A DECEPTION.

To this day I live in perpetual fear of meeting him; indeed I am continually haunted with the belief that he is scouring the earth for me, thristing for revenge, and that is why shun the haunts of men and live a solitary, secluded life, only venturing out at dusk and wearing a beard (which doesn't suit me) and blue glasses (which I don't need) as a means of disguise. Of course it should never have happened. I admit that. A word of explanation and all would have been well, and I should not now be living with the sword of Damocles hanging over my head. But I let the opportunity slip and plunged myself in an intrigue which may yet end in bloodshed.

It began with a very simple mistake on my part. I was lounging on the pier at Eastsea one fine morning in September listening to the "Grand Selection from the Bohemian Girl" (they play this every day at Eastsea) and watching the promenaders when my eyes fell on a young lady who was sitting in a quiet corner reading a novel. I could not see her face for it was hidden by a crimson parasol, but She put her arm through mine quite her general appearance at once told me that it was Flo Beresford, one of the prettiest girls I know, and inwardly down. Her eyes were very bright and congratulating myself, I rose and crossed to her.

So absorbed was she in her book band played a dreamy waltz. that she did not hear my approach and to attract her attention (I know her very well) I playfully tapped the sunshade with my paper. She looked up in a moment and then, to my horror, I saw I had made a mistake; it was not Flo, but a stranger.

I stood paralyzed, trying to frame in my voice. an apology, but before I could get the words out I was amazed to see a lovely smile of evident recognition and a still lovelier blush overspread a charming face.

"George!" she cried in a joyous tone, "this is a surprise. When did you come? But there, sit down."

Now, I know that this was where I made the fatal error. It was evident that I had a double and equally evident that she was mistaking me for him.

I know I ought to have undeceived her, to have murmured a few words of apology, raised my cap and gone away, but I did not do this. Perhaps it was her eyes, or her mouth, or her hair, or the "altogether," as Trilby would say. I don't know, but anyway she drew her skirts aside and I sat down. "What made you come so-so sudden-

ly?" she asked. "What?" then recovering myself, "Why you, of course." She blushed divinely.

"Couldn't you wait for my answer?" she murmured softly.

"No," I said, "I couldn't." She turned over the pages of her norel in abstracted fashion. On the fly eaf I caught sight of some writing.

"To Lucy, from George" and the date, Then a sudden inspiration struck me. I bent my head close to hers, so close that a stray tendril of her brown hair brushed my cheek.

my lips toher shell like little ear, 'what is your answer?" She laughed.

gaid. "I posted the letter this morn- labor well repaid. "In-in answer to my letter?" I put in, taking a step in the dark.

"Yes, in answer to your letter. And you'd have had it to-night." "And as it is I've missed it." "Yes, you've missed it."

"But you'll tell me what-what you She bent her head and toyed with the tassel of her parasol. She was very

tease you," she murmured. "Do you want to drive me distracted?" I cried.

A ripple of laughter came from her "You see, if you'd only waited." "But I-I couldn't wait. Lucy, you

will tell me?" "Not-not now." "When?"

"To-to-night, perhaps." "Here?".

"Yes, here." Then I wondered what it was he had

asked her. It seemed to me that it could be only one thing, but-ah, I had "Have you kept my letter?" I asked. "Kept it? O, George-yes. Why, I

have it here, putting her hand to her "Just-er-let me have a look at it a moment. "Let you? O, so you want to draw

oack, do you? Well, you can if you-' "My darling, I-" "George, forgive me. Of course, know. There it is." "I was about to say," I observed as I took it, "that I only wanted to see

if I had spelt necessary with one c or She opened wide her eyes. . "Necessary?" she said. "Why, there's no such word in the letter."

"Isn' there?" I murmured. "Let me "Yes, I read it, but I don't think it would be right to let any one else do So. My theory was correct, however." "I am wrong," I said, as I returned it to her. "I didn't use the word."

"I knew you didn't." There was a pause. "And-and you don't want to draw

Draw back, indeed." We talked of many things after that. She told me about her mother, who was an invalid, it appeared.

"And I shan't be able to come out ficient to mark milady's lingerie. Inthis afternoon," she said. "but you'll stead, her Christian name must be em-- come up and see mamma?"

ment. "Yes." 1 said. "but do you know- of her own handwriting.

it's very funny-but, the fact is, I've

actually forgotten where you're stay-"O, you stupid boy!-South Parade, of

"Of course, Number?" "Eleven."

"To be sure.!" "Mamma will be so pleased to see

"I shall be pleased to see mamma," The band had ceased playing now and I saw her off the pier-saw her home,

"This afternoon, then?" she said, brightly, as I bade her good morning. I said "yes," but I did not mean it. No. I had resolved to let the matter get no further. Up to this point it had simply been a very innocent joke. But it should end.

Hang it! you know, it wasn't right. In fact, it was dishonorable. I-well, then, I thought of her answer and what it was likely to be, and-well, at 3 o'clock I was sitting in the front drawing room at No. 11 sipping tea and talking to a very charming lady who welcomed me as-a son. Lucy accompanied me to the door

when I took my leave. "What time shall I call for you?" asked.

"I shall live in torture till then." "No, you must live-in hope," she replied, and then she disappeared. I was there at 7. She was ready. confidingly and we walked down the

Our corner was vacant and we sat her cheeks were flushed. It was a mild, warm evening. The sea splashed lazily on the golden sands and the

"Have you forgotten?" I murmured, as I took her hand.

"Forgotten."

"Seven."

"Your answer." She was silent.

"Of three—"

"Lucy, what is it! Speak! This-this suspense is killing me." I think I did it pretty well. There

was a decided thrill of genuine passion The fact is, I believe I loved her. "It's-it's a word of th-three letters," she murmured.

"George, is my hat straight?" This was after-after the band had played three waltzes and two descriptive pieces, and it was time to go home. I saw her home, of course, and we lingered at the gate another half hour. "I may tell mamma," she whispered softly, as I released her. "Yes, do," I said.

After all, what did it matter? Then I suddenly felt the pressure of her lips to mine and the next moment she had vanished. And as I walked back to my hotel smoking a cigarette I thought what a pleasant evening I had spent.

Alas! I never saw her again. I should have met her on the pier the next morning, but I did not do so. I don't think-I say, I don't think-I should have done so in any case; but the real reason why I didn't was this:

As I came down the next morning I met a gentleman on the stairs who was so like me that we might have been twins: It was "George."

What did I do? Why promptly packed my portmanteau and took train to a remote village in Scotland. I wonder now if he ever found out. Of one thing I am certain. She would not tell

INGENIOUS PATENTS.

Some Inventions That Were Brought About by the Advent of the Steam Engine.

The advent of the steam-engine was "Lucy," I whispered, almost putting the signal for a host of ingenious and amusing inventions. A writer has taken the trouble to delve amongst these "Wouldn't you like to know?" she old railway patents, and has found his

que theory of that anxious patentee who was very sure that in winter the steamengine would be perfectly useless, because the thin coating of hoar frost that would gather in the morning upon the rails would effectually hinder the wheels from moving along.

Of course the objector had a remedy "I've half a mind not to-just to to propose. His rails were to be hollow in order to allow hot water to circulate through them, thus keeping the metal warm and preventing the formation of hoar frost.

Another writer, fully persuaded that no smooth-wheeled venicle could be made to move along ordinary roads, fitted his piston-rods not to work wheels, but a set of legs, that kicked into the road beneath the engine, moving it much as a bunt is poled in the water, only here there were to be four poles instead of one.

Decidedly more interesting than an engine that kicked its way along was one that was actually to walk on four There were several varieties of these steam-walkers, one of which burst on its trial trip, and killed six persons. It was not till Hedley exploded all these ingenious theories by simply trying how a smooth wheel would really act on a smooth road, that the wonderful inventions ceased.

The idea of danger was always very prominent in the minds of inventors. One was so convinced that "accidents on railroads would be frequent," that he proposed to minimize the loss of life by attaching the train to the engine by a long rope, so that in the event of collision only the enginemen would suf-

Another adopted the expedient of a feather-bed placed between the buffers of the carriages, so that "a shock could not be transmitted;" and a third, and still more ingenious patentee, proposed fixing a pair of rails along the top of the train, falling at a gentle gradient fore and aft, so that in event of another train meeting or overtaking it, the two could pass over and under each other, and both could go on their "Not for worlds," I cried, recklessly. way rejoicing.

Fashion has declared that the monogram or single initial is no longer sufbroidered in wash linens on every one I hesitated a moment-only a mo- of her dainty garments, and, to be absolutely correct it must be a fac-simile

About the House.

HOME-MAKING AND HOME-MAK-ERS.

To the true man or woman there can be nothing more agreeable on earth than the business of home-making; and all who are not home-makers miss the best part of their mission in life. Whoever makes a home, in the best sense of the word, is a real benefactor to the race; for every true home is the abode of joy, peace, happiness and security to those that share in it, and exert an influence that is incalculable for the amelioration of the whole human family. Many a prodigal has been led by the thought of home, and the makers of his own particular home, to repent of his sins and to change his course in life; and many an unfortunate one has been saved in the evil hour from suicide, or worse, by the tender recollections of home, a fond mother's prayers, an indulgent father's counsels, or a sister's or a brother's tenderness.

Yes, whoever helps to make a true home confers a benefit on mankind that | tion times without number when laid no man can fully estimate. Indeed, on a bed of pain and suffering, yet the influence of the true home for good. is absolutely incalculable, and reaches many even that never enter its inner perhaps, enter upon a line of sin, that be observed is protection from excescircle. Simply to get a glimpse of it will surely bring her in sorrow to the is to receive an impulse toward better grave. things, to obtain a more exalted view of life, and to feel an access of faith in God and the immortality of the human soul. It is like a vision of the glories of the New Jerusalem and the everlasting habitations, and no one can be wholly bad who has seen such things.

In most cases a man or woman is what his or her home influences have and burst forth in all its fulness, how made him or her, and the homeless child is always at a disadvantage as compared with one who has a good home. The homeless child is indeed my darling babe, the idol of my heart, greatly to be pitied, being deprived of my well beloved son. Let us hope such so much of life's sweetness and brightness, and knowing nothing by actual experience of a mother's gentle sympathy and a father's loving care, or of the innocent pleasures which kind parents know how to provide in the home circle, and which, far beyond anything else, make childhood the happiest period of life. The individual who one of the low tables and several of starts out in life from a well-ordered the small, low chairs that are used in home is quite sure to prove a useful the kindergarten. If there is no remember of society, for pleasant home associations inspire that confidence in a person which insures him success in they provide a-most convenient place any honorable undertaking.

There are many things to be considered in genuine home-making, but the great essential, that without which everything else amounts to nothing, is Selfishness and unkindness are the chief home destroyers, and must sleeplessly guarded against by those who wish to make and keep happy homes; for where either holds sway, true home life is an impossibility. Love and kindness constitute the tie that joins the members of the home circle in a joyous and harmonious union of souls, and these all true home-makers will diligently cultivate. It is warm-heartedness, first, last and all the time, that the successful home-maker needs.

Among the material requisites to home-making are an attractive abiding place and proper environment, which latter must include good air and light. Of course, there are many minor points of difference between a city home and a country home, while in all the most important particulars all true homes are alike. City homes, as a rule, do allowing continuous circulation to a not offer as good opportunities as those in the country for exterior or lawn decoration. That, however, is of no consequence, as the rule applies to all The peculiarity is that all floors and it is safest to allow them to homes, regardless of location, that they ceilings are crossed and recrossed by He made acquaintance with the uni- should be made as beautiful as circum- the water pipes. The water, having stances will permit, after all reasonable

and promoted. Surely money cannot away. During the long and severe win- condition for at least two months. be expended to better purpose than in ter the water entering through the In shipping fruit a uniform temperapeople will best secure their own happiness by toiling and saving to acquire and embellish homes for themselves. There is a pleasure connected with home-making that is rare, rapturous and absorbing, and love of home is as noble and ennobling a feeling as can stir the human soul. We look for good things in a person in whom an ardent indifferently or slightingly of his home. We do well for our children when we make happy homes for them, which they will naturally learn

But, after all is said about rare treasures of art and nature that may lend attraction to a home and its surroundings, it remains that the fairest home ornaments are bright, joyous faces; and where these are wanting, all else goes for little. Bright and joyous faces always accompany warm and loving hearts, which all true home-makers to their own hearts; for only when these are right can they expect their home-making to prove satisfactory. Warm hearts make bright and cheercannot thaw the icy heart. Love is the greatest home-maker, that makes the bliss of heaven. One cannot get too much love into one's home-making. but easily too little.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

Who can ever estimate a true mother's love? What will not a loving mother do for her child? Her anxiety begins with the day of its birth, and only ends with her or its demise. With what unspeakable pleasure she watches its growth, always solicitous for its wal-

fare, regardless of her own. How many weary days and nights do most mothers endure before the child is able to take the slightest care of itself, yet she is cheerful, feeling amply repaid if her darling is only spared to her. from injury during transportation, or And should pain and sickness overtake | while in storage, various food products it, who like a mother, can smooth the fevered brow, moisten the parched lips, or whisper encouraging words. Oh! how she can soothe and allay the childish fears, and bring sleep to the wakeful eyelids. Never tiring, never weary, taking no thought for herself, she passes many nights without sleep, and many more with only an occasional nap. And as the years advance her anxiety grows none the less, ever watching and praying that every act of her child may be honourable and praiseworthy. Some mothers have had their most remote desires fulfilled in their children, and can you not detect such a mother! Her eyes send forth innumerable rays of love and delight at every sight or thought of her dutiful child. But is it not melancholy to know that a child, (methinks it is scarcely human), who has known a mother's love, and selfdenial in more than a thousand ways, who has witnessed her untiring devowho accepts the whole as a matter of fact, without the least filial regard for all this self-sacrifice. Nay, worse, will

in sin, commit crimes of every descrip- in the car a good circulation of air, in tion, disgrace her so; she feels at times | which gases generated by such goods it, and must renounce him forever. Yet, should he be again stricken down, which the different commodities are perhaps by his own acts, maybe just liable to damage vary materially with ready to fill a drunkard's or felon's grave, without so much as one friend to sustain him in the trying hour, how the mother's love would predominate willingly those hands, possibly now wrinkled with age, will once more do everything that lies in human power to cheer and comfort, for he was once a son may be filled to overflowing with gratitude, and trust that the mother's intuition reveal it to her, even, at the eleventh hour.

FURNITURE FOR CHILDREN.

Every house that has one or more little children should own if possible in one corner of the living room, as because they are their own special property give great satisfaction in many ways. Another piece of furniture that they are through using them. In one nursery, where there are three children, each one has her own special treasure chest placed under a window, and her own low shelf for books.

NOVEL PLAN OF BUILDING.

The House is Kept Cool in Summer and

A German inventor has built a house of tubes, whose advantages are, he says, ally, strength, comfort and beauty. He stream of water. Around this frame he puts up his horse in the ordinary way. as to allow fixing a certain tempera- slightly frozen, may be placed in ture, equal throughout the building.

ETIQUETTE OF THE NAPKIN.

People who do not go much into solove of home has been developed, and the simplest forms to be observed. Polhope for little from one who speaks iteness and courteous behavior do not is to place them in cold water as soon consist in observing certain conventional or cast-iron forms. They are elastic to and vary according to locality. Some lay the napkin at the beginning of the meal across their lap, some fasten the corner in a buttonhole. The former is the general custom in good society in this city, but many well-bred persons with a snowy shirt front and a long beard are in the habit of tying a knot in a corner of the napkin and tucking this under the chin behind the must possess. Hence all who intend collar, the knot holding it securely. The making homes should look carefully in- practice is exceedingly useful, and we never heard that they suffered in reputation on this account. The old saying was that if the visitor folded his napkin he never expected to repeat his ful hearths, but the warmest hearth visit, and the intensity of his desire to come again was expressed by throwing it under the table at the conclusion of the meal. The best habit is to lay it pleasure, and home life a foretaste of without folding beside the plate. Where through train smashes. The number visitors are spending several days in a of persons injured during the same household and fresh napkins are not year was 4,021, of which number 1,100 furnished at every meal, rings are often were passengers. The total number of provided at each plate, and in this case passengers carried outside of season the visitor is expected at the close of ticket-holders was 929,770,909. he meal to fold the napkin and place it in the ring.

SO HE THINKS.

She-All men are conceited. He-Not all. I see a man every day who is not conceited. She-Where? He-In the mirror.

SHIPPING PERISHABLE GOODS.

Valuable Points Which Experience Has Brought Out.

A study of the methods of protecting and other perishable articles is interesting, especially to those engaged in a business in which this matter must be duly considered as a question of dollars and cents. Different conditions of temperature are the basis of such study. Severe extremes of heat and cold may be encountered while only a short distance is covered. It is possible, even under the worst conditions, so to pack any kind of perishable goods that the danger of loss by reason of decay, breakage, leakage and similar causes is much lessened.

Articles recognized as perishable include all fruits and vegetables, milk and other dairy products, fish, fresh meats, poultry, game, clams, oysters and other shell fish, canned or bottled groceries, wines, hop and malt liquors, various mineral waters, medicines and liquid drugs which, instead of alcohol, have water for a base, ink, mucilage and kindred articles. In shipping any of these and similar goods, the point to sive cold and frost, as well as extreme But though that child go ever so deep heat. Precaution must be taken to have may be carried off. Temperatures at the nature of goods.

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

for one article will be bad for another. and the condition of all goods when shipped is a matter of much import-

Another point to be considered is whether the train is to be sent through direct from one point to another, or to be sidetracked along the line. Produce like potatoes, for instance, will stand a much lower temperature when the car in which they are shipped is in motion. When at a standstill the effect of cold is quickly felt. In the West cars containing perishable goods are sometimes covered on the north side with a canvas to protect them from the cold winds which sweep down across the prairies.

Express companies do a large busines gular nursery, the tables may be kept in the shipping of fish, though, of course, much is sent all about the country by freight. If sent by express, fish to rest their books when reading, and is packed in barrels with ice. By freight, fish is sent packed in boxes and casks holding from 500 to 1,000 pounds. If an entire car load is to be helps the children to keep an orderly shipped, bins are sometimes built in unselfish affection in the home-makers. nursery is a window seat, that is, a the car, and are well supplied with ice, large, long box with a hinged cover the quantity of ice being about half where their toys may be placed when the weight of the fish. Experience has shown that the most favorible temperature for shipping fish is about that of melting ice. If properly packed, under good conditions, fish may be kept in a marketable state for a month after they are caught and boxed in ice. It is by this means that passengers on transatlantic steamers are enabled to be served with good and palatable fish during an entire voyage. Cities in the West may be supplied in like manner with fish of various kinds which live

only in Eastern waters. Shelled oysters, if sent in their own a constant temperature and, incident- liquor, packed in perfectly tight barrels, will not be spoiled, even if they become frozen. Clams freeze more first put up a frame of water tubing, readily than do oysters, and thick clams and oysters will stand cold better than will the lean ones, there being more water in the lean kind. Should they freeze while being shipped in their shells

THAW OUT GRADUALLY

in a moderately cool place. Clams and considerations of air and light have passed through horizontal tubes under oysters will stand a journey better durbeen met. A beautiful home is a never- the floors and ceilings, passes through ing a snow storm, than when the weathfailing source of satisfaction both to the vertical tubes until all have been er is fair and the wind high. In exthe indweller and the wayfarer that gone through. In the summer, fresh, treme weather, barrels in which these cool water circulates under pressure things are shipped are lined with tough People of means and good taste may through the network of tubes, cools off paper. Oysters in their shells, if stored make their homes perfect dreams of the walls, and after having run its in a dark place where they are sprinkbeauty, but they cannot well make them | course, flows considerably warmer than | led occasionally with ice water, and too beautiful, as long as the comfort when it entered. In its course it has where the temperature is but little and happiness of the inmates are sought absorbed much heat, which it carries above freezing, may be kept in good

making and adorning a home for one's basement is first heated to nearly 100 ture of from 40 to 50 degrees is best self and loved ones and furnishing it degrees and then forced through the for keeping the fruit in good condition. with all that is best calculated to foster | ceiling. Of course much of the heat is | If it is packed with care, and handled in the inhabitants thereof a love of left all over the house, and at the out- in like manner, fruit may be kept in home, as well as a love of the true, the let the temperature of the water is an excellent state of preservation for beautiful and the good; and even poor about 40 degrees. The speed of the cir- from twenty to thirty days. It will culation of water can be regulated so stand long journeys, too. Oranges, if cool room to thaw out gradually, a process which makes them sweeter, and this is thought by some people to give an improved flavor to the fruit. When thawed out after being frozen solid, ciety have many misapprehensions as to oranges will be found to have acquired a flavor which is unpleasantly sweet. A simple method of thawing out oranges as received, and they will then thaw in a gradual way. All fruit will stand 15 degrees more cold if it is wrapped in

thick brown paper. Seeds of the peach, plum, walnut and other kinds of trees will germinate and sprout better in the spring if they have been frozen first in the winter. A temperature below zero does not injure bulbous plants such as hyacinths, lilies, tulips and the like. Cut flowers should keep well for several days in a temperature a little above freezing.

BRITISH RAILWAY FATALITIES.

The British Board of Trade report of railroad accidents during 1895 was issued the other day. It shows that 1,024 persons were killed, of which number eighty-three were passengers, though only five persons were killed

THE BOUNTY OF TRIPLETS.

The sum expended by the Queen in the form of bounties to those mothers in the United Kingdom who have given birth to triplets amounts to the rarge sum of \$85,000 during her 60 years' reign.