

VERS DE SOCIÉTÉ.

Au Café.

You're a natty little waiter,
O Fraulein!
To my wants you always cater,
When I dine;
And you have no irritating
Way of keeping people waiting,
And your smile is captivating,
I opine.

You are always dressed so nicely,
O Fraulein!
All my feelings so precisely
You Divine;
That from soup to *tutti-frutti*
You're acquainted with your duty;
And utility with beauty
You combine.

You are skilled in fancy cooking,
O Fraulein!
You're the maid for whom I'm looking
For my shrine.
Tho' I have not wealth nor title,
Prithee, list to my recital;
Give my fond love some requital,
Oh, be mine?

So you actually are laughing,
And decline?
And my sentiment you're chaffing,
And say, "Nem?"
At his proffered love you laugh, eh?
What! you are a better half, eh?
Of the man who keeps this café?
O Fraulien!!

The Century Co. has arranged with General Horace Porter for the publication in The Century Magazine of his personal reminiscences of General Grant during the war.

Anthony Hope has been called by George Meredith a "Master of modern dialogue," and this estimate finds amazing and delightful confirmation in a new volume of stories about to be published by the Scribner's under the attractive title of "Comedies of Courtship."

The contributions in the February Atlantic which will attract perhaps the widest attention is an able paper entitled The Presidency and Mr. Reed. It is a thoughtful presentation of the requirements of the presidential office and a discussion of Mr. Reed's fitness for it. It is the first of a promised series upon the issues and some of the personalities of the forthcoming campaign.

G. P. Putnam's Sons announce for immediate publication "Regeneration: a Reply to Max Nordau." With introduction by Nicholas Murray Butler, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Philosophy, Ethics, and Psychology in Columbia College in the city of New York. This work, which is by an author who prefers, for the present, at least, to remain anonymous, is a vigorous and trenchant analysis of the morbid and exaggerated pessimism of Nordau's sensational treatise.

Toronto is soon to possess yet another illustrated periodical. Tarot is the name of the new venture, and it will be similar in form and aim to the Chap Book. Amongst the contributors to the first number, which will be published early in February, are Prof. Mavor, Mr. A. J. Cleare, Mr. Carl Ahrens, Mr. J. C. Innes, and Mr. C. B. Watkins, Miss Harriet Ford and Messrs. Ahrens and Innes will do the illustrating for the number. We wish the new enterprise every success.

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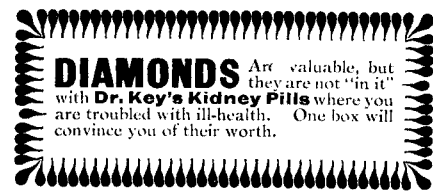
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