A crumpled, small, pink envelope with scent of white rose, and a small cupid blazing in red wax on the seal; essentially a woman's letter, and, I am very much inclined to believe that the contents were dictated by the cupid on the outside.

I say this with all due modesty, and, as the letter passed into oblivion and ashes long ago, you cannot prove that it was otherwise.

Perhaps it is hardly fair for me to sit here alone, at my desk, and make such statements about the dainty souvenirs that, a long time ago, I tucked so safely away.

I can charge these feminine knick-nacks with coming to me-one and all-upon tender and loving missions, and, with insinuating tenderness creeping into my heart and life—and there is no one here to contradict me. If you think it hardly the square thing, I will, to strike a balance, admit that I was once madly, widly in love with each and every token, for the sake of the sender-or thought I was, which amounts to the same thing at the time.

This little pink envelope—I wish I had the letter-is soiled and musty; but I dare say that when it came I caught it to my lips and covered it with kisses; I always did that sort of thing, I was so terribly in earnest—for a while. Maud was much given to writing dainty notes and, at one time, I might have papered my walls with this same little pink paper; but the thought then would have been sacrilege! I wore them next my heart -that is, I wore twenty or thirty of them, all that I could without exciting remark. And, I recollect that it was my custom to take them out and kiss each one, gently and reverently, before I went to bed.

That exercise must have been, towards the close of our acquaintance, extremely protracted. Our love died a natural death -slowly and painlessly-and the last time that I saw Maud she introduced me to a flaxen-haired husband and a sour and crosseyed baby which she said was hers. And now I take her musty envelope and drop it in my waste-basket and brush from my fingers the dust of a vanished past.

A little withered bunch of flowers, that crumbles away at my touch. The leaves seem to shrink away from my fingers as if they recognized that I am old, worn and blase, and scatter over my desk-a dusty, musty lot they are. They are before me as the sole relic of the hour when they and I were Lottie's. She was crying when she slipped them into my hand and whispered "Good-bye" between her sobs. She was little Lottie Linden when her father carried her off to Europe to escape my unwelcome attentions; but she was N. Charlotte Lynden when she stepped again upon Canadian soil. A very trim and English young lady fact." it was who gave me the tips of two fingers and jound it quite impossible to sound her

A slender gold band, with a broken padlock dangling from it. This came back to me one day and, figuratively speaking, blotted me from the face of the earth. I never knew what caused itt o be sent, but a stern note, with Leslie's signature, gave me to understand that "it was all over."

All explanation was denied me, and-unless it was my rival's tandem team-I never knew what caused the downfall of my castles in the air. I have always thought it was the team, and, with my large exper- The thin may grow fat, and the fat may grow lean, ience of woman-nature now before me, I am | But you never can, never can-never erad, sure of it. I said that I was heart-broken -I am not sure but that I cried. And I distinctly remember going down on my lavender knees on the grass under her window and staying there all one long summer night. What a spectacle I must have been!

I remember the evening I locked this bracelet on Leslie's dimpled wrist, as we atrolled through the orchard under the pink and white blossoms massed above our heads. I held her hands—dear, little, soft hands Regina, "I bet Fawkins five baskets of they were—and the blushes came and went on the feminine cheek so near mine.

And I think the grasses held their breath to catch our whispered words, and the little, brown birds nudged each other with their wings and rolled their round eyes knowingly, as we passed. And we vowed eternal faithfulness and found our lives all rosecolored. And all this strong and deep-seated affection, one tandem team whisked away before my very eyes! I am glad you broke the bracelet, Leslie. It is all that kept me from locking it on many another just as white a wrist, since then.

The days of my foolishness were long and many, but I am out of it all now, unscarred and unshattered.

A small round picture, evidently once cherished, in a locket. I turn it to the light. Discolored, cracked and bent, it still bears some likeness to the bright, brunette face of the original. She was the nicest of them all, and for three months I lived but in her presence. Her home was the third floor, back, of a cheap lodging house, and I don't believe her parentage would have been reassuring if looked into; but I was desperately enamored. I forgot the past. I forgot every dear creature whose love had cast a temporary glow from paradise across my pathway. I vowed the old vows with fresh ardor, and the time-worn fer mind, Madam; I am quite sure I can loving epithets gathered new tenderness soon make it all right. when whispered to Mignon. There was nothing near, and dear, and sweet enough to you ever do, when its a pattern dress and I murmur in that listening ear against my haven't a bit of the goods for a new sleeve ? coat collar. I quite forgot what came along to draw us apart. Strange that should, when I was so in earnest! It may have been that she tired—it may have been that I did-but, still, I a half recollection that there third party in the case. However that may be, her picture was pried out of my locket and that of stately Julia inserted in its place, and my heart repaired its damaged works, and started briskly on. A way it always had, and a cheery and comfortable way, enough.

I would expect to suffer. Would desire and intend to, as quite the proper thing to | will you ?" do, alas! in the midst of my mourning, a glance from a strange pair of eyes or a touch of a taper hand would raise me from my sackcloth and ashes, high to the blest and shining pinnacle of love. It was always so. Here is a small and wrinkled bunch of

kid. I smooth it out upon my desk. A

I can see the print of the pink, soft finger tips and against the back, the blood in her blue veins throbbed. And here lay the cool, pink palm with its broken life-line. And at the thought of the smooth, fair skin that the long wrist covered, a lump comes into my throat, which, were I not so old and careless and bitter, I would almost think the little glove had brought.

The air has grown so full of mist—there must be rain outside—that I can hardly see While the snow, like spray, dashes all the pearl-white glove before me, which I will lock away until some time when the sun shines in and my eyes see clearer.

But can I lock up all my power of memory? Can I lock up the rapture of kisses; Now in a hellow !- now cresting a hill !or the heart that grows sick with longing Now guiding the craft to prevent "a spill !" for the dear, dead past? Can I lock up the touch of soft fingers, that sends the blood dancing madly through my veins? Can I lock up the memory of those fair, fond days; when the gates of Heaven opened and took me in? Those days when life was love; and love was life-for Louise

I feel that I am standing by an open As the maiden clings with a tender fear grave, within which lies all that might have been great and good in me; within which lies, beside the pearl-tinted glove, my youth within its unfulfilled promise; my hope and trust and the one true love of my life.

The wind blows cold across me, and I push aside my trinkets with hands that tremble. I rub my eyes to clear away the mist, and look about me with my old, serene, affable nonchalance.

But my heart is not at rest, and I wonder if ever it will be, again.

#### "Ay! There's the Rod."

Youthful scion of a noble house: "I have enough of this world's goods to support her | densed form : in comfort, even in luxury." Physician: Yes, I am aware of that; but will you Me. treat her kindly? Can I depend upon your making her a good husband?" Youth: "Doctor I swear -. " Physician : "Oh, never mind swearing, my young friend! Your intentions are all right; but I must be sure that you won't worry her life out after you get her. Take off your coat, and let me to keep it holy. sound you to see what condition your liver

#### A Coming Juryman.

A wealthy gentleman interrogates his son's teacher as to the boy's capabilities.

"You have been giving private lessons to my son for more than a year?"

"Yes, sir; it's more than a year." "Well, by this time you must have got a pretty good idea as to his capabilities." "I think I have."

"Now tell me, candidly, has he not got a emarkable intellectual grasp?" "Indeed he has; quite remarkable, in

"Ah! I am glad to hear it." "Yes; I think I can truthfully say that he grasps the simplest problem with the greatest imaginable difficulty."

#### Ultima-

Better be sickly and poor, better be shabbily clad, Better be homely and meek, better be dirty and bad, Better be anything else upon earth-anything else

The sick may recover their health, a check make a others either by word or deed. The homely may fascinate hearts, and a saint may evolve from a scamp;

The weak may grow strong, and the dirty get clean, The deep-rooted dirt from the soul of a cad.

#### He Gave it up.

"My dear," said an affectionate wife to her husband, "I am so glad that you have given up drinking. It is a terribly degrading habit, and I am delighted that my denunciations of it have had their effect." "Yes," said hubby, puffing away at his wine on it, that I could leave off till next New Year's day, and I'm going in to win."

Too Far Ahead. "What do you want?" she snapped, as she held the front door open about three

walk," he replied.

"But it is clean." "Then I want to engage to saw some wood for you next summer. The exigencies

of the case demand that I get hold of some breakfast somehow or other right off." A Very Common Kind of Skin Eruption. Maud-"Pa, my chin feels sore as if I

was getting some kind of a skin eruption." Pa-"How long have you had it?" Maud-"I've only noticed the prickling sensation during the last few days." Pa-"Tell that fellow, who calls to see

you so much, to shave. This under the miseltoe business has been overdone."

#### A Point of View.

Mrs. K. (in great consternation): Oh, what have I done? What have I done? Herr T. (examining the painting): Nef-

Mrs. K.: Make it right! What can Inn non SHEETS OF 5 & 10c. MUSIC; '80,000 CT

#### What he Prayed For.

Mother—"Did you pray in your Sunday school to-day, Johnny?" Johnny-"Yes, mamma."

Mother-"That's a good little boy, always pray in Sunday School. Father-" But what did you pray for?" Johnny -"I prayed for it to let out."

married you will not smoke in the house, Reggy-"No, love, the fellows will ex-

Make a Note of This. Pain banished as if by magic. Polson's small, pearl-colored glove, with the initials, NEKVILINE is a positive and almost instan-L. H. upon the inside. It belonged to taneous remedy for external internal, or Louise. Pretty, fair-haired, little Louise. local pains. The most active remedy hither-Such a mite of a glove ! And as I hold it to known falls far short of Nerviline for po-I can almost fancy that the years, the gray tent power in the relief of nerve pain. Good hairs, and the wrinkles, have never been, for external or internal use. Buy a 10 cent and that I hold again the dear hand that sample bottle. Large bottles 25 cents, at has so long been stilled forever. Just here, all druggists.

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BY JOHN IMRIE, TORONTO.

"Hurrah! hurrah!" and away they go, Like an avalanche o'er the crispy snow! With a rush and a bound they clear the ground,

around !

They think not of death, Yet they hold their breath,-

See! the fresh warm blood to their faces

As they peep from the robes with roses blush t

In the clear moonlight,

What a happy sight,—

night

To the kind loving arm that holds her near! Through the clear cold air of the frosty

The twinkling stars seem to dance with delight!

With speed of the wind-Leaving all behind-

They rush to the plain with a shout of glee, As merry and happy as hearts can be !

#### THE COMMANDMENTS.

Theologians of prominence are discussing come to ask for the hand of your daughter, the original form of the Ten Commandments, doctor ?" Fashionable physician : "You and the Bishop of Carlisle suggests that they have?" Youth: "Yes, doctor. I have were given to Moses in the following con-enough of this world's goods to support her densed form:

1. Thou shalt have none other God before

2. Thou shalt not make thee any graven

vah, thy God, in vain. 4. Thou shalt remember the Sabbath day

5. Thou shalt honor thy father and the mother.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

tention. They are:

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear falsewitness.

10. Thou shalt not covet. Apropos of this are the following five commandments of the Buddhists, recently published in The Brooklyn Eagle, in a series of articles on Buddhism, which is the only re ligion that condemns intoxication as a crime. The five commandments of Buddhism are all of a negative character. Their violation must be not only a complete act, but also in-

1. Thou shalt abstain from destroying or causing the destruction of any living thing. 2. Thou shalt abstain from acquiring or

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5. Thou shalt abstain from intoxication.

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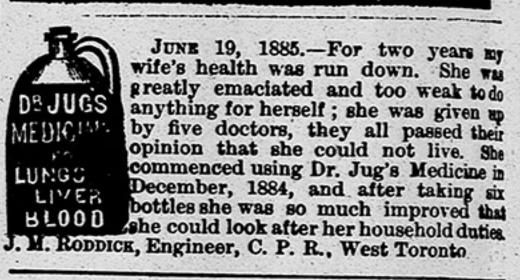
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