

THE VILLAGE PEDAGOGUE.

By DR. C. D. GARRETT. If down the village street you find 'Till the swart blacksmith's shop is passed, And leave the quiet on the hill and find That the school-house on the crown at last...

THE MISSING FINGER-JOINT.

It was my first visit to London since I had taken up my abode and entered on the practice of my profession as a solicitor at Southampton.

On the day preceding his death he had executed a will (which had since been proved by the depositions of the attesting witnesses) containing a somewhat strange request that his daughter, to whom he left the whole of his estate, should accept the hand of his nephew in marriage, coupled with a provision that in case the latter died, and she refused, within a specified period, to enter into the proposed union, the entire estate devised to the daughter should be forfeited to the nephew.

Young Parsons, the nephew, had not the magnanimity to forego his ungenerous advantage. He might have been content with his cousin's fortune alone, but his right to that depended on his offer and her rejection of an alliance which she felt in conscience bound to accept.

As the conclusion of my friend's narrative, in which, for reasons that may hereafter be developed, I felt a peculiar interest, I prevailed upon him to accompany me to a place of amusement, to which I had previously purchased tickets. When we reached the theater, the performance had already begun; but we succeeded in finding seats which commanded a fair view both of the stage and the audience.

"Do you know the exact date of Mr. Parsons' death?" I asked, and she gained the street at the close of the performance.

PARSONS, BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE MET BEFORE.

"I beg your pardon, sir, for not recollecting the occasion." "You were in Southampton last winter, were you not?" "I was," he answered, with some embarrassment.

LIFE IN GERMANY.

The Foreigner Abroad. A residence of three years in Stuttgart enables me to speak definitely of the expense of living abroad. Most American families residing here for the purpose of educating their children occupy flats.

Each flat contains, of course, all the necessary rooms for housekeeping. In addition, every family has the use of two cellars, one for wine and vegetables, the other for fuel. The floor of the main entrance is of colored stone, in handsome patterns.

The floors are of different colors of oak wood, accurately fitted together in small blocks to imitate mosaic. The waxing is renewed every year, and the sweeping of such floors is followed by frequent wiping with buckskin.

Girls receive 100 florins a year and a present Christmas and at the time of the two annual fairs. This salary seems small, yet when one takes into consideration the cost of living, and the habits of the girls, it is not so small.

Asked God to Help Her. The Danville (Ky.) Advocate says: "An interesting little daughter of Prof. C., of this city, last summer, in eating a watermelon, got one of the seed lodged in her throat."

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