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A STORYETTE.

They were sitting on the sofa in the parlor. He was holding her hand and telling her of the love which was overflowing his heart for her. He had been talking for some time when she interrupted him, saying in a shy, I've-never-been-talked-to-like-this-before way "And are you sure you have never loved any other girl, Clarence?"

"Quite sure," he replied, as he slipped his arm around her waist. "I've met thousands of girls in the course of my life, but never until I met you has any girl ever known what it was even to be kissed by me."

And as their lips met under the pale moonlight, in one of those experienced we've-both-been-there-before-many-a-time, long drawn out osculations, a large picture of George Washington which was hanging on the wall over the sofa, broke from its fastenings and fell upon the fabricators with a dull, sickening thud.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Lottie Collins, who popularized 'Tara Boom Der E,' did not die after all. She is still alive—and kicking.

Milliners do not admire the Queen of Portugal. She makes her own bonnets, and graceful ones they are, too.

Business is somewhat affected by our smallpox quarantine, and many of our merchants are enjoying a well-earned vac(cin)ation.

It is believed by Chinamen that cat's meat is a remedy for lung diseases. It is served in most of the Canton restaurants, cooked in various ways.

It is stated as remarkable that in most ancient statues the second toe is longer than the great toe. The reverse is the case in men of the present time.

The horrors of prison life in Siberia are said to be a picnic as compared with the treatment to which the Victoria people who are now in quarantine at Vancouver are subjected.

We hope our Vancouver neighbors will pardon us for drawing attention to the fact that they have

not yet returned the hose loaned them when they had their big fire six years ago.

"Hello, there," remarked Vancouver real estate to the sky, "have you wet down that new moon yet?" "No," replied the sky; "have a rain frappe with me?" "Thanks," replied the soil, "don't care if I do moisten my clay at your expense." And it rained.

Edison is perfecting a phonographic clock which is destined to surprise tardy visitors. It can be set at any hour—say eleven p. m. When the hands indicate this hour, the visitor is startled by hearing a voice from the clock proclaim: "Time for bed! Time for bed! Go home!"

The Vancouver World, in a half column article, retracts its statement that the smallpox infection was introduced into Victoria by sugar landed at the capital from the steamer Phra Nang. The World should retract every utterance it has made for the last three weeks.

A Chinese official, high in authority, states that it is customary to preserve dead bodies by inclosing them in a box of tea. This tea is afterward collected and shipped to and sold in foreign countries. The vessels containing it are distinguished by a private mark known only to the natives.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth, it was customary to strew green rushes on the uncarpeted floor of the actors' retiring-room in theatres—hence the term green-room. Subsequently it was usual to decorate the walls with green paper, and sometimes the rushes gave way to a carpet of green baize.

A reformed gambler entertains an assemblage of Christian young men in this city by exhibiting, with a pack of cards, the tricks by which he used to fleece the unwary. They watch him with close attention, and some of them, it is said, spend their leisure in striving to acquire dexterity in the manipulation of cards.

A novel way of choosing partners has become the rage in some of the Western towns. At a party a sheet is stretched across the room

the ladies stand behind it, and advance their feet a few inches beyond the sheet. Each gentleman picks out a pair of shoes, and the lady who stands in them is the one he takes down to supper.

A comedy scene followed the third act of a tragedy at a theatre in an English provincial town. The villain had met his death, and the curtain was lowered, but hung suspended three feet above the stage. All efforts to lower it proved unavailing until the corpse arose from the stage, and said, in sepulchral tones, as he dragged down the curtain, "No rest, even in the g-r-r-r-ave!"

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1 24 carat do	\$225 00
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