

"I think things are pretty even," he replied doubtfully. "Anyhow, it's best to take them as they come and make the best of them."

"Yes, yes, I thought so once, but it's different now. I can't bear never to see Jack again; it's that which maddens me. You must just leave me alone and enjoy your life as you used to before. Don't let me make any difference."

"Always Jack," murmured a voice within him, but he stifled back the thought, saying, with the same hesitating, half-doubtful air: "But I want so to see you happier."

They had reached home now and stood together in the dining-room.

"I am happier than I was at home," she said softly. "You must let that content you. I am going to bed now;

I suppose you will stay up a little longer?"

"Yes, a little while," he answered.

Then he put his hands on her shoulders and kissed her. "God bless you," he said, "and help me to comfort you."

And when she had gone, he sat down by the table and buried his face on his arms. For a strange new life was dawning in his heart and a strange new sorrow, and he did not know how to meet them.

He did not understand what it was; or why he felt as he did; he was only conscious of that same craving for something more than she had given him and of a growing jealousy of his lost friend.

"Know thyself," said one of the seven wise men.

Aye; and surely he smiled scornfully

as he said it, knowing well that what sounded so simple was indeed almost impossible.

How can we "know ourselves," when there is always something within us, lying latent, which only makes itself felt and known, when certain circumstances call it into action.

It is only by trial and testing we can truly know the worth of anything.

Not long ago Guy had said, in all faith, that he was never likely to fall passionately in love; and so firm was he in this opinion, that he could not even see the approach, or recognise the beginning of it.

He had only made the common mistake of reading his own heart before it had been tested, and reading it wrong.

(To be continued.)

PROSPECTUS PUZZLE POEM REPORT.

SOLUTION.

TO THE GIRLS OF BRITAIN.

Girls of Britain, rise to feet,
Courtesying, as is most meet,
Your new-born magazine to greet.
Fiddlers, play! Sing, voices sweet!
Volume eighteen is complete,
And nineteen comes with footsteps fleet.
Crown with bays each new print sheet,
Give it in your heart a seat,
Then you shall live with joy replete.

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EXAMINERS' REPORT.

It was quite refreshing to find that the Prospectus Puzzle had proved to be really difficult, and that mistakes were almost as plentiful as they used to be in the earliest days of these competitions. We might explain away the difficulties one by one, but such a good-natured proceeding would be rather too late to be of much use, and it is hardly necessary to do more than commend the solution to the attention of those who competed.

A very matter-of-fact rendering of the first line to be found in many solutions somewhat startled us. It runs:—

"Girls of Britain, rise two feet!"

Could such an exhortation be carried into effect, what a very alarming country it would be to live in! "Courtesying" was generally translated "bowing low," a reading we could find no fault with from any point of view. The fourth line was evidently a most troublesome one, but none of the substituted readings could be justified by the puzzle, and the Author's must stand as the only one possible. In reference to the sixth line, we were often informed that the division sign should have been the minus sign. Certainly not: xx. divided by 1 becomes xix., and xix. is nineteen.

Baize as a substitute for bays in the next line did not impress us favourably. It is doubtless a most useful fabric, but for coronation purposes it can be improved upon. For the rest nothing need be said.

FOREIGN AWARDS.

ON THE GENRE ARTS OF MAKING AND TAKING TEA.

Prize Winners (Half-a-Guinea Each).

E. Nina Reid, N. Taieri, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

Annie G. Taylor, The Moorings, Coorporoe, Brisbane, N.Z.

Very Highly Commended.

J. W. W. Hogan, Anna I. Hood (France), Annie Jackson (Ontario), Helen Shilstone (Barbados), Mrs. Talbot Smith (S. Australia).

Highly Commended.

Clara Finch (France), Elizabeth Lang (France), Fenella Mackintosh (Bengal), Mrs. E. R. Manners (Bengal), Mrs. S. F. Moore (West Australia), Mrs. Morison (Canada), Mary Ruttonji (India), Malcolm R. Walker (Victoria), M. Waterstorm (Melbourne), Charles Williams (Cape Colony).

A WELL-BRED GIRL.

Prize Winners (Half-a-Guinea Each).

Katherine J. Knop, Bergheim, Ootacamund, Madras Pres., India.
Jessie Mitchell, Clydehowe, Edmonton, Alta, Canada.

Special Mention.

E. Nina Reid (New Zealand). The best solution, but the author took a prize for the last puzzle.

Very Highly Commended.

Mrs. H. Andrews, Mabel Ayliff, Trottie C. Barrow, Winifred Bizzey, Annie Isabel Cameron, Lucy E. Cress, N. D. Teresina Fenzi, John A. Fitzmaurice, Edith Hardy, Dagmar Hentsch, M. E. Howell, Caroline Hunt, Ethel Malone, Mrs. G. R. Manners, Katie A. Massey, Mrs. S. F. Moore, Florence Richardson, Hilda D'Rozario, Tom Russell, Helen Shilstone, Ada F. Sykes, Marion A. Thomas, Julia Yearwood, Nellie Yearwood.

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