human are more charming than the pe
Burmese girls going up to the pa
worship at a festival. With her
tinsel silk jacket, fastened tightly
her slender figure, her spotlessly
short jacket modestly covering the bo
and with her abundant black tresses
ly coiled on to the top of her head; i
braids of which sweet-smelling flowe
stuck, the Burmese girl knows full
she is an object to be admired. Perfe
and pleased with herself, and content
with her world as it is, she gaily laug
and chats with her companions, while puff
ing from time to time at an immense
green cheroot.

Amiable she is as a matter of course, for
are not the laws of Menu and Burma very
particular in their enunciation of all wh
speak harshly, and who use abusive words
Besides, what is there to vex her soul
about? She has not the thousand and one
cares which harass the poor European
housewife. Her house, built of bamboo
and plaited mats, costs but a few rupees
to erect, and can easily be restored if burnt
down or shaken down in an earthquake.
Her household gods can be numbered on
her five fingers, and could be carried on
her back. Her boys are taught free at the
monastery, and till her girls are old
enough to have their ears bored, clothing
for them is an item of the smallest expen-
diture, for often enough one sees little
children wearing nothing but a necklace
and armlets. Her stall at the bazaar will
give her earnings enough to buy the
brightest silk kerchief to wear at the next
pagoda festival to meet play or the poor
rare, and perhaps the money to win merit
by purchasing baskets of gold leaf to plas-
ter on the stately statue of the holy Gauta-
ma at the next full moon. Her husband
treats her well if not. If he neglects her,
fails to provide for her, is unkind or abusive
she has but to go before the nearest
magistrate and state her case and he will
grant her a divorce, and she can depart
with all her possessions and her earnings.
She has every reason to be happy, and to
laugh gaily from pure light-heartedness,
as she carries her tray of goods to the
bazaar or her offering of flowers and fruit
and gold leaf to the pagoda.

His Kindly Feeling.

The patient had been sick a long time
and the doctor had done his best, but in
vain, and the end was approaching.

"If you have anything to say before
going," said the doctor, "it will be best
for you to say it now."

"Well, doctor," replied the patient
cheerfully, "I have only the kindliest feel-
ings for you, for I'm sure you wouldn't
have so good a reason as I've been if you
could possibly prevent it."

THREE MINUTES TO 12.

I had visited an old friend who lived,
about six miles from the city, in an Ober
[illegible] I discontinuately, one of the buggy
[illegible] my friend had become lame a
[illegible] before, and I had to transact
[illegible] in the city the next morning. I
had no alternative but to walk home.

I [illegible] first lamp post. I stopped to
look at my watch, which was a matter of
[illegible] At last I succeeded in recog-
[illegible] hands. It showed 11:57.

After that I looked up again I involuntarily
stopped. Close beside me stood a man. I
felt a strange excitement creeping into his face.
[illegible] the moment was enough to impress
[illegible] appearance upon my memory.

He had his shabby hat and said in a
low, [illegible] astonished me, "May
I [illegible] to tell me how late it is?"
I [illegible] was careful not to pull out my
[illegible] Three minutes before mid-
[illegible] I replied.

He thanked me with the same polite-
[illegible] which he had formerly spoken,
[illegible] to himself or again and disappeared in
the darkness as noiselessly as he had come.

Next morning a letter from a business
friend led me to M—— on a matter of
[illegible] I had an hour to catch a
[illegible] and in the car my adven-
[illegible] before would not leave,
[illegible]

[illegible] passengers three gentle-
[illegible] and a younger one, who
[illegible] conversation. I soon found
[illegible] were lawyers. Their con-
[illegible] a murder case which
[illegible] in the district court at
[illegible]

[illegible] never recognized me; we
[illegible] two together some time
[illegible] him for particulars;
[illegible] I have not regu-
[illegible] accordingly."

[illegible] interesting one. A
[illegible] his position is in-
[illegible] and robbery of the
[illegible] firm. The defend-
[illegible] an alibi but, unfortun-
[illegible] making, just the
[illegible] which the deed was com-
[illegible] here we are already at

[illegible] pushing my way into the
[illegible] room, but I had to be
[illegible] at where I could see
[illegible] fine bread backs and ladies'

[illegible] the defendant did his
[illegible] that the crime was
[illegible] midnight. Several wit-
[illegible] commonly stated that about
[illegible] he were heard from
[illegible] the cashier had been

[illegible] during the whole trans-
[illegible] stantly maintained that he
[illegible] in the city at that time.
[illegible] proved it by a single wit-

[illegible] the gentleman in front
[illegible] little to the side, and I
[illegible] student, but not his face.
[illegible] to the judge.

[illegible] "I am a God I am Inno-
[illegible] with a calm, deep voice,
[illegible] me strangely. He
[illegible] and looked screwfully
[illegible] lines of the audience.

[illegible] some man in the world
[illegible] can save me, and—"

He stopped. There is the
[illegible] out and his outstretched
[illegible] at me.

[illegible] man, he was the same
[illegible] I recognized before.

[illegible] brought the missing link
[illegible] proof of my guilt.

[illegible] time of the crime, was
[illegible] from the city.

[illegible] enough, the moment he
[illegible] the hands in the clock in
[illegible] limited to three minutes

To Measure For Paper.

[illegible] paper hangers pursue differ
[illegible] in hanging paper. So there
[illegible] and forms for measuring
[illegible] before append several
[illegible] of which will bring the de-
[illegible]

[illegible] when trimmed is eighteen
[illegible] and twenty-four feet to a
[illegible] piece will contain thirty-six
[illegible]

[illegible] the length and height of, each
[illegible] and multiply. Add together
[illegible] of square feet of each wall,
[illegible] number of square feet,
[illegible] total by thirty-six which will
[illegible] the number of pieces required for
[illegible] Allow one half piece of paper
[illegible] and window.

[illegible] waste in matching it is
[illegible] by thirty-three instead of
[illegible]

[illegible] to find number of single pieces required
[illegible] multiply length by width, in
[illegible] and divided by thirty-three.

Mental rule.—Suppose a room to be
[illegible] yards long by four yards wide, which
[illegible] eighteen yards around the room.
[illegible] is equal to thirty-six half-yards or
[illegible] of paper. For each door or win-
[illegible] allow two breadths. Our example
[illegible] having two doors and one window,
[illegible] allow six breadths which brings us
[illegible] to thirty breadths. The room being
[illegible] feet high, we divide by five, which
[illegible] as a result of six double or twelve
[illegible]

[illegible] room seven feet high divide by
[illegible] room eight or nine feet high,
[illegible] by five. A room ten or eleven feet
[illegible] divide by four.

To Clean Knives.

To clean knives without spoiling your
[illegible] use a good-sized piece of cork, which
[illegible] be rubbed on the knife, and in a little
[illegible] while will give all the brightness and
[illegible] usefulness desired.

COMIN' THRO' THE RYE.

BY HELEN B. MATHERS.

[CONTINUED.]

I hang up my black bombazine to try
and get some of the creases out;
then I dig out a pair of very
[illegible] very bagged old white kid
[illegible] at least four sizes too big for me—
family heirlooms that were originally
worn (I think) by my grandmother, then
by mother, now by me, and will be hand-
ed down in turn to future generations.
They are as yellow as autumn leaves;
surely their complexion might be improv-
ed. Not unlikely so might my own, as
all the bombazine, by upsetting a pot
of ink over it. It would then at least be
black; but I am not going to take the
trouble.

I put my hat under my arm, and go
down-stairs with a pleased smile on my
face, for I am not going to clean it, and
so put this duty a real labor of love with
me. I had half-way down I meet a servant,
in her hat and go over to the parsonage,
Miss Tyburn says.

I put away my hat and fetch my hat,
nothing loath, and set out immediately.
Arrived at the house I find no one visible,
but after some search discover Mr.
Vasher in the orchard, swinging in a ham-
mock under an apple tree. Very cool and
easy and comfortable he looks, with the
mellow September sun painting through the
green leaves, and on the sides of the rosy
apples hung over his head; though I
[illegible] smart shower of them upon his
[illegible] would not improve the flavor of his
[illegible] He looks rather astonished as
[illegible] suddenly appears at his elbow,
[illegible] lays down his book.

"How do you do?" I said, quietly;
"I did not try to shake hands, you will only
[illegible] out. I have come to ask you some-
[illegible] very particular."

"Well, what is it?"

"You like to do things, do you not?
You like to please people?"

"Those are such who they are."

"Then you are rather nice," I say, nod-
ding my head sagely.

"Oh, girls," says Mr. Vasher; "and
[illegible] I must clear them?"

"You are going to have a party," I say,
[illegible] "and you are going to be invit-
[illegible] the first one taking about it, on
[illegible] would come; but somehow I felt
[illegible] that I was not the sort of
[illegible] about, and I made
[illegible] to ask you to come as a great
[illegible] favor."

"And why did you think I should not
[illegible] he asks, amusedly.

"Because," I say, confidentially, "I
[illegible] that as a rule men do not care for
[illegible] a party they do not mind a few,
[illegible] they can't stand fifty."

"Only fifty? I thought I saw over a hun-
dred on Sunday."

"Oh, no," I say laughing; "do not make
[illegible] exaggeration we are. And so—and
[illegible] I said I would just tell you how
[illegible] we are for you to come, because I
[illegible] that however much you disliked
[illegible] you would come as a matter of

[illegible] not think you a good-tempered
[illegible]" says Mr. Vasher, somewhat
[illegible] of his handsome, somewhat cle-
[illegible] the handsomest man alive could
[illegible] perform that feat gracefully); "be-
[illegible] I promise tell me what my duty will

"There will be fifty girls," I say walk-
[illegible] his side—without teachers and you
[illegible] have to amuse all yourself to pick and
[illegible] choose from and you need not hurry your-
[illegible] in the least about a partner or be
[illegible] afraid of anyone saying no for you will be
[illegible] the only young man there."

"Delightful privilege!" says my com-
[illegible]

You will not be expected to dance
[illegible]," I say reassuringly; "not
[illegible] even in jest. The other girls
[illegible] each other."

"And what are you going to do?"

"I never dance." I say shaking my
[illegible] I have never learned and it is bet-
[illegible] to make a spectacle of myself."

"Then you will not dance with me?"

"Oh no!" I say; "I could not think of
[illegible] such a thing. Even if I knew how I'sh ald
[illegible] be desirous to deprive the other girls of
[illegible] I can sometimes you know and
[illegible] me and they would think it mean
[illegible]

CHAPTER XVII.

Thursday evening Jess arrived, and eight
o'clock is striking. We are all assembled
in the dining room, and our petticoats
and voluminous [illegible] and our bodies so
[illegible] forth that, instead of fifty souls,
it looks though we numbered two hun-
dred at the very least. If a Frenchman
were to [illegible] us, he would clasp
his hands in speechless admiration at the
amount of raw material before him; the
[illegible] the abundant hair, fair skins,
[illegible] teeth; but he would also de-
[illegible] from the bottom of his soul, our
[illegible] coiffures, and choice of colors
[illegible] lament the total absence of
[illegible] chic, whatever it may be
[illegible] in England is so conspicuous
[illegible] and, while he bankers
[illegible] and white charms, would
[illegible] if with the recollection of his
[illegible] matchless tasted and cos-
[illegible] in every detail.

[illegible] little card, or at least every-
[illegible] me, upon which are inscribed
[illegible] the names selected for the dances, al-
[illegible] I understood one thing that if a
[illegible] mirthprovisly appear and, re-
[illegible] the honor, the former engagement is
[illegible] to be considered null and void.

After all we have not had a lottery on
Paul Vasher's account; and he will be free
to go where he likes, although I privately
entertain very grave doubts whether he
will find one half of the damsels who
[illegible] expect to be asked.

The door opens and our little music-
master appears, followed by his son bear-
ing a violoncello, of which he will presently
have up on our hands with shrieks that
might wake the dead.

Miss Tyburn, simple, she wears maize
silk, [illegible] lace, very imposing she
looks, nods kindly in answer to the crack-
ling bows every one makes all around the
room. And now enters the Rev. Thomas
Tyburn, rector of an adjacent parish, with
his wife. He wears a fine gown and
[illegible] cap. Their son follows—
a [illegible] garbed youth of eighteen—
who looks like a beast led to the slaughter,
and while he gazes fatuously about him,
seems dimly to understand that he has
fallen among thieves. We are not proud,
and [illegible] anything in the shape of
a man is comely in our eyes, but we scorn
to feed on his fat youth as a man, or any-
thing [illegible] so puny.

At a sign from Miss Tyburn the fiddle
strikes up, the little music master thumps
at the piano, and a quadrille is formed.

Mr. Shrubb leads out Miss Tyburn with
[illegible] at his time of life he ought
[illegible] his wife sinks into an easy
[illegible] as boy advances a step, appar-
[illegible] meditating a plunge into the sea of
[illegible] in which before him, gasps, blinks,
[illegible] thinks better of it, and finally
[illegible] down, puffing as objectionally. "Gen-
[illegible]" says Mr. Vasher, with their lady part-
[illegible] and then to their places.

"There is anything I hate," says
[illegible] standing, as she sweeps her pale
[illegible] over her feet, "it is having a
[illegible] round my waist."

[illegible] is one struggling mass of tar-
[illegible], arms and barge; every now and
[illegible] then a [illegible] recurs, and half a dozen
[illegible] young women get firmly wedged together
[illegible] by their hoops, and any disentangled with
[illegible] great difficulty. In the ladies' chain, too,
[illegible] there is some confusion, but one can't ex-
[illegible] pect everything. The old vicar sets, bows,
[illegible] and chuckles with the rest most valiantly;
[illegible] like the shade of Artemus Ward mem-
[illegible]. The dancers over, every one who can
[illegible] sits down and drinks negus; which might
[illegible] be better, but then, on the other hand,
[illegible] might be worse. The fiddler is just exe-
[illegible] cuting a preparatory scherzo that seems to
[illegible] take his hearers into the very bowels of the
[illegible] earth, when the door opens and enter Mr.
[illegible] Fern and Mr. Vasher. As the latter
[illegible] stands talking to Miss Tyburn, I see him
[illegible] glance about him with a keen amusement;
[illegible] then, as the music strikes up, he leaves
[illegible] her and comes straight to the corner where
[illegible] I lie perdu.

"This is our dance," he says, placing
[illegible] out his hand.

I feel my countenance fall consider-
[illegible] as he leads me forth. How my feet
[illegible] down were not so pretty, and that my boots
[illegible] did not curl up at the toes quite so much,
[illegible] seeming to require chains, as did those of
[illegible] our ancestors long ago. He puts his strong
[illegible] arm about my waist, and away we go;
[illegible] but alas! if a lamp-post and a bottle elect-
[illegible] ed to dance a jig together they would look
[illegible] about the same proportion to each other
[illegible] that Mr. Vasher does to me.

"Stop!" I cry, when we have taken one
[illegible] round and a half; "it is no good."

So he stops, laughing, and takes me to
[illegible] a seat.

"Long and short," he says, "and decid-
[illegible] edly too much long!"

"I told you how it would be," I say,
[illegible] ruefully; "you see, I am only a little
[illegible] above your elbow! If one could only roll
[illegible] one's self out!"

"Supposing you grow up like that?" he
[illegible] says, glancing almost imperceptibly at a
[illegible] May-pole of a girl who is standing near,
[illegible] and who measures five feet ten in her
[illegible] stockings.

"One can always avenge one's injuries
[illegible] when one is that size; and, after all, must
[illegible] it not be nice to be able to snub people?"
[illegible] I say, laughing.

"That is a pretty little girl," he says,
[illegible] looking at Kate Lisbaw, who has paused
[illegible] for a moment in her dancing near us.

"She is a duck," I say, quickly; "do
[illegible] take her to dance."

In a moment I have fetched her, and
[illegible] they go off together, he looking with real
[illegible] admiration at her fresh, bright young
[illegible] face. I leave my place and go to the top
[illegible] of the room; hard by Miss Tyburn is
[illegible] speaking to Mrs. Shrubb, and as her voice
[illegible] is raised in rivalry with the fiddle, I can-
[illegible] not avoid hearing what she says.

"Remarkably lovely; but you will be
[illegible] able to judge for yourself, she is coming
[illegible] to-night with her aunt, Lady Flytton. I
[illegible] was calling there yesterday, and happened
[illegible] to mention Mr. Vasher's name; she said
[illegible] she knew him very well, and seemed to
[illegible] like the idea of seeing him again, so I
[illegible] asked her to come."

"Miss Fleming, is coming! I wonder
what Paul will say?"

The music ceases in a crescendo of
shrieks that might well make Weber, whose
waltz it is, stir in his coffin. The room is
scarcely clear again when the door opens,
and a little withered, bent old woman in
a pearl-gray satin, half-covered with lace
totters in. Behind her comes her niece,
Miss Fleming. More than ever like a
white-and-gold lily does she look as she
advances by the side of that brown old
witch, and pays her devoirs to Miss Ty-
burn. She wears white garments that
sweep in great soft folds to the ground;
they are bordered with a Greek pattern of
gold, and about her neck, arms, and waist
are clasped heavy dead gold coins. She
looks all white and gold, from the crown
of her head to the tips of her embroidered
brodequins. The scanty folds of the Greek
bodice fall away expuisitely from the
gleaming white shoulders and bosom; the
arms bare from shoulder to wrist taper
devinely, and are softly nicked at elbow
and wrist like a baby's. We all hold our
breath as we look at her; and Paul Vasher,
standing hard by, marks every matchless
point of face and figure as no feminine eye
ever could, and does not go near her. On
the contrary, he says something to Kate,
who leads him up to Mary Burns—come-
ly, gentle, honest Mary—and she goes off
with him, looking hugely flattered. Miss
Fleming is seated in a low chair talking
Mrs. Shrubb, fanning herself slowly with
a quaint fan of crimson feathers. The fat
boy on seeing her has gasped once and
never got his breath back. His father is
sitting with a hand grasping each knee
surveying her with a senile admiration.
Why is not Mr. Vasher by her side? Why
is she sitting there alone? She looks
as though she did not care, and yet I am
sure she does; not often can it fall to her
lot to be slighted and set aside for school-
girls.

He goes up to her by and by though,
when the evening is wearing away, and
surely she is not proud, for she lays her
hand upon his arm, and they waltz to-
gether, melting into the long gliding step
that each possesses in such perfection.
For a time I sit still and look at them, at
the dark, magnificent looks of the man
and the fair, luxurious beauty of the girl,
and think that never surely did a more
splendid couple stand together; they seem
to be made for each other. Presently I
leave my seat and go out into the corridor
which is bright as noonday in the clear,
pale beams of the September moon.

The hall-door stands widely, invitingly
open. Beyond is Hatel lies the broad,
sleeping moon-washed earth, and down
below —oh, so sweet!—gurgle up the glad
notes of the nightingale. For a moment
I hesitate—over that threshold I am for-
bidden to go; then as the tread of many
feet comes down the corridor, I snatch up
one of the wraps lying about and step
forth into the silver peace and beauty of
the night. Just outside the door is a dark
corner, formed by the protection of the
porch, and into this I slip, lest a teacher
or Buff should come to the door and dis-
cover my unlawful whereabouts.

The flowers are all fast asleep; they look
ghostly and weird in the glistening light.
I wonder if they will wake up by and by,
as Hans Andersen's flowers did, and trip a
dainty measure to the music the nightin-
gale yonder furnishes? Somehow I never
can believe that these flowers are but col-
ored shapes; they seem to me to be as
much more worthy of souls and nerves
than the ugly, stupid folks that walk about
the world. There is not a breath of air
abroad; the land is as still and as unruffl-
ed as the dark-blue vault overhead, in
which the stars glitter countless and bril-
liant, as though a royal hand had strown
them. We think queer thoughts some-
times, when we stand perfectly alone and
in utter silence, face to face with the great
mystery of Nature; the common, prosaic,
every-day life falls from us, habit fades
away, and custom is not; the thousand
ways and words and thoughts that lie as a
screen between us and her great truths,
vanish like thin air; the coil does not press
so heavily upon us, at these times as at
others; and some dim perception of the
universal law that governs God's earth
breathes itself imperceptibly into our
souls.

I think I must have been out here a long
while, for I am growing cold. Time to go
in. I am just emerging, when, down the
corridor, click, click! click, click! come
the taps of high-heeled shoes, and I hastily
draw back into my corner, as the new-
comer steps over the threshold and stands,
face and form and robe, bathed in a flood
of pale silvery light. It is Miss Fleming,
and she stands quite motionless, looking
up steadfastly at the sky overhead. All
the soft beauty of her face is gone; in its
place there reigns a cold, determination,
that contrasts almost violently with the
youth of her lineaments. As she slowly
lifts her arm and right hand to Heaven,
her lips moves, and she looks like some re-
lentless goddess, who had been cursed to
stone in the act of calling down condign
curses upon her enemy. Mine foot
steps—a man's this time—come down the
passage and approach the door, pause for
a moment, then come on again.

"Had you not better have a shawl, Miss
Fleming?" inquires Mr. Vasher's voice.
"You will take cold."

All his polite, chill words she neither
turns nor looks; she stands motionless,
with her eyes fixed upon the ground, look-
ing with her straight brow and antique
raiment, like a Greek slave standing be-
fore her master. He looks at her with a
keen, devouring scrutiny from head to
foot, and turns to go. He is within the
house when she calls to him.

"Paul!"

"Do you want me?" he says, pausing;
but she does not answer and he comes
back slowly and stands a little apart from
her, "Is there anything more to be said
between us?" he asks. "Is it not all fin-
ished—done with?"

"To you, perhaps," she says; "but not to
me—not while my life lasts!"

"You will forget," he says, looking
down with a dark and bitter frown; "you
are young yet."

"Have you forgotten?" she asks below
her breath. "Do you find it so easy?"

"God knows!" he says lifting his head
and staring up at the sky, that is so "thick
inlaid with patines of bright gold." "Ob-
viously I can't feel things as men do."

"Do they not?" she cries with a fierce
jangle in her sweet voice. "Have you for-
gotten that it is the one who sins, not the
one who is sinned against, that suffers the

[illegible] happiness I should have carried [illegible]
[illegible] down now, knowing that I am [illegible]
[illegible] did not curl up at the toes quite so much,
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"One can always avenge one's injuries
[illegible] when one is that size; and, after all, must
[illegible] it not be nice to be able to snub people?"
[illegible] I say, laughing.

"That is a pretty little girl," he says,
[illegible] looking at Kate Lisbaw, who has paused
[illegible] for a moment in her dancing near us.

"She is a duck," I say, quickly; "do
[illegible] take her to dance."

In a moment I have fetched her, and
[illegible] they go off together, he looking with real
[illegible] admiration at her fresh, bright young
[illegible] face. I leave my place and go to the top
[illegible] of the room; hard by Miss Tyburn is
[illegible] speaking to Mrs. Shrubb, and as her voice
[illegible] is raised in rivalry with the fiddle, I can-
[illegible] not avoid hearing what she says.

"Remarkably lovely; but you will be
[illegible] able to judge for yourself, she is coming
[illegible] to-night with her aunt, Lady Flytton. I
[illegible] was calling there yesterday, and happened
[illegible] to mention Mr. Vasher's name; she said
[illegible] she knew him very well, and seemed to
[illegible] like the idea of seeing him again, so I
[illegible] asked her to come."

"Miss Fleming, is coming! I wonder
what Paul will say?"

The music ceases in a crescendo of
shrieks that might well make Weber, whose
waltz it is, stir in his coffin. The room is
scarcely clear again when the door opens,
and a little withered, bent old woman in
a pearl-gray satin, half-covered with lace
totters in. Behind her comes her niece,
Miss Fleming. More than ever like a
white-and-gold lily does she look as she
advances by the side of that brown old
witch, and pays her devoirs to Miss Ty-
burn. She wears white garments that
sweep in great soft folds to the ground;
they are bordered with a Greek pattern of
gold, and about her neck, arms, and waist
are clasped heavy dead gold coins. She
looks all white and gold, from the crown
of her head to the tips of her embroidered
brodequins. The scanty folds of the Greek
bodice fall away expuisitely from the
gleaming white shoulders and bosom; the
arms bare from shoulder to wrist taper
devinely, and are softly nicked at elbow
and wrist like a baby's. We all hold our
breath as we look at her; and Paul Vasher,
standing hard by, marks every matchless
point of face and figure as no feminine eye
ever could, and does not go near her. On
the contrary, he says something to Kate,
who leads him up to Mary Burns—come-
ly, gentle, honest Mary—and she goes off
with him, looking hugely flattered. Miss
Fleming is seated in a low chair talking
Mrs. Shrubb, fanning herself slowly with
a quaint fan of crimson feathers. The fat
boy on seeing her has gasped once and
never got his breath back. His father is
sitting with a hand grasping each knee
surveying her with a senile admiration.
Why is not Mr. Vasher by her side? Why
is she sitting there alone? She looks
as though she did not care, and yet I am
sure she does; not often can it fall to her
lot to be slighted and set aside for school-
girls.

He goes up to her by and by though,
when the evening is wearing away, and
surely she is not proud, for she lays her
hand upon his arm, and they waltz to-
gether, melting into the long gliding step
that each possesses in such perfection.
For a time I sit still and look at them, at
the dark, magnificent looks of the man
and the fair, luxurious beauty of the girl,
and think that never surely did a more
splendid couple stand together; they seem
to be made for each other. Presently I
leave my seat and go out into the corridor
which is bright as noonday in the clear,
pale beams of the September moon.

The hall-door stands widely, invitingly
open. Beyond is Hatel lies the broad,
sleeping moon-washed earth, and down
below —oh, so sweet!—gurgle up the glad
notes of the nightingale. For a moment
I hesitate—over that threshold I am for-
bidden to go; then as the tread of many
feet comes down the corridor, I snatch up
one of the wraps lying about and step
forth into the silver peace and beauty of
the night. Just outside the door is a dark
corner, formed by the protection of the
porch, and into this I slip, lest a teacher
or Buff should come to the door and dis-
cover my unlawful whereabouts.

The flowers are all fast asleep; they look
ghostly and weird in the glistening light.
I wonder if they will wake up by and by,
as Hans Andersen's flowers did, and trip a
dainty measure to the music the nightin-
gale yonder furnishes? Somehow I never
can believe that these flowers are but col-
ored shapes; they seem to me to be as
much more worthy of souls and nerves
than the ugly, stupid folks that walk about
the world. There is not a breath of air
abroad; the land is as still and as unruffl-
ed as the dark-blue vault overhead, in
which the stars glitter countless and bril-
liant, as though a royal hand had strown
them. We think queer thoughts some-
times, when we stand perfectly alone and
in utter silence, face to face with the great
mystery of Nature; the common, prosaic,
every-day life falls from us, habit fades
away, and custom is not; the thousand
ways and words and thoughts that lie as a
screen between us and her great truths,
vanish like thin air; the coil does not press
so heavily upon us, at these times as at
others; and some dim perception of the
universal law that governs God's earth
breathes itself imperceptibly into our
souls.

I think I must have been out here a long
while, for I am growing cold. Time to go
in. I am just emerging, when, down the
corridor, click, click! click, click! come
the taps of high-heeled shoes, and I hastily
draw back into my corner, as the new-
comer steps over the threshold and stands,
face and form and robe, bathed in a flood
of pale silvery light. It is Miss Fleming,
and she stands quite motionless, looking
up steadfastly at the sky overhead. All
the soft beauty of her face is gone; in its
place there reigns a cold, determination,
that contrasts almost violently with the
youth of her lineaments. As she slowly
lifts her arm and right hand to Heaven,
her lips moves, and she looks like some re-
lentless goddess, who had been cursed to
stone in the act of calling down condign
curses upon her enemy. Mine foot
steps—a man's this time—come down the
passage and approach the door, pause for
a moment, then come on again.

"Had you not better have a shawl, Miss
Fleming?" inquires Mr. Vasher's voice.
"You will take cold."

All his polite, chill words she neither
turns nor looks; she stands motionless,
with her eyes fixed upon the ground, look-
ing with her straight brow and antique
raiment, like a Greek slave standing be-
fore her master. He looks at her with a
keen, devouring scrutiny from head to
foot, and turns to go. He is within the
house when she calls to him.

"Paul!"

"Do you want me?" he says, pausing;
but she does not answer and he comes
back slowly and stands a little apart from
her, "Is there anything more to be said
between us?" he asks. "Is it not all fin-
ished—done with?"

"To you, perhaps," she says; "but not to
me—not while my life lasts!"

"You will forget," he says, looking
down with a dark and bitter frown; "you
are young yet."

"Have you forgotten?" she asks below
her breath. "Do you find it so easy?"

"God knows!" he says lifting his head
and staring up at the sky, that is so "thick
inlaid with patines of bright gold." "Ob-
viously I can't feel things as men do."

"Do they not?" she cries with a fierce
jangle in her sweet voice. "Have you for-
gotten that it is the one who sins, not the
one who is sinned against, that suffers the

CHAPTER XVIII.

"Most extraordinary!" says Laura
Fielding, resting her chin on her hands
and her elbows on her desk. "He actually
left his hat behind!"

"Does anyone know what became of it?"
asks Kate Lisbaw.

"It was put in a handbox," says Dora,
"and carried to the parsonage by a maid-
servant, who made him a courtesy, and
said, 'I've brought you something as you
dropped among our young ladies, sir!'"

"Nonsence!" says Kate; "but I must
confess I am disappointed in him! After
all, he proved a very little more valiant
than Mr. Russel's friend! He's very nice,
though, she adds, "and he dances splen-
didly."

"He is magnificent, says Belle. "Did
you ever see such shoulders on such a
head? And then his style—unimpeach-
able!

"His moustache is—" says Laura "it
has that long bold sweep that you never see
on a plain man's face; and as to his
eyes—"

"Bravo! Laura says Kate.

"He was a man"—you know the rest.
I'll tell you one thing," says Belle, "that
I am sure of; that exquisite piece of white
and gold, Miss Fleming, as at the bottom
of his sudden departure; and I am certain
that if they are not lovers now they were
once with a vengeance. They disappeared
together that night. I would have recon-
structed but was cut-witting the Lancers.
After that, you know, he went."

"I should not mind being you, Helen
Adair, says Kate," patting me on the
shoulder. "You do the visiting while we
all stay at home."

I am sitting in my bonnet and jacket,
awaiting the carriage that is to take me to
Lady Flytton's.

"I don't want to go," I say earnestly—
indeed I do not. Why Lady Flytton ask-
ed me I cannot think, for she did not
know mother very well."

"What it is to have so many friends!"
says Belle; "I wish I had some!"

"And you are coming home on Monday,
child?"

"Yes."

"I wonder if Mr. Vasher will go there!"
says Kate. "Keep your eyes open, Helen
Adair, and tell us all you see when you
come back. Hark! there is the carriage."

We go out. Yes, there it is, and the
spirited black horses, with their scarlet
rosettes, look far more fitted for a drive in
Hyde Park than to bowl along these coun-
try lanes.

Ejecting the Wrong Man.

One morning there stood at the base-
ment door of a South-side druggist's home
a forlorn-looking man. He carried under
his arm a book and on his face was a look
of stolid patience. He was a shabbily-
dressed, dejected-looking Swede. The girl
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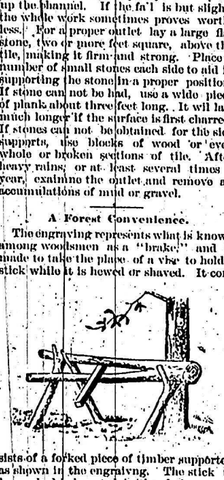

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years ago most people treated by poultices
and warmth is now quickly cured by
sucking ice and keeping the victim in a
low temperature, and in a really feverish
cold ice might be of genuine use.

A stolen kiss once brought the culprit
into possession of a fortune. He was a
butcher at Sydney, and had taken the lib-
erty of kissing one of his customers, a
pretty girl, who resented the affront and
had him prosecuted for assault. He was
fined heavily by the local magistrate, and
the case was commented on freely by the
press. The publicity thus given to the
affair happened to arrest the notice of a
firm of solicitors in Sydney, who had been
appointed trustees of some property which
had been left to the man by a distant rela-
tive twenty years before. They had failed
to trace the heir, but when his name ap-
peared in the papers in connection with
the case of assault they communicated
with him, and he was able to establish his
identity.

A certain Senor Talca, of Valparaiso,
however had a very different experience,
and paid heavily for his momentary freak
of kissing a lady on the Plaza without her
permission. She prosecuted him, and the
magistrate, as indignant as the lady, sen-
tenced him to sixty days' imprisonment.
This served penalty Senor Talca considered
himself justified in appealing against, but
the higher court, so far from bestowing
any sympathy on the offender, sentenced
him to an additional thirty days' impris-
onment. The amusing part of the affair
is that the higher court took 200 days to
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of that time the senior had to remain in
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THE FARM AND GARDEN.

HINTS AND NEWS NOTES.

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An Effective Fumigating-Box.

Very few window plants are entirely
free from that troublesome insect, the
green aphis, and the problem of getting
rid of it is not always an easy one, on ac-
count of want of a place in which to fumi-
gate with tobacco. Our illustration shows
a convenient box in which may be placed
plants infested with green lice while a
smudge of tobacco is being given. There
is a piece of zinc in the bottom of the box,
to prevent the rubbish from many drop-
ping coals. On this set three flower pots,
and on these the dan containing the leaves.
The pan should have a hole in it the size
of an egg, to give sufficient draught that
the leaves will be all consumed. In start-
ing the smudge, place a few shavings first,
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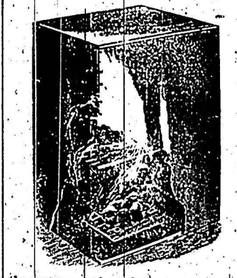

the growers are best, but stems may be
used and are much cheaper. The shed
over the smudge-pan should be full of
holes, or made of lath, in order that the
fumes may rise. A large dry goods box
will answer the same purpose if it is not
desirable to be at the expense of a special-
ly-made box, but it should be quite tight,
in order to retain the smoke. Many plants
will not bear a very strong fumigating,
an example being the heliotropes and
cinerarias; but if these be sprinkled before
fumigating, it will decrease the danger of
their being injured by the smudge. After
a trial one will readily learn about what
quantity each plant will stand.

Simple Well-Tackle.

A tackle of the kind shown in the on-
graving can be rigged and put in use in a
very short time, and out of material
which is altogether at hand. Stout, sound
poles are lashed together, forming a tripod,
and a common pulley-block is attached
where the poles are joined, another one
being fastened to a firmly driven or plant-
ed stake at the foot of one of the pieces.
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