

BLOOMING OVER THE DOOR.

A cottage, all fitted and furnished, stands idly over the way. And here a young pair to be kept...

Ab, how they watched over it growing, And trained it with tenderest care...

Butter say, "how flies out of the window When poverty enters the door..."

And when the dark days closed around them, And poverty's water overtook...

Ye new-minted pairs who are building Your home-nests, now heed I implore...

A FRENCH MAGICIAN.

The Comte de Saint Germain one day related that he had been on friendly terms with Pontius Pilate at Jerusalem...

"My friend," he said, "I have some difficulty in crediting what your master says..."

"I Oh, dear, no, Monsieur," candidly replied the valet, "that was before my time..."

"The conversation then fell on Mme. d'Esmermeuil, whereupon the Comte de Saint Germain, full of verve and prattle..."

"Mme. d'Esmermeuil," said the Comte, "was the most beautiful woman in Paris..."

"I put on my apple-green dress coat, which fitted me perfectly; each button on it was a diamond worth 1,000 louis..."

"I found the lady alone. She appeared as much amazed to see me as I was to find company..."

"Comte," said she, "to what do I owe the pleasure of your visit?"

"I never mistake," And I took the invitation from my pocket and showed to Mme. d'Esmermeuil...

"The handsome widow handed me a glassful. It was not distrust—people are not suspicious when in love—but an old habit which induced me to take hold of the glass with my left hand..."

"Mme. d'Esmermeuil noticed that I lent an attentive ear to the noise of the wheels as the carriage receded in the distance..."

"Excuse me, comte. My presence is required elsewhere. I shall come back presently..."

"Madam," said I, "you meant to poison me with your Corinth wine?"

NUMEROUS UNIFORMS.

The Many Suits Possessed by the Prince of Wales. The full total of uniforms—naval, military, civil, and miscellaneous, including...

Comrade of five yacht clubs, President of the Society of Arts, Governor of Clarendon, and Member of the Middle Temple...

"I turned toward Mme. d'Esmermeuil, who was still in a trance, and asked whether these men were all her accomplices..."

"Then," said I, "they shall witness your punishment!"

"I continued mesmerizing her until the tips of her fingers quivered and curled backward..."

"I gave her a few more magnetic passes. Soon she foamed at her mouth and her eyes started out of their sockets..."

"I took a single drop of my rejuvenating panacea on every change of the moon, and it agrees well with me, as I am now 2,585 years old..."

"Why He Was Acquitted. All the world loves a hero. Let a man defend his country in any hour of need and he may be sure of enthusiastic indulgence when he is perhaps most in want of it..."

"A Revolutionary soldier had been indicted for passing counterfeit money. Charles M. Lee defended the silver-haired veteran on his trial..."

"How's this?" he asked, jokingly. "Aren't you allowed to read anything except the things Mrs. M— picks out for you?"

"No," answered Mr. M—. "Not a thing. My wife is the managing editor of my pulpit, and she is getting ready for the fall campaign..."

"Teach the Children How to Sew. Every girl and boy should be provided with a box, in which there are buttons suited to their clothes, thimbles, needles and thread..."

"Keener Maest of the Erie county (N. Y.) almonster says that in his experience one of the peculiar freaks of insanity is the seeming reversal of natural tendencies..."

"A Miraculous Painting. A copy of the painting known as the 'Sacred Image of the Mother of Good Counsel,' in the town of Genazzano, Italy, was unveiled at mass in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel..."

"The New Postage Stamps. The new series of postage stamps soon to be issued will vary very little from the designs now in use..."

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BARBAROUS RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.

How Gen. Skobeleff Won the Admiration of His Men. He is, under ordinary circumstances, a soft-hearted, good-natured fellow, but there are savage instincts in his soul...

When Mr. Lincoln heard of the scattering of the Confederates under Hood and Gen. Thomas he was reminded of the following story: "Out in Iowa, Illinois, in a little village, there was a butcher named Sykes..."

"I had some time to spare, and I had been put in a large piece of corn bread and had it in readiness. It was not long before Sykes dog came trotting along..."

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HUNTING A KANGAROO.

A Lively Chase After Curious Game in Australia—A Battle With the Dogs. I began to work him to the front, with the noise of the pack ruzzing, pealing, rising in ecstasy, and the trees shooting backward as if on wings...

"I sat down and set my horse going, congratulating myself on being alone at the death, when Glenworth took past me with the immovable set that had ever characterized his dreaded run in, and dismounting, billy in hand, made his way through the dogs and stood before the kangaroo..."

"During the time that Glenworth and I had stood inactive three dogs had been put into combat, and now Don Juan, the pride of the pack, had reached the kangaroo's throat, and unawful of the blow that partly dismembered him, refused to loosen his hold..."

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IGNORANT HORDES OF CHINA.

Consul Bromley of Tien-Tsin Gives a Detailed Account of That Country. "After residing for some time in where 80,000 Chinese are congregated, you can rest assured I know what you are asking about when I say they are to pour into this country in torrents..."

"Such men as Viceroy Li Hong-Chang and Marquis Tseng, who see the prospect of advancing with the present powerless to effect any radical reforms, and their every effort such as railroads or introducing foreign literature is hampered by these same numbers..."

"I often meet Li Hong-Chang, the viceroy, and I found him to be a very kind and a fellow. In Chinese politics stands pre eminent and is the power behind the throne..."

"There are still millions of acres land not taken up in China, and the yet room for four times the present population; but one let them know in any way, they would pour in by millions, by fair or foul means..."

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SCARLET FEVER.

The London "Lancet" Suggests to Its Treatment. It would be interesting if a remedy to be taken with a view to the treatment of scarlet fever was suggested among practitioners today...

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