

LUCCABY.

Close your eyelids early darling,
Like soft clouds in a sky of blue
All around the four angles...

IN TWO HALVES.

THE FIRST HALF.

Wet and dreary. It is midwinter; the scene is Kirklington, on the London and Northwestern; the time quarter to 11; just after the night mail had flashed through without stopping—bound for Liverpool and the north...

"All tricks, of course, it all comes of practice," said Jack, as he proceeded to explain some of the simple processes, hoping to enchain the man's attention.
That's what I thought, sir, or I'd have given you a job to do. I've been in want of a red-crown for many a long day, and nothing less'll do...

"Are you prepared to go on?" said the baronet, haughtily, to Jack.
"Certainly."
"What does this pocketbook contain?"
"Evidence."
"Of what?"
"Of facts that must, sooner or later, come to light."

THE TURKISH BATH.
AN INSTITUTION THAT IS POPULAR WITH THE LADIES.
Women Who Bathe to Increase Their Weight, and Others Who Do the Same to Make Themselves Thinner—Ladies' Day at a St. Louis Bath House.
While St. Louis cannot boast of any Turkish bath houses marked by Parisian or even Levantine luxury and elegance as to fittings and conveniences, she can claim to have a large contingent of fresh looking, handsome women who give full credit to the beautifying influence of regular Turkish baths...

His Reform Now Possible.
"Samantha, I wish I could break myself of this slavish habit of smoking!" said Mr. Chaugwater, despairingly. "I'd give worlds if I could do it!"
"Will you be guided by my advice, Josiah?" asked Mrs. Chaugwater.
"Of course, my dear."

TOASTMASTER HARKER.
HE HAS HEARD MORE AFTER DINNER SPEECHES THAN ANY OTHER MAN.
His Reminiscences of Distinguished Diners.
Charles Dickens was a Ready Speaker. Brought Out the Prince of Wales—Dining 5,000 Doctors.
"Are you still the city toastmaster?"
"No, I gave up my post some time ago; but I am the queen's bailiff at the central criminal court, and am one of the oldest servants of the corporation."