

ALCHEMY.

A dull gray sky and a chilly air. With never a gleam of the golden sun...

CHECKMATE.

Old Mr. Archer was a devoted chess player and an expert, at that. He held the title of being the only game fit for a general.

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bowed himself out of the office with mock courtesy. When Letty heard of this positive refusal...

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KITCHEN TRAINING.

A WORK WHICH HAS HELPED MANY POOR AND RICH FAMILIES.

What "Kitchen Garden Training" Means. How It Was Started and by Whom. Miss Huntington's Great Work for Her Less Fortunate Sisters in a Big City.

There is so much to find fault with and so much to wish for in such a great big, dirty city as ours that sometimes the good, sweet, modest facts connected with our charitable institutions are overlooked.

At 1 o'clock a number of coaches drew before the door. From the foremost of these descended the major, who handed out Letty, who was followed by Cooke.

The following advantages are given by a successful orchardist of thinning the apples on heavy bearing trees while the fruit is small.

The well known experiment of making sounds by holding a tube over a jet of burning gas (usually hydrogen) is often omitted in chemistry classes because no suitable tubing is at hand.

The school hours are the same here as elsewhere—from 9 to 3. There are about 300 girls, ranging in age from five to ten.

There are now under consideration two projects, which if carried out will have an immense effect on the trade of France.

SHE BROUGHT HIM AROUND.

The Thrilling Story of Man's Unfaithfulness and Woman's Fate.

Softly shone the subdued light of the solitary gas jet in the parlor of the Biederback mansion on the avenue, and soft was the voice of the abashed young Erasmus Shaeffer.

"No," replied Miss Viola, with a smile that brought a large and ecstatic lump of something or other up into his throat.

A native of India was sitting in his garden when a loud chattering announced the arrival of a large party of monkeys.

The Romans did not use Soap. The Romans were not acquainted with the use of regular soap, but they employed an alkali, with which the greasy dirt was dissolved out of their clothes.

The first printing press in the United States began its civilizing work at Cambridge, Mass., in Harvard university in 1639.

Why Some Babies Cry. A great many babies cry out of pure cussedness. They have no reason whatever. I have seen them stop playing to begin to howl, refusing both food and drink.

He Was Frightened. "Oh, no, let's not go!" exclaimed the little boy, his nose proposed going on board a yacht.

UNDERNEATH FLORIDA.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A NEW ENGLAND UNDERGROUND.

Two College Boys in Search of Plumes and Skins—into the Mysterious Abyss by Moonlight—Wonders Galore Below Florida's Surface.

The train from South Florida brought to Jacksonville two young men on a mission from the Klammee river to Portland, Me. Their names were James Dickinson and Roland Brown.

"After twisting about the creek we finally ran right by a bluff, and about 5 o'clock we hauled our canoe out on a sandy beach and climbed to the top, where we found an ideal camping ground, carpeted with fine needles and abundant in firewood.

Presently I saw a good sized stream glimmering through the trees, the silver river seemed to end abruptly, and it looked very puzzling until I reached the bank, when I saw that I had run across one of Florida's natural wonders, of which I had often read.

I had about a hundred feet to drift, and although I could touch the bank at times I could find nothing to grasp but the treacherous crumbling clay. Buoyed up by my life preserver, I swung round in a swirling eddy, and with one last cry for help and a kind of dreamy wonder as to how far down I would drop, my breath left me.

MADE MONEY, NEVERTHELESS. The quantities of water which I had swallowed made me weak and sick, and I fell asleep, and woke up to find the sun just rising. I picked up my water tank, determined to take it back filled, and started in the direction I thought I had come from.

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ODD ACCIDENTS.

Mr. Rand's Flight from Home into the River and Other Happenings.

They may have been due to the eccentricities of the season or merely to the wanton malevolence of luck, but not a few extraordinary accidents have occurred in Connecticut within a day or two.

Homer Willis, a 12-year-old William-antic lad, was lounging along the road to school a day or two ago when he found an odd looking shell by the wayside, and he picked it up.

A man was sauntering along Main street, in Hartford, the other day carrying a long ladder on his shoulder, and from the rounds of the ladder dangled a paint pot and several crooked steel hooks.

John Welch, of Portland, met a singular mischance, except that he was walloped by a wheelbarrow instead of a ladder, and it was his own barrow, too.

EMIN AN ADVENTURER. A pamphlet has been published in Constantinople, in which a Turkish writer, Ebbuzia Towik-Bey, declares that Emin Pasha is nothing but a vulgar adventurer.

INFORMING THE JURY. A coincidence that is very remarkable is reported from Boston. A teamster who had been hurt by a car running into his wagon brought suit for damages against the railway company.

HEZ PREFERENCE. They stood on the beach by the billowy sea. And it seemed that the south breeze came: For he was in love and so was she.