



A LOCK OF HAIR.

STAINLY there was nothing about Abram Smollett to suggest the gay Lothario. He was the commonplace, not to say plainest, of mortals, a respected member of the board of trade and a thorough man. I don't suppose any man except Smollett's wife ever looked at him twice, and yet Mrs. Smollett was so inordinately jealous.

tried, in a sneaking way, for the servants were greatly in evidence, to gain audience with his wife; but she would not open her door and he spent the night on the couch in the library and went down town the next morning in a most bewildered state of mind and an empty state of stomach.

good bit darker than it was when she was a child of 6. Her father gave me that lock and I've carried it—well, a good many years. Now are you satisfied?"

HAD TWENTY-FIVE BABIES.

Mrs. Swartwood, Married 27 Years, Has 20 Living Children. Mrs. Samuel Swartwood of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is the mother of the largest family in the United States. Although a comparatively young woman, being only 41 years old, she is the mother of twenty-five children, twenty of whom are living.

Regarding her married life, Mrs. Swartwood talked freely. "I was married when I was 14 years old. I loved Will when I was a girl and I wanted to be married. Ever since we have been very happy, and I would not change places with any rich woman. Look at these children! Ain't they riches enough, and every one living at home except the two girls that got married. It's nice for father and me to have them all here, although it does crowd us a bit. We haven't got a big house, as you can see, and every bit of the space is used. Walk into the dining-room there and look at the table."

It was a table to look at, of generous width and very long. It bore plates and knives and forks for twenty-two people. At intervals were great piles of bread. "It keeps me and the girls pretty busy looking after the eating and washing for our big family," resumed Mrs. Swartwood when I came out of the dining-room. "Father makes all out \$70 a month, and the boys bring in about \$90 a month, and while we get along nicely we have nothing to spare. We've given all the children as good schooling as they can get around here."

"What do you think of married life?" I ventured to ask. "Well, I ought to know, I guess. Who was it said married life was one long, sweet dream? Grover Cleveland, wasn't it? Well, I agree with him. It has been to me. Every woman should get married, I think. I don't know much about the new woman, but if she don't believe in married life I don't want to know anything about her. What's as happy as having children to love you and you loving them? "None of my children has been a source of grief, trouble, or anxiety to me, and I think God has been especially kind to give me so many. Yes, sir, you can put me down as believing in the married woman who believes in having children."

Mr. Swartwood, is an engineer on the Jersey Central railroad.

World's Big Boats. The English marine publication, the Syren, says: "We British pride ourselves that the aggregate tonnage of British ships approximates that of the merchant tonnage of all other nations places us in a position other than first. It appears we have only eleven vessels of over 10,000 gross tons—headed by the Oceanic, with her 17,000 tons. But Germany has twenty-three vessels in that category. The United States is the only other nation with vessels above 10,000 tons, and she has four. The biggest ship owned by France is 8,803 tons, while Norway's greatest ship is of 3,277 tons gross. In speed Great Britain is right ahead of her competitors, having thirty-one vessels with a speed of twenty knots or more; Belgium has six, the United States four, Germany and Holland three each, France two and Russia one. Thus in speed the British flag excels the world, while the disparity between Germany and this country, so far as size is concerned, will soon be lessened, as several big vessels are nearing completion in British yards."

Nature's Mimicry. One of the most curious examples of Nature's mimicries is the substance jewelers call opodora lute. The ordinary observer would call this lovely stone pure turquoise. But it is really nothing of the kind. It is simply the fossil teeth of long extinct animals which have been become tinged with various mineral salts. It is much softer than the true turquoise. All the best turquoise comes from Khorassan, in Persia. Every scheme that works is good overdone.

The Marriageable Age. A spinster who is still living in hope says the marriageable age is anywhere between the seminary and the cemetery.—Chicago Daily News.

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