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do you know! Do you know Rome and Venice? Ah! tell me about them."

Her request was eager, but he was very slow to do her bidding. Possibly his thoughts were occupied to-night with other things than Italy's fallen palaces and walls; yet presently her quick questionings roused him; he warmed and spoke.

It was a thing that might have been a dream, so strange, unreal; the southern summer night and softened lights; the scene so unlike the scene of home, and yet in the midst of it, so calmly, quietly mingling with it, that one home figure, the center star of Margaret's life. But even he so changed. All calmed, softened, refined; the old dark face, dark and irregular still, but in its whole expression grown so full of harmony and strength; its radiant smile composed, its aggressive temper all subdued.

"And now, after all your European wandering," Mrs. Carlton said, "you have at last come here."

"Are you going further south?" "No; I shall retrace my steps now."

"I may leave to-morrow. If not to-morrow, still as soon as possible."

"Sitting in the shadow, Margaret heard, and lifted up her head, swiftly, driven by the startling cry of her sharp misdeed. She lifted up her head, and her raised eyes saw—"

"Oh! this was no stranger's look upon her—this was no stranger's gaze sending its keen light through her!"

"So soon as to-morrow? Why, Mr. Langton, you will have seen nothing."

NEWSPAPER EDITING.—Few persons, who have not been connected for any length of time with a daily newspaper, can be aware of the ceaseless strain upon the capabilities of those whose duty it is to furnish a quota of news every day in the year—winter, spring, summer and fall—to supply the demands of the great public; nor can it be estimated until it is seriously undertaken. Rain or shine, sick or well, cheerful or gloomy—however unprepared the mind may be for the diurnal task—the columns of paragraphs must come, and must be furnished within given hours. Somebody has written a very effective poem about the "Slave of the Lamp." Could it have occurred to him that he was painting the portrait of an editor. The man who, troubled with the cacoethes scribendi, "takes his pen in hand" when in the vein, and indites a paragraph or communication to the press, thinks, as he complacently reads his effusion the next morning that after all, it is no such great work to write up a newspaper; but let him bend down to it a year—and he will be obliged to furnish matter for the types every day, and he will begin to feel some charity for the editor, and instead of judging him harshly, rather feel to wondering that he repeats himself so seldom—says so little that is not absolute trash, and finds so many topics to write upon. Why, the mere manual labor of writing pages enough of manuscript to fill two or three columns in a daily newspaper would be a good day's work for many people. But when we add to this, that collecting the news about a great city—of arranging the details of names, time, and the comments and deductions necessarily attached to it—and then the task of mentally preparing a third to suit the public demand, it will be admitted that the daily labor of the editorial room is not surpassed by any other occupation. We do not, in this list, count the multifarious duties connected with the other department of writing—the law—the commercial—the news summaries—the arranging of correspondence—the selection from interior papers—the patient perusal of contributions, which must too often, after all, be rejected.

GOVERNMENT LAND MEASURE.—A township, 36 sections, each one mile square.

A section, 640 acres. A quarter section, half a mile square; 160 acres. An eighth section, half a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide; 80 acres. A sixteenth section, a quarter of a mile square; 40 acres. A mile is 5280 feet in length; 1760 yards, or 320 rods. A strip one mile long and one rod wide is two acres.

FIRE AT HIGHLAND.—CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.—The house called the City Hall at Highland, occupied by John B. Elderman, took fire about noon on last Sunday, and in an exceedingly short time was entirely consumed. At the time the fire broke out, three small children were asleep in the upper story; the flames spread so rapidly that only two of them were rescued; the other, a bright little child, aged five years, was burned to ashes.—Edwardsville (Ill.) Republican.

POWERFUL APPARATUS.—The very efficient Fire Department of San Diego is described as follows, and when in full operation it must be a caution to the Fire field:

The "masheen" consists of a large hoghead filled with water and mounted upon a wheelbarrow. Each member of company wears a tin dipper in his belt, and, on an alarm of fire being given, the hoghead is rapidly wheeled to the scene of the conflagration; the members then surround the wheelbarrow, and detaching their dippers, proceed promptly to extinguish the flames.

INDIAN SLAYER STAIN.—Two years ago, the Mill Creek Indians in Tehama county, (Cal.) murdered a Mr. Good. His brother swore vengeance, and ever since has been slaying a redskin wherever he could find one of that tribe. The other day the Indians got the start of him, shot nine holes through his body and smashed his head all to pieces with rocks.

CURIOUS STAIRS.—During the examination of a witness as to the locality of stairs in a house, the counsel asked him: "Which way do the stairs run?" The witness very innocently replied: "Other way they run down stairs." The learned counsel winked both eyes, and took a look at the ceiling.

VARIOUS ITEMS. The Empress of Russia is unable to take any solid food, and she lives now exclusively on milk, eggs and sage.

Ex-Queen Isabella has a new lover in the person of a Russian nobleman, who has gambled his whole fortune away in Paris.

John Jay, the last survivor of the regiment to which Wellington addressed the famous words, "Up, guards, and at them," has just died in London.

A pauper has just died at the Helborough Asylum, in England, who during his lifetime cost the borough \$5,000.

A survivor of the Wyoming Massacre in 1788, has just died in New York State, aged 97.

A lady entered a dry goods store and asked for some "bleached cloth suitable for reposing robes."

Senator Chandler once congratulated Sumner with: I say, Sumner, that was the best speech I ever heard delivered by a man who knew so little of his subject.

At Augusta, Wis., where more prayer is considered necessary the people are recommended to secret devotions at "the blowing of the half past eleven whistle at the steam mill."

One patient in Maine has been made nervous by smoking. He put his lighted pipe in the same pocket with \$85 worth of paper currency.

In the Hungarian Empire they are about to celebrate the feast of the 1,000 years' jubilee.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. The Union Republican party of Oregon in Convention, makes this declaration of its principles and policy:

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF BOSTON. Purely Mutual. INCORPORATED 1835.

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