

The Fair Captives

OR THE SECRET CABINET

CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"Round the corner. Do you see it? The stream winds past that rock over there, through so small a space that one scarcely sees it, I could hardly squeeze my body between the two rocks. Charming spot this, I always think. Are you tired? Shall we sit down for awhile?"

"Well, now I know about your sister, and I know you have no father or mother. But tell me about that unpleasant brother of yours."

LEADING MARKETS.

The Ruling Prices in Live Stock and Breadstuffs. TORONTO, Dec. 6.—Wheat—The market is weaker for Ontario grades, with sales reported of No. 2 white and red winter at \$1.01 outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The market is unchanged. All lines but creamery prints are coming forward fairly well. Quotations are unchanged.

NAVAL MILITIA.

Will Serve for Three Years and Go Into Reserve. A despatch from Ottawa says—Mr. Profontaine's scheme for the creation of a naval reserve is said to include the acquisition of three training vessels from the British Government.

POISONED BRANDY.

Twenty Inhabitants of Kieff Who Drank It Are Dead. A despatch from Berlin says: A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Kieff, Russia, announces that 20 persons have lost their lives there through drinking poisoned brandy.

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