

NAOMIS CAPTIVE.

The blackbirds were whistling melodiously in the bower of old orchard at the back of the house; the tiger-lilies and clove-pinks were in blossom under the window, and far-off and clear, in the silence, you could hear the "swish, swish" of Abel and Matthew's scythes on the hill; and Naomi Russet, putting back the curls from her forehead, looked out on the sunny fields and sighed softly to herself.

THE WAITING JULIET.

The house in question was what Peter the Scholar (who corrects my proof-sheets) calls one of the ruinous sort—the front facing a street and the back looking over a turfed garden, with a lime-tree or two, a laurel, and a lawn-tennis court marked out, its white lines plain to see in the starlight.

THINGS OF VALUE.

The day will come when God will judge us again all those things that are judged amiss.—Bernard.

PUTTING ON FLESH.

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THE PEDAGOGUE'S WEDDING.

The pedagogue among his pupils had a maiden fair. Her eyes were soft, and turned to his with nancy glance full oft; and when his tresses Latin put her out, Her pretty lips were all too prone to pout; He longed to kiss them—love had made him mad— But did not dare.

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