

THE WINTER FIRE.

Adown the valley, through the fields, The twilight forces rise, Day sultry and slowly yields; Not so this sunset skies.

THE MANGOLDS.

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"There's nothing against the Mangolds as I know of," the jolly storekeeper at the Rock Prairie settlement remarked, "but it's plain they don't amount to much."

and I'll go to the store. I ain't afraid." In a few minutes the emigrant was on the road toward the Mangold cabin with Clive, while Joe, his comrade just a little wadded by the appearance of the still darkening sky, was riding rapidly in the other direction.

"And the little fellow," he asked, "how is he?" "Much better," said Mrs. Mangold. "His father will leave him here and come back in the summer to get him. It will be safer for him to travel then."

THE JOKER'S BUDGET. HER HOME-MADE BREAD. Young Man—Doctor, you have been attending me for a week, and I am worse than I was at the start.

AFTER MAIL THIEVES. HOW INSPECTORS FERRET OUT DEPREDATORS. A Few Interesting Cases—A Mail Thief is Almost Sure to be Caught—A Thieving Rodent.

Decay of the Boy Bootblacks. Some fifteen years ago boys nearly monopolized the bootblacking business in New York, as they do in London and Paris to-day.

Tarantulas. The tarantula is found in the old world as well as in the new. It belongs to the hot, dry, sandy plains of Arizona, and to all similar lands in all parts of the world.