

Two Tablets.

MOTHER AND CHILD.
Two little dimpled rose-bud feet,
As the apple blossoms sweet,

CHILD AND MOTHER.

Two wrinkled hands like dead leaves lay
Soft folded o'er a breast of clay,

A precious, helpless lump of clay
From which the soul had passed away;

Given and Taken.

Smoothing soft the nestling head
Of a maiden fancy led,

Salutation.

Through life every sorrow gives birth to a blessing
And shadows in falling show sunlight is clear,

The Scent of a Flower.

The scent of a flower is a wonderful thing!
It plays round the heart like the zephyrs of spring,

One eye, when the dew on the leaves glittered bright.

One eye, when the dew on the leaves glittered bright,
He professed the prize with a tender "Good Night,"

Consider the lilies.

Consider the lilies. Lord grant us to be
By the field and the garden brought nearer to Thee,

The True Triumph.

The wars of kings are children's games,
And children's thrones, monarchs' thrones,

On the Road to Herat.

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THE FASTEST YET.

A New Locomotive Runs Over Seventy Miles an Hour—The Trial Trip—Description of Speed—Improving Machinery.
The following from the Albany Evening Journal will be read with interest by Mr. Orton's many friends in this city:

Everything worked nicely. She "made steam" fast, and notwithstanding the "hard road" as the engineers call it at this season when the frost is about to leave the roadbed, the engine was very easy.

The machinists then put their heads together and "felt her pump," while Mr. Orton

VALUABLE IMPROVEMENTS.
He told the Journal reporter the smoke consumer and single 4 1/2 inch exhaust were valuable improvements and made it possible to run an engine with 25 per cent. less coal than was used for the ordinary engine.

THE QUESTION AS TO THE MAGICAL OR SCIENTIFIC VALUE OF THE "DIVINING ROD" has just been reopened by the success which has attended its use by the "Patron of the Works of the Midland Railway Company, England, with reference to the discovery of a permanent supply of water.

THE INDIAN RED RIDING HOOD.
With the dangerous signs in the East which prevail,

On Afghanistan's borders the scene has been laid
For the story,

Now that glory has stirred up the Russian bear's bile,
So he's running

Dr. Edward W. Emerson, of Concord, Mass., son of the "Chilosopher," is still hunting for the gigantic rock of pure white quartz which he thinks is the only proper monument to put over his father's grave.

MRS. MAJESTY'S DRAWING ROOM.

The London Telegraph, in good-humored fun, publishes a description of the Queen's drawing room, and in the course of it says: Cards duly presented, and verified by stern officials, the stream moves on to the first room, and there a stand is made for a whole hour, during which weary waiters in waiting the elicit take advantage of the broad daylight into which they have emerged to criticise each other's clothes.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE.
Writing from Bala Murghab, Jan. 6th, the correspondent of the London Times says: "I have pointed out to you the great strategic importance of Pul-i-Khatun, a place which has always been considered to be Afghan and beyond the pale of discussion."

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LOST IN A BALLOON.

Some laborers at work in a field near Bromley, Eng., recently saw a large balloon carrying across some fields a short distance from them, striking violently against the fence, and bounding from the ground, eventually being brought to a standstill by the sprawling iron getting entangled in a tree.

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RUSSIAN FINANCES.

The Empire in a Quagmire of Debt—But Always Ready for War. (London Standard.)
Until 1870, or thereabouts, nothing whatever was known about Russian budgets. A vague kind of tradition existed that they were always miraculously balanced, but how or why they balanced nobody knew.

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DEAF AND DUMB UNTO DEATH.

The End of a Noted Canadian Criminal.
On April 17, 1883, a man giving the name of George Enos, Quebec, died in a hotel at Watertown, N. Y. He pretended to be deaf and dumb, and on his dying bed wrote his request. It has just been discovered that the dead man is none other than Hiram B. Thomas, a noted burglar and forger.

THE INHABITANTS OF St. Petersburg consider themselves fortunate in having had an average winter death rate of only 35 per 1,000 of population.

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