

Current Literature.

COMING HOME AT LAST.

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He wandered o'er the dreary earth, Forgotten and alone; He who could teach Home's matchless worth...

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Alternatives--A Love Story.

Are there no underwriters for human hopes? For the most precious of interests is there no insurance?

I had been tempted all day, tempted by fate and the devil. All summer long I had been trying to clasp hands for a life journey...

It was a brilliant future that Reginald Dacre offered me, wherein toil and weariness could never come. I thought of the purple and fine lines; the luxurious rest; the emolument!

I had entered upon this life from an unloved and unloving home, a home doled out to me by the tardy justice of a granduncle...

I thought of it all--the fever and the fret; the petty jars; the misunderstandings; the pain of incomprehension; the unguarded toll; the lagging hours; the awful pauses.

You know I did not love this man that offered me rest from my labors. He had not power to evoke one thrill at his call.

We have not been consulted as to birth or death. Mr. re and more the prayer of Epictetus haunts me.

Should I marry Mr. Dacre? Was he a good party? as the world said. Too good for me, as my lady elegantly phrased it.

I was always at war with my surroundings. Through too proud to express it, I had never realized my ideal of womanhood...

My uncle, Edward Earle, had procured me the friendship of the lady in whose house I had passed a twelvemonth--Mrs. Lucien Granger.

I need not weary you with the prologue or the epilogue of my love, for words are not to express the heart's utterance.

It is a pity that blood does not always tell. It was an inglorious triumph to me, yet still a triumph, to bare my white arms to the shoulder during our gala nights--to which my voice was always invited--contrasting their satiny smoothness and perfect contour with the lean, brown appendages Mrs. Granger folded over her aristocratic heart.

Alan was called suddenly by telegram to England, where his grand old father lay dying. We had but a moment for our farewells, for Alan's heart was rent with sorrow, and I helped to expedite his departure.

"My PRECIOUS HELEN: My father whom I loved and respected above all men, died yesterday. I need not tell you how desolate we feel, and how the light seems to have died out of every nook and corner.

"Engage him in conversation, Alan, regarding the hall, Mrs. Granger, the weather, stocks, etc. etc. I will escape by the vestry door, fly to the hall! Secure the note! And then, O, Alan!"

"My darling, my bright darling!" but I broke from his clasp and sped away like a chamois to the hall. I did not heed that the roses fell from my throat, that a portion of my lace blouse grazed a thorn bush, that my hair floated in the wind, that my eyes were closed, and my shoulders, I think if I had possessed a piece of paper I should have held it aloft, and should have shouted, A reprieve! A reprieve!

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My fate. I had bound my hands and had in-tended Phoebe Cary's wailing words: I have turned from the good gifts Thy bounty supplied me.

"Pecavi," I cried, and my head sank upon the organ, and tears stained the red roses at my throat.

"My girl, you have suffered," he ejaculated, in a tone of exquisite tenderness. Helen, my first and only love, how we have been wronged. I only learned, an hour before I embarked, that you were not the false woman you had been painted to me.

"I had died for this last year to know you had loved me. Who shall turn on fate? I care not is love come or go. Now; though your love seek mine for mate, it is too late.

"Too late! Helen, my only love, explain your meaning, for pity's sake. I had heard of this temptation when I heard of his handsome and high-born bride; of my weariness of the hall; of Mrs. Granger; of myself; of Mr. Dacre's constant wooing, and at last of the little note only last night thrust between the leaves of his book, making Alan's coming forever too late for my happiness.

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Miscellaneous.

Cheap Postage at Last, and Postal Notes in Addition.

The late Congress passed a law which will be hailed with general satisfaction by the people, namely, the reduction of the rate of postage on letters to two cents.

Many of our important towns are from one to four thousand miles apart by the postal routes, over which we have been long carrying letters for three cents.

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The Dog.

"To no animal is mankind more indebted for faithful and unswerving affection than the dog. His incorruptible fidelity, his forbearing and enduring attachment, his inexhaustible attachment, diligence, ardor and obedience have been recognized and enjoyed from the earliest times.

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THE PRIZE WINNERS AND ACKNOWLEDGED superior Draft and All-Work stallions, will make the present season, commencing April 1st, and ending July 1st, as follows: Both of the stallions will be at the Fisher Stable, in Salem, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; balance of time, Wide Awake will be at the farm of his owner, while Marquis will be at Dallas.

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