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THE TRAMP.

"No tramps here," said I, and shut the door in his face. I did. The wind blew so, that I could hardly do it, and the pear trees were moaning and groaning as if they suffered in the storm.

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DRUSILLA SAID.

"What is the matter, Aunt Fairfax?" Drusilla said. "I said nothing; but it is this, kind of like the ghost of a step, going chump, chump, over the frozen snow; kind of like the ghost of a voice saying, 'Let me lie on the floor, and give me any kind of a crust, 'd' you like some one that had a mother, down on the wintry road and freezing and starving to death. This is what it was. But I put it away, and thought only of my dear mother."

FRENCH AND GERMAN ARMIES.

Three years ago the German military party complained of the concentration of French troops on the eastern frontier, and endeavored to show that France was bent on the immediate recovery of Alsace-Lorraine. The controversy on this subject, after having assumed a very alarming character, fortunately subsided, Germany contenting herself with adding to the security of her newly acquired provinces. In these circumstances it is not surprising that the French are following the present military operations on the Rhine with great interest.

DANES AND THE NORTH POLE.

LONDON, October 6th.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says that the presence of Sir Allen Young, the well-known Arctic explorer at the Danish capital, is connected with an idea proposed by a scientific committee of the International Meteorological Congress, which met at Hamburg a few days ago, for the purpose of promoting expeditions to the Arctic Seas. It was suggested that an attempt be made to approach the North Pole gradually by means of a series of stations which should narrow the circle round the much coveted spot.

HOUSE AND FARM.

BREATH.—Leaves of parsley eaten with vinegar will prevent the disagreeable consequence of eating onions. CHOCOLATE FOR CAKE.—The whites of three eggs, one and one-half cups of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate, one tablespoonful of vanilla.

CIDER-MAKING.

This is the season of the year in which the farmer who has a bearing apple orchard can easily have new cider on his table, and may experiment with keeping through the winter. It used to be said that cider made in Oregon could not be kept for any length of time, but this has often been disproved by our best cider-makers.

SUNDAY READING.

Never till man feels the fires of individuality will he write his name among the living forces.—Dr. Peddie. Such is the constitution of things that unwillingness to goodness may ripen into the voluntary opposition to it.—Julius Muller.

The young lady whose lover wrote her that he was doing duty on the tented field, afterwards ascertained that instead of fighting Indians, he drove a team for a circus. The one unsatisfactory thing about heaven to some women will be when they get into their angel clothes, they can't see the dressmaker about the fit, and say she kept all the scraps.