

PURE GOLD

dust of the ground he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

I ask you, young man, young woman, what sort of soul are you bargaining for? Are you slipping along from day to day, more intent upon having a good time than upon looking after the most sacred interests of your lives?

WOMAN'S LOVE.

A sentinel angel, sitting high in glory, Heard this shrill wail ring out in purgatory:

"I loved, and blind with passionate love, I fell; Love brought me down to death, and death to hell: For God is just, and death for sin is death."

"I do not rage against his high decree, Nor for myself do ask that grace shall be, But for my love on earth who mourns for me."

"Great Spirit, let me see my love again, And comfort him one hour, and I were fain To pay a thousand years of fire and pain."

Then said the pitying angel, "Nay repent That wild vow. Look! the dial finger's bent Down on the last hour of thy punishment."

But still she wailed: "I pray thee let me go; I cannot rise to peace and leave him so! Oh, let me soothe him in his bitter woe!"

The brazen gates ground sullenly ajar, And upward, joyous, like a rising star, She rose and vanished in the ether far.

But soon adown the dying sunset sailing, And like a wounded bird her pinions trailing, She fluttered back with broken-hearted wailing.

She sobbed: "I found him by the summer sea Reclined, his head upon a maiden's knee: She curled his hair and kissed him. Woe is me!"

She wept: "Now let my punishment begin! I have been fond and foolish. Let me in To expiate my sorrow and my sin."

The angel answered: "Nay sad soul, go higher; To be deceived in your true heart's desire Was bitter than a thousand years of fire."

THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS.

(From the N. Y. Times, June 30.)

Attention continues to be paid in England to the improvement of facilities for female education. A fresh movement has now been made under the auspices of the Princess Louise. This consists in the establishment of a limited liability company, under the title of the "Girls' Public Day School, (Limited)." A large school is to be established, to begin with, in a central position near Brompton and South Kensington, with very low prices for tuition.

philanthropic persons of the day, proposes to work actively in founding the proposed schools. Pursuant to this end, a meeting was held in the Albert Hall June 7th, when the subject was largely discussed. Lord Lytton, who presided on the occasion, made some remarks significant of the change that is taking place in England as regards the proper scope of female education and pursuits.

This suggestion relates to the bearing of female education on the cause of temperance. "A better education of wives and daughters," observed the Bishop, "would keep the men from public houses." There is no doubt whatever of the truth of this, of its applicability to the upper as well as the middle and lower classes of society. The fact that women are so often not the intellectual equals, of at all events not the equals in acquired knowledge of their husbands and brothers, unquestionably has its share in sending those husbands or brothers to their clubs, or saloons, or public-houses, according to their taste or degree.

Whether female suffrage is to come or not, all intelligent people must rejoice in what tends to make the average female fit for it. If women are to have the vote, it would be satisfactory to know that the aggregate standard of the franchise in point of culture, as well as in that of intelligence, was raised by it. If women are not to have the vote it would be satisfactory to know that an increasing number among them would be capable of understanding and appreciating the reason for their exclusion.

HOW TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY.

BY MRS. H. W. BECKER.

THERE is so much that good, sensible, well-informed and highly cultivated ladies, think absolutely necessary both for happiness and respectability, which to us has little interest, and for which we can find no satisfactory reason, that we are inclined to think our youthful training must have been sadly neglected, or that some essential element is lacking in our character.

And what are the thetatics that have such fascinations? Just allude to some new fashion, and observe the effect. Must there not be some magic in it? How quickly Mrs.—forgets the book she had been so intently reading, and with dignified earnestness approaches the circle where it is being described!

that when a new dress is needed, it is natural and very proper that one should desire as good an article as can be afforded, and wish to devote to the making of it, all the care and thought requisite to secure satisfactory results; one's own taste, and ability to gratify it, deciding what will best content one.

But there is yet another mystery which we cannot comprehend. The excitement, the absorbing interest that is found in "shopping," especially in a foreign country, is a matter of great and increasing surprise. Ladies leave their homes with trunks almost bursting with the richest apparel which our New York stores can furnish.

But our ladies have been warned never to accept the first piece named. They are told that a little coyness, combined with Yankee "cuteness," will have a wonderful effect in lowering the original sum. It may be so; but, if we mistake not, we have seen some curious sly glances pass from one eye to another behind the counter, as if well satisfied with their part of the transaction.

Now we cannot understand what pleasure there can be in the fatiguing business of shopping, only so far as one can find pleasure in the successful accomplishment of any necessary labor. To hang about a counter, examining a variety of articles, jostled, crowded, and made uncomfortable by the ever-surgings throng, is fatiguing in the extreme—and exceedingly bewildering, unless a list of what is needed has been carefully prepared before entering the store.

Notwithstanding the term "fixed price," often seen in large letters in many stores, it is true that the merchant does often make many changes in the sum demanded, perhaps compelled to do so by the determination on the part of his customers to "beat him down," never satisfied until that consummation so devoutly wished for has been achieved.

an opportunity to lure you into a purchase through any such pretensions.

Much more could be said which might possibly be useful, but it must be given at another time, if at all. We have only spoken of that which we have seen, and testified of that which we have known. Who will receive our testimony?

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