

A RACE AGAINST TIME.

THE SWITCH-TENDER'S STORY.

Dreams are not always true. Nor, on the other hand, are they always false—a fact within the observation of everybody. Of course I do not refer to day-dreams, nor the fancies conjured up by a disordered stomach.

A Pleasant Bedroom.

There is nothing more indicative of refinement and genuine culture in a family than bright, cheerful, and tastefully-decorated bed chambers. Tasteful decoration does not necessarily mean expense, and it is possible to make a chamber look very pretty at a very small outlay.

A "Generous" Public.

The public of Padua seem to have taken a maniacal distrust of all efforts to please them at the Teatro Concordi and the Teatro Garibaldi. At the latter house "Un Ballo in Baschera" produced an awful onslaught upon the footlights.

Don't Force the Growth.

It is a mistake to try to make premature men out of boys, for it is not natural for them to be so staid, reserved, nor always well-mannered, and the discipline that makes them so before their time will probably distort or cripple some of their finest qualities.

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