COULD SHE HAVE GUESSED!

Could she have guessed my coward carei I knew her foot upon the stair. Her figure chained my inmost eye: I only looked a lover's lie— I feigned indifference, felt despair.

My very blood leaped up, aware Of her free step and morning air; She raised her head, she caught my eye-Could she have guessed?

I faced her with a chilly stare, With words so common and so bare!
Her whispering skirts as she went by,
Swept every sense—a thrilling sigh!
Ah! would her heart have heard my prayer,
Could she have guessed?

EGYPT'S BURDEN OF DEBT.

Half a Billion Dollars-The Terrors of Taxation-Catelty and Extravagance. [St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

During the present century only has it been possible to borrow from abroad, and the modern despots of Egypt have taken full advantage of their opportunities. At present the foreign debt of the country exceeds 100,000,000 pounds sterling, or \$500,000,000, without including the monkobalak of forced interior debt, which amounts to many millions more.

The population of Egypt proper is a little more than 5,000,000, so that the national indebtedness exceeds \$100 for each and every man, woman and child in the country. The land is wonder-fully fertile, producing ordinarily three crops a year, but even with this fertil-ity it is impossible to meet the expenses of a costly government and pay the interest on the enormous debt. Taxation is placed on everything that can bear it and on many things that are wholly unable to do so.

In 1864 the revenue of Egypt was a little less than 5,000,000 pounds sterling; in 1873 it was 10,500,000 pounds sterling, and since that time it has varied between 8,000,000 and 10,000,-000 pounds sterling annually. It derived from taxes and tithes on land and its products, and on tolls and railway and customs duties. It averages nearly \$2 from each inhabitant, counting all ages and both sexes, and it is a grievous burden. The collection is framed out by the government and the district collectors take handsome commissions for themselves, so that the real taxation is much greater than the figures given above.

The local collectors are armed with courbashes (whips made from the hide of the hippopotamus and beyond excep tion the most cruel whips in the world), and the peasants are flogged with these instruments of torture until they pay what is demanded. The courbash has been in use from time immemorial, but its application was probably more universal and liberal under Ismail Pasha than under any of his predecessors. Ismail's "necessities" for money were many and great, and he governed himself (and his people) accordingly. He was constantly building palaces—he had a superstitious belief that he would die whenever he did not have a palace in course of construction; he gave the sultan 10,000,000 pounds sterling to have the Mohammedan law changed so that he could be succeeded by his son rather than by the eldest male member of his family, as was hitherto the custom; he entertained with a splendor rivaling that of Akbar or Aurengzebe the Great; and he lavished money upon fireworks and other useless extravagances whenever occasion offered.

Only Her Way.

[Chicago Ledger.] "They certainly do quarrel, Mrs.

Crapsey."
"Pshaw! I don't believe a word of Why, they fairly dote on each

"But I heard her call him an old fool

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