

THE BOYS' STORY.

Oh, I remember her name with delight. Sweet Alice, so cherished and dear; I found her grave in the pale hour of night and moisten the turf with a tear. And when the heart is overburdened with woes I wander and muse all alone, And long for the time when my heart shall repose Where sweet Alice lies under the stones.

Uncle's Wish

"If," said the young man, "we could only tolerate one another." "Instead of hating each other," agreed the girl. "I don't exactly hate you," he said generously; "it is only the idea of being forced to associate with you constantly that is repugnant to me."



"Where are you off to?" "I'm going to tell uncle that I hate, loathe, and despise you," she said, deliberately. "Tell him you won't marry me?" "I shall let him—er—decide that," she said, as she slammed the door behind her. "So," said the uncle after dinner that evening, "nothing will induce you to marry?"

"Because," she went on conclusively, "even our curate's married." "That's a pity," said the young man vindictively, having seen both the curate and his wife; "otherwise there might yet be hope for you." "If you weren't my guest!" cried the girl, rising. "Pardon me," he protested, "I'm not your guest."

"I'm here as a prospective part owner," explained her cousin. "If I marry you we shall share it between us." "If you marry me!" cried the girl, controlling herself with an effort. "I think that was what uncle said."

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The Cause of Indian Summer. As the boys and girls all know, we usually have a season of comparatively mild, hazy weather some time in November, to which has been given the name of Indian summer.



Little Prue. Sewing all day for her dollies; Washing and ironing, too; From morning till night so busy is our dear little Miss Prue.

Birds in Foul Weather. There is an old saying in England that "A single magpie in spring Foul weather will bring."

Game of Numbers. What number becomes even by subtracting one? 8—seven. By subtracting two? 11—nine.

A Game of Hops. The company is divided into two parties and as many prizes may be offered as desired.

A Christening in Sight. A Mobile lawyer was surprised when, his negro gardener called at the office accompanied by a large wheelbarrow.

these places at a distance. The prizes go to those who go to the right places with the nearest correct number of hops.

The Water Mark in Paper. If you will hold up to the light a sheet of writing paper you will, as a rule, see the brand of the paper, or the name of the manufacturer, in it.

Luxuries Are Cheaper and Necessities Dearer Than in United States. The general impression is that life in the United States costs more than elsewhere.

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The Bachelor Maid's Keys. "Do I enjoy the freedom of a latch-key?" exclaimed the bachelor maid bitterly. "Look at that bunch"—holding aloft a ring full of keys. "Fifteen, and I have to carry all of them all the time."

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Avoiding Scarlet Fever. Scarlet fever is an eruptive disease, attacking persons of any age, but usually children, since, owing to its wide prevalence and exceedingly contagious character, few persons attain adult life without having been exposed to it.

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