

CREEPING UP THE STAIRS.

In the softly falling twilight
Of the weary, weary day,
With a quiet step I entered
Where the children were at play;
I was brooding o'er some trouble
That had met me unawares,
When a little voice came singing,
"Me is creepin' up the stairs."

Ah, it touched the tender heart-strings
With breath and force divine,
And such melodies awakened
As no words can e'er define,
When I turned to see our darling,
All forgetful of my cares,
And I saw the little creature
Slowly creeping up the stairs.

Step by step she bravely clambered
On her little hands and knees,
Keeping up a constant chattering
Like the magpies of the trees;
Till at last she reached the topmost,
And then o'er her world's affairs,
She, delighted, stood a victor,
After creeping up the stairs.

YOUNG INDIAN MAIDENS.

Among the north-western tribes of Indians innocence is as marked among the girls as their color. Educated in the faith that she was ordained to work, she trained herself to hard labour, and at sixteen years of age is sturdy and strong, brave against fatigue, and a perfect housewife. She may not possess New England notions of cleanliness, but she takes not a little pride in her personal appearance, and in the arrangement of her lodge she displays some crude ideas of taste, and a certain amount of neatness. If she marries a white man she makes him a good wife as long as she lives with him. His home is her sole comfort and his comfort her sole ambition. She thinks of him and for him, and makes it her study to please him and makes him respect and love her. She recognizes in him one of a superior race, and by her dignity and devotion endears herself to him and struggles to make him happy. At the agencies of the upper frontier thousands of men are employed, and it is not an exaggeration to say that the majority of them have Indian wives and live happily. They are not sought after by the maidens, for the Indian girls' custom is to remain quiet until after the marriage contract is made and the marriage portion is paid over. The husband must have the dowry, with which he must invest his prospective mother-in-law before the ceremony takes place. The process is a little out of the usual run, and a description may be of interest. The aspiring bridegroom must be well-known in the tribe before he can hope to win a wife; her people want to thoroughly understand him, and know if he can support not only her but all of her relatives in the event of a pinch. He must be a kind-hearted man, with a temper warranted to keep in any domestic climax, and he must have a good lodge, and at least half dozen horses. If he be, and have all these, he can a-woing go. Then selecting a lady he makes application to the mother, and at a council the price is fixed upon. If the girl is especially pretty, her mother will demand a gun, two horses, and a lot of provisions, blankets, and cloth. A gun is valued at fifty dollars, and he must furnish the material to bring the amount up from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars. Then he tries to beat the dame down, and if he succeeds he knows there is some reason for letting the girl go, if not he under-

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