

A STRUGGLE FOR A CROWN.

My first desire, on reaching London, was to visit the world-renowned Tower.

In process of time, it became a prison as well as a palace; and, if the dumb stones could be made to speak, they should shudder at the blood-curdling secrets they would reveal.

The immense structure covers an area of 12 acres, and within this space numerous separate buildings have been erected, including the Beauchamp Tower, St. Peter's Tower, Bloody Tower, etc.

Within the latter building are kept the crown jewels of the British empire. Prominent among them is the orb worn by Victoria at the time of her coronation, which originally cost nearly \$1,000,000.

These baubles have a curious history. In the early days of the nation, when her monarchs were both poor and proud, these glittering appendages of the princely estates were not infrequently "spiced" with iron.

On the restoration, Charles II, caused a new regalia to be constructed, at a cost of \$1,500,000; and a large chamber in the Tower was set apart for their safe-keeping, which is now known as the Jewel House.

Though the Jewel House is situated near the center of a large collection of buildings known by the general name of the Tower of London, the yards, walks and corridors, of which are everywhere, were watched and strongly guarded.

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While examining the jewels the woman, in accordance with her instructions, feigned sudden illness, swooned, and was carried by the kind-hearted keeper to his private apartments, where Mrs. Edwards rendered her every possible attention.

The bogus parson professed the deepest gratitude for this kindness, and, in a few days, returned with some valuable presents for Mrs. Edwards.

Among the members of Mr. Edwards' family was a handsome daughter, some seventeen years of age, in whom Blood professed a deep interest.

The simple-minded Mr. Edwards was only too glad to oblige his esteemed friend, and gladly consented to the suggestion, and it was arranged that the suitor should call on a certain day—Monday, May 9.

Promptly the pretended parson and his friends made their appearance, every one of them being a conspirator, and each of them carrying concealed under his cloak a short sword, a dirk, and a pair of pistols.

Addressing Mr. Edwards warmly, Blood apologized, and begged one more favor: that his friends might be shown the regalia at once, as they were pressed for time and anxious to depart.

The door had no sooner closed than the three villains threw off their disguise, and, drawing their weapons, rushed upon the old man and threatened him with instant death.

Everything had thus far been suspicious. The scheme had been cunningly devised; the simple-minded keeper had unwittingly extended to the robbers every aid they needed.

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The N. Y. Tribune contains the following: It would be strange indeed if we should be indebted to England for a variety of corn hardy enough to resist severe frosts.

A gentleman relates that many years ago he was on a visit to the Isle of Man, and during his walk he strolled into the churchyard, where repose the bodies of many faithful and true Christians.

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Don't tell the little five-year-old Jimmy "the school man will eat off his ears"—pull out his teeth—tie him up by the neck of his little red coat.

Don't tell the children they must not drink tea because it will make them black, while you continue the use of it daily.

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TYING HER BONNET UNDER HER CHIN. BY NORA PEREY. Tying her bonnet under her chin, She tied her raven tresses in;

They were strolling together up the hill, Where the wind comes blowing merry and wild, And it blew the curls, a frolicsome race,

Steeper and steeper grew the hill; Madly, merrily, chiller still, The western wind blew down, and played

Dr. Ayer, of Lowell, will leave his handsome daughter \$2,000,000 in greenbacks, and there's a sugar-coated pill worth taking.

An Eastern paper tells what "a brutal stepfather of Cincinnati" did. We have heard, ere yet, of city fathers, but never before knew of a city with a step-father.

One of the "Black Crook" ballet girls fell on the foot-lights at Sacramento, a few evenings since, but escaped burning from the fact that she had nothing on which would take fire.

"Biddy," said a lady, "step over and see how old Mrs. Jones is this morning." In a few minutes Biddy returned

An ostentatious undertaker of Troy, having charge of an aristocratic funeral, lately, mounted the altar steps and delivered the following address: "Ladies and gentlemen will please keep their seats till the corpse passes out."

A Sabbath-school teacher in an adjoining town asked one of her scholars what animals Noah took into the ark, and she replied, "The very prompt reply: 'The leopard, the shepherd, the bob-tail monkey and the bear.'"

A GENTLEMAN who had the curiosity to spend a dime in answering an advertisement which promised valuable advice for that amount, received by mail the following answer: "Friend, for ten cents postage, please find inclosed advice which may be of great value to you: As many persons are injured for weeks, months and years by the careless use of a knife, therefore, my advice is, when you use a knife always whittle from you."

PHILOSOPHY. Also I sleep and weddaway, How few are ever dreaming; I find I cannot make my way In poetry and punning.

Too great a luv or popularity makes a monkey of a man. There is a grate deal of moral dispephy; it is caused by neglecting the fish balls on every day life, and trying to be in other words, they will conduct the heat more rapidly, and hence we are quickly chilled by wet garments.

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