And the bald-headed hills, with their rocks and their rills, To the tune of his rapture are ringing.
And their faces grow young, all their gray mists among
White the forests breek forth into singing.
"O sing' sing-away" sing-away."

And the river runs singing along; And the fiving winds catch up the song. It was nothing but hush! a wild white throated thrush That cuptied his musical quiver
With a charm and a spell over valley and delt
On the banks of the Runaway river.
"O sing! sing-away! ning-away!"
Yet the song of the wild singer had
The sound of a soul that is glad.

And, beneath the glad sun, may a glad-hearted one
Set the world to the tune of his gladness;
The rivers shall sing it, the breezes shall wing it.
Till like shall forget it's long sadness.
"O sing! sing-away! sing away!"
Sing, spirit, who knowest joy's giver—
Sing on, by time's Rumaway river!

A LEGHORN HAT.

Nine o'clock of a cloudless Summer morning. The basket phaeton stood at the door in the narrow noisy street below, but Mr. White had already gone to his office, Annie pleaded headache, and the children had their allotted tasks with the German governess to accomplish. I must either remain within doors during the hot hours of the day or go out alone. I decided on the latter

"I am to old to require any chaperon," I said, and glanced in the mirror.

There I beheld a not unpleasing image of a little woman attired in gray, with a silvery veil over her plain face, in the act of fitting on a pair of quite infintiesimal gray gloves. I kissed my good Annie and the children, as if I was going on a long and perilous voyage, and departed in the basket phaeton. What a new world was that all about me! It was the city of Leghorn, with its tall houses, rendered dingy by sea dame, and wide white squares, the atmosphere redolent of tar, the quavs thronged with shipping, the clumsy funnels of Oriental Steamships relieved by the lighter tracery of interlacing masts against the sky, I like ships; in their boundless suggestiveness they resemble wishes, hopes, ever coming and going on some fresh errand.

The phaeton rattled through the main thoroughfare, once Via Grande, and now rehaptized, after the manner of all Italian cities, in the name of Victor Emanuel. I noticed with the interest of a stranger groups of bronzed sailors; the untidy Leghorn woman with trailing gown, and flapping handkerchief tied over their frowsy head; the brilliant uniform of an occasional officer strolling

languidly to his cafe. The Sea Gate was reached, and the white road which threads its way beside the Mediterranean to the beautiful suburb of the Ardenza. The seabreeze wafted to me delicious coolness; the hedges of evergreens and oleanders in masses of rose bloom mingled rich odors; the stunted trees dropped their feathery foliage laden with gray dust. I gazed out over the sea, which sparkled like a sapphire, with the light-houses so bright at night, now pallid in the morning which no longer had need of them, and the sails glitteting with an exquisite silvery whiteness on the horizon. I glanced down the white road as it curved along the strand, bordered by its feathery trees and oleanders, its gardens, hotels, and villas stretching to the Maremma, and the coast I might never ex-

"This is the most beautiful shore in the world, and the old Romans knew it," I soliloquized; and just then the

phaeton paused.

My destination was the bath. Again the charm of novelty delighted me, for it was my first summer with Annie's household. Bething at Livorno is made a pastime, a recreation, instead of a serious business. I walked out on a pier which terminated in a round space shielded by a tent from the sun's rays, and then the smiling old bath woman, in a flapping straw hat, conducted me down a passage, bordered on either side with the little tents with green doors, to my destination. Once consigned to the "baracca," I was free to remain in the tiny house, with its roof of matting and walls of stripped canvass, where the water rippled in of a transparently green line, or to part the curtains and issue forth boldly as a swimmer. I decided to remain secluded in my crystal bath, as I was alone, like a mermaid in a cave.

I was startled by the curtains being separated from without, and the appearance of a man's head, with long sandy beard. The head advanced such evident intention of a tall body's following that I uttered a faint scream of alarm, when the intruder retreated hastily with a alarm. muttered "Beg Pardon."

I received the apology with such dignity as is possible to a very small lady in a flannel bathing suit, hanging to a rope to avoid drowning in deep water, and with her head done up in an oil-skin cap. "Some stupid Englishman!" I said

The hour was too early for many occupants of the large tent, and when I emerged from my bath I drew a chair near the railing, to again gaze out over the beautiful Mediterranean. An American man-of-war had entered port Leghorn hat which I had selected with the previous day. I endeavored to so much care was evidently intended for descry her, with the old pain at my myself. heart. My brother young, good, brave, destined to become a great man, as I believed, had died of fever on board ship without power to send me a message, although, thus stricken, I was left alone. Yes, all alone! I shivered in the bright Italian morning, while my eyes searched wistfully for the man-of-war. Since then every frigate had become to me friend. Five years of Winter and Summer in the old house at home, wandering from room to room in a ghostly

Harry's ship, and every office in uniform ample leisure for explanations and confiassuradly must be my dead brother's dences. The surgeon who had taken fashion, with the portraits of father and all these years. In retiring on half pay mother in the shadow of the best park r, he had been tempted to seek her out. and Harry's dog following me with dumb intelligence to thrust his nose into my own hat, he would never have found my hand; five years of mourning, of me when he returned to America. The silence' that left me a plain little old little woman in gray was not to be the maid my heir turned gray! Then An- old maid aunt in Annie's household. nie, happy wife and mother, school-mate after all, but to return to her own and friend of many years, had written country as a happy wife, even if in a to me a long letter from her home at sober, sedate fashion. Verily, human

Leghorn, where her husband was en- destinies hang by a straw, gaged in business, urging me to come In this genial household I should be Leghern hat. companion, friend, old-maid aunt to the

children, I sighed. Just then the merchant whose wares were displayed in one corner of the tent -tortoise-shell, coral, and sienna-wood trinkets-begged me to take a chance in his lottery. I took the box, and turned numbers and found the corresponding to give place to a man with a pot of one in his stock of prizes represented by crimson paint, and clinging to the handhe held in his hand a very pretty shell

comb for a lady's hair as a prize. please—a woman? he inquired, scrutin- ment, seems to render the eleepy emi-

"Undoubtedly," I replied, calmly. 1 one of Harry's friends.

half tempted to ask him if he had known amphibious stranger with her sun-unmy poor Harry.

"Thank you," he said with sudden him. stiffness, and raising his cap, walked

gazed out over the sea from the tent; The Quartermaster Sergeant of the regithen the heat of the sun warned me to ment at an up station was a very corporeturn. Aunie's phaeton bore me back lent and heavy man. One night his to the city again. En route I rememble house was entered by burglars, who not bered a triffing commission at the milli- only cleared it of everything portable ner's. Entering the shop, the first ob- that was lying about, but absolutely ject presented to my notice was the tall stole the very bed clothes from under officer with the sandy beard, beset by the fat sergeant and his sleeping family. two clerks, and surrounded by piles of without disturbing one of them. When Leghorn hats. The poor man's aspect they awake in the morning they were was most bewildered and helpless in that lying on the bare mattresses. This is a mass of straw. I executed my commis- common trick with East Indian thieves, sion quietly, and was about to leave, and the way they manage it is this when he accosted me.

"Would you have the kindness to give or tent, first strips and anoints himself me your advice? he said. "I wish to with oil, which is done in order that, in make a present of a Leghorn hat to a case any person should be awake and lady in America, and it must be of the seine the intruder, he may be enabled to best quality."

Thus appealed to I sifted out the prepared he croeps into the dwelling as finest straw for his inspection. "Leg-noiselessly as possible. The nights in horn hats are all made in the Florence India are generally excessively warm manufactories, you know, I said.

at my hands with a very peculiar ex. disturbed. Of this the thief takes a - casty course some as pression. I blushed slightly, and hid vantage. He quietly crouches down courtes charges has cantages and may them in the crown of the Leghorn hat, close to the bel, and with a feather gen-They were very small and well shaped; thy tickles the nose of the sleeper, who, I had trouble with my gloves usually, half doring rubs it and turns on his wearing a child's size. Beother Harry couch. While he is doing this the sheet used to admire their tiny proportions, on which he is laying is withdrawn a and accuse me of vanity in the possess- little from under him by the thi-f. on of such extremities. Here was this tall officer in a foreign city actually pausing in the midst of buying a gift for turn, and a little more of the sheet is an unknown lady-probably his fisnese to stare at my hands in evident astonishment. I was more vexed than fixttered. What right had he to gaze at meso fixedly, after having claimed my assistancel What would Annie think of my adventure!

I recalled him somewhat primly to a sense of duty, I suppose, for he proceeded to pay for the hat, after I had warned the shop people not to charge more than double the price of the hat. He thanked me in subdued accents, and even hinted that as the ship was to be in port some weeks he hoped any residents would come on board. I relented sufficiently to inquire how he proposed sending the Leghorn hat, and learned that it was to be entrusted to the captain of a brig. bound for New York.

"Perhaps I had better address the box here," he said, again consulting me with

"Yes," I assented, gaining firmness and decision of tone from his very irresolution.

The clerk brought him an immense inkstand with a very rusty and gritty pen attached. My companion dipped thoughtfully, as if it had been soup.

"I hope she will like it," said this ex traordinary man, consulting me again, with a most sheepish expression of comtenance. "Perhaps she owns ever so many Leghorn hats already," in sudden

"No, no," I returned, soothingly. I pictured to myself this lady whem he was so anxious to please. How proud she would be of the exquisite Etruscan straw hat which she would her neighbors!

"There, will that answer?" he held before me the written address. I gasped as I read: "Miss Helen Westmore, Berryville, Vermont."

My own name was Helen Westmore. and Berryville had been my home. The

"You cannot be Dr. Easton, who took care of my poor Harry, and wrote me the letters about him?" I cried, between off Callao five years ago, smitten down sobbing and laughter. "I am his aister." "He told me his sister had the smallest hands in the world," he replied, with

excitement. After that there were dinners at Annie's moonlight drives along the abore, entertainments on the man-of-war, with care of Harry had been his intimate friend during long voyages, and had retained the image of the sister at home

Had I not assisted at the purchase of

A box stands on a high shelf in the abroad, I saw my future clearly enough. old home. It contains an untrimmed

A Street-tar Scene.

An agile alligator is one of the dramatis persons in a street-car scene which a reporter of The Cleveland Leader describes. A gentleman enters with a wooden box 24 feet long, and takes his out the dice on the board, having paid a seat, carefully placing the pakage across franc. The merchant counted up the his knees. His right-hand neighbor rises a set of coral, resembling sticks of red strap and standing on one foot enjoys a sealing wax. Somebody approached chat with a vivacious lady on the oppoand watched the drawing. I recognized | site side of the car. An abrupt applienthe long sandy beard of the intruder of | tion of the brake causes him to describe my bath, but gave a little jump when I a half-circle, and to strike with considfurther discovered that he were the erable force one end of the strange box, uniform of an American naval officer.

The merchant immediately pounced on to an angle of forty-five degrees. Forthhim. Almost unconsciously the stranger with a promising young alligator flows of the sandy beard appealed to me in over on the floor. The man of paint English for explanation, as he did not shot upward like an arrow from Hiawaunderstand Italian. The next moment that bow; upsetting the crimson point on the young gentleman's pantaloons, The sudden jar given to the alligator. "Madam, do you think this would with the gratuitous bath of a foreign elegrant from the bayon frantic for a moment. At this moment the driver and had taken him under my protection as horses catches the infection, one dropping his brake and the others plunging His face flushed, and a quizzieal smile forward, while the conductor at the rear lighted up his keen eyes, "I mean a is violently jerking his bell and vainly lady—home—in America. You are an trying to open the door. Under the impression that he is already bitten, the "Yes," I said, at my case; for he was young gentleman hops on one foot and not thinking of me at all. I was even grouns, and the young lady attacks the brella, until the box lid is closed upon

East Indian Turves - East Indian Another hour passed swiftly while I thieves are the most expert in the world. The robber, before he enters the house dip like an sel from las grosp. Thus and oppressive, and the sleep of most He made no response; he was staring people although heavy, is uneasy as d When he is fast asleep again a application of the feather causes another pulled away. The thief then goes to the other side, and the tickling is continued until the sheet is completely withdrawn from the unconscious sleeper. The operation takes time, but is always so nicely managed that there is no case on record of the slumberer having been awakened while the robbery was going forward.

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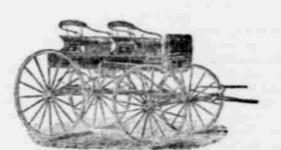
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