

IN THE EVENING HUSH.

What witchery dwells in the evening gloom...

What shadows over the dim room creep...

Gray spectres out of the vanished past...

Ah! Always thus in the eerie time...

There are ghosts of dreams that I dreamed...

The firelight dies and the night is here...

THE AURORA DIAMONDS

Being the True Story of Cuban Anita and the East Indian Prince.

ALL the American residents of Havana were interested in the masquerade ball...

the Universe! Death to the innocent. Death! Parameshwar! Forgive the sin of a Christian.

The exception was a Hindu prince, wearing the cloth of gold which only those of the royal caste may wear...

At the height of the revel the beautiful Aurora vanished as suddenly as if she had been translated.

"Who is she? Who is she?" was asked with intense curiosity. At last a masker in the character of Mephistopheles answered.

"I admit," said the agent, "that I make a good deal of money. People, you know, are in no mood for driving bargains when they come to buy their graves, and I take advantage of that fact."

gration there—and, oh, my dear lord, what shall my punishment be? "This, O my beloved, and he kissed her with the tenderness of renewed love."

A TEXAS DESPERADO.

Career of Ben Thompson, Who Killed Twenty-six Men. "When Ben Thompson was killed in San Antonio, in 1883, the last of the desperados of Texas 'crossed the big divide,' said Mr. W. B. Brush, former postmaster and a leading citizen of Austin, at the New Willard.

Selling Cemetery Lots.

"It is no wonder that I dress in black, for my business is the selling of cemetery lots. Is there anything in the world more solemn?"

Atmosphere of Ceylon.

When visitors enter Horticultural Hall, in Philadelphia, they pant. The heavy air—stagnant and warm and moist—oppresses their lungs.

Things That Went Wrong.

Mrs. Mahala Jenks, an estimable married woman, residing in Neosho County, Kas., awoke from an after dinner nap one day with a loud shriek.

Robespierre's Clock.

Robespierre's clock, which stood in the room occupied by him in the house of the carpenter Duplay, is now in the possession of Mlle. Geniat, an artist of the Francaise.

AS BADLY OFF AS SELKIRK.

The Imprecious Scotchman Who Harassed a Good-Natured Man.

Edward H. Sanborn, well known in Philadelphia manufacturing circles says the Philadelphia Record, tells of a professional deadbeat who has haunted him for years.

RUSSIAN ENAMEL.

A Coming Novelty in the Way of Jewelry For the Fair Sex.

Quite a smart novelty introduced by a live jeweler is what is called Russian enamel. Naturally it is made in Germany—nearly everything is.

Education as a Reserve Power

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Ideas on Ideal Woman.

By Professor Benjamin Andrews, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

ALTHOUGH the ideal of man is agreed on and confirmed from time to time, in the case of woman there are various ideals and with numerous intelligent adherents.

The Science of Forestry.

A Climatic Necessity.

THE profession of forestry, unknown not very many years ago, is rapidly assuming importance in the eyes of the world.

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