

GROWING GRAY.

A little more towards the light; No misdeed. Here's one that's white; And one that's turning; Adieu to song and "silly days"; My muse let's go at once to "rest"; And order mourning.

A HAUNTED FAMILY.

I had ridden all day through an apparently interminable pine forest in the north Georgia, and as evening closed in both myself and my horse, tired and hungry, began to look out for some place at which we could obtain rest and refreshment for the night.

A few moments brought us to a substantial log house, standing a little back from the road, in the care of a man, who, riding directly up to the house, I rapped smartly upon the door with my whip handle.

"Come right in," she said almost eagerly. "You've followed the wrong road, and I'll lead you to the right one. My name is Mrs. Carney, and my husband is in the stable."

"I had come by the ford, I replied, but had seen nothing at all unusual; and then I noticed that the husband and wife looked at each other and then glanced nervously toward the curtained windows.

"Tell him 'bout it, Dick," the woman said, as she turned the nicely browned chicken in the frying pan. "Mebbe he'll know more 'bout the nature of it than we us."

"At this the man abruptly commenced. "Ye see I was down to Wood's mill with ole Hick's an' two bags o' corn to be ground an' 'twas purty late when I come to start home."

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A FEW HEALTH HINTS.

Wearing Night Clothes—Dressing the Neck—Outer Wraps—Foot Coverings. It cannot be generally known that we practically breathe through the skin—in other words, that the skin has a function something like that of the lungs.

There is a habit which all, without exception, should practice, and yet it is safe to say that not one man in ten of our people do follow it. Reference is made to the removal of the underclothing, and the substitution of one kept for night wear alone.

Safety from "colds" depends in no slight degree upon how the neck is dressed. Nothing should be worn about it which interferes with its freedom of movement.

After a man has been exposed to intense cold and is not yet sufficiently warmed, a hot tea or coffee is advisable to "warm up."

A queer episode in Connaught life was the case of the king at the relation of Dennis Bodkin versus Patrick French. The plaintiff and defendant were neighbors.

Ladies in Italian Society. American ladies in Italy have very great advantages. They are sympathetic with the Italians. Many Italian noblemen at the court have American wives who are ladies of honor to the queen and are great favorites.

The Magnificence of Civilization. Talking about the early days in California, there was an old fellow down in the country who was the first settler to go to the legislature from his district.

Death foreseen never comes.—Herald. A French astronomer, M. A. d'Assier, allows about half a million years for the nebular and stellar period of the earth's existence, and about 25,000,000 of which 15,000,000 have elapsed for the period of organic beings.

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