

PURPLE LILACS.

By MINNA IRVING.

A pretty maiden rose one day
Ere day began to glow,
And in the amber brook washed out
Her lilac calico.

A look, a kiss, a word, away
They went by tower and town,
She followed him across the sea,
And so forgot her gown.

-Lippincott's.

EVERY INCH A MAN



HOW she ever came to join
the society was as great a
mystery to herself as to her
friends. Of course, a lovers'
quarrel was at the bottom
of it all.

When Sibly Cathcart found herself
fully installed into the sisterhood of the
Spinsters' Society, she began to rumi-
nate as to whether, after all, she had
acted wisely. True, he had been seen
leaving the theatre with another woman,
and what made matters worse was the
fact that the other woman was young
and pretty.

at least as an inferior, because he's a
man, you know."
Sibly ran down stairs and threw open
the door. She had intended asking his
business in a civil but firm manner.
Instead she drew back with a start.

Before two more days had passed
the Spinsters' Society were acquainted
with the worst. The members were
not afraid of the opposite sex, antagonistic
though they might be, but they had
to acknowledge a terror of the law.

"We're goin', miss," said the cook,
shortly.
"Going? Where?"
"Ome; anywhere out of this 'ere
'ouse. We b'ain't agoin' to run all over
the place for a man like that, an'
knowin' there's no wages for us. You
be all as poor as church mice, an' the
funniest set of females as we've a-seen,
barrin' yourself, miss. Our chaps is
waitin' for us outside, so wiv our best
respects to you, miss, we'll git out."

Dr. Wada, chief surgeon of the Japanese
Navy, has given a correspond-
ent the following details in regard to
shimose, the secret explosive used by
the Japanese. Dr. Wada had twenty-
four of the worst cases after they had
been aboard the Pascal for four days
and where most of the fragments had
already been extracted.

"It is true that somnambulists and
drunkards, when they fall, are not so
apt to hurt themselves as you or I," an
actor said. "There is a reason for this,
too.
"The reason lies in a certain perfect
limpness or relaxation of the muscles,
that accompanies the fall of somnamb-
ulists and drunkards. They fall un-
consciously, without fear. They make
no convulsive effort and strain to save
themselves.

JAPAN'S DEADLY EXPLOSIVE

SHIMOSE DID TERRIBLE DAMAGE
IN THE CHEMULPHO
FIGHT.

HERE has been much de-
bate on the question as to
whether the projectiles
which caused so many
casualties among the crew
of the Russian cruiser Variag off
Chemulpho, at the outbreak of the
war were shrapnel or high explosive
shells. The Russians are divided in
opinion. The French and Italian officers
aboard the cruisers Pascal and
Eba are of the opinion that little if
any shrapnel was used. The British
officers who were aboard the Talbot
think that most of the havoc was due
to shrapnel.

Dr. Wada did not find a larger fragment
than the one described. There were
no indications of shrapnel. He de-
scribed how on decks made slippery
with blood he saw small bits of flesh
and bone scattered everywhere. He
stumbled over an arm here and a leg
there. He saw men with their abdom-
ens carried away and the flesh torn
off their bodies. Nothing but a high
explosive shell, he said, could have
caused such effects.

LABORER TO MILLIONAIRE IN A DAY
Career, Well Nigh Unapproachable, of
Mexico's Richest Man.

As a profession mining offers more
chances for sudden wealth than any
other, and this is exemplified in the
case of a Mexican miner, Pedro Alvar-
do, who owns a mine at Parral, in the
State of Chihuahua. He is about
fifty years old, and comes from the
peon, or lowest laboring class, the
ability of whose members to write
their own names is remarkable. For
years this man was a mine laborer,
working for fifty cents (Mexican silver)
a day; illiterate, unthinking and in com-
mon with the rest of his kind, he had
no ambition beyond the making of
enough money to keep body and soul
together.

Female Fishhawk Guarded Her Mate.
Complaints are made of the shooting
and attempted shooting of fishhawks
in the town of Bristol, and people
near whose homes the hawk's nest are
very much incensed because of the
killing of one fishhawk recently, on
the land of Dr. H. M. Howe at Ferry
Hill, and the wounding of another of
the birds on the shore, near the resi-
dence of Edward Anthony.

Humor of Today

All Correct.
An antiseptic baby lived on antiseptic
milk;
His clothes were antiseptic, made of anti-
septic silk.
In antiseptic carriages he rode, with time
to spare.
He had an antiseptic nurse, breathed anti-
septic air;
And though upon this mundane sphere he
did not long abide,
They placed him in an antiseptic coffin
when he died.
-Smart Set.

The General Manager of a big ANN
street establishment late Saturday af-
ternoon looked around the deserted
office, carefully inspected the inside of
his hat before putting it on, called for
the porter to make doors and shutters
secure, and, accompanied by a belated
customer, started for Park Row.

JIMMY ATHLETIC.

The third assistant office boy," re-
plied the General Manager, a note of
joy in his voice. "He's gone at last,
and I don't think he'll come back."

"I was lucky to catch you this after-
noon. You must have been detained."



Careless Artist.

"Do you think you can draw that
ball the length of the table?"
"I'll have to, I suppose. But I don't
see why the artist didn't draw it back
there to begin with."-Chicago Tri-
bune.