

THE OLD GARDEN.

I know of a haunted garden where the old-time flowers grow; There are hollyhocks and lilies in a long and stately row;

"When Tom Proposed."

TOM was wont to declare that his environment had eradicated every vestige of sentiment that he had originally possessed.

NURSE OF CIVIL WAR FAME.



MARY A. BICKERDYKE

"Mother" Bickerdyke, who died recently, was 84 years old. She was in most of the great battles of the Civil War as a nurse, and with Sherman on his march to the sea.

sat watching the unhappy passengers, her face very pale and her lips tightly pressed together.

WERE THEY TOLTECS?

ORIGIN OF THE CLIFF-DWELLERS BEING STUDIED.

Mexican Archaeologist Traces This Strange People Back Through Ages to Establish Identity as Progenitors of Ancient Races of His Country.

Prof. Leopoldo Batros, Mexico's able archaeologist, has returned after several weeks spent in the land of the cliff dwellers at Mancos, Colo.

"I made original excavations, and have brought back with me a large collection of archaeological objects, including a skeleton with a fragment of a feather winding-sheet, a pair of palm sandals, pottery, implements of agriculture, pieces of wood for kindling fire by attrition, pieces of leather sewn together, skulls, a piece of an osier basket similar to the ones made in China, and from the caves of the cliff dwellers, besides a large collection of photographs.

The trip to the cliff dwellers is the hardest one I have ever made, though I have visited all the most inaccessible archaeological remains in Mexico.

LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Saying that Are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

Penelepe—I think it is silly throwing an apple peel over one's shoulder on Halloween and believing that it will fall in the initial of the person one is going to marry.

Sec. of State's Duties. The Secretary of State's duties are more onerous than those of any other cabinet member.

Disturbed Dream. Reginald—Dadling, I could float out here forever and ever and— Voice from Shore—Say, young fellow, don't forget that boat is a dollar per hour and you owe for two hours now.

Hereditary. To account for the transmissibility of ancestral types, Darwin in his work on "Pangenesis" promulgated a theory that each cell threw off what he designated "gemmules," which formed the nuclei of another series of cells, whose sole destiny in the economy of nature was the propagation of its species.

"SWAN-UPPING" IN ENGLAND. Mediaeval Ceremony of Marking the Royal Birds of the Thames. This is the work set apart for the upping of swans, says a recent issue of the London Daily Mail.

The Art of Skipping. The Living Age remarks that some of the fundamental principles of the useful art of skipping are suggested by Anthony Denne, in the following passage in the London Pilot:

France Hostile, England Friendly. In addition to the Benedictines who are leaving France for England, many of the Assumptionists are preparing to cross the channel, writes a Paris correspondent.

Had Another Engagement. "I went so high in de bailloon I could beach de angels singin'," said the old colored deacon.

Preacher performing marriage ceremony—Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife? Bowery Pete—Aw, say wot's eatin' yer? Did yer tink we comes here for a divorce?

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THREE VIEWS OF LIFE.



There is gladness in her gladness when she's glad; And there's sadness in her sadness when she's sad; But the gladness of her gladness, nor the sadness of her sadness is nothing to her mad— Ally Slopers.

Valve Received. "Remember," said the friend, "it is dangerous to try to deceive the people. You cannot get something for nothing."

Surprising News. Minnie—Well, there was one thing I remarked about your wife the first time I saw her; she was undoubtedly outspoken.

Natural Mistake. Desk Editor—Well, that's rough. Desk Editor's Wife—What's the matter? Desk Editor—Oh, I wrote "A Scene of Rare Beauty" for a headline over the story of a ball, and the proof reader has let it go "A Scene of Rare Beauty."—Somerville Journal.

Yazoo Delta the Negroes' Mecca. In speaking of Mississippi as showing a larger increase of negroes than whites, it would be better to say that this is true only of a part of the State. The Yazoo delta has become the greater Mecca of the negroes, and there they have flocked not only from the hill counties, but from the neighboring States—Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas.

HALF A LIFETIME IN PRISON.

Why Michael Werner Knows that Honesty is the Best Policy.

There is no man in the United States who could better testify to the truth of the adage, "Honesty is the best policy," than Michael Werner, who never lived up to it.

PEOPLE WHO WEAR THE KILT.

The wearing of the kilt is a custom religiously observed in the smartest society in Scotland.

WHERE COURTSHIP IS GRIM.

Customs of Kidnaping and Murder Still Extant in the Caucasus. The manners and customs of the people of the Caucasus have not changed to a great extent since the country has

MODERN ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

An expert tutor declares that the practice of taking strong coffee or of trying the head up with a wet towel in order to keep awake and study is an utter fallacy; that it injures the health and prevents the brain from performing the finer operations involved in learning and memorizing facts.

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