

THE FIRST LETTER.

A letter came for me to day so very quaint and strange... I had my eye on the absent friends could I the...

MRS. BRINK'S CHARGE.

Old Levi finally had to admit the Love He Felt for Her. "If it was in the shape of horse-flesh, now, it would be a profitable investment; but I tell you it will be a bill of expense from the very first and a perfect nuisance all the while."

and he let his wife support her without a word of interference. One night he came from town almost jovial, because he had succeeded in buying a beautiful horse at a low figure.

A MOTHER'S HEROISM.

How a Good Woman Sacrificed Her Life to Assist Her Son. A friend relates to me a case of female heroism, of quite recent date, which somewhat reminds me of a much older case, in which Mrs. Disraeli was the heroine.

VERY CURIOUS CASES.

The Action of a Drug Taken Internally Dyes the Hair. The patient was a woman aged seventy-two, who had had snow-white hair for twenty years. For the symptoms of commencing uræmia, due to contracted kidney, twenty to thirty minims of extract of jaborandi was prescribed several times daily.

BURDETTE'S MUSINGS.

What the Humorist Heard and Saw on a Railroad Train. Brakemen on train other day, one at each end of car. Never called stations alike. Never called stations in fact.

WONDERFUL LUCK.

Lost Fortunes Restored to Their Owners in Strange Ways. The paymaster of a railroad company, having his headquarters in Boston, went out on one occasion with \$30,000 to pay off his employees.

ADVICE TO SPEAKERS.

Dr. Mackenzie Gives Some Useful Information to Oratorical Gentlemen. Sir Morell Mackenzie, the great English throat specialist, has just published in London a pamphlet, in which he gives advice to public speakers.

How Turkish Barbers Are Filled. The polyglot Turkish boys and Agas, whose hitherto regular supply of Circassian girls from the Caucasus has been cut off from them since the annexation of the province by Russia, have recourse now to a bold system of capture.