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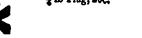
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THE INNERMOST ROOM.

The singer sang the world a song,
And soon in overy tender heart
Its melody, so sweet and strong,
Became a dear and lasting part;
But no one knew and no one cared,
That from supremest grief and wrong
His breaking heart had tearned the notes
That trembled into glorious song.

A woman who from every cup
Had drained life's glad and bitter streams,
Sat down and wrote a wonderous tale,
As sweet and bright as fairy dreams;
But no one know and no one cared,
From what tumultous reas of thought
The soul in lonely voyages
Its parable of life had brought,

The teacher with a burning heart, With tengue as swift and hot as flame, Led with a wise and tender art. The world into its highestain; But no one asked and no one knew. Thro' what fierce conflict day by day He won the victory which cleared. For weaker hearts the higher way.

That each soul has one inner room Where alone it seeks the grace
To struggle with its elarpest woe,
Its hardest destiny to face.
To lift the duty that it fears
To love to trust through every doom,
And not the nearest dearest heart
Goes with it to that inner room.

'Tis there that souls learn how to sing,
'Tis there the truest knights are made;
There, with the sharp edge of her sword,
Great serrow gives the accolade.
From whence they come with subtle strength
The weary and the sai to lift;
But who remember that sad room,
Its strife and doubt, its grief and gloom,
From which they bring the precious gift.

DISGUISES.

The softest tone is not always the kindest,
The shyest look is not always the blindest,
The tenderest touch is not always the truest,
The last expressed thought is not always the newest.
The dull may be gay and the gay may be saddest,
And oft without reason we are maddest and gladdest;
For things are deceifful and not as they seem. And dreams may be life, and life only a dream.

BOOK GOSSIP.

The Povular Science Monthly for October deals in an incisive way with a variety of live topics. A thoughtful paper on "American Childhood from a Medical Standpoint," by Dr. Henry Ling Taylor, cannot fail to be of very general interest. The many "Specifics for the Cure of Inebriety" are carefully reviewed and analyzed by T. D. Crothers, M. D., and some very interesting conclusions are drawn. The connection between "Language and Brain Disease" is presented by another eminent physician. The difficulties which arise in legislating for a native and a foreign-born population are discussed in that interesting series, "Lessons from the Consus," and a number of papers on other timely topics, as well as the usual departments, bring the excellent number to a close.

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The October number of the Jenness Miller Illustrated Monthly is quite up to its usual high standard. The frontispiece is a handsome full-length portrait of a charming American girl who has become prominent in English cocial and political life—Lady Randolph Churchill. There is also a handsome picture and a kindly sketch of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, from the pen of Mrs. Georgo Augustus Sala. Mrs. Jenness Miller has a timely and interesting article, and other well-known writers contribute seasonable and interesting papers. A copy of "Comprehensive Physical Culture" by Mabel Jenness (an illustrated book of 227 pages) is given to each yearly subscriber sending \$1.00. Address, Jenness Miller Co., 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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The October number of St. Nicholas is an especially bright Great "Volcanoes and Earthquakes," "The Earthquake at Charleston" and "Learning to be Weather Prophets." A timely article on Columbus will hold the place of honor with many juvenile readers, while the thrilling description of "Tapis hunting in Brazil" will fascinate the old as well as the young folk. "A Land and Water Tussle" is an excellent humorous fishing akateh. The continued storm of "Tapis continued atoms of "Tapis and a Pay" develops are as a land water Tussle. sketch. The continued story of "Two Girls and a Boy" develops some interesting situations, and the fine series of "Strange Corners of our Country" deals in this number with that natural curiosity "The Stone-autograph album." The lads and lasses will both sorrow and rejoice over the disappointment and final satisfaction of "Tom Paulding" in his search for treasure-trove. Two long poems "Leonidas" and "The Servants of the King" are of unusual merit, while short, chirpy verses and jingles abound, and a letter from that famous little girl, Holon Keller, brings the fine number to a close.

The October number of the New England Magazine is of special interest to Nova Scotians. Arthur Wentworth Eaton, who is an authority upon Nova Scotian history and affairs, describes "The Acadian Province by the-Sea," and its legends and traditions, with a great deal of charm and freshness. Following are a few extracts from this article, which is finely illustrated with pencil and pen skotches by Louis A. Holman, a young Boston