

ENVIRONMENT.

This earth, where so mysteriously we came... Our fortunes, the willows and ferns too well... Our foolish frailty or pliancy proclaim...

THAT PRETTY LITTLE SIMPLETON.

BY VIRGIE F. HARRIS.

What a silly little thing she was, but how pretty! All smiles and dimples, rosy cheeks and fluffy brown hair...

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"I mean that a girl as young and beautiful as yourself, as well-born and as well-bred, has been reduced to a dreadful poverty..."

"No, Dr. Heathcote. We were not able to follow your prescription fully. The wine you sent mother was of great benefit to her..."

"Oh, the heartless rich! The cold, heartless rich!" "More thoughtless than heartless, I think, Dr. Heathcote..."

"We are such strangers to you, I would not have presumed..." "Strangers? He laughed! Excuse me, Helen..."

"Your mother's life depends upon timely aid. You and I can have our reckoning by and by..."

"I knew she was a heroine?" I said, as I slipped Philip the bag. "Mrs. Trevor remained with the Garisons until Philip and Helen returned..."

"The fan answers many purposes other than for the cooling of its wielder, but few appreciate the fact that it can be made an effective agent for pneumonia..."

"I then politely requested Miss Garrison to accompany me to see a patient who was very low, who knew her, and in whom she would be interested..."

"What Chaff is For." The chaff which surrounds all kinds of grain has very important economic uses. In its wild state this chaff saves the seed from exposure to weather...

"The Horse-Power of Whales." Sir William Turner, the present eminent professor of anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has given much attention to the study of whales...

"Not Lovers of Display." The utmost simplicity is said to characterize the daily life of the President of the French Republic, although on State occasions both M. and Mme. Carnot organize their entertainments in far more regal style than any of their predecessors..."

"I should smile, get m' pockets full." "Lend me a V, will you?" "Oh, I can't say; it's all in \$1 bills..."

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

Not Quoted Correctly—Before and After—No Leisure—No Money to Lend—More Likely, Etc., Etc.

Before Philip left with his wife he told me, at Helen's request, what he told no one else—the story of their poverty and separation...

"I'll wait until you are at leisure," said a caller to the editor. "I'm afraid I'll be no use to you when I'm dead," replied the editor.—[Epoch.]

"Hello, old chappie! Been makin' money lately?" "I should smile, get m' pockets full." "Lend me a V, will you?"

"No, she snapped. 'I won't go to ride with Col. Jones.'" "Why not, my dear? He is a perfect gentleman, and..."

"Tommy—I didn't eat half enough supper." "Bessie—What did you have for supper?" "Tommy—Company.—[Puck.]

"Mr. Breezy—Our son Jack is getting altogether too large for a youngster." "Mrs. Breezy—Oh, well, the child is father to the man, you know!"

"In her brown eyes her woman's soul shines radiant as the dawn, if we but meet, my self-control is gone." "Her low, sweet brow, her soft, brown hair, her beauty make complete..."

"Let's go up to the Dime Museum and see the picnic party." "Why, don't you know? The picnic party that came home on a barge the other night and didn't sing on their way home..."

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Young Father (in the future)—Grease! Snakes! Can't you do something to quiet that baby? Its eternal squalling just drives me wild.

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SELECTIONS.

Young Mother (calmly to servant)—Marie, bring in my husband's mother's photograph and put in the cylinder marked 'At Ten Months.' I want him to hear how his voice sounded when he was young.—[New York Weekly.]

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