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day as you do. He looked sharply at me, and became so nervous, twitching his mouth, and winking his eyes, that I feared having gone too far; but the scrutiny of my countenance seemed to content him, and he said, I daresay you mean well: you are a good notable girl, Berry; but that chamber is sacred to myself. Take my advice, and never pry into secrets; there is a skeleton in every house, did we but know. A skeleton, thought I: how horrible! What can he mean? I did not know that it was a mere conventional expression. I fancied he became more particular than ever in locking and double-locking the door; and I daily became more fidgety and feverish with the uncontrollable desire to explore the forbidden precincts. I had been my uncle's guest for six weeks, half my time was expired, and I already looked forward with joy to returning home; for though I was most kindly treated, yet the wearisome sameness of the life I lead—companionship, and far more confined than I used to be—preyed on my spirits. I longed for the woods and streams, for a madcap race, and for a hearty laugh again; for I had not heard my own laugh since I had been at Branhholm. It was on a beautiful summer evening, my uncle was at his club, and would not be home till late; Mrs Dawson was in the front kitchen busy making preserves, and I sat alone under the apple-tree trying to read; but read I did not; for, alas! the temptation was too strong to be resisted any longer. The window was invitingly open: how simple and easy to climb the knotted trunk of the apple-tree, and to gain the broad window sill! One peep was all I wanted; just one peep, to see if there really was a skeleton there. This was all wrong, and showed great weakness, and I turned away once or twice. Honour forbade me the gratification of my curiosity, but the excitement was delightful; the idea of a climb—the peep—the descent—the secret gained, and none the wiser but! I resisted no longer; but in a few minutes sat exultingly amid the high branches, and crept with ease and safety to the casement.

To be Continued in our next.

THE BEAUTY OF POLISH WOMEN.—And now, down on your knees, or at least take your hats off. I am going to speak of the Polish women. My mind wanders on the banks of the Ganges, and seeks the most beautiful and delicate flowers with which to compare them. But what by the side of those graceful beings are the most lovely flowers in the world? . . . If I could command the pencil of Raphael, the melodies of Mozart, the language of Calderon, I might perhaps succeed in awaking in your heart the enchantment you would feel on seeing a true Polish woman an Aphrodite of the Vistula, appear before your eyes. But what are the colored daubs of Raphael by the side of these altar-pieces of beauty which the living God has drawn in his serene moments? What is the enraptured music of Mozart after the words which flow from the rosy lips of these creatures? What are the Calderon's stars of earth and flowers of heaven in comparison with the charming beings whom I call, in good Calderonic language, angels of earth, because I call the angels themselves the Polish women of heaven.—Heine.

Marriage-brokers in Paris do a brisk business. There are seventy-five of them, two of whom pay an income tax of 200,000 francs a year. For introducing a male fortune-hunter to a wealthy lady, the charge is five per cent. on the property of the latter, provided that a marriage results. When the property of each is about equal, only two per cent is charged. Husbands with aristocratic titles are at a high premium at present—that article being rather scarce in the matrimonial market. Poetic wife-seekers are so numerous as to be indispensable—not even to old maids, who seem to care more for cash than poetic moonshine.

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France and Prussia are continuing their armaments.

An elephant was sold at Havre the other day for £840.

The French Prince Imperial is said to have a real talent for sculpture.

The Pope's "Peter's Pence" yields from £7,000,000 to £8,000,000 a year.

The approaching marriage of Princess Margaret of Orleans and Prince Theodor of Bavaria, brother of the Empress of Austria, is announced.

Excepting Great Britain, Belgium, and Holland there are no civilized countries which have not largely augmented their obligations during the last ten years.

LONDON thieves have begun to wear the uniform of postmen, and thus protected, to pick the locks of street letter boxes and walk off with the contents in broad daylight.

The Federal Council has made an official declaration to the effect that Switzerland would reject any proposals, if made, for a military or commercial alliance with France.

On Thursday morning, the joy-bells of Hillsborough were rung to celebrate the late Marquis of Downshire's birthday, and in the evening the same bells tolled to announce his death.

Theodore's son is at present staying in the Isle of Wight with Captain Speedy. He is to be brought up as the son of an English gentleman with a view of his entering the Indian Civil Service.

In a case under investigation at Clerkenwell Police Court, it has been shown that an innocent man was a short time ago convicted of stealing sheep on the evidence of three policemen, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Her Majesty the Queen is enjoying herself quietly in the pleasant town of Lucerne, taking walks in the romantic neighborhood, and occasionally embarking on the beautiful Lake of Lucerne in a steamer which has been courteously placed at her disposal by the Swiss authorities.

The deaths in New York last week were 713, an increase of nearly 100 over the previous week, owing mainly to disease brought about by eating diseased beef. Several persons who attended the Methodist camp meeting are said to have died since arriving home from eating meat of diseased cattle, sold to them while at Sing Sing.

There were two claimants for the position of Senator from the second district of Louisiana, E. L. Jewell and a mulatto named Pinchbeck, each claiming that he had been regularly elected. After hearing the claimants, the Senate threw out the Jewell and kept the Pinchbeck.

The remains of the late Queen of Madagascar were buried in silver coffin worth \$30,000. With her was buried a box of coin so weighty that fifteen men found it difficult to carry. The morning requires all her subjects to shave their heads and go bare-foot for ninety days. They must also sleep on the ground and do no work for that time.

Boston is still doing the Chinese Embassy and the Celestials are getting along so that they are almost ready for naturalization. Some of them can say I swear, and they all reckon and guess like natives. Their curiosity is unbounded; but it is not true that they sent to the harbour for a bucket of water, with a view of determining what kind of tea was thrown overboard in our Revolutionary war.

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