

AN INVADER.

The mischievous little fellow in the engraving has been having a grand romp with the plants, and greets your return with a saucy look. His amusement has severely tried your cherished

our plans for the future cannot be realized. It will show us, also, that agents and elements will intrude their influence upon us in a way we cannot foresee. Our most elaborately-drawn castles will fade away, and your best resolutions vanish. Our enterprises, which have been laid

and not to be cast down by temporary reverses let us trust in the wisdom which guides affairs be stronger, and let this beget a truer mastery of self, in vexations which unset weaker natures. Let each woman be "mistress of herself, though China fall," and each man strong, though



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flowers, but, so far as the damage appears in the engraving, a little pruning will remove the cause, and perhaps improve the shrub after all. It may be the little invasion and partial destruction may teach us a lesson.

His pranks will show us that many of our past achievements are not perfect, and that all

on what seem the most stable foundations, and cherished with the greatest care, may suddenly go to the "demonition bow-bows." Should we therefore cease to plan and resolve, or carry forward what seem our best endeavors? By no means. Rather let the conclusion be another resolution, and that is to be patient under trials,

"best laid plans of mice and men aft' gang aglee."

BASIN City district, Montana, is 25 miles from Butte, and supposed to be on the same mineral belt.