

THE BLUE FLOWER.

The blue flower haunted my dreams, and I longed with a passionate yearning to see it...

THE STAINED OPAL.

It lay on a bed of white velvet in a tiny morocco case—a strangely beautiful stone of shimmering moonlight gray...

She slipped it off the case and over her finger. As she did so a yellow slip of paper fluttered down and lay unnoticed at her feet.

"What, my dear?" said a quiet voice from behind. "And Aunt Ellen never showed it to me, she said, as she said she had never seen it."

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"This is a fix," she said, aloud. "What, my dear?" said a quiet voice from behind.

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not until she reached the bridge, and the great brown water tank loomed up before her.

"Hanging dizzily to the iron railing she felt her way across the narrow plank, not daring to glance down at the whirling flood beneath, lest she should lose her balance and fall.

As she reached the other side, faint and giddy, the whistle of the incoming train broke upon the roar of the angry river.

With the sound new life entered Ethel's veins. Struggling, she pulled herself from her head, she ran along the bridge, waving it frantically, as the fast express swept round the curve.

"Very strange," assented Royce Dacre, regarding his beautiful wife, quizzically. "When I picked you up as you lay in a dead faint across the ties, I knew I had met my fate. But, Ethel darling, I have no faith in the 'curse of Lynn.' It is moonshine, my dear. It is not in the power of any mortal to pronounce a lasting curse."

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CAUSES OF COLDS.

SOME EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY WELL KNOWN PHYSICIANS.

Violent Climate Changes, Stenches of the Street and the Contemptible Cigarette More Or Less to Blame in the Matter.

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"Most unquestionably I do. Those gases of which you speak are very poisonous. They attack and weaken the system of any one who breathes them to such an extent that he becomes more easily affected, not only by climatic changes, but by all diseases."

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A FEW HEALTH HINTS.

Wearing Night Clothes—Dressify the Neck—Outer Wraps—Foot Coverings.

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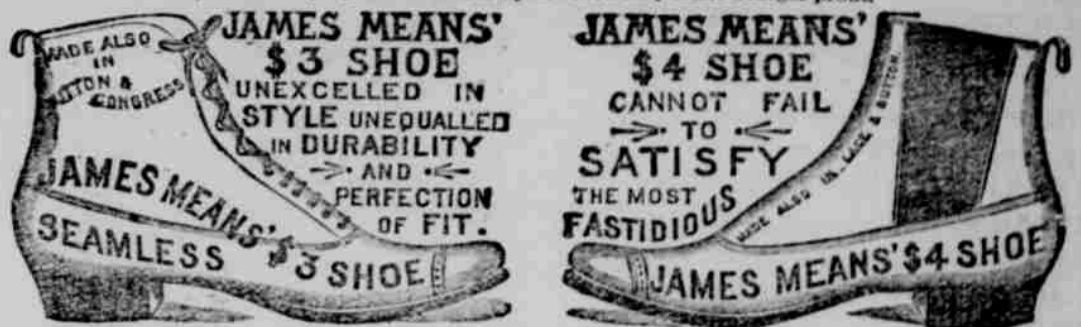
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