

A PARABLE OF THE GATES.

"How shall man surely save his soul?" "Was sunset by the Jordan. Gates of light were closing, and the whole vast heaven hung darkened as the fates. "How shall man surely save his soul?" he said.

POOR THING!

BY EMMA C. HEWITT.

I was tired, oh, so tired and cross; oh, so very cross! I leave it to you if I had not good reason! It wasn't poor dear Charlie's fault, oh, dear no! and I didn't blame him one mite, but I leave it to you, if the circumstances were not very irritating.

you'll get me the step-ladder, I'll clean the silver!" "The desired article was brought. "Shall I help you get it down, mem?" "No, no, I'll do it myself. The table cloth up here, and I can reach them down, one by one. How I hate the nasty job!" I added irritably.

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

A LONG-LEGS WANT.

Store clerk—Books of travel? Yes, sir. Here is something just out. "How to See Europe on Fifty Cents a Day."

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A POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE.

Wife (to her husband)—When you are down town, John, step into the store and buy me some scouring soap; there isn't a bit in the house.

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HER GROUNDLESS FEARS.

Clara (with emotion)—George, are you sure you will always love me?

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POPULAR WOMEN.

Miss Longpurse—Why, of course, Helen of Troy was beautiful. Do you suppose there would have been a twenty-year war over her if she hadn't been beautiful?

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KEEPING UP APPEARANCES.

Husband (suddenly waking up at dead of night)—What in the world was that noise?

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A POWERFUL MAN.

"The blacksmith is the only artisan who can create an animate being," remarked Mr. Shattuck.

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VERY ANNOYING.

Fastleigh—I am nearly worried to death by my creditors.

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A SUCCESS.

Doctor—Did the poulitice I put on that boil draw well?

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IN THE EXCITEMENT.

Miss Gotham—Why did you reject him?

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GREATER THAN A BOON.

"You are very proud of yourself, I think, chappie."

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A FAINT HOPE.

Miss Artiste—I am so fond of painting! Indeed, I may say that I am wedded to my art.

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TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

Single Man—Poor George! He fell in love with a beautiful girl who cared nothing for him, and he has finally gone crazy.

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A DULL TIME.

Deck Lounger—What makes the captain of that steamboat so glum?

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A SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR.

Returned Tourist—By the way, Mrs. De Beanti, I have not seen your charming daughter since my return.

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A TERRAPIN FARM.

A terrapin farm is described by the Fernandina (Fla.) News. It is an enclosure of twenty feet square, one-half of it filled with loose sand and a tank occupying the rest of the space.

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A LONG-LIVED RACE.

Rumorse—Who says beer isn't healthy? Look at the Germans!

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A DECISION REACHED.

"Tis true she is rather antique, and the bloom is all blown from her cheeks."

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NOT "SELECT" ENOUGH.

"Are you going to the Van Twiller's tea on the 16th?"

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PERSIFLAGE IN THE VOID.

"I'm no coward," said the Earth.

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INSTRUCTION IN ROAD MAKING.

The Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has accepted an offer of General Albert A. Hope of this city to contribute such sums of money as the institution may need during the next five years.

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Black Friday.

The stock panic was September 22, 1899. On the 23rd gold was sent up to 144. Commodore James Fisk, Jr., and the Hon. John Morrissy were leading operators.

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A BRILLIANT SCHEME.

Hostess—Dear me, the conversation is flagging. What can we do to amuse our guests?

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WHERE LARDERS ARE FULL.

Young Tramp—Let's break into the kitchen of that big house to-night, and get something to eat.

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SHIPS OF ALUMINUM.

The report that aluminum, the new metal, can be produced for one-third the existing cost, is welcome news.

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UMBRELLAS FASHIONABLE IN CONGO.

No article sent out to the Congo State, where there are 40,000 of people and a number of small potentates, is so popular and sells so readily for a large sum as the huge, gay umbrellas of which Brussels now produces tons every year.

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MIGHT NOW, IN THE CEMETERY.

County Treasurer (to tourist)—No, sir! We do not have colonies in this part of Kansas.

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