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GIRL OF THE Lenten period,
With softly downcast eyes,
Have you prayed off the surplus force
That in your nature lies?
Have you evolved a litany
To which your steps shall dance?
Girl of the Lenten period,
There's mischief in your glance!

You're thinking not of litanies
With penitent refrains,
But of your love's arithmetic,
And counting up your gains
Of poems wrought in needle-work,
Of symphonies in gowns,
Of bonnets that at Easter-tide
Shall banish Lenten frowns.

Girl of the Lenten period,
In royal purple clad!
Fair penitent in violet,
Your coming makes me glad!
I love you, pretty devotee,
Whose sins are small and few,
And when I to devotions go,
I'll ask to kneel by you.
—M. L. Rayne, in Truth.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Youth paints the circus bill for old age to tear down.

When a woman gets cross, she gets cross at everybody.

Actors, draughtsmen, dentists and mustard plaster ought to be able to draw well.

Spring should be represented as a young man with an ulster and the rheumatism.

Tolerance does not mark the progress of religion. It is the fatal sign of its decline.

A New York paper has a headline, "Opium joints winked at." Yes, they are sleepy places.

Prohibition will never flourish as long as the price of a glass of lemonade will buy two beers.

There is nothing like prosperity to cover faults, and it may be said that money covers more than charity.

Language fails to paint a women as the eyes of a lover sees her. Pearl rouge is more apt to hit the charmer.

The pickpocket is a living example of the truth that in order to succeed in life one should keep in touch with his fellows.

The world owes us all a living, yet no man collect the debt unless he pulls off his coat and takes it from the world's hide.

No wonder highwaymen are so numerous in this country, when every schoolboy on declamation day is taught to "stand and deliver."

Hewitt—I don't believe in putting off until to-morrow what yon can do to-day.

Jewitt—Pay me that $5 then.

Hewitt—The rule doesn't apply; that's something I can't do to-day.


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