

A LITTLE HAND.

A little hand lies on my knee. Two tearful eyes look up to me. A thrill the childless cannot know Sets all my quickened blood aglow.

THE EXTRA-VAGANCE OF DAN.

"To think," exclaimed Farmer Biggs, solemnly, as in either hand he held upright the carving knife and fork, his buttocks resting upon the table-cloth; "to think as I should 'a' raised up a boy to be as extravagant as this!"

ways. I never knew your father to spend so much money at one time in his life. It must 'a' cost a heap."

in his pocket, climbed into the buggy and drove away without a word. After that Dan got into the habit of absenting himself more than one evening in the week, and his parents became so worried that Mr. Biggs began praying earnestly for him at family prayers.

LADY CURZON IN INDIA. What It Means to Be a Viceroy's Wife - Social Demands on Vicereignty. Under the title "The American Girl Who Leads an Empire," Edward Page Gobson writes interestingly in the Woman's Home Companion of the responsibilities undertaken by Lady Curzon:

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better than blondes. I call to mind, for instance, a very pretty little lady who was a litigant in court some years ago, and who wept when a certain portion of the testimony was reached.



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A woman of 28 or 32 judges men from an entirely different standpoint, and is capable of a depth of feeling wholly unknown to the girl of 18 or 20.

An old lady of 70 told a stranger she had been three times married. She seemed greatly surprised when the lady remarked: "And you loved your second husband best of the three?"

Of course, we find people who have wedded in very early life and loved until an old age; but those cases are rare.

Wants Hanging Stopped. Miss Alice Carey Harlow, of Charleston, Ill., the originator of the movement for the abolition of capital punishment in Illinois, is a cultured and sympathetic lady who occupies a prominent position as an educator.



MISS ALICE C. HARLOW.

was drawn into her anti-capital punishment crusade by the circumstance of the execution of Carter Marth, who was hanged on Dec. 16 for murder.

Married Life in Albania. An Albanian woman expects to be beaten if she misbehaves, this being the prerogative of the Albanian husband.

Will Be a Nurse. Lady Terrence Blackwood, before her marriage a New York belle, is learning to be a trained nurse.



LADY BLACKWOOD.

The Art of Crying. "Very few women know how to cry properly," said a cold-blooded observer.

MOUSE ON A MONUMENT.

Explorers Find a Rodent 10,000 Feet Above the Sea.

When the vanguard of the recent Mazama expedition to the summit of Mount St. Helens arrived at the top of the mountain they moved some of the fragments of rocks to get at the box containing the record of mountain climbers who had reached the peak.

Mr. Biggs reddened with pleasure at this praise from so high an authority. "Dan's a rare worker," he said, "an' I'm payin' him half wages now for takin' the hired man's place. He'll make a right smart farmer one o' these days."

"Yes," replied Mr. Larkins, thoughtfully, "he has a likely look. I wish I had a son like him, an' he mounted his gray nag and rode slowly away."

The next Sunday there was no opposition to Dan's driving the bay mare to the Larkinsville church, and Mrs. Biggs was really proud of her boy as she watched him drive away, so spruce in his new clothes.

And so the summer passed away, and Sunday became Dan's day off. Sometimes he would not return until the family was in bed, and his father and mother spoke to each other anxiously about his "carryin' on" and feared his bad habits were growing on him.

Dan looked him straight in the eye. "There's about twenty dollars comin' to me, ain't there?" he asked.

"But that. But I ain't goin' to encourage you in extravagant habits."

"I'll trouble you for two dollars," said Dan, white with anger, "or I'll take what's due me an' you can find another hand. I'm 21, an' I'm my own master."

"I have a splendid ear for music," said the complacent young man, "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, regretfully, "but you don't sing with your ear."

FURNISHED HOUSES.

Are Rented by the Fashionables for the Short Term Season.

Now that it has become the habit of New-Yorkers to remain out of the city for longer periods than they formerly did, the furnished house has become a much more important element in the real estate business.

Two Irish Stories. One day, hearing a knock at the door, a mistress asked her Irish servant who it was that called.

"It was a gentleman, ma'am, looking for the wrong house," was the reply. A workman repairing the roof of one of the highest buildings in Dublin lost his footing and fell.

Trouble in the Camp. "There seemed to be a rather acrimonious discussion going on as I went by headquarters."

Other Troubles. "Doesn't your broken engagement at the beginning of a new year make you unutterably sad, Archibald?"

Bald-headed friends find it difficult to part.



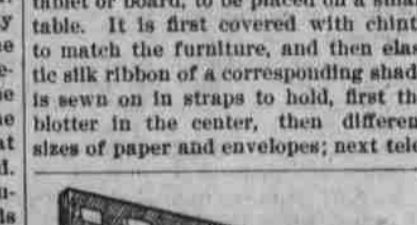
Samson's Prettiest Woman.

Miss Fa'mun is the daughter of ex-King Malletta, and a German officer desires to marry her.

About Calls. A first call is made on the newcomer by the older resident without waiting for the formality of an introduction.

Handy Writing Table. A pretty accessory for a bedroom in a country house is a pretty writing tablet or board, to be placed on a small table.

Bedroom Writing-Table. graph blanks, and then pens and sealing-wax, etc. A safety topped inlaid firmly glued into place, with penwiper, match-box and stampbox, completes the accoutrement.



BEDROOM WRITING-TABLE.

Take What You Can Get. One of the most helpful qualities for the winning of success is that ability which enables one to take philosophically what one can get if one cannot get what one wants.