

A Romantic Affair.

"Yes, my dear, it's a case, a decided one. Heart, or whatever stands in its place, very much affected; but, let us hope, not incurably so," said Kate Gordon, shaking her head with mock gravity to her cousin Lillian, who turned from the window, out of which she had been gazing, and looked inquiringly at the speaker.

trels, where the dull-haired and enviously-complexioned Miss Gertrude condescends to be taught by him. To me belongs the credit, if it be a credit, of finding out all the rest, and at the risk of shocking you, you are such a 'mimoso sensitive,' my dear. I will proceed to tell you how I did it, I made friends, at the confectioner's one day, with his landlady, that funny little Frenchwoman with the cork-serew curls and the very much up-tilted nose, and I told her—"Lillian made a gesture of impatience. "Well, I'll skip that and come to what she told me. Now, what should you guess his name was? His first name, of course, for it couldn't be expected that you could guess his last."

Mr. Ingram was small and ignoble in person but his fortune was grand. His eyes were faded, but the diamonds that awaited his bride were bright. His brain and voice were weak but his family was strong. Only for a few moments that evening did he leave the enchantress, and then it was to seek the supper-room and toast her in sparkling champagne.

How Mr. White Settled. From the New York Sun. After explaining that his son John was threatened with a breach of promise suit, and that the girl in the case lived only half a mile away and willing to be talked to, the old man asked me to go over with him and witness his efforts to effect a settlement. We found the girl at home, also her father and mother. They were all shelling corn in the kitchen, and Betty, as the girl was named, looked anything but broken-hearted. She was twenty-three years old, weighing 165 pounds, and was inclined to a sentiment. After greetings and a general introduction, my friend, whose name was Jeremiah White, led off with: "Now, then, thar ain't no use in chasing rabbits all over the woods to find one in a trap. Betty, you and John hev busted up."

his presence, and at length called to aid a sturdy negro. They worked manfully for four hours. During all that time there was not the slightest sign of life, but at its expiration a slight movement of the lips was detected, and the stethoscope disclosed "an occasional, light, muffled sound over the heart." Their efforts were redoubled with the result that respiration and circulation were very slowly re-established, and consciousness returned after many hours. The man lived for many years afterward—indeed, up to a few years ago, and was a prominent New England banker.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. LESSON V, SUNDAY, MAY 3—THE POWER OF FAITH. Golden Text: "Lord, Increase Our Faith," Luke xvii, 5—"The Humility of Faith—Earthly Blessings Thereof—Present and Everlasting." OR TODAY our lesson, includes Luke xvii, 5-19. Nearly the whole chapter can be used in this lesson in its bearing upon faith.



Then comes the promise by which little faith became great, and faith's mighty power was shown. We turn to the parallel Scriptures and see how this promise is repeated four times with the same or similar illustrations. We turn to the story of Lazarus raised from the dead, in John vi, which belongs between verses 10 and 11 of this chapter, and behold a wonderful illustration of the power of faith. In the ten lepers we have another example of the power of faith, not only to cure the incurable leprosy, but also to save the soul of at least one leper.

A Woman on Kissing.

It has been the gallant habit of men, from immemorial, to comment unfavorably on the habit which women have of indulging in the useless distribution of kisses among themselves, but it is not often that the animadversion of the erring sex itself is visited on the same theme.

Yawning.

It is now some years since Mr. Alfred Collier wrote his yawning song—an invitation to drowsiness not less potent than the best after-dinner speech of a magistrate or the good old three-decker sermon, Yawning has generally been associated with comedy.

Resuscitation After Death.

The Medical News has an article upon resuscitation after death which, if extensively read by the laity, is sure to occasion doubt and anxiety in the minds of many persons. After showing that two kinds of death—somatic and cellular—take place before life has completely faded from the body to be recalled, the article points out the importance of physicians properly distinguishing between the two and removing and abandoning their efforts at resuscitation as circumstances direct.

Be Kind to the Children.

Wallace says the mind of man is so great that henceforth his "selection" will replace the primeval power of "natural selection," so that it is possible the earth will bear only cultivated plants and tame animals and Frederick Bremer thinks man may possibly create an ennobled race of animals by the education of a kind gentle treatment. With what potency, then, comes this truth to the education of children. Here, indeed, is the richest reward of kindness. And how is it possible to look on a child without being touched by the pathos of its helplessness?

RAM'S HORNS.

The more God gives us to do, the more need there is that we should pray. Some preachers are trying every means for filling their churches, except holding up Christ. To pray the Lord's prayer as Jesus taught it, will change a desert life into a fruitful garden.

RINGS.

Greek legends declared that the mystic rings of Gyges, the king of Lydia, made the wearer invisible. Lorenzo de Medici wore a ring which, according to tradition, had once belonged to the Emperor Nero. In the later Roman empire rings cut from solid stone, generally agate or onyx, became fashionable.