

A log won't burn alone! The flame grows less, the hearth is dark, Low sings the sap in crooning tone...

A life can't glow, alone is The smile seems sad, the senses start, The will lies useless, limp and prone...

—Bosco H. Lathrop, in Independent.

A WOMAN'S HEART.

BY JENNY WIEN.



GREAT many people who had nothing better to do began to wonder why Miss Sewell did not marry...

Young Mr. Bonsart dines with us to-day, Mabel, my dear. Have an extra cover laid, said her father one morning.

"I am afraid I shall have to run away again if so onerous a task devolves upon me. However, I expect a houseful of friends next month...

"I was so impatient, I feared you were not coming to-day." "Aunt always is delayed, you know; but I did not mean to be disappointed."

But a look of pain crept into the beautiful eyes, a change in her manner, a coldness, a dignity which became Miss Sewell well, who was unlike the Mabel who had met and welcomed the traveler on his return.

Not so could she escape the little white-robed figure which crept, night after night, to her door, which would nestle before the fire at her feet and claim admission to her heart...

"He has not betrayed it, I assure you. But come, if you want any roses left for to-morrow, you must bid me good-night."

Slowly the curtain was descending when her eyes caught what none other had seen, a spark of red, which any motion might fan into flames...

"You are hurt, Mabel!" an anxious voice said. "My darling, how brave, how noble you were."

been crime. Philip still was beside her, and at the memory of his words a burning flush, half joy, half pain, rose to her face.

"You are forgetting Miss Laurence's claims upon you, Mr. Bonsart." "Claims upon me! I know of none, save that she is an old playfellow and engaged to my nearest and dearest friend, at present on service abroad."

"Ah, Mabel, did you not know there was but one Queen Rose in all the world's garden for me, and now that I have plucked it—how royally I will guard it—how proudly wear it, all the world shall see!"

Relics of a Lost Race Discovered. A lady whose home is in the south of France writes of a visit she made recently to an island on the coast of Brittany.

This extended some distance, and its floor, sides and roof were made of immense flat pieces of stone, covered with hieroglyphs and figures.

The Ordinary Vocabulary. How many words are included in the vocabulary of ordinary persons? Professor Max Muller thinks a farm laborer would not have more than 300 words in actual use.

A Disappearing Peak. The mountain of Iebel Naibo, near Bona, Algeria, is an object of great geological interest. Its height is rapidly diminishing, a cavity has formed entirely around its base.

The Latest Novelty in Ladies' Coats.



The above represent two entirely novel coats, and one of those delightful scarfs which are just now the rage in Paris, and which (with the two coats) are among the latest novelties.

Fashion in Hair Dressing.

There have not been for years so many charming ways of arranging feminine locks as to-day. With a skillful maid even a homely woman who has a reasonably good complexion can be made to look almost handsome.



FOUR WAYS OF DRESSING THE HAIR.

A Boy That Weighs 282 Pounds.

Wentzville, Mo., has a curiosity in the shape of a boy twelve years old,



AGE, 12 YEARS; WEIGHT, 282 POUNDS.

who is five feet seven inches in height, and weighs 282 pounds. The boy's name is Johnny Wade, and he is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Wade.

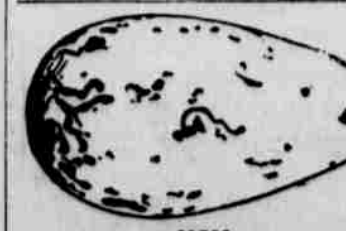
An Extraordinary Egg.

The purchase of the Great Auk's egg by Sir Vanecey Crewe, for \$1500, has created much interest. Once on a time the bird was so plentiful that sailors used to be fed on it.



THE GREAT AUK.

present, all we have left of this fine bird are seventy-nine or eighty-one skins, ten skeletons, and detached bones of from 121 to 131 birds.



THE \$1500 EGG.

to Yarell, the great ornithologist, who bought it from a Bolognese fisherman for two francs. It was sold, on Yarell's death, to Mr. Bond, the naturalist, and passed with his collection, in 1876, to Baron Louis d'Hamonville.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

HOW TO BUY BIRDS.

Purchasers of dressed fowls should always insist on having birds with the feet on. An old gobbler or gander can be made to renew his apparent youth by cutting off his head and feet and carefully dressing the body...

IT IS WELL TO REMEMBER.

That it is true economy to save strength. That to this end women should have in their kitchens every convenience to make work light and save steps.

A PECULIAR CLEANSING FLUID.

Two solid bodies—one of them yellow, sulphur, and the other black, carbon—unite under certain circumstances and form a colorless and very volatile liquid called bisulphide of carbon, that must be handled with great precaution, on account of its being so inflammable.

RECIPES.

Horse Radish Sauce—Two tea-spoonsful of made mustard, two tea-spoonsful powdered sugar, half a tea-spoonful of salt, one gill of vinegar. Mix and pour over grated horse-radish. This makes an excellent sauce for roast beef.