



I KISSED HER.

I.

I kissed her—
 And if there's any blame it must rest upon the fir;
 I simply couldn't help it, and it was no fault of hers.
 The summer sun was shining, the fir bent low above
 And whispered, "Kiss her! kiss her! ah, kiss and tell your love."
 And so I kissed her.

III.

I wonder
 Which kiss I found the sweeter—I really can not tell—
 The summer or the winter one? I loved them both so well;
 Twin dreams of bliss, they haunt me, reminders of a past
 That vanished all too quickly, too bright, too sweet to last.
 But ah! I kissed her.

CARRIE BLAKE MORGAN.

WISE ADVICE.

JEWELER—What words do you wish engraved in the ring, sir?
 YOUNG MAN—"From Henry to Clara."
 JEWELER—Take my advice, young man, and have it engraved simply
 "From Henry." Then, if you get it back, you can use it again next
 Christmas.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT.

CLARA—How shockingly forward Miss Clark is—she is all the time
 standing right under the mistletoe. I think she ought to be
 ashamed of herself.
 LUCY—Yes, indeed! Why, she doesn't give us half a
 chance.

NOT FLATTERING.

CHOLLY—Did you ever dream of me, Miss Amy?
 AMY—No; but I wouldn't wonder if I dreamed of you
 to-night.
 CHOLLY—Ah, how delightful of you!
 AMY—Yes. I have eaten so much mince pie that I fully
 expect to have some terrible nightmare.

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From that dark land where banks of crystal snow
 Are swept by blasts from out the Borean cave,
 To that fair country where the palm trees know
 The soothing breath from off the sun-kissed wave;
 From palace halls, by heaven's great bounty blessed,
 To humble cot, where grim-faced toil was born,
 Glad pawns rise, and glad hearts fill the breast
 Of those who wake this joyous Christmas morn.

But don't forget, in thoughts of gift and giver,
 That Searchem's pills will regulate your liver.

H. L. W.



NOTHING NEW.

MOQUE—Seems to be a new strain Yellah is singing.
 SNARK—Oh, no; he always strains like that when he sings.