

DESTINY.

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HE London season was at its height, and the Park and Row were thronged with rank, fashion and beauty.

It was a lovely June afternoon and the thousands of well-dressed people walking, riding and driving amid the full-leaved trees and their flowery surroundings formed a scene which can, perhaps, only be witnessed in London at such a time.

Sauntering by the side of the Row, Hon. Bertie Milverton and his fidus Achates, Bruce Armitage, were evidently enjoying the occasion, for they were both known to almost everybody; and as they walked arm-in-arm they doffed their hats at almost every step to society's pet dames and maidens, or now and again stopped for a few minutes to make observations on the weather to some more familiar friends.

Bertie Milverton had been the "catch" of many seasons, for, as the eldest son of Lord Somersby he was heir to his father's immense wealth and property, and many a Mayfair and Belgrave mother had sighed when season after season their daughters failed to make any impression upon such an eligible parti.

He was above the average height, about twenty-seven years of age and well set up, as a guardsman should be. Moreover, he had inherited the traditional beauty of the Milvertons and his features were almost feminine in their perfection, although his piercing dark eyes and square jaw showed that he was a man of shrewd observation and determination of character.

In fact, he was about as good a type of the English aristocracy as society could boast, and one of the best known and most admired men about town. Society wondered at his passing so long heartwhole and unscathed through such a galaxy of beauty, until it had almost assured itself that he was either heartless or simply invulnerable to the shafts of Cupid.

Bruce Armitage, his friend and fellow guardsman, was about the same age as Bertie, a fair specimen of a modern Anglo-Saxon and the son of Sir Nigel Armitage, a cavalry officer who had especially distinguished himself in the Crimea.

conceal my passion from you, and I must tell somebody or I shall go mad! You know I have never felt more than a passing interest in any of the season's beauties, or indeed in anybody with the idea of finding a wife.

"On the contrary," said Bruce, "I have often wondered why you appeared so cold and heartless."

"I have not worn my heart on my sleeve, Bruce, but it is all right and capable of the most intense and vehement passion; but I have long schooled myself to believe that I should know in a moment the woman I could love, for I have formed my ideal, and I feel that my future is in the hands of destiny, but now that I have seen her, God help me, I neither know who or where she is!"

It was easy to see how deeply he was moved, and as Bruce tried to comfort him, he bowed his head on his hands and sobbed like a child.

The season was over, and Milverton had accepted several shooting engagements—Scotland, Norfolk and elsewhere.

These over, he went to Yorkshire for a hall at the Chestermans', on the occasion of the coming of age of their son, Lord Hazelmore.

He arrived in time for dinner, and Lord and Lady Chesterman, exercising the privilege of old friends, told him he was not looking well and said it was really time he had sown his wild oats and settled down.

He quite agreed with them, and, as usual when the subject was mentioned, he turned the conversation, and talked of other and less personal matters.

LITTLE TOTTIE TWO SHOES

Little Tottie Two Shoes Sits upon my knee, Tell me just one story, Pleadingly says she.



How the maid was stolen, How he set her free, How they bravely suffered Endless misery.

Little Tottie Two Shoes Nestles close to me, As I end the story Very happily.

Then I ask her if I May her brave knight be; But she does not answer—Fast asleep is she!

QUEER BOOKKEEPING.

The Primitive, but Accurate, Method of a Dakota Landlord.

There are more ways of keeping accounts than that which prevails in business, and which needs ledgers, cash books and single and double entry.

Sometimes, in little country stores, the proprietors of which know nothing about bookkeeping, and probably just as much about figures, the accounts of customers are kept as correctly as they could be by a graduate of a business college.

An old resident of Dakota recently told a story illustrative of this primitive, but accurate, method of book-keeping.

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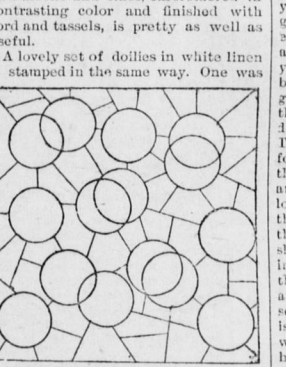
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The top shelf is for the dictionary, the middle one for reference books, and the lower one for the scrap basket.

An Effective Pattern for Ornamenting Cushions, Dollies, Etc.



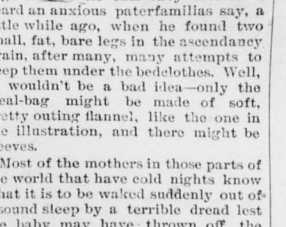
This pretty design is very simple and well adapted to cushions, dollies, etc.

A lovely set of dollies in white linen is stamped in the same way. One was made of blue denim stamped with half moons and lines, embroidered in contrasting color and finished with cord and tassels, is pretty as well as useful.

How the Little Manarch Should Be Treated in Cold Weather.

BAGGING THE BABIES.

How to Keep the Little Ones Warm in Cold Weather.



"I'm going to bring one of my meal bags in and tie this baby into it!" I heard an anxious paterfamilias say, a little while ago, when he found two small, fat, bare legs in the ascendancy again, after many attempts to keep them under the bedclothes.

Most of the mothers in those parts of the world that have cold nights know what it is to be waked suddenly out of a sound sleep by a terrible dread lest the baby may have thrown off the clothes again and caught a severe cold, and most of us know the anxious realization of our dread when we have stumbled over our sleepy way over to the little bed.

For a bit of a two-year-old, five yards of outing will make two gowns, and six yards will make two for the little four-year-old next in order.

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When the little gown is complete, mittens and all, there is one defense up against Jack Frost, anyway, and other defenses are more easily erected with its aid.

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