CATCHING SUNBEAMS.

. The grandmother sat by the cottage door, The grandchild played at her feet on the floor

From the western sky the bright sunshine sped, And rested in glory on either head.

Then in long, golden arrows it seemed to fall, And quivering, break on the cottage wall.

And the child reached up with her baby hands, Loud laughing, to prison the shining bands.

And 'twas sweet on the baby face to see The look of surprise at the mystery.

Swift escape from the tiny fingers' hold - Again on the wall the dancing gold.

In the grandmother's lap the knitting lay, And her eyes were bent on the child at play.

But against the tide of her life's long stream Had her thoughts swam back in a waking vicious horses. He has been teaching dream,

T.II they reached the source and she was th

That caught at the sunbeams with laughter wild.

And through all the paths of life's dusty way, It had been with her as the child at play.

She had caught at the sunbeams that barred the air.

She had opened her hands, lo ! naught was there !

Less wise than the child, she had often wept, As faith from her soul her empty hand swept.

She reached no hands now. But now the sun streamed

In a golden flood, as she sat and dreamed.

And backward so far as the bright shadows lie, With glory they filled the east and west sky.

"Prisoned at last !" So she thought and she smiled At the dancing gold and the laughing child.

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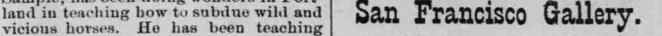
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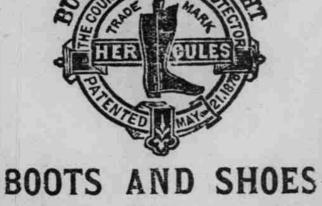






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