

RHINEGOLD.

Beneath the mystic winding stream
The Rhinemaiden warded well the gold;

A GHOST STORY.

"All ghost stories may be explained,"
said Mrs. Marchmont, smiling rather

"Ah! you think so? Pardon me if I
cannot agree with you," said Mr. Hen-

"So you think all ghost stories may be
explained? What would Mrs. March-

"I wish I could quite forget that old
woman, John dear," she said with a

"Won't you tell us, dear Mrs. Hen-

"Nay, John must tell that tale," said

His jovial face grew stern. Like the
Ancient Mariner, he addressed himself

"You say all ghost stories may be ex-

"Well, to begin my true tale. We
wished for a complete change of scene

"Dorsetshire, I believe, Mrs. Hen-

Angela nodded.
"I intended to take a house for my

"I took the agent's advice, and Angela

"Perfectly

"What so many advantages are to
be had for fifty pounds a year?"

"I took the agent's advice, and Angela

"Glaucor, Mr. Henniker!

"Well, for three weeks we all slept the
sleep of the just in our really splendid

"When? We are all attention, Mr.

"Tommy-Papa, they say Jordan is a
hard road to travel, don't they?"

"Jordan is a river, ain't it?"

"Then why don't they swim it?"

"Yes."

"Angela and I were sitting in the draw-

"Mother, mother, mother!"

"I caught up a candle and followed her

"How did you see her? We asked

"She had light about her, they said,

"I'm not such a fool, my dear," I re-

But pray search the lower re-

"Who, love?" asked his mother.

"The old woman in the black bon-

"So Angela had to spend the remainder

"What can we do tomorrow even-

"I have it! Lucy shall be put to

"What? More bad dreams? This sort

"I confess I was very angry with the

"Nothing, of course. I merely instance

"Poor Angela, trembling, hung over

"Why do you not like her? Is it the

"She's so frightful," cried Hal.

"How could you see her? There was

"This question perplexed the little

"Next day the cribs were removed to

"Glaucor, Mr. Henniker!

"We settled ourselves to our com-

"I was giving chase to a hideous old

"Jordan is a river, ain't it?"

before me going downstairs, and I ran

"This was Charlotte's explanation of

"So you see the little ones must have

"What a brave girl!" cried Mrs. March-

"Brave? Oh, Charlotte's as bold as a

"Angela's nerve was shaken at last,

"John, you are making a story," in-

"It is every word true. I am coming

to an end. Angela, in spite of her dis-

"But you had never seen the charming

"No; but I saw her in the broad day-

"I had a good long look at her, and

"Did you tell Mrs. Henniker what you

"Naturally I did. At this period we

"She started up and ran to catch the

"And did she catch her?"

"She caught a shiver—nothing more!

"After this I resolved to give up the

"We dismissed the servants with hand-

"spoken of since we left the hall, and

"The teacher had been giving instruc-

"Now, when you come to a period you

"A little black-eyed girl then got up

"Tommy-Papa, they say Jordan is a

"Jordan is a river, ain't it?"

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