

Fact, Fancy, Fun.

THE UNELECTED INFANT.

An "unelected infant" sighed out its little breath,
And wandered through the darkness along the shores of death,
Until the gates of Heaven, a gleam with pearl,
it spied,
And ran to them and clung there, and would not be denied;
Though still from earth came mutterings,
"You cannot enter in;"
"Depart into Gehenna, you child of wrath and sin."

At last the gates were opened; a man with features mild
Stooped down and raised the weeping and unelected child.
Immortal light thrilled softly down avenues of bliss,
As on the infant's forehead the spirit placed a kiss.
"Who are you, thus to hallow my unelected brow?"
"Dear child, my name was Calvin, but I see things better now."

—Religio-Philosophical Journal.

WANTED.

A hat for the head of a fountain,
A glove for the hand of fate,
A shoe for the foot of a fountain,
A link from the chain of debate.

A spoke from the wheel of fortune,
A chip from the "pole" of the South,
A drink from the fountain of knowledge,
A word from the river's mouth.

A drink from the cup of sorrow,
A look from the face of the storm,
A stroke from the arm of justice,
A ring from the finger of scorn.

A knock at the door of repentance,
A throb from the ocean's heart,
A glance from the eye of a needle,
And from Cupid's bow a dart.

—Brooklyn Life.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT.

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—Clout Review.

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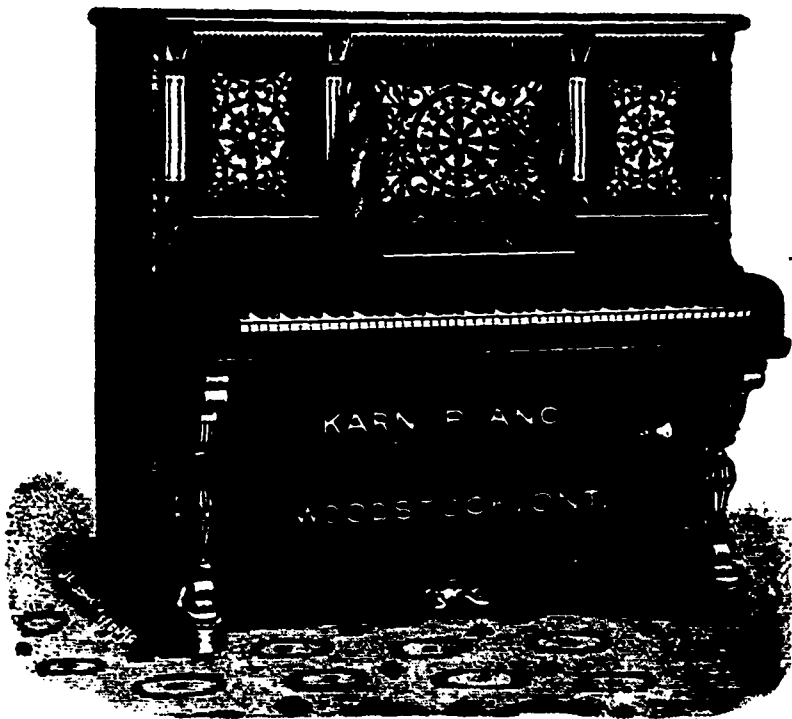
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