

LITTLE HOUSE O' DREAMS.

Little house with windows wide
A-looking toward the sea!
How have you come—why have you come
To mean so much to me?

The Beetle of the Mandarin

By Vera L. Connolly.

John Harriman, American Consul at Shanghai, lay back in his chair and stretched his feet toward the blaze. Without, the snow fell ceaselessly. Its large, whirling flakes settled on the sedan chairs, the wheels of the rickshas and the shoulders of the coolies.

half-open peach, in which a child nestled. Every feature of the infant's face was perfectly represented; the peach itself was without a flaw, and all of it was no larger than a marble. "Beautiful!" Harriman stepped to the light and examined it. Song Wen quietly named the auction price. "Sell it to me now?"

"Dealer. Kill!" Turning, he ran down the street. Behind him he heard his pursuers, as their wooden shoes clattered on the rough cobbles. He heard their insane howling. "Kill. Yahi! Kill!" He shuddered and ran faster, his head down and his arms swinging.

The Men Who Had Money but Lost It

By Orison Swett Marden.

PROMINENT New York lawyer of wide experience says that, in his opinion, ninety-nine out of every hundred of those who make money or inherit it, lose it, sooner or later. How many thousands of good, honest men and women there are in this country who have worked very hard and all sorts of sacrifices of comfort and luxury in order to lay up something for the future, and yet have reached middle life or later without having anything to show for it; many of them, indeed, finding themselves without a home or any probability of getting one, without property or a cent of money laid by for sickness, for the inevitable emergency, or for their declining years!

Good and Bad Features of International Marriages

The Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur.

RECENT newspaper reports of married troubles between titled foreigners and American women who have become their wives fill the hearts of all true Americans with mingled pity and humiliation. That some of these marriages are most happy is quite certain; some of them, without the slightest doubt, are true love matches. There is also political, financial, and social gain at times in these international marriages. Some American women have exercised much political influence in Great Britain and in other countries beyond the sea.

A Friendly Deadlock

Ey J. O. Fagan.

WHEN people are killed, when property is wrecked, when there is nothing to say. It is for the management to figure out reasons and remedies. Of course, as individuals, we are interested and sorry when accidents happen, but personally we do not bestir ourselves, nor do we call upon our organizations to bestir themselves in the matter. We simply stand pat on our rights. If a prominent railroad man is questioned on the subject of railroad accidents, he will shrug his shoulders and say, "Human nature." So far as he is concerned, railroad men are to be protected, not criticized. If you turn to the management your errand will be equally fruitless. The superintendent will have little to say. Generally speaking, he has no fault to find with the men, and the men have little fault to find with him. This seems to be a tacit understanding in the interests of harmony. It being impossible to move without treading on somebody's toes, by all means let us remain motionless. As for the public interests, they must shift for themselves. Consequently, in place of earnest co-operation in the interests of efficiency and improved service, there is something in the nature of a friendly deadlock between men and management.—The Atlantic.