

"MAUDIE AND I."



Two years or more back young Andrew Wilson might have been noticed with an astonished, half-scared expression on his face.

He had already given promise as a recruit to the first ranks of the literati. Perhaps his "leading line," as he himself termed it, lay in the dramatic social sketches of the interesting ménage a trois order.

Andrew reluctantly consented to the country air, and, with a mental reservation on the part of his beloved social studies (as he had the audacity to call them), to the month's rest.

One afternoon in the second week it was brought suddenly to young Wilson's mind that these great brown eyes betrayed a peculiar gleam when they rested on his own august person.

When, later, she entered the parlor, he chanced to be dozing on a sofa by the window, with the strong afternoon sun on his face.

"By Jove! that girl is certainly gone on me," he said when alone; and he prided himself on his discovery with the pride of a man who did that kind of thing for a living.

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Then the idea of some immediate sketches done from life entered his head; he called them "Maudie and I"; they were piquant little snapshots of various scintillating personalities.

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But here he found himself at a standstill; a conversation, even in story, has something inevitably momentous about it, and momentousness had not hitherto characterized the series.

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goodness; nevertheless, he might pick up a wrinkle or two as before.

Even his last benevolent intention was frustrated. "Positively stupid! I think she might have disguised, or at least attempted to disguise, her complete indifference," grumbled Andrew.

These feelings possessed him until next day he saw recorded the death of the girl with the brown eyes; she had drowned herself in the old mill pool beside which they had so often sat.

REWRITING THE BIBLE.

The Stupendous Task Being Undertaken by an Englishman.

Because the bible in its present form is not as lucid as it might be to him, an English enthusiast has determined to rewrite it. All the Greek and Hebrew idioms and names in the two testaments will be replaced with pure English words and names.

What I propose to do is rewrite it in pure English idiom, which shall be as vigorous in expression as the original, and shall at the same time have deeper and more lasting effect upon the minds of those who read it.

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THE CARD PARTY.

It Degrades Women and Brings Out Their Worst Traits.

The card party as a breeder of every and all uncharitableness is as potent a factor as the church fair, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

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SOME ANCIENT CITIES.

PREHISTORIC RUINS IN ARIZONA.

Remains of People Who Lived Centuries Ago—Interesting Relics of an Ancient Race—The Fruitful Results of a Recent Expedition.

(Special Letter.) NE of the most successful and fruitful archeological expeditions ever undertaken in this country has just returned to Washington with a tale of adventure and discovery almost unequaled since men of science began to delve into the barren wastes of the far southwest for ashes and crumbled ruins of lost races and forgotten civilizations.



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KIN-TIEL. THE BUTTERFLY RUIN.



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Describing this wonderful ruin to the writer, Prof. Fewkes said: "It is known as Kin-Tiel, or Broad House, by the modern tribes in these regions.

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COLLECTING DIRT BY STEAM.

The horse cart that trundles laboriously and yet lazily through the streets collecting ashes from the area barrels is to be relegated to obscurity. In England steam dust wagons have been patented.



yards of refuse are collected and tipped in the day. One man drives and steers.

Walter Wellman's Latest Plan to Reach There.

It was recently announced in the New York Herald that Mr. Walter Wellman was to be the leader of an expedition into the polar region.

The progress of a patient towards recovery depends not only upon the skill of the doctor and the care of the nurses, but on the quality of the visiting he receives.

Wesley's Old Parrot. One of the pulpits from which John Wesley preached stands in front of a Wesleyan chapel at Wednesbury, England.

The Smallest Cheque. A Llandaff clergyman last week drew a check for fourpence, which the Western Mail thought a remarkably small one.

A Whistling Tree. In the deserts of Southern Nubia there is a tree that literally "whistles in the wind."

Two Tons of Coal Will Last All Winter. Nickel all detachable without bolts. Tubular gold wire from Russia. Tubular gold wire from Russia.

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THE WEST.

The effort to build on the plains great cities has thus far been a failure. Outside those situated on the Missouri there are none that can claim the prominence two decades ago predicted of not less than a score of budding municipalities, says the North American Review.

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