

THE STREAM'S SOLILOQUY.

Some say that I'm a babbler and I chatter on my way, O'er the sands through many lands with heart of stone.

TOO CAUTIOUS.

BY S. T.

There was a sad group of ladies gathered in the parlor of a pretty house on the outskirts of the town of Topham.

Why won't clients put such papers in proper keeping instead of clinging to them as if they were life-preservers?

"Well," cried Bessie, "if impudence can reach a sublimer height than that I am mistaken."

"Oh, Aunt Mattie, give the bedding to old Peggy! She will be delighted. The blankets are soft and fine and the sheets all clean."

Faithfully and patiently she endured the monotony of her life, the caprices of her patient's temper, the fatigue of nursing, till death claimed the invalid and released her.

It was well known in Topham that this heir was by no means the one to whom the uncle desired to leave his property.

The young heir-at-law had been on ill terms with his uncle for years, being a spendthrift, a gambler and a man addicted to drinking, heartlessly indifferent to his uncle's sufferings and laughing boisterously when the lawyer proposed to him to make some compensation to Miss Mattie for her services.

"You are sure you have searched faithfully for the will?" he asked. "Quite sure."

May in chorus. "Oh, Peggy, did you find one?"

"Yes, dears, I can't read myself, but here it is."

And from the folds of her shawl Peggy drew forth a large folded document, indorsed in round legal hand on the back:

"Last will and testament of William Oldfield."

Aunt Mattie sat down and cried softly. Bessie danced around like an insane Indian, and May, seizing a hat, darted off to Lawyer O'Byrne.

"How did you find it?" Bessie cried at last, when she was exhausted with her solitary dance.

"Well, dears," said the old woman, "I've been waiting till the warm days to empty the mattresses, for they were wonderfully comfortable for my old bones in the winter, and so today I ripped them open, as Mick Calloran said he'd give a fair price for the hair and fill them up again with husk."

"It is the will, sure enough," said the lawyer. "And so Mr. Oldfield wanted you to burn the bed and bedding! H'm! I shouldn't wonder if he was afraid of this very discovery."

The house was cleaned and purified and once more given over to Aunt Mattie's quiet rule and the happy occupancy of the twin sisters, who gladly gave up sewing and teaching to join in the social pleasures of Topham.

Every day the Thames scoops out of its banks 150 tons of matter, or half a million tons a year.

The laborers who built the pyramids did not work under such disadvantages as have long been attributed to them.

The fact that Dreyfus was a Jew furnishes a key to the mysteries of the case, celebrated in the newspapers.

Quiet Topham was scandalized and sighed over the days when the dissipated nephew was a far-away disgrace for mild gossip, but there seemed to be no help for the trouble.

"Miss Mattie, I want to see." "You are just in time, then. There's the noon bell ringing, and here comes Aunt Mattie and May to help about dinner."

THE REALM OF FASHION.

New York City (Special).—Mauve drap d'ete, velvet of a darker shade, white corded taffeta and irregular insertion are stylishly united in the charming waist here illustrated. The



A CHARMING WAIST.

pretty bodice decoration of velvet is finished separately and applied over the completed waist. It may be used as an accessory, for other waists may be worn with low pompadour neck and short sleeves for evening dress.

Outdoor coats of bright blue cloth cut with long, pointed back and ornamented with stitched bands of cloth and gilt buttons are called Municipal Guard coats by the Parisiennes, who are wearing them with dress skirts of tan or white cloth.

WOMAN'S ETON JACKET. This skirt can be made up in two different ways. The flounce and front gore may be joined to the circular portion and the trimming applied over the edge.

A Beautiful Costume. A beautiful barege creation is in very light gray over white satin. It is trimmed with bands of white satin and white lace insertion.

Two peasants, man and wife, lately made their appearance at the Vatican, bearing a letter of introduction to an official.

with crystal buttons. The chemisette is of white mousseline de soie.

A Picturesque Tea Gown. A picturesque tea gown of lace over white chiffon has a long mantle of Lyons lace caught in a point at the back of the neck, and angel-sleeves flowing from beneath transparent lace ones.

Coats For Outdoor Wear. Outdoor coats of bright blue cloth cut with long, pointed back and ornamented with stitched bands of cloth and gilt buttons are called Municipal Guard coats by the Parisiennes, who are wearing them with dress skirts of tan or white cloth.

To Have a Glimmering Gown. If you want to have your new gown cling and hang in the most approved fashion, wear a divided skirt of soft taffeta or China silk.

Pretty Boleros. Boleros of rennaissance lace are a feature in dress and are very effective over the soft nuns' veilings and crepes de chine.



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WOMAN'S CIRCULAR SKIRT.

"He Who Pursues Two Hares Catches Neither."

Said a well known young man about town, "I tried for years to burn the candle at both ends, in the pursuit of pleasure while trying to attend to business. My blood, stomach and kidneys got into a wretched state and it seemed that I could not carry the burden any longer."

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To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Thought He Was Satan. Upon one of his professional visits to Washington, the late lamented Herrmann, the magician and prestidigitator, almost caused a stampede among the ignorant colored people.

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