

THE MAGIC HARP.

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I sat in the winter twilight... The red in the twilight low... And the redder light of the blazing logs...

MISS ERISM'S CODICIL.

Miss Rebecca Erism, a valentinian of sixty, lay dying at her home in town. She had had a long illness...

"It might as well be yours as anybody's," said the doctor. "But it is yours," she said. "Oh, as for me," said Gerald, "I shall not want it."

State and United States Taxation. The St. Louis Republican has published some interesting figures on the relative cost of the State and the general governments. It takes, for purposes of comparison, the three large States of New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois...

The Great Express Robbery. About \$200,000 Stolen—How the Job was Executed. From the New York Herald. Superintendent Walling and the detectives were engaged yesterday in hunting up the details of the recent robbery committed on the Adams Express Company...

The Secret of the Potato Disease. (Lynn Report, Boston, in New York Ledger.) Prof. de Bary, of Strasbourg, the investigators in France, Rev. J. M. Berkeley, and other scientists of England...

Measuring the Baby. Without the blackbirds whistling high up in the old roof trees... We measured the sleeping baby, against the cottage wall...

Wit and Humor. The family jar is frequently a jug. An unsatisfactory meat—Domestic broil. What is it which has a month and never speaks, and a bed and never sleeps?

Walking aimlessly on, his feet took mechanically a familiar direction, and he found himself passing before a fine house in a fashionable quarter of the city...

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Still no tidings of the child Charlie Ross. And now that the hapless parents, the wealthy relatives, the sympathizing friends, the police, and the keen-scented detectives have apparently exhausted their means of reaching the heedless wretches who mated the little one almost literally from its mother's arms...

Wholesale Murder of Babies. As has been briefly announced by telegram, an aged couple, named Nelson and Mary Reynolds, were arrested a few days since on a charge of murdering five young children at a baby-farming establishment at Hollister, Middlesex county, Mass.

Mr. Gladstone's Successor. It is announced by cable that at the meeting of the British Liberal party the Marquis of Hartington was "elected" leader. It would be more correct to say that the Marquis of Hartington has been chosen by the party...

Death from a Pen-Knife Wound. William H. Dusenbury, a prominent citizen of Halfmoon, Saratoga county, died on Tuesday. About a week before his death he was whittling down an old iron in his workshop...