

MOUNTAIN ANEMONE.

Dainty, blue anemone.
Hiding on the mountain stair.
Where the sunshine lovingly
Falls in splendor rich and rare.

Belle of Bear City

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TWO YEARS without sight of a woman? What a life! If one could have two years without sight of a man, now—
She glanced at Sterling meditatively from the hammock, as he swung one long leg over the arm of his chair and twiddled a raw gold nugget doing dutiful duty as a watch charm.

along shore, and not a scrap of news, nor a woman nearer than Nome City, 130 miles away.
"Always excepting the mysterious Belle of Bear City," she interpolated, suppressing a strictly artificial yawn.
"Always except—" she began again, when his eyes caused her to relent.

Through the open window of a room near where they sat on the summer hotel piazza, but returning almost instantly, holding out a battered-looking newspaper print, framed in costly ebony, with an inscription, in Sterling's script beneath, on which Miss Lamar studiously fixed her eyes, while the faint rose tint on her cheeks deepened into a delicate glow.
"The Original Belle of Bear City," she read aloud. "God bless her! Where shall I find her?"

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