

FIRELIGHT VISITANTS.

With low complaint and piteous moan,
Anon loud shrieks, and wallings dead,
The wind laments his dear love, dead,

SALLIE'S TRAMP.

Ho First Amused Her and at Last Married Her.

The clatter of pans, the rhythmic throb
Of the rapping-pin, with the accompani-
ment of flaming oven doors, and a

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that he did full justice to the food set
before him, would but feebly express
the real facts. Through with his rap-

"Happen to know of any work for a
fellow?" nonchalantly.
The rolling pin, which had again
been plying vigorously, ceased to play.

"Pshaw! how indiscreet in me to
ask; might have expected as much!"
exclaimed the tramp in well feigned

Another poser for Miss Blackeyes.
She had triumphed over her first re-
pugnance; to have to enjoy the fellow's

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low, seeing her hesitate. "Don't say
that he was coming right back and

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troubled any one else, had they not
been quite so fresh," she answered.
"And," chancing to glance out into

Sure enough, Mr. Tramp had thrown
off his coat and was scooping out corn
for all that was in him!

"What a fellow," commented the old
farmer, after a few more particulars
from the girl, he went out to him.

"See here, friend what are you up
to?" he demanded rather brusquely.

"Up to throwing out this load of corn
to pay for my dinner just now, after-

"Well," decided the farmer as the
fellow finished his task, "you seem to

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WORDS OF WISDOM.

Some of the bad Results of Superstition-
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THE GRANT BROTHERS.

Two Anecdotes of the Originals of Charles
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THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

In Kentucky this year nearly five
million bushels more of corn were raised
than in 1885.

Omaha reports the erection of over
1,600 buildings last year at a cost of
\$5,024,000.

The average catch of lobsters on
the Maine coast has been 15,000,000
yearly for thirty years.—Boston Herald.

Generally the person who is most
fond of a secret is the very one who
doesn't think enough of it to keep it.—

During the year 1886 American
mills produced 1,350,000 tons of steel
rails, valued at \$40,000,000. The pros-

The amount of capital and capital
stock put into new industrial enter-
prises in the South during 1886 is re-

The Watson Car Manufacturing
Company, of Springfield, Mass., has
voluntarily increased the wages of its

The spruce-gum man, of By-
ron, Me., employs twenty men to gather
gum for him. He has just filled an or-

Another new town is to be started
four miles from Birmingham, Ala., with

The great pyramid has 85,000,000
cubic feet, the great wall of China

The difference between a journalist
and a newspaper man is that the former

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