

MY WISH

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I. If I might have my wish, I would that this fair earth were mine...

II. If I might have my wish, I would that thou wert mine and I were thine...

III. If I might have my wish, I would that what I was and am were not...

IV. If I might have my wish, I would that things that curse and things that bless...

STEPMOTHERS.

How many books do we still take up in which the plot turns on the cruel machinations of a stepmother...

VARIETIES.

A FRENCH soldier is placed on sentry over a 64-pounder. When, two hours later, the guard comes to relieve him...

times, were the Pyramids of Egypt, the Pharos of Alexandria, the walls and hanging gardens of Babylon...

"Gentlemen of the jury," said a Tuscarora lawyer, "What kind of swearing has been done in this case?"

The following proposal for a reform in ladies' dress has been made by the New Dress Reform Association.

AN EXACTING ADVERTISER.—Advertisers are often unreasonable in their requirements, but it is not often that they demand all the virtues to be concentrated in one person...

NOVEL USES OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—Several jockey clubs of the South are discussing the plan of lighting up their race-courses by lines of powerful electric lamps...

It is remark-worthy that the two most celebrated men of the period, the two whose achievements will fill the largest place in history...

miser does his treasure. I did not feel justified in using it. I painted in glowing colours, in my mind, the happy hour in which I should enjoy it after victory.

AN American lawyer, defending a promissory note case, went to lunch, leaving his books and citations on the table in the court room.

A WONDERFUL LAKE IN IOWA.—The greatest wonder in the State of Iowa, and perhaps in any other State, is what is called the Walled Lake...

A LAST GLIMPSE OF STRADIARIUS.—Although Stradiarius made violins down to the last year of his life, still after 1730, feeling his hand and sight beginning to fail...

A FRESH-WATER SPRING IN THE ATLANTIC.—One of the most remarkable displays of Nature may be seen on the Atlantic coast, eighteen miles south of St. Augustine.

the people of St. Augustine and those living along the shore, and some of the superstitious ones have been taught to regard it with a kind of reverential awe...

THE PERFUMES USED BY THE EGYPTIANS.—The consumption of essences must have been enormous at the highest tide of Egyptian splendour, for the people were actually enjoined to perfume themselves on Fridays...

HUMOROUS.

If wit is badinage what must it be in youth? When a boy goes off the track it shows that the switch has not been properly applied.

A RUSSIAN labourer works fifteen hours a day for eight cents, and feeds himself. Here a labourer gets a dollar a day and lets the foreman of the gang feed him, if he can.

"TOMMY did you hear your mother call you?" "Course I did." "Then why don't you go to her at once?" "Well, yer see she's nervous, and it'd do her no good to be scolded."

"JIM, does your mother ever whip you?" "No, but she does a precious sight worse though." "What's that?" "Why, she washes my face every morning."

It was probably an Irish missionary who, when about to be martyred by the cannibals, originated that beautiful and touching song:

My father was Irish, My mother was Irish, And I am Irish stew. A little kiss, A little blue, A little ring - it's ended, A little jaw, A little law, And let the bonds be ended.

LITERARY AND ARTISTIC.

A NEW etching club—the Society of Scottish Etchers—has recently been organized in Edinburgh.

E. A. FREEMAN, the historian, is expected to deliver his first lecture in Boston on the 17th of October.

MISS GRANT, the sculptor and niece of the late Dean Stanley, has been commissioned by Queen Victoria to make a bust of her uncle.

THE fourth congress of the International Literary Association will be held at Vienna from the 23rd of this month to the 29th.

THE Paris Gazette mentions the purchase of fine paintings by Mr. William Schaus for his New York gallery. He recently sent home a collection which cost \$120,000.

JULES LEFEVRE, the French artist, is at work on a picture for Mr. Vanderbilt, entitled "The Bride's Toilet." It is intended as a wedding present to Mr. Vanderbilt's daughter, and will be finished early in October.

THE sculptor Heinrich Walger, of Berlin, the originator of the statues on the Belle-Alliance-Platz, has just finished a plan en relief of ancient and modern Athens—models with extraordinary neatness and of the most perfect technical execution.

A FRENCH scientific expedition will start next month for Thebes of the hundred gates, the ancient capital of Upper Egypt, where sixty six sarcophagi of the Kings and Queens of the seventeenth century have recently been discovered by M. Maspero.

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