

FROM THE ROOMHOUSE TO THE PALACE
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CHAPTER I.
"What makes you keep that big blue sunbonnet drawn so closely over your face? Are you afraid of having it seen?"
The woman addressed was a pale, sickly-looking child about nine years of age, who on the deck of the vessel Windermere, was gazing intently toward the distant shore of Old England, fast receding from view. Near her a fine-looking boy of fourteen was standing, trying in vain to gain a look at the features shaded by the blue sunbonnet.

they inhabited, containing but one room and a bedroom which never had ceased to occupy, for one by each article of furniture had been sold, until at last Mrs. Howard lay upon a rude lounge, which Frank had made from some rough boards. But it was not until the little fellow told, at a time when his work was done, that he would take the cupboards, where lay one slice of bread, the only article of food which the woman contained. Long and wistfully he looked at it, thinking how good it would taste; but on a glance at the pale faces near he decided. "They need it more than I," said he, and turning resolutely away, he prayed that he might sleep pretty soon and forget how hungry he was.

SEEM ALIVE, THOUGH DEAD.
Instances in Which Corpses Have Had the Semblance of Life.
Live persons have feigned death with marvellous exactness, but when the dead feign life, or seem to take life, the spectacle is in a greivous sense well to be imagined.

INDIAN GIRL'S ROMANCE.
Wah-ta-waso, a full-blooded Penobscot Indian girl, will soon enter Harvard University.

PUPIN ELECTRICAL DISCOVERIES
They Have Netted Their Finest Ever.
Hundred Thousand Dollars.
The very convincing fact that a commercial company has paid Prof. Pupin several hundred thousand dollars for his electrical inventions makes one look forward to practical changes of great importance in long-distance telephoning and ocean cableing, to both of which these inventions will be applied.

SYSTEMS OF IRRIGATION.
How the West Fights Nature for Water and Wins.
The farmer and irrigator comes into most frequent and intimate contact with the ditch rider, who usually is appointed by the manager or president. He is provided with a list of the persons having water rights from the canal, showing the amount to which each is entitled under his contract; or, in case of community stock companies, with a list of the stockholders and the amount of stock owned by each.

Under the furrow method parallel furrows are plowed, leading from the ditch through the field between the rows of the crop to be irrigated. A small opening is made in the ditch to let the water into each furrow. A dam of canvas or earth is placed in the ditch just below the lowest furrow into which water is being run at the time, holding the water nearly level in that part of the ditch from which it is being drawn.

Not Generally: "Has your engagement been announced?" "Only informally, to a few enemies." "Puck."
Foot: "Did you get my book of sonnets that I sent you?" His friend: "Oh, yes, delightful! I couldn't sleep till I'd read 'em." "Tit-Bits."
Knew the Cause: Giggleton I nearly died laughing last night. Parker: "Which one of your jokes were you telling?" "Tit-Bits."
Sign of Spring: "Have you heard a robin yet?" "No; but I've seen a wood pecker." "The bird is the word."
Chicago Record.

Blind Bill (who has just received a copper): "Thanker, sir; thanker; I noo as you wouldn't ferret the poor blind man directly I see yer come round the corner." "Tit-Bits."
"There are two acts yet," said the usher to the man who rather hastily started out of the theater. "I know. That's just the reason I'm leaving." Philadelphia Times.
First Scientist: "I hear that your dog went mad and bit Professor Bunnagott." Any serious result? Second Scientist: "Yes, the poor beast is barking in Latin and Greek." Chicago News.
Youth—Miss Stanhope, you're positively the only person I've met today worth stopping to speak to. Miss Stanhope (thoughtfully): "Indeed? You are more fortunate than I am." Punch.
Tomkins—I am afraid we haven't much for dinner to-day; but such as it is— Cheerful Friend—Don't make any excuse, old chap. Remember, I've dined at your house before.—Tit-Bits.

Always thereafter. No matter where the water master has in the discharge of his duties not only the right to close the head gates of those not entitled to water at the time, but the authority to lock them down. When this authority is exercised he usually posts a written notice upon the gates so closed, which gives notice that the same are under the control of the water commissioner and under the penalty of the law he opens or interferes with except by his authority.

General Grant and his daughter Nellie once went to the opera to hear Pa-repa Rosa. When the prima donna began to sing Nellie thought that her father was not giving the attention which she thought of the music deserving, and she said, "Pa-repa, Pa-repa is singing." Whereupon the hero of Appomattox replied: "All right, Nellie, she's not disturbing us; let her sing."
An Error of Judgment.
A colored citizen, says the Atlanta Constitution, gave a Justice of the Peace a big fat possum as a wedding fee. Meeting the groom a year after, the Justice said: "Well, Jim, how do you like married life?" "Well, sah, was the reply, "I'll kin say I wish I'd eat that possum."
When some men make an extra dollar, they get it once out of an dollar sign printed with the word "Private" on it, and put it in their office door.
The girl who puts out no bait to catch a husband is the one who would do more for one after she has one.

On a recent voyage the sealing schooner Ariels was cruising about 200 miles off the coast of British Columbia, when she sighted a dismantled ship, the Ariels bore down upon the wreck, and as she got near enough a man was seen on board grasping the wheel and apparently steering the craft. No other sign of man or animal was to be seen. The Ariels was hailed, but returned no answer—just stood there looking straight ahead. A boat was lowered and the mysterious ship boarded. When they came close to the man at the wheel they saw with horror that he was dead and had evidently been dead for many days. The ship which was named the General Siglin, had sailed from San Francisco for Alaska. She had clearly been blasted in a gale and then abandoned by her crew. The captain had refused to leave the ship, and finding his strength failing, he had lashed himself to the wheel and literally died at his post, steering his craft for hundreds of miles with his hand that held the wheel in a firm grasp that will live.

MAP OF ILLINOIS
A map of Illinois showing the location of various cities and towns, with a focus on the agricultural and irrigation systems in the state. The map includes labels for major cities like Chicago, St. Louis, and Springfield, and shows the extensive network of canals and ditches used for irrigation.

PHOTOGRAPHIC IRRIGATION
A photograph showing a large-scale irrigation project in progress. The image captures a wide expanse of land being prepared for cultivation, with a network of canals and ditches visible. The scene is set in a valley, likely the Arkansas Valley mentioned in the caption, showing the integration of modern irrigation techniques with traditional farming practices.

When a man pays his taxes, it makes him as mad as when he pays his dry goods bills.