chile to set the servants' table besides. They can really do better than their mistresses, because they can usually drive sharper bargains with the marketmen of their own class, and they have more patience to haggle over the last penny.

HEROISM OF FISHERMEN.

From Portland to New Orleans Our Harbors Are Full of Viking Spirited Men.

Mr. Herbert D. Ward contributes to the Century a paper devoted to "Heroes of the Deep," in which he says:

"It is always with a vague regret that we read the sagas and are thrilled by the vikings' exploits. It seems as if the deeds of daring had gone by forever, and as if the heroes of the deep were a myth of the past. Absorbed in the Norse romance, we forget that the vikings were only pirates, and that they dared for slaughter and for booty. If the Gloucester of to-day had only existed then, what heroic saga would it not have inspired! For to risk life for glory, or riches, or rescue, or love is in the heart of every man to do; but to risk life for a bare existence, for other people's profit and for an anonymous end partakes of that commonplace sublimity which does not form the favorite plot of poets, although once in awhile it is the subject of a daily paragraph.

"For the vikings are not dead. From Portland to New Orleans our harbors are full of them. They lounge upon our wharves and we do not recognize them. They loiter on our streets and we know them not. But if there is a more modest, unconscious or braver fellow than Jack the Fisherman our eyes have yet to rest upon his face. He is the hardest and most daring, the best sailor in the world to-day. Any continental kingdom would give its wealth to possess him for its defense. He is the envy of every maritime nation. Has he no value for us, beyond the halibut and the cod, the haddock and the cusk?"

BLIND PEOPLE IN SPAIN.

The Number Is Very Large and There Is No Effort to Reduce It.

The large proportion of blind people in Spain has attracted attention since the beginning of the present century. The subject is again brought up by an article by Privy Councillor Hirschberg in the German Medical Weekly giving the results of his recent observation in Spain, where he attended the hygienic congress. He says the streets of Madrid swarm with blind beggars; the further south he went the more blind he met. The proportion in Spain as given in the census of 1860 is 11 to 10,000, against eight to nine in Germany, France and England; but that figure is considered undoubtedly false by continental authorities. More recent figures give 14.8. The chief causes of blindness in Spain are inflammation of the eyes of infants, granulation and smallpox. The widespread fatalistic attitude of the sick, the lack of governmental oversight and the small attention paid to disease of the eye operate to increase the number of the blind in Spain. There is not a single public eye hospital in Spain, according to Dr. Hirschberg; only wards in general hospitals and private institutions. Instruction in diseases of the eye is neglected in the medical schools, though there is hope that the new medical faculty in Barcelona, which has been organized within two years, may work an improvement in ophthalmology in Spain.

Mrs. Cleveland and Her Little Girls.
A close friend of Mrs. Cleveland's tells this story of her in an anecdotal biography of the former mistress of the white house in the Ladies' Home Journal: "Mrs. Cleveland used to be somewhat sensitive over the general regret so freely expressed before the birth of the last child that there was no boy in the family. It seemed to her to imply a lack of appreciation of her three little girls. A friend, who is married and has a son, visited the white house one day, and when the children were brought in she exclaimed: 'What a pity they are all girls!' Quick as a flash Mrs. Cleveland knelt, put her arms about the children and retorted: 'That shows that you do not know how nice little girls are.'"

How He Could Be Used.
"Did you see the story of the man whose skull is so hard that it flattens bullets?"
"No; but if there is such a man he'd better look out."
"Why?"
"He'd be kidnaped by the Spaniards and used for fortifications. They don't seem to have discovered anything of that character yet."—Chicago Post.

Past Sin Rose Before Him.
Husband—I dreamed last night that I was single and was courting you again.
Wife—Did you propose in the dream?
Husband—Yes; I proposed before I knew what I was doing, and when I saw what I had done it scared me so that I woke up in a fearful sweat.
—N. Y. World.

Unfortunate Girl.
Of course all the other freaks in the museum were sorry for her.
"Too bad," they said. "She misses half the fun."
"What's the matter?" asked the curious visitor.
"She's being courted by the armless wonder," they explained.—Chicago Post.

More Fatal Than Spanish Bullets.
Oh, think of the hosts without no. Who are slain by the deadly cuco. It is a mistake To rashly partake And it leads to an eternal sio.
—N. Y. Truth.

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES.



"Well, Mrs. Hoolie, you're the first of my patients that has ever complained about my treatment."
"Oh, doctor, dear! but ye didn't give me none of 'em a chance to complain."—Aly Sloper.

Paradoxical.
By some freak of fortune, I haven't got a cent; And the rent in my trousers Will not pay the rent.
—Chicago Daily News.

It Depends.
"Is the crying of an infant in the night," asked the newest boarder, "a call to arms?"
"Sometimes," admitted the Cheerful Idiot. "And again it may be only a bottle cry. It all depends."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Nester Gender.
Mrs. De Sour (angrily)—I want you to keep your dog out of my house, Mrs. De Smart. It's full of fleas.
Mrs. De Smart—Mercy on me! Fido! Come here, sir! Don't you go into that house again. It's full of fleas.—N. Y. Weekly.

Scientific Note.
Browne—When were electric lights first made?
Towne—When Noah chased all the animals out of the ark.
Browne—What do you mean?
Towne—Well, didn't he make the ark light?—N. Y. Journal.

More Than Enough.
Will—So Miss Lightley refused you, eh? Did she give you any reason for doing so?
Ned—Yes; two of them.
Will—What were they?
Ned—Myself and another fellow.—Chicago Daily News.

What Killed the Goat.
Visitor—An' plwere is the goat, Mrs. Murphy?
Mrs. Murphy—Sure, an' he's dead these thray days, bad cess to th' divil as gave the poor crayther wan o' thim war extrys!—N. Y. Truth.

A Blow to Sentiment.
"Dearest, do you sit up late at night reading over and over my love letters to you?"
"I would, Henry, but the truth is, they put me to sleep."—Detroit Free Press.

Total Abstinence.
Dyspeptic—Dr. Smith forbids water at mealtime, and Dr. Jones prohibits it between meals. Whose advice would you take?
The Count—Both.—Brooklyn Life.

Partners in Crime.
"Did he write this book all by himself?"
"Not exactly. He collaborated with a case of whisky."—Town Topics.

A New Definition.
"Pa," asked little Reggie, "what does this paper mean by the lull before the storm?"
"Some poor fellow's honeymoon, I suppose."—Tit-Bits.

Its Important Mission.
He—What is the use of the bridal veil, anyhow?
She—Why, it prevents the man seeing that the woman is laughing at him.
—Yonkers Statesman.

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