

A Tribute to the Old Man.

While mothers are in every clime Exulted in verse from time to time, Who reads aloud to a young one?

A shadow crossed Gaspard's face, and he paused a minute before answering. "It should be lying in a comfortable house, at least. The separation is of course hard to bear, but I shall feel happier about her now that I know she will have your kindness, madam."

Maguy this afternoon, I found young Gaspard at his study, and he half-recognized him. Afterward Claude told me who he was, and I went to see him myself at his rooms. It seems that he and his sister left France in the spring; she is now with the Collinsons, at Richelieu, and he is trying for work here, but quite unsuccessfully.

FOR AND ABOUT THE LADIES.

Things Which Every Woman Ought to Know.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Frills, Fashions, Fancies, Foibles and Feminine Conceits.

HOW TO BECOME HANDSOME.

Superfluous flesh troubles the minds of many women, and it is a sad condition to be in. How many women do we daily meet who would give all they have and stop at no inconveniences or sacrifices could they by doing so reduce themselves to the lines of grace and beauty.

The Strongest Known Animal.

Some interesting results of a naturalist's inquiries are sent us by Mr. J. Lawrence-Hamilton, M. C. R. S., Brighton, who says that, in proportion to its size, the limpet probably has the strongest known animal.

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them, perhaps out of compliment to their sister brother. Reform is building two neat dresses for the Princesses Victoria and Maud. They are of gray-blue tweed, interlined with threads of navy-blue. The skirts are very simple, depending for style on the way they are hung and arranged.

UP IN THE CLOUDS.

The awful experience an English Aeronaut Passed Through. Great excitement was caused at Croydon on Saturday afternoon in connection with the ascent from the old fair field of Prof. Higgins, the inventor of the dirigible.

Something About the Famous Strand.

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ADOPTED BY THE DEAN.

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"Indeed! I must go and see her when we go back to Worthington; the exodus is already beginning; the first instalment of nurses and children went off this morning, and I only meant now just to come in and wish you good-bye, but as usual I have been betrayed into gossiping."

Lady Worthington was quite an old family friend of the Magnays, and since they had been left orphans, she had taken them specially under her protection. Claude owed a great deal to her; she was good-natured, very fond of him, and after his sisters had gone to India, and he had been left to himself, she had spared no pains in helping him, constantly visiting him to her house, and what was better, really winning his confidence, and giving him almost a son's place in her affections.

"Poor child!" said Lady Worthington, compassionately. "It is indeed a dreary house; tell me about her."

"Perhaps this will tell you better than words," said Claude, bringing forward his picture. Accidentally her brother caught sight of that when he was here, and I wish you could have seen his face of grief and dismay. He would not need to be the brightest child imaginable."

"And that is really her likeness? such a young face, and so utterly miserable! You have been exaggerating, Claude."

"I am afraid not," said Claude, smiling. "But that you will see when you are at Richelieu; you would permit me to bring you fresh oases."

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"In some wretched rooms at Pentonville," answered Claude, wondering if Gaspard, also, were to be adopted.

"I think I will drive round that way and just see him; he may have something to send to his sister; and I feel sure Sir Henry would wish it. Yes, I will certainly do so; he must get the idea that once there good-bye for the present, Claude, you will let us hear from you, will you not? And remember that you must spend Christmas with us at Worthington, if you can, but don't refuse a better invitation."

"Thank you, a thousand times," replied Claude, gratefully. "For me there could be no better."

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Why 1900 Will Not be a Leap Year.

The question is often asked, "Will the year 1900 be a leap year?" It will not. When Julius Cesar revised the calendar he appointed an extra day every four years, and his calendar lasted until A. D. 1682.

Early Rising Birds.

The thrush is audible about 4.50 in the morning. The quail's whistling is heard in the woods at about 3 o'clock.

To Obtain Sleep.

Among the various remedies for sleeplessness lately advised is that which the subject, after taking a deep inspiration, holds his breath until discomfort is felt, then repeats the process a second and a third time, this being, as a rule, enough to procure sleep.

A Solemn Thought.

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