

ACROSS THE WAY.

"Have you no friends across the way?" My little city darling said; "And when there comes a rainy day, Can't you look out, and nod your head To some one else, as I can do To Will and Fred and baby Sue? I heard you tell mamma today You had no friends across the way."

Two Doctors.

Almost every one has made his jest about the proneness of doctors to disagree, the one prescribing exactly an opposite course from that ordered by another; but not every one has had an opportunity to conduct such an experiment as was made by the late Baron Lutz, formerly prime minister of Bavaria.

The doctors adopted a very different method of treatment, but both wounds healed at about the same time. When the baron's legs were quite well he derived a great deal of amusement from getting the doctors together and mystifying them with questions about the way each had treated "his leg."

Curious Old Indian Signs. About five miles above Morven is a mystery which the people of that community cannot explain. In a hummock near the river are two complete circles, one 90 and the other 140 feet in diameter. The smaller circle inside the larger. The circles, which are much like those left by a circus performance, are completely barren of vegetation of all kinds.

Rich Payalup Indians. There are scores of Indians on the reservation worth from \$50,000 to \$250,000 each, and when the reservation is thrown open by congress, as it will be in a very few years, there will be in Pierce county a dozen or two of the richest Indians in the United States.

Hebrew Chords. In such of the Hebrew synagogues of this town as employ paid choirs many of the singers are Christians who are totally unacquainted with the Hebrew tongue and alphabet.

Tomato Poisoning. A singular disease has just been called to notice by a prominent physician. It is a form of recession of the gums of the superior molars, which is said to be due to the use of tomatoes as food.

Washington's Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving proclamation of Washington as president of the United States was made in New York on Oct. 3, 1789, setting apart Thursday, Nov. 26, of that year, "to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious being who is the author of all the good that is, that was, or that will be."

The most interesting feature of Mr. Gladstone's face is his eyes. They are described as of a "splendid, flashing, dark brown color." They show his fire and genius, and give his face an ever changing expression.

Mexico is called a republic, but as a matter of fact it is governed by an oligarchy of landlords. Some of these men own vast domains, one possessing 5,000,000 acres of land.

No Wonder He Was Mad.

There are times when words fail adequately to express the force of pent up feeling. A portly, elderly gentleman stood at the Brooklyn bridge ticket window, got his ticket, and, glancing toward the step, saw the vanishing heels of several scampering passengers flying up the broad stair way.

Bridget and the Speaking Tubes. There never was anything like that girl's terror of the bell-and-tube arrangement in our flat. The first time a caller came she rushed in to me with eyes like soup plates and gasped out: "Marm! Marm! There's somebody a whistling somewhere, and, if you please, I don't know where!"

Slim Jim's Strategy. During a lull in business the dealers in the "Ma'sh market" occasionally get together and swap yarns to kill time. The other day a German butcher gave in his experience of a "beat" as follows: "Dere was a tramp used to hang around de market vot we called 'Slim Jim.' He looked like he was yust about starved most of de time.

What's in a Name. In the Massachusetts Reports, if one would take the trouble to look there—or, indeed, whether one looks for it or not—there is one of the coincidences which do so much to keep the theory alive. Therein it is recorded and set forth how one Aquarius Breen was convicted of adulterating milk.

It Didn't Work. A Hallowell husband tried a suicide scare on his wife with ill success. The couple had quarreled, and the husband, taking a bottle of red ink, strewed part on the floor and dabbed the remainder on his throat. Then he laid down on the bed, feigning death.

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Transplanted Britons. Transplanted to new countries, such as Australia, the British race becomes very much more vigorous and of better physique. Yet in Australia, strange to say, the children of British emigrants are more likely to have decayed teeth or to lose them earlier than their parents.

Heretofore reports in relation to the comparative power of different illuminants, as seen through fog and haze, have been against the electric light. Lately, however, three prominent English scientists say that when the electric light is deprived in a measure of its highly refrangible rays by the haze its further progress is not more cut down than the light from oil or gas.

BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING.

Philosophy of Making Gifts and Why Doing So Gives One Pleasure. There must be something very good in human nature or people would not experience so much pleasure in giving; there must be something very bad in human nature or more people would try the experiment of giving.

Let one consider seriously whether he ever gets as much satisfaction out of a gift received as out of one given. It pleases him for the moment, and, it is useful, for a long time, he turns it over and admires it; he may value it as a token of affection, and it flatters his self esteem that he is the object of it.

It is an investment as lasting as that in the debt of England. Like a good deed, it grows, and is continually satisfactory. It is something to think of when he first wakes in the morning—a time when most people are badly put to it for want of something pleasant to think of.

Americans are the best dressed men of all nations that wear what is known as European attire—coat, pants and vest. The English are outlandish and the French too foppish, but the American is known throughout Europe by the quiet richness and practical fit of his clothing. I often reflect upon this when lounging about the brilliantly lighted assembly room of the Southern hotel, as I note the faultless attire of the gentlemen, particularly those from the east and the large cities of the central states, as they spend a half hour before going out to the theatre or other engagement.

English scissors are still called for by ladies, but tailors and others using scissors in their daily work have long since ceased to look for the Sheffield mark. This is very significant, and the fact that a tailor insists on American made shears is a great compliment, as the very best article is needed in cutting out garments.

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Thomas Silverthorn, a hotelkeeper at Coral, Mich., has a spectacle case five inches long that dates back to the misty past. The lid and bottom are of brass, the sides of copper. On the lid and opposite side are seven rude engravings, and under each is written in the Polish language the scriptural account of the birth of Christ. It is claimed to be from 800 to 900 years old.

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