

BEAUTIFUL BLUE BELLS.

Cerulean bells! who cannot gaze with rapture ever new, Upon the simple beauty of your chalice of blue?

THE GARDENER'S STORY.

"And so you have had two wives, Robert, they inform me, and you are a very young man still."

not come then, she might suppose he was dead or changed. "Poor little Mary! This was the time I first began to notice her. She moved about, heavy like, and grew pale, and the smallest thing set her to crying."

"But where is Jeannie all this time? Did you conceal this strange story from her?" "God forbid. I told it to her when I first found out it meant to her."

ALPHONSO TAFT IN CONSTANTINOPLE. Advice from Constantinople are to the effect that Hon. Alfonso Taft, our minister to Austria, has arrived in that city on a quiet little tour all by himself."

And Alfonso's heart beat high with expectation. The Sultan gave a gesture of command, and the eunuch whipped the veil off the woman in a trice. Alfonso sprang to his feet. He had seen that face and that snow white hair and those dreamy eyes before, but where, oh, where?"

BIG MEN. A List of Giants Who Have Lived in Modern Times. Samuel McDonald, a Scotchman, nicknamed "Big Sam," was 6 feet 10 inches in height. Was footman to Prince of Wales. Died 1812.