

Current Literature.

NANCY.

In brown holland apron she stood in the kitchen; Her sleeves were rolled up and her cheeks all aglow; Her hair was coiled neatly and I indiscreetly, Stood watching while Nancy was kneading the dough.

Miss Piper's Pupil.

Miss Pandora Piper, teacher of music, who had hard work to keep soul and body together, but was not unhappy, because, as she said, she was never left without a new bonnet for Easter Sunday, and one black silk, somehow, always managed to last until she could get a new one, received a very singular note which had been handed in at the door, the landlady's "girl" said, by an "elderly gentleman."

gentleman, seating himself, as Miss Piper motioned him to a chair. "I'm an oldish pupil I suppose you think; but I'll explain. I think I've explained in my note, but I'll explain again. I've been neglected, not from any unkindness—for my poor mother did the best she could for me—but we were very poor. I don't wish to mention the humble position I've always occupied until a year ago, when somebody from England came and hunted me out. Mother was dead, poor dear! But this was how it was: Father was very rich and up in the world; mother was a housemaid. He married her, and his mother was furious, and mother couldn't stand it. She ran away; she came here, and lived an honest, hard-working life. It was only when she died that she told me my name was not Noggings, but Sliger, and that she had written to my father, or got some lawyer to write, and he was dead, too, and I came into the property and left the humble position I won't allude to, and—well, I'm rich, but I don't know anything, and before I go to England I want to be educated. You understand?"

"It's a very laudable ambition, I'm sure," said Miss Piper. "I usually teach music, but of course I can undertake the English branches." "Yes, mum," replied the gentleman, hastily. "I want to begin with music—the pynner. I have never known any one in high life who could not play upon the pynner. Begin with that and go on to spelling, which I am conscious I sadly need."

could come in at any moment. Nora is in and out every now and then. Such a respectable elderly Gentleman, and such a correct person as I am!" "It isn't me, Pandora," said Mrs. Grimm, quite melted, "it's the neighborhood. The church-going, (if it is church,) finished 'em. You're of age this long while, my dear; but I can't countenance this. I shall put up the bill. Oh, oh, oh, Pandora! that it should come to this!" Poor Miss Pandora! As her friend and landlady walked out of the door with her handkerchief to her eyes, she stood motionless, as though turned to a pillar of salt. She saw just how this repair of neglected education must appear to her small circle of discarded pupils, and felt a strong desire to drown herself or jump out of the window, or turn on the gas, or take a box of matches in her tea, and she might actually, it seemed to her afterwards, have died of mortification, but that the gong of the front door, pulled violently at this moment, startled her, and Nora running up, wrapped in a waterproof cloak, for she had been making preparations to go to bed, announced: "Mr. Sliger!" "He can't come up," said Pandora, at this hour of the night. "No, Miss; he asks for you to come down," said Nora. Pandora went down. Mr. Sliger was at the door. "There's a telescope at the corner," he said; "something going on in some star or other, I believe. Get a bonnet and a shawl and come and have a peep. It will be a lesson in astronomy for me. You can explain it you know—some terms as the other lessons."

week. Mr. St. Leger won't wait. You see, we will have to go to England and live on the estate. And, after all, a poor little music teacher needs no great preparation." "Servants and diamonds, and a country house and a city house, and everything heart can wish," Mrs. Grimm says, now. It's like a romance." And Pandora, happy with her good, simple husband, in her new surroundings, often think so herself. PROSPECTUS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE WILLAMETTE FARMER Within the reach of every farmer in the Pacific Northwest, we shall after this date reduce the price as follows: One Year, in Advance, \$ 7.00. Clubs of Ten, (money with names), 15.00. Clubs of Five, (money with names), 8.75. Postage Stamps will not be taken for Subscription. THE NEW schedule of prices is meant to accommodate all classes and leave no room for complaint or dissatisfaction. At the price named above this paper is the cheapest on the Pacific Coast. 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