

THE SINGER'S ALMS.

In Lyons, in the mart of that French town,
A young man, a woman leading a fair child
Dressed a small group of one who, walking down
Saw the singer's face and smiled.

FREDDIE'S FORTUNE.

The Romance That Grew Out of a Nearly Fatal Accident.

I was a young doctor, not overburdened with practice, when I sat half-dozing in my surgery one stifling August afternoon and was roused by a bustle in the street and a cry: "Here's a doctor! Ring the bell!"

den resolution. I led the way to my mother's bedroom, where Freddie was in a profound slumber. The younger lady shrank back in the shadow of the bed curtains, but the mother advanced and bent over the child.

Being blessed with ample means, mother and I had quite decided to formally adopt pretty Freddie when he had been a little longer unclaimed in our house.

"Dennis, my coachman, was very fond of Freddie, and careful; so I was not afraid to leave my little charge with him while I was indoors, and he was very happy chatting with the good-natured Irishman and waiting my coming."

When her eyes fell upon the child and in a moment she was on her knees before him, clasping him to her breast, kissing him, sobbing over him till mother broke out crying, too, and I was obliged to assume my "professional expression" by sheer force of will.

"I think," said the lawyer, confidentially, "that the Wests are the proudest family I ever knew—proud of their family, their money and their beauty. Carly, their money and their beauty. Carly, their money and their beauty. Carly, their money and their beauty."

SACRIFICE IN UNIFORM.

The Kind of Devotion That is Always Ready For a Cause. There is a kind of sacrifice that is always ready for dress parade; that even amid the rush of the crowd counts its beads and crosses itself, always conscious of the contrast between its act and the pursuits of the majority.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

How to Keep a Family on 'Steep Dollars'.

He was a thin man, so thin that his clothes did not touch him, particularly around the waist. He shuffled into the World office, took a seat and said: "I see the newspapers are taking considerable interest in kitchen economy, and the many letters from housewives describing how they furnish their tables and the cost thereof are read by me with much interest."

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A Woman Held in the Air.

When the high wind struck the city it raised the snow about the capitol to such an extent as to completely hide the big edifice from people passing on the opposite side of the street.

Bald Headed Congressmen.

There are a great many men in the house with smooth heads than smooth faces. Their hair seems naturally to train down. Some of the baldest heads have the suggest faces. More men have long, flowing beards than usual.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A citizen of Portland, Me., is worth \$1,000,000 that he has made in the manufacture of chewing gum. The highest railroad bridge in the United States is the Kinross viaduct on the Erie road—395 feet high.

DISTANCES OF STARS.

The Brightest Stars Are Not Always the Nearest to the Earth. As the observer on a brilliant starlight night looks upward to the grand concave above him, studded with shining orbs, various questions arise in his mind. He wonders if the brightest stars are nearer to us than those that give less light, and if science shows any way for finding the distances of the stars.

Henderson, in 1839, at the Cape of Good Hope, determined the distance of Alpha Centauri, a double star of the first magnitude in the Southern Hemisphere, ranking next to Sirius and Canopus in brilliancy.

THE SALEM WITCHCRAFT.

A Correction of Common Errors Concerning This Matter.

In a review of Prof. Arthur Gilman's "The Story of the Following," in the New York Tribune, the following, relating to the Salem episode, should be read so widely that the common errors and stupidities concerning this matter may become obsolete.

MATRIMONIAL NEWS.

Queer Extracts from an Old Copy of the "Gentleman's Magazine." Marriage notices a century or two ago were much more interesting than they are now. It was not a mere announcement of the date of the wedding and names of the contracting parties that the people looked for. They expected to be informed as to the many details which are now received for the more intimate friends of the families of the newly-married couple.

REDUCED TO FIGURES.

The Statistics of the Heroines in Last Year's Fiction. There is an English literary man who at the end of each year penetrates into the public fiction and extracts therefrom very often some exceedingly interesting figures. The results of his researches into last year's fiction are entertaining. Of the heroines portrayed in novels, he finds 572 were described as blondes, while 190 were brunettes.

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HOSPITABLE PLANTS.

In Popular Language They May Be Said to Keep Hotels. In a recent issue of the Botanical Magazine, Sir Joseph Hooker figures and describes a member of a peculiar class of plants that in popular language may be termed plants that keep hotels. An Italian botanist, Beccari, has written a complete monograph of them, comprising 312 pages and giving 54 plates, under the title of *Pianta ospitale*.

There are perhaps twenty others whose measured distances are not considered trustworthy, making forty stars, of which the parallax has been detected—forty among forty millions! The overwhelming majority are so remote as not to show the slightest trace of optical shifting under the scrutiny of the most powerful instruments.—Youth's Companion.

GIRL LIFE IN INDIA.

An Existence as Miserable as to Be Beyond Our Comprehension.

On the day of her marriage, the East Indian girl is put into a palanquin, shut up tight, and carried to her husband's house. Hitherto she has been the spoiled pet of her mother; now she is to be the little slave of her mother-in-law, upon whom she is to wait, whose commands she is implicitly to obey, and who teaches her what she is to do, to please her husband—what dishes he likes best and how to cook them.

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EAT A GOOD SUPPER.

That is the True Way of Obtaining a Refreshing Sleep. Going to bed with a well-filled stomach is the essential prerequisite of refreshing slumber. The cautious or re-iterated in old medical journals against late suppers were directed chiefly to the habitual habits of those early times. When at a very late feast the guests not un seldom drank themselves under the table, or needed strong assistance to reach their couch, the canon against such indulgence was not un- timely. Nature and common sense teach us that a full stomach is essential to quiet repose. Every man who has found it difficult to keep awake after a hearty dinner has answered the problem for himself. There are few animals that can be trained to rest until after they are fed.

Man, as he comes into the world, presents a condition it would be well for him to follow in all his after-life. The sweetest unmixed ever sent out of paradise can not sing a new-born child to sleep on an empty stomach. We have known reckless nurses to give the little ones a dose of paragonic or soothing syrup in place of its cup of milk, when it was too much trouble to get the latter, but this is the one alternative. The little stomach of the sleeping child, as it becomes gradually empty, folds on itself in plait; two of these make it restless; three will open its eyes, but by careful soothing these may be closed again; four plait and the charm is broken; there is no more sleep in that household until that child has been fed. It seems to us so strange that with this exception before their eyes full-grown men are so slow to learn the lesson.

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