

THE HOUSE WHERE I WAS BORN.

Round the little old deserted house the noisome weeds are growing. And the wind unsheltered wanders through the broken eastern door...

They were happy days—God rest them—for my feet had never been straying. Where the soul is bruised and broken by the trembles of turmoil...

IN THE SHADOW OF THE HILLS.

A BREEZE stirred the foliage of the trees at the base of the hills. The air had a touch of chill in it, for the October day in this southwestern Dakota country was drawing to its close.

In 'em, excepting one choked the wheat and the other steals the fruit. "Well, I found something rarer than the aster to-day," answered the student.



SAW HER COMING AND WAVED A HAND.

The man rose and looked toward the house whence the sound came. There at the bird, its brown back reddened in the last rays of the sun.

Caleb Frye rose. He listened a moment, hoping to hear once more the voice of that prince of singers, but no sound came save the slight rustling of the russet leaves.

In the ranch house, the home of old John Driver and his motherly wife, Caleb Frye had made himself a favorite. There he had met pretty Frances Darrow, the school-teacher, who made her home there and refused to "board round" because she so dearly loved "Mother" Driver.

Howard Deane had come to the ranch on a land prospecting errand. He was commissioned by some Eastern capitalists to buy. He made John Driver's house his headquarters, and with the old ranchman had looked over the whole territory for miles.

was bent with rumble - out of the bushes near the spring. The man tried once more to call. The voice was a whisper, but on his ear, and in another moment had burst into the copse.

RACE WITH A MOOSE.

Mr. Jenkins' Odd Experience on a Highway in Maine. Ernest G. Jenkins, bookkeeper for the Kinco company, had a remarkable experience with a bull moose on the carriage road to Deer Head Farm, two miles from here, early in the week.

Mr. Jenkins was taking a morning ride, galloping along a level stretch, when the horse came to a sudden standstill with a jolt and a snort. Looking ahead Mr. Jenkins saw a large bull moose feeding on the tender sprouts of the bushes growing by the roadside.

At the end of that distance the moose faced about and began feeding toward the horse and rider, casting an unconcerned look in their direction every now and then, and Mr. Jenkins' steed did the backward for a few rods.

"I never saw anything like it," said Mr. Jenkins to the New York Sun correspondent. "That great, ungainly animal trotted on ahead, as clumsily as a razorback, and maintained his head with apparently no effort whatever."

In Ubiquitous Fleas. She was a pretty and winsome little colonial lady of four summers, but says the Cornhill Magazine, she began her first conversation with the gentleman just out from England in this unpromising fashion:

Poor English Sparrows. Dipped in Canary Dye They Were Sold for Songsters. "At least some members of the sparrow family have been enjoying their ease and a great deal of luxury in pretty, bright brass bird cages within the past few weeks," remarked a down town business man.

SOME BARGAINS IN CLOTHING THAT PLEASED BOTH FATHER AND SON.

He was a plain, ordinary citizen, with a smile, and a friend asked him why he laughed. "Because I am happy," replied the man. "I'll tell you about it. My boy needed a new overcoat, and I had \$10 laid away, and I was afraid that the ten wouldn't cover the need."

"Well, he tried on one. It was gray and warm and had a belt, and came down to the tops of his shoes, and he was so tickled he just giggled. He kept finding new pockets, and he threw his chest out and said: 'If I could just have this one, papa.' I asked the clerk and he said 'five dollars.' Five dollars for all that expense of cost? I gasped like a drowning man, and said: 'Boy, don't you want something else?'"

"And it all cost \$7.34, and I figure that there was one thousand dollars' worth of good feeling in it. I am happy, and yet I feel like a cheat when I think that I ever begrudged my family anything."

QUEER STORIES.

Governor Bailey, of Kansas, is a great believer in corn lands. He owns a farm of several hundred acres which he refuses to sell, holding that corn land will soon be more valuable than wheat-producing ground.

It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily supposed. Thousands of them live through winter, hibernating or asleep in dark places in barns or house cellars.

A hundred pounds of ambergris has been seized at Seattle as stolen property. The appraised value is \$30 an ounce, or \$48,000 for the hundred pounds. A hundred pounds of pure gold would not be worth as much by \$16,000.

A man who had started in the carpet business in 1843 in a small building opposite the city hall, were not, up to this time, of great consequence in the trade, but when Smith left Stewart to think over money and prices he walked straight to the Sloane establishment and made a clerk.

San Francisco's city engineer includes an item of \$781,000 for children's playgrounds in his report of needed improvements. Yes, Cordelia, it's those who come early to avoid the crowd that make the crowd.



One of the most durable woods is acacia. A statue made from it now in the museum of Gizeh at Cairo, is known to be nearly 4000 years old. Notwithstanding this great age, it is entirely sound and natural in appearance.

An innovation in the line of railroad telegraph service has been put into use on the New York Central Railroad between Utica and Albany. By the means of the apparatus a single wire can be used for telegraph and telephone messages at the same time.

In a recent report on the results of extended measurements of mental traits in the two sexes, Prof. E. L. Thorndike said that in the measurement of abilities the greatest difference found was the female superiority in the tests of impressibility, such as the rate and accuracy of perception, verbal memory and spelling.

The War Department, cooperating with the Sheffield Biological Laboratory at Yale, has detailed 20 men from the Hospital Corps of the army to go to New Haven under charge of an assistant army surgeon, and submit to experiments intended to determine whether physiological economy in diet cannot be practiced with distinct betterment to the body, and without loss of strength and vigor.

Electromagnets promise to come into common use for lifting heavy pieces of iron in factories and rolling mills. Instead of the present hooks and chains a large piece of metal is suspended above the iron or steel object to be lifted, a current is run through this, rendering it magnetic, so that it simply picks up the object and holds it until the current is turned off.

If we must have mosquitoes at all, people will regret that the new species of these insects which Dr. William L. Underwood has discovered is a native of the Maine woods instead of more populous parts of the country. For this mosquito does not bite, although it is so large that if it were given to biting it would be a terror, and moreover, its larvae feed eagerly upon the larvae of other species of mosquitoes.

A missionary lately returned from India expressed the opinion that religious work was going on very slowly there on account of the difficulty in translating the spirit as well as the text of the Gospel. "Take an instance," he said. "I tried to teach my converts the old hymn: 'Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.' I had a native Bible student translate it into the vernacular. To make sure that he had grasped the spirit of the words, I took his translation and had it translated back into English by another student. It then read: 'Very old stone, split for my benefit, let me absent myself beneath one of thy fragments.'"

Remarkable results in star photography with comparatively inexpensive apparatus have been reported by Professor Schaeberle. His telescope was a parabolic reflector of short focus, the mirror being 15 inches in diameter, with a focus of 20 inches, and exposures of five minutes gave star images that were beyond the reach of the 36-inch Lick telescope and that required exposures of two hours with the 36-inch Crossly reflector. Stars fainter than the seventeenth magnitude were included.