#### A MAIDEN.

As heaven's splendor shining blue Her eyes must seem, my friend, to you, On whom she deigns to smile and give The food on which young lovers live.

Rose leaves of flame her lips do seem, As fashioned by Desire's dream; Each botanist would wish, I wiss, To press such petals with a kiss!

The very eloquence of grace Her form, her step, her pretty face; It is a wonder she were given A chance to wander out of heaven.

### THE LOST CHILD.



vas stopping at a ittle village on the Delaware, in one of the upper counties of New Jersey. Lookng from my chamber window, early one morning, I observed an unusual

commotion in the village-men, women, and children collected in groups at different points, and all seeming greatly excited, I hurried out to learn the cause, and was informed that a little girl of five years, the daughter of a widow living some two miles from the place, had been missing since about four o'clock of the previous afternoon, and it was supposed she had wandered off into an extensive wood, not far could not sleep for a long time, and moved restlessly to and fro, my mind filled with painful thoughts of from the dwelling, and had got lost. The nearly distracted mother, with some of her nearest neighbors, had searched for her the day preceding as long as they could see, and during the night a messenger had arrived at the village with an appeal to the citizens to turn out en masse, and endeavor to recover the missing one, which many were preparing to do. I immediately resolved to make one of the number, and in less than half an hour was on my way to the wood with a party of friends, and where were soon collected ing close up to me, and fixing his dark, not less than a hundred persons of expressive eyes intently upon me, he both sexes, and some of them quite venerable. After a general consultation, we

After a general consultation, we divided into small parties, each takeing a certain portion of the wood, and agreeing to meet upon the summit of a hill which was visible from our place of starting; but in case the child should be found before reaching the hill, a messenger was to be instantly

ceeded in reaching the summit next moment she was in my arms, strained to my heart, and I was weep of the hill mentioned, just as the setting sun was lighting it with ing and thanking heaven.

"Mamma! mamma! take me to dear his last golden rays. Some of the villagers were there before us, and mamma!" murmured the poor, sweet little creature, in a feeble tone. the others came up soon after, and the meeting there was a serious one,

"Yes, my poor, dear little innocent! Heaven bless you! I will take you to as no one could give the least tidings your dear mamma!" I answered in a of the missing child; and it was painful to think, not only of her forlorn choking voice.

The rest is soon told. I carried the Indition and sufferings, but of the deep, mental agony of the poor, loving child home a distance of five miles, for mother. So sincere was the sympathy she was to weak to walk. Some one told the mother before I reached the of some of the villagers, that one man house; and with a wild shgiek of joy proposed to give a hundred dollars to whoever should find the child alive, she ran out to meet me; but fainted and nine others quickly joined him, and fell, ere she could clasp her child, making the handsome sum of a thousovercome by her emotions.

It was decided that I was entitled to the thousand-dollar reward. I accepted it, and then made a present of it to the poor widow, whose heartfelt blessings afforded me far more happiness than could be found in gold.

## THE LADY AND THE BOBBY.

A Funny Scene and Quick Repartee In a St. Louis Street Car.

The cars on the Fourth street cable running east were almost detinue the search all night, while numbers at the village, who could not find serted, when one with fewer passenit convenient that day to give their gers on board than any that had time to this work of humanity, now preceded it was passing Lafayette turned out with an eagerness that clearly showed how potent was the Park. It had almost reached the corner of Mississippi avenue when a Not being in very good health myyoung lady of attractive appearance self, and wishing to husband my and genuine refinement boarded it. She strength for the following day, I went was evidently a young schoolma'am. She had reached the center of the hour. Though very much fatigued, I platform and was facing the interior of the car where a pleasant faced officer of Hibernian extraction was the poor child dying of starvation in seated, together with one or two some lonely spot, and the peor mother shrieking away her reason over the other passengers. As she was about to step into the car it started with Post. horrible discovery. At length came a that sudden jerk peculiar to the confused, half-conscious state, and then that peculiar condition in which Fourth street cable. She was of course thrown forward, and in trying we dream and know we dream, yet to fall into a seat fell into the police have no desire so wake. I thought I officer's lap. Everyone in the car saw was out hunting the child, as I had just how the accident had occurred been that day, and that besides the and there was nearly a smile at the persons who had pursued the search young lady's predicament. She, howwith me, there was also a stranger, a ever, was not the kind to be overcome man with a pale, ascetic face, and dressed not unlike a clergyman. Walkcovered the lace of her dress had become entangled on the brass buttons of the officer's uniform. The officer about 250 B. C. Tradition says that your heart-and I have come to show I am attached to you." The young lady fully appreciated the situation "Oh, if you know, speak!" said I; "not because of myself, but for her and pertly answered: "Sir, the attachment is mutal." - St. Louis sake, and her almost frantic moth-

# ALMOST A TRACE 35

Powerful Emotional Scene Enacted In a Club Room.

It was a club in which gaming for money was strictly prohibited. A low murmur came from the richly tapestried apartment as the crouper (this isn't his right name), in a low monotonous tone said "Muggins!" every once in a while.

"I tell you," said Harold Sashingby, 'that the tiddle-de-wink was moved at least a quarter of an inch."

"And I tell you boy that you are forgetting yourself!' Quick as a flash Harold had drawn

his trusty paper-cap pistol from his inside pocket, but with a quick movement Jack Seltzer disarmed him. "Listen, rash boy!" he said. "You were a very powerful monocle, do you

not?" "I do." "And in making your play in tiddlede-winks, which is essentially a game of

skill, you shut one eye?" "Of course."

"It is an easily demonstrated optical fact that an object when seen with one eye through a lens seems to have a very different size and relation to its surroundings from what it does when seen with the other eye naked." Harold laid a three-cent piece on

the chair, adjusted his monocle, and with great deliberation shut one eye and then the other.

Then without saying a word he threw open the window and discharged his papercap pistol harmlessly into the air.

In a very short time Harold Sashingby and Colonel Seltzer were partners in one of the most exciting games of parlor croquet that the club's history had ever known.-Washington

#### Flourished 400 Years B. C.

W. S. Caine is writing some interesting letters from India for the Pall Mall Budget. In his last he thus speaks of an ancient ruin. We are now in the heart of the ancient city of by an accident of this kind. By the Chaityagii, which flourished from 400 time she was on her feet again she dis- B. C. to 400 A. D., its greatest splendor being reached under King Asoka, saw it at the same time, and while it covered an area of 17 miles by 6. trying to disengage it, said: "Madame, on the tongue of land formed by the junction of the Betwa and Bes rivers. Scattered over this area there are still left in more or less preservation. 65 individual examples of the remarkable architecture of the great Buddhist period of Indian history, of which the reat tone of Sanchi is the finest; it is probably the work of Asoka, so far as its best architectural features are concerned. The tope itself is a huge dome of brick, faced with stone, slightly elliptical 106 feet in diameter and by a sculptured rail, made a walk for worshipers all round the top. The beautiful rail lies in fragments at the base, and it is a pity the Government does not erect and restore it as far as possible. The entire tope is surrounded by another rail and four sculptured gateways; it is superbly placed on the leveled summit of a beautiful hill about 300 feet high. All round, on the wide table on which the tope is the center-piece, are monasteries, gateways, statues, temples and groups of huge monolithic square columns.

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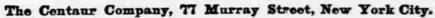
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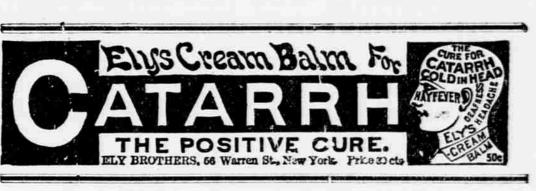
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JACK DWYER'S "OUD COUNTY OF A T"

DR. J. F. KINCHELOE,

despatched to the village, and have a six-pounder discharged, as a signal that success had crowned their efforts.

now drawn on her expressive features, one to another, she ran up to where I was standing, exclaiming in the most piteous, heart-touching tones: "Oh, for heaven's sake, find my child! My -larling!-my sweet little inpocent!" "If possible, madam, we surely will," I answered.

"Oh, find her, sir, or I shall go mad!" the day is over!" I rejoined; "but you must try and be calm, for this wild excitement will do you an injury."

"Calm!" she cried, with a look that was almost fierce; "who talks to me of haste, telling my family of my dream, being calm when mylittleAda is wandering in unknown wilds, and dving of starvation? Oh, heavens! will no one find her and restore her to her mother's arms? But I will seek her myself! I will have her! She shall not be lost!" Saying this, she started and ran into a thicket near at hand, regardless of tearing her clothes and lacerating her twenty hours. To none of those goflesh with the brambles. Fearing she might lose her reason, and either do herself an injury, or wander off and get lost also, two gentlemen and myself immediately started after her. We had some difficulty in catching her, for she plunged through the bushes like a will beast. I took hold of her, using considerable force, and told her, in a stern, determined tone, that we should not permit her to act in such an unreasonable manner; and that if she wanted us to search for and find her child, she must be quiet, and permit herself to be wholly under the guidance of the ladies present. At first she was disposed to treat our advice with contempt, and declared, with a strange wild look, she would do as she pleased; but when she found we would not let her go unless she promised compliance with our request, she became more reasonable, and declared she would do anything if we would only set forward and find her darling child.

We now began our search in earnest, spreading out our party in a line, some ten or fifteen feet apart, and beating the bushes in our direct course. In some places the woods were very close and thick with underways slow and tedious-for though we almost wildly, at every object.

at once leading me away from all the rest.

"Follow me!" returned the stranger,

you where she is.'

er's.'

and dollars reward, which it was right-

ly believed would prove a great

stimulus to exertion on the part of

many who might otherwise prove

In fact, the news of the reward did

fly rapidly, and the effect was almost

magical. Several of those present

who a minute before, were so tired

from their day's work as scarcely to

be able to drag their weary limbs

home, now hurried off to get their

supper, procure lanterns, and con-

home, and went to bed at an early

comparatively indifferent.

spell of money,

Then I thought we were at the foot As the different parties were about of the hill already more than once to commence their search, each under | mentioned, at the very point where my the guidance of a neighbor living in the companions and myself had begun its vicinity, my attention was called to ascent and that instead of going up, a woman running across the fields as we had done, the stranger turned and gesticulating wildly, and some to the right, and led the way through one remarked that it was the almost a kind of swamp, till he came to a frantic mother herself. We waited grassy meadow, through which flowed till she came up to us, and I do not a sparkling rivulet. This he crossed, think I ever saw more terrible grief | and continued on till he came to andepicted on human countenance than other hill, which was steep and rocky. was expressed in her pallid face. She | Clambering up this hill, past rock after was in reality only thirty years of rock, we soon came to a ledge that age, and naturally rather handsome; was very difficult to ascent, and but the deep lines of grief and anxiety, around the base of which the shrubbery was very dense. Turning into gave her the look of sixty. Her eyes, this thicket, and keeping around a hill red from weeping, were wild and un- we soon reached a point where the assettled; her lips were ashy and quiver- cent to the top of the rocks was coming; her hair was dishevelled, and her paratively easy, and on coming to the dress was badly torn in different summit of the ledge, there sat the poor places, as if from rushing among little girl, crying and wringing her bushes and brambles, with clasped hands, and occasionally stopping to hands and wild, hurried glances from gaze with a shudder upon the dreary scene below.

At this point of my dream, I awoke; but the whole scene had been so real, that it was some time before I became convinced that I had been dreaming and had not seen the child at all; and even then I was so impressed with the idea that the vision was something "Doubtless we shall find her before more than a chance fancy, that I felt quite confident I should find her on the

morrow. At the first streak of day 1 arose, broke my fast, and started off in and that I really expected to find the lost one. A large number of the villagers set off at the same time as myself, and on our way to the wood we met nearly as many returning home from a fruitless night's labor, some of them completely worn down with a constant vigil and travel of four-anding out or coming in, however, did I communicate my secret hope: but managing to separate myself from all, I repaired with all haste to the spot where the stranger of my dream had led me away from my companions.

To my great delight-I might al most say, surprise, though I confess I half-expected the result-I discovered the very swamp I had gone through in my sleep; and beyond it, too, the very same meadow and rivulet. My heart beat fast. Could it be, after all, that I had been directed by some higher intelligence? and that I was destined to save a sweet little life, and bring great joy to the almost breaking hear\*. of a fond mother? I fervently prayed it might be so.

I hurried on, and still saw everything exactly as I had seen it in my dream. I came to the hill, ascended ft, and discovered the ledge. I was almost to the end of my journey! I should soon know! Hark! did I not hear a child's cry? My heart seemed to rise to my throat and choke me! Could the dream be a clairvoyant

sight? I plunged into the bushes, and ran around, up the hill, panting with exertion and excitemens. I gained the bush, and here our progress was al- summit of the rocks, looking eagerly, **Figs and Thistles** 

Repubile.

The devil can't understand the stingy man, but he likes his ways, When a man is mad the devil can makehim believe anything,

"Don't say "Thy Kingdom come" with both hands in your pockets. When you want a hard master

work for a beggar who has just become rich.

When you want to see the Dead Sea in human form find a Christian who never gives.

God does not want a dollar from any man or woman who is not willing to be pure in heart.

It is astonishing how much you can find out about human nature by charging 10 cents admission.

No revival ever amounts to much where the preaching is not clear-cut against sin of every kind.

Whenever a man concludes that he has got enough religion it is a sur sign that he hasn't got any. The man who has a kind word for everybody does more good than a

surly one could do with money. A good way to find out what kind of religion a man has is to notice

what he does with his money.

There wouldn't be so many tired people in the world if men would stop hysteric subjects who make their climbing hills before they get to them. If some men were as tender in heart own, the simplest remedy is a cup of as they are in the pocket what wonderful things they would do for the Lord.

stand up and face a lie when it is arm- other half any age with the life roasted to the teeth is a man that angels ed out. No officinal prepartion comnever tire of looking at.

#### His "Brawses."

The American system of checking runks is sometimes a puzzle to foreigners. An amusing story is told in the Chicago Tribune of a young Englishman who evidently understood one part of the subject-namely, that the checks must not be lost. "Have me bawxes arrived?" he said

to the hotel clerk.

"Hey?"

"Me bawxes."

"Eh! Oh, your trunks. Front, find the gentleman's trunks!"

their owner decided to go to the station for them himself.

"Have you me bawxes here?" he said to the agent.

"Huh?" "Me bawxes."

"Trunks, d'ye mean? Let's see yer checks."

"Me checks! checks!" was the puz zled answer. "Bless mestars! Cawn't understand! I—'

"I want your trunk checks. Here, these things," explained the agent, showing a check.

"Oh, it's me brawses you want? I

#### Nature's Nervine.

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#### A Strange Custom.

According to a Yorkshire (England) notion, a new born infant should always be placed in the arms of a maiden before it is touched by anyone else; and in some instances its right hand is bound in a cloth during the first day of its existance in order that it may gather riches when grown to manhood or womanhood estate. In many parts of the United States, Germany, France and Holland, as well as throughout the British Isles, it is considered very important that an infant should "go up" before it goes down in the world. Thus, if a child is born in the lower story of a house, even a chair-anything to get the little one up in the world.-St. Louis Re-

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it is instantly bundled up by one of the old women and carried upstairs; if the event occurs in the upper story the same old woman is expected to take the child in her arms and clamber upon the top of a table, bureau, or

An Appalling Prospect.

<u> </u>		Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.	good morning, dear; you know be will	locked them in me bawxes. I'll have	Ha! what was that? Something	made a good deal of hoise, and caned
1	THO MEN ANIVI		soon he your unale	to get me bawxes first."	Ha! what was that? Something was before me, stretched out on the rock, like the form of a child! I bound- ed forward, and uttered a loud erv of	the name of Ada at least once a min-
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