BEFORE THE BLOSSOM. ssel time of s e's the only song to sing; re the ranks of solid shade e the bluebird's flitting wing, hile in open forest glade mysterious sound or thing aunt of green has found or made, e's the only song to sing. Though in May each bush be dressed Like a bride, and every nest Learn Love's joyous repetend. Like a bride, and every nest Learn Love's joyous repetend Yet the half told tale is best At the budding—with its end Much too secret to be guessed At the budding—with its en Much too secret to be guessed And its fancies that attend April's passion unexpressed

April's passion unexpression Love and Nature communing Gave us Aready. Still ring— Vales across and groves among— Visitui memories, echoing Paris' faroff and fluty song. Poet, nothing harsher sing. Be, like Love and Nature, young In the tasseltime of spring. —Hobert X, Johnson.

## A STRUGGLIN CHIEL.

A STRUGGLIN CHIEL. It's a' aboot my ainsel', when I was yet ' auld Dunblane. Fayther's wee bit o' a cottage was by the noo famous cathe-frait ruins that are visited by tourists frae a' parts. Some auld beeches pro-ter's cauld, an we were vera hopy the-gither afore oor separation. But we were sase puir i' those far back days! Mother wore the same manteele year after year, an fayther's claes an min-were always o' raploch, a vera coarse cloth. Yet oor chimla lug was a warm spot an I hae na seen its equal sin'. Fay-the was simply unlucky, an mither an me offen suffered ' consequence. Sao ivor did I blame my parents for it. But 'had my ain way to mak', an I sume re-solved that I wad gae to Edinburgh to mak' it. But puir mither wasaw its. "Better bide at hame, hadie," she wad viberer and ana fret." "But we'l a' be starvin, 'I wad argue 's turn. 'Better let me gang awa' is ersten o' siller." "No. Joele" Sae, though I secretly rebelled, I still staid i' the audh home, wi' little ot gat

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poet Burns' gude friend, Dr. Blacklock." "I dinnt kam. I fear na," I returned. "I am juist the son o' my fayther, James Blacklock, an he is Dunblane born." "How wad you like to gae to Edin-burgh?" he speirt next. My heert gied a great boun. "It's the ane wish o' my life!" I cried. The old haird smiled. "Ane o' my friens there is a banker. He needs an honest had o' your ain age, an you shall hae the place as sume as you wish." I fell on my knees i' gratitude, but he bid me rise at ance. "Hae you a mither, Jock?" he speirt again. "Aye, my laird." burgh. My hee wisb

Jock? he speirt again. "Aye, my hird." "Then tak' me to her an we'll arrange aboot the Edinburgh matter." I led the way to oor cottage wi' falter-ing footstep. I had lied to fayther aboot the "pebble," an how could I confess it a' to mither? She met us at the door-stane wi' wond'rin een, courtesyin low, as was her humble fashion. "I am Laird Kinross," the auld noble-man began. "Your son Jock foun an re-stored to me the diamond I had lost, an".—

and awa to Exhibiting with your con-sent."
Fayther leukt at mither, mither leukt at fayther, an then they baith leukt at Laird Kinross. But I couldna leuk ane o' them i' the een, because o' yestreen's falschood.
"Ye want Jock?" he stammered. "Oor puir, weak Jock. Ye wad trust him aifter a?"
"Yes," said Laird Kinross, "a gude place i' an Edinburgh bank awaits him if he will but tak' it, wi' your permis-sion."

if he will but tak' it, wi' your perms-sion." "Oh, Jockie!" sighed mither, "I wad hae staked my ain life on your trowth, but noo"—— "He shall mak' a fresh start!" pit i' the gude auld laird. "An you maun trust him again for his youth's sake!" "That we will, mither!" cried fayther. "Jock's a steady goin lad, but the findm o' the diamond turned his heid. It was his first lie, an"—— "It shall be my las'!" I cried, wi' a burst o' tears. Mither kinsed me then, an Laird Kin-No woman who professe to maintain any sort of a wardrobe can dispense with a va-ried supply of the dainty collarettes, neck and shoulder draphings, girdles, searfs and like folderols that are offered now in such multiplicity.

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The shortest man is John R. Fellows, of New York. The thinnest man is James D. Richard-on, of Tennessee.

on, of rennessee. The richest man is John L. Mitchell, of Vişconsin. His wealth is estimated at rom \$25,000,000 t \$25,000,000. The best story teller is John M. Allen, of dississippi.—Washington Post.

The woman's branch of the Horticultural college at Swanley, England, has estab-lished a special department for teaching dairy work. In St. Andrew's, Scotland, nineteen wo-men have matriculated in faculty of arts and have been awarded bursaries of vari-ous amounts.

as amounts. J. F. Lee, an American astronomer, who ias been studying for four years with Pro-cessor Foerster, has been appointed to the shair of astronomy at the Chicugo uni-unsity.

enaire of astronomy at the Chickgo uni-versity. President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins uni-versity, makes a plea for endowments for medical and electricity schools and funds for the erection of a building in which to store the geological and mineralogical col-lection and for scholarships. The admission of Miss Ruth Gentry, an American girl, to that fortness of learning, the University of Berlin, hitherto impreg-nable to the assaults of women, is most significant. Although Miss Gentry goes as a "hearer" only, it is the thin edge of the wedge.

as been a load on my heart an conscience, though licht as a bit feather i' my pockit."
"You wanted to keep it?" he speirt as he that is for a woman when she had no and takes cold on the least provocation. —New York Telegram.
"New, my laird."
"But you hae been an honest lad for a' that, an I shall reward you as you deserve. Wat is your name?
"Jock Elacklock, my laird."
"Aye, mayhap a descendant o' the puir "Ayey", mayhap a descen

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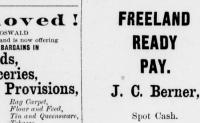
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