

THE NAUTILUS.

Waves take this shell,
Gift of me, a bride.
Dive it to-and-fro,
On the moonly tide.
Let its pearls bulwarks dwell
By its side.

MY NEIGHBOR.

A fatiguing journey up six long,
winding flights of stairs carried me
to the door of the room I occupied in
street; but, no matter for the name of
the street, no one, I am confident, will
visit London for the express purpose
of satisfying himself that I am to be
depended upon, and that there is a house
of so many stories in Lambert street.
Here I lived in enjoyment of no end of
fresh air, especially in winter, and a
brilliant prospect up and down the
street and over the roofs of the houses
across the way.

"Yes, but I want you, Maggie. Will
you come?"
"Law, if ye really want me, Maggie,
I'll come, sir, 'cause ye've been very
good to me."
The sittings began the next day, and
I derived much amusement from the
old woman's conversation while I painted;
away with might and main, resolved
that this picture should be hung at the
salon next spring, and my imagination
even went so far as to speculate on the
most suitable style of frame.

After that we neither spoke till the
clock struck 6, and I stopped back to
view my work.
It was truly the best thing I had ever
done, and another hour's work would
have finished it, but the light was going
fast, so I began to run away my paints
and brushes, and Maggie gathered up
her things to leave.

minute. Then I went out, closed the
door softly and reverently and ran down
stairs.
So this was my neighbor, and I never
knew!
On the second floor I met one of the
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took out of her hands.

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