

THE MAGICAL DOOR.

There's a door in the wall of the ages—
A door that no man sees;
For the Angel who writes in the Book of Time...

"STRANGER THAN FICTION"

BY HELEN FOREST GRAVES.

MR. TUCKER set down the milking-pail with an emphasis that made the pearly fluid spatter up into her face.
"Here," said she, "didn't I always tell you so?"

"I was calculating to store my pumpkins an' cabbages there; but of course if you've took a notion to the place—"
"Father sold the farm to you, Mr. Tucker," said she, "and it's my business to see that the transaction is legal. Aunt Rucy is coming back."

"What does she mean?" asked Harry Wait.
"Mother that has been dead and buried these fifteen years."
"Isn't that a little old woman—just there by the old well? We never could get Eben to put up a curb there, and sister Sarah was always afraid somethin' would happen."



THE SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM.

The wife of a celebrated Englishman is solving her servant girl problem in a way that has been often recommended but seldom tried on a large scale.

THE RUSSIAN LADY.

The great want of the Russian lady seems to be something congenial to occupy her time. She finds no pleasure in needlework, nor in walking abroad, lawn tennis, or any active pursuit whatever.

OLD LACES THE RAGE.

As for laces, never was there such a ransacking of old stores. One of the recently developed industries of 'lady workers at home' is the mending of fine old laces, and they have many young society ladies for pupils.

EVENING COIFFURES.

The blushing bud wears her tresses parted straight down the centre, slightly waved, and coiled or braided low in the neck.

THE NEW YEAR IN JAPAN.

The Japanese New Year comes at the same time as ours, but instead of celebrating but one day, the Japanese observe the first three days of January.

THE EXPENSE OF COLLECTING JEWELS.

The expense of collecting precious stones is great, and yet fashionable women have developed a fashion for this sort of thing, and are said to make heroic sacrifices in order to gratify the new whim.

THE WHISTLING GIRL.

The whistling girl does not commonly come to a bad end. Quite as often as any other girl she learns to whistle a cradle song, low and sweet and charming, to the young voter in the cradle.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

CELLARS NOT GOOD FOR APPLES.

Cellars, and especially those under the living rooms of houses, are generally kept much too warm to preserve apples in good condition.

HOME-MADE WINDOW SHADES.

"We weren't living exactly sixty miles from a lemon," but we were living a good way from any place, and when it came to fitting up a house, we were amazed at the number of windows which required shades, and the small supply of material on hand.

FASHION NOTES.

Pink and black is a very stylish combination. Watches look like flowers, and may be pinned on the bodice like a real flower.

ANTIQUE SNUFFBOXES AND ARTISTIC BON-BONNIERES.

Antique snuffboxes and artistic bonbonnières are used on writing tables to hold pens. Oblong stamp boxes of silver have slabs of onyx in the top.

TOILET MUGS OF SILVER.

Toilet mugs of silver are the latest. They are tall, flaring and without handles. The only ornamentation is at the base in a repousse band or slight festoons.

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