

MY TEMPTATION.

By Mrs. Bland B. Huddleston.



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Peace came at last and brought home my father, and two of the three brothers who had gone to the war...

Thus I came to be 11 years old, with the same hunger still keen in my heart. No later happiness has ever surpassed that of the eventful day when my heart's desire came to me...

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SURE I HAD KILLED HIM. Questions in succession, but Joe would never say anything but 'yes' to me...

Mr. Wyndham, our teacher, was a mild-mannered man, but severe to trust if persistently insisted. He was tall in stature, had a round beard...

I was sauntering down the spring path, staring my bare toes into the hot sand and watching the countless black ants that swarm everywhere...

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Joe evidently had in him the elements of the politician, as he afterward showed; he bided his time, yet failed not to keep his project before me...

He who hesitates is lost, and I fell. As time passed my refusals became less vehement, and at last I found myself thinking that I would be willing to bear any punishment that Mr. Wyndham might inflict...

Then more things happened than I had foreseen, but not the expected. The impact of a well-thrown berry on a nerve-centre is calculated to smart worse and to startle one more than the uninitiated might suppose...

When I crept out, visions of shame and punishment rose before me, but I cared not what might come, now that my friend had not perished at my hand...

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A New Disease. There is a new disease not down in the catalogue of the latest medical experts, says the Syracuse Post. Street-railway conductors are the persons affected...

Learning from the Chinese. The instinct of the plain people has been right in not calling our oriental visitor 'Lee' for, acting out his name as popularly pronounced...

A silver seal was captured at Dover, N. H., the other day.

A POET IN HER 12TH.

SHE BEGAN WRITING VERSES AT THE AGE OF SIX.

The Work Done by Margaret F. Mauro New 14 Years Old—Her Education at Home—Her Instinctive Turn to Rhyme—Love for Dots.



D lovely flower, loveliest of thy kind, kind, Fair as the purple cloud that sunset decks,

A beautiful blossom of thy gentle sex,

A bit of fragrance, budding on the wind,

A storehouse for the honey-gathering bee;

Now coyly smiling with coquettish grace,

Now with a lovely look upon thy face,

An upward glance of grave, sweet purity;

A drop of purple dew that gleams, then fades,

Sets upon earth's green breast another gem,

Then, lifeless, hangs upon its withered stem.

Drops—and the grassy woodland dells and glades

Know it no more—forget it did exist— But in my heart, O flower, thou art forever missed.

vals, as her mother preferred to educate her according to her own ideas of what a little girl should learn. At home, where she was surrounded by her flowers and her toys, Margaret's poetical nature expanded...

"Some of our young readers may have 'skipped' the poems on pages 856 and 857, as perhaps too 'old' for them, or too like poems for grown folk...

Margaret Frances Mauro is not yet 14; and most of these verses were written before she had completed her twelfth year. Indeed, she has written prose and verse since she was 6 years old.

When the girl was in her thirteenth year her mother took her abroad for a course in French. After the sorrow of parting with her father, her chief concern as she walked up the gang plank of the ocean steamer was for the large doll which she carried in her arms...

TO PACIFY CHRISTIANS.



MGR. TCHAMTCHIAN.

The suspension and exile of the sultan of Turkey of the most revered patriarch, or metropolitan bishop, of the Armenian community at Constantinople, rendered it needful that a "locum tenens" should be appointed for the administration of the affairs of that church in the capital of the Turkish empire...

Perhaps the most wonderful verses ever written by a child not yet in her teens are in the poem entitled 'Ye Romance of Ye Olden Tyme,' which Margaret wrote before she was 12 years old, and had published in the September number of St. Nicholas. The poem is:



Besides the almost absolute perfection of the rhyme, and the simple music of the verses, the spelling, the syntactical form of the lines are true to the genius of ancient English. And yet this little poet, whose years preclude the idea of any extensive excursions into the literature of earlier times, is unable to tell when or where she got the ideas for the poem...

never dreamed of until her father, struck by the apparent beauty and smoothness of the lines of 'Ye Romance of Ye Olden Tyme,' sent them to the editor of St. Nicholas for an opinion as to their poetical merit. The answer was warm praise for Margaret's genius and an offer to publish the child's best poems.

Butterfly Mimicry.

In the South American forests the butterflies and the birds are equally brilliant in their colors, but the butterflies being weaker, fall a prey to the birds. One very bright-hued species of butterfly, however, is not disturbed by the birds, on account of the disagreeable odor which it emits...

Distinguishing Shades.

By a scientific experiment Professor Cattell of Columbia college has determined that the average person's eyes are able to distinguish about twenty-five different shades between black and white. He employed no less than two hundred shades in his experiment, but the great majority of these were too near alike to be distinguished by the eye...

The Garden South.

The South is destined to be, and is rapidly becoming, the garden of the United States. Here life is easier to live, the rigorous winters do not nip out the fruits of the toil of summer...

Home seekers' excursion tickets will be sold over the Monon Route at the rate of one first class fare (one way); tickets good returning on any Tuesday or Friday within thirty-one days from date of sale. Liberal stop-overs are allowed. These excursions start (and tickets are sold) Oct. 19 and 20. Call on any agent of the Monon Route for further information, or address Frank J. Reed, G. P. A., Chicago.

Keeping Cheese.

To keep cheese fresh and moist is one of the problems of housekeeping. There are several ways of doing this, but the best, verified by experience, is to wrap it up in damp butter muslin, and not keep it in a warm place. In this way cheese may be kept for weeks.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, regain lost manhood, be muscle well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong...

A hotel at Chilo, Mich., burned so rapidly Saturday that only one trunk was saved.



Gladness Comes.

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system...

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and given most general satisfaction.

Beware of Catarrhs for Catarrh the...

Contains Mercury. A necessary will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them...

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