

OUR GREAT AMERICAN CROPS.

The great American crop is coming in. Here's what the United States does: Annually produces more corn than all other countries of the world combined—2,927,000,000 out of 3,888,000,000 bushels.

Aunt Diana

The Sunshine of the Family

CHAPTER IX.

Miss Carrington received a letter from Alison soon after this, the conclusion of which made her smile; but that was not Alison's fault.

reach Maplewood in time. And Alison quickened her walk into a run. But the heavy drops pelted on her before she took refuge in the portico.

themselves clever. You are quite clever enough for Alison and me. By the bye, Miss Anna, how do you get on with your Latin?

CHOLERA GRIPS ST. PETERSBURG

Great Alarm in Russian Capital Over Spread of the Disease. St. Petersburg is in the grasp of the Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and the numbers of victims the visitation of 1893.

CURRENT COMMENT

Forest fires are not periodic visitations, as it has been argued by many sensible persons this year who have brought out statistical almanacs to prove their contention.

SNOW BANNERS.

John Muir, in "The Mountains of California," describes an unusual phenomenon which is possible only under peculiar conditions.

CHAPTER X.

"Roger, does it not seem strange that Miss Hardwick never brings her sister to the Holmes?"

CHAPTER XI.

"Yes, they are out dining. There is to be a dance afterward, so they will be very late. Do you mind my taking you into the morning room?"

NOISELESS MAKING GUN TESTED.

That the device for rendering the discharge of firearms practically silent, the invention of which by Hiram Percy Maxim was recently announced, will do what he claimed for it was demonstrated before a committee of United States army officers at Springfield, Mass., recently.

SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

In the leading article for the current Atlantic Monthly, John Martin reviews the abandonment of the laissez-faire policy in America in recent years and the new feeling of public responsibility.

FARMER'S VIEWS OF AEROPLANE.

Henri Farman, the French aviator, who has just arrived at New York with his prize-winning flying machine for the purpose of giving an exhibition flight, in a published interview says that it will take another decade to perfect the flying machine for practical use.

HORSE WITH A SPEAKING TUBE.

Perhaps the only horse in the world provided with a "speaking" tube direct from its stall to its owner's living apartments is Birthday, a hunter, owned by Mrs. Walter Wadham-Peters, of London.

LACK OF CO-OPERATION.

"I wish," said the revivalist, "Brother Grimshaw wasn't quite so strong on doctrinal points. As fast as I bring them out of it for heresy."—Chicago Tribune.

A GOOD GAME GOCK HAS NO WHITE IN ITS PLUMAGE.

to show the white feathers.

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