

WINTER WRINKLES.

A big spread—The sky. A novel tea—The pure article. All a farmer wants is the earth. The bard of air—The spring poet. Very "faking" in its way—Smallpox. Society's favorite flower—The dandy lion. Are hair-brained people ever bald-headed? Talk about woman being flighty! Look at bank cashiers. Some artists mix their colors with paints, others with brains. You have dashed upon me, as the sailor said to his tattooer. A prize fighter is always willing to take blows by the pound. "Words that burn"—The poems on Spring that are sent in to the editor. An artist's cherub is a good deal like a bearding-house turkey—all head and wings. The ups and downs of Canadian life are well exemplified on the toboggan slide. Shear nonsense—trying to cut the hair of a bald-headed man. According to the Darwinian theory our ancestors were all tall boaters. The calm light is oftentimes the brightest part of theatrical entertainments. A friend asks a remedy for cold feet. Make them stay on the other side of the bed. Last summer the Tories gave Ireland an inch, and now they have got to take a Farnell. Prohibition will never flourish as long as the price of a glass of lemonade will buy two beers. A great many persons who are studying for the stage ought rather to study to keep off it. The man who owns within an ace of being rotten to death must have had a dence of a cold time. "Kerosene oil is going up," says an exchange. Undoubtedly; so is the stove, so is the hired girl. A rule that works both ways—When a fleet goes out on a cruise, the crews go out on the fleet. To suspect our friends is equivalent to sending them an acknowledgment of release from the bond of affection. If love is blind, as some folks say, how is it that spunky couples always persist in turning the parlor lamp so low? Forty invalids were saved from an untimely grave the other day. Their physicians committed suicide. Debtor (furlow)—Did you send me that bill? Tailor—Yes, I did; and I'd like the money, too. Debtor (mollified)—Well, I thought you sent it, but I wanted to be sure. "Will you carve?" asked the landlady of young Sawbones, who is in college. "Crabbing; where is the body?—I mean, bringing on the meat," correcting himself as best he could. A St. Louis savant has discovered a new skin disease. He would confer a greater favor on an admiring world if he would manage to stumble upon a sure cure for some of the old ones. It is said to be the etiquette among the commanders of the "crack" transatlantic steamships to reside at a hotel when in port and not on board. But they have to live on board, don't they, even when they reside at a hotel? PRINTERS' INK. How the Successful Business Men Have Made their Fortune. Don't expect an advertisement to bear fruit in one night. Bread is the staff of human life, and advertising is the staff of business. You can't eat enough in a week to last a year, and you can't advertise on that plan, either. If you can arouse curiosity by an advertisement it is a great point gained. The fair sex don't hold all the curiosity in the world. People who advertise only once in three months forget that most folks cannot remember anything longer than about seven days. A constant dropping will wear a rock. Keep dropping your advertisement on the public and they will soon melt under it like rock salt. Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You may know what you are doing, but no one else does. It is a mistaken idea that a fine store in an eligible location, surrounded by attractive signs, is a superior advertisement; for the experience of most enterprising merchants is that it pays better to spend less in rent and more on advertising. Enterprising people are beginning to learn the value of advertising the year round. The persistency of those who are not intimidated by the cry of "fall times," but keep their names ever before the public, will surely place them on the right side in the end. Among the table ornaments at a late yacht club dinner in Toronto were two boats chiseled from blocks of ice, one filled with champagne and the other with claret cup. An ice dolphin with a bottle of champagne in its mouth was another decoration. A recent writer in the Atlanta Constitution tells this unique story of Tiger Tail, the Seminole chief: "A sewing machine agent drifted into his dominion one day and set up a machine in Tiger Tail's tent. The old chief with great deliberation watched him put it through its paces. He then arose, brushed the agent to one side, and, seating himself, adjusted his feet in the treadle. He started the wheel and found that he could make it go. He sewed up one piece of cloth and down another, and then grave-ly examined his work. At last he appeared to be satisfied that it was all right. He then turned quietly to his wife, who had watched the proceedings with interest, and looked them, one after the other, out of the tent."

AN EGYPTIAN ROMANCE.

A Story of Love and Wild Adventure, founded upon Startling Revelations in the Career of Arabi Pasha.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE HOTEL D'ORIENT—STORYED IN THE MORNINGS.

There they were at last indeed, and at the beginning of their worst troubles, only haply they did not know it, for the supreme providence of an all merciful Providence had decreed that they should meet there.

There were plenty of spurs of violence waiting for him, and helping Nellie into one, Frank instructed the Arab driver to take them to the Hotel d'Orient, which seemed somewhat to surprise him, perhaps because everybody else was shouting "To the harbor" or "To the mole!"

However, if they went at the full speed of two thin, wiry horses (who knew no pace between a crawl and a gallop) past cool roads, across logs and puddles, past coal yards and gas works, through flocks of sheep and almost over individual members thereof, and then through a perfect sea of black mud and again, a foisted sail most of the Alexandria of "four thousand palaces, four thousand baths, four thousand theatres, twelve thousand shops for the sale of vegetable food alone, a museum where forty thousand students studied and a library containing four hundred thousand volumes." Neither could she picture it as the Alexandria where the most poetical of our historians declares that "the Hebrew scripture expanded into Greek under the hands of the Septuagint, where Cleopatra revelled with her Roman conquerors, where St. Mark preached the gospel and Saint Athanasius held war-like controversy, where Amru conquered and Abercomby fell."

But what town in the world shows to advantage from its railway station and when the Mahmoudiyah Canal was crossed by its light and lofty bridge and the city proper was entered by the Gabari Gate, her sentiments somewhat underwent a change.

She looked then upon a town half European and half Oriental, with large streets well laid down, substantial houses built upon the latest fashion, banks, theatres, cafes, innumerable and shops the contents of whose plate glass windows would, in some cases, have done credit to Paris, London, or New York, whilst here and there above the roof waved the broad, fan-like fronds of the omnipresent palm, and occasionally, when the breadth of the thoroughfare permitted, they drove through a perfect avenue of arched trees that were in full leaf and blossom.

It is hard to imagine, Frank, that all danger is not forever past and over when we see these tokens of civilization around us; yet, despite it all, there every now and then comes to me a presentiment that it is not so safe as it seems. You may know that it is not so safe as it seems, said Nellie Tremar, with a shudder that caused her plump and chapey white arms to quiver to the very shoulders. Her lover could not resist kissing one of them as he rejoined:

"You must not think any such nonsense, darling. It is the natural reaction of your spirits that always causes you to do so, but a cup or two of strong tea and a brief rest will set you all right."

But though the young officer spoke thus cheerfully to reassure her, his heart was by no means so bright as his words, for he noticed how the few natives who were out and about at that early hour scowled at them and muttered under their beards, and sometimes spat on the ground as they passed by them, and one tall Arab actually took up stones as though with the intention of hurling them at the vehicle, but the next instant apparently altered his mind and dropped it, perhaps fearing that he might injure the property of a brother Moslem instead of hurting the unbelievers inside.

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It was now a quarter past eight o'clock in the morning, and even yet there were not many people astray in this, the essentially European quarter, of the city. Despite the fact, however, the wedding party had not proceeded very far when some mischievous Arab gamins, who seemed to be performing the duties of chifferiers, began to stone them from a safe distance and curse them for infidels and unbelievers.

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The burning sun of Egypt now glared down through the haze, and to scorch and scold every thing that it bathed with its glowing brightness, and it seemed to have called into life on this occasion swarms of new-born reptiles in human form that as a rule made their habitations in darkness.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The spars used in the German navy are of Puget Sound timber. Sharon, Ohio, boasts of a five-legged lamb and a four-legged duck. The pews in Mr. Beecher's Brooklyn church still rent readily for \$2,000 a year.

The death rate from choleraform is, according to a recent estimate, one in 1,600. New Zealand has 120 newspapers, including thirty daily, to a population of only 400,000. Alaska is said to have in its forests, at the lowest estimate, 5,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

A tramp in Los Angeles, Cal., stole a marble slab weighing 80 pounds and walked off with it. In the following sentence occurs every letter of the alphabet: "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." The rules of William and Mary College in 1772 forbade the students to drink anything except "elder, beer, toddy and sprits and water."

A Hindoo loom, complete, is worth 68 cents, and weaves shawls, silks and muslins which our most expensive apparatus cannot equal. "There are 300,000 Indians who are today, to all intents and purposes, as uncivilized as they were 250 years ago," says Senator Dawes. It is said by one who has tried it that cayenne pepper sprinkled upon hot flannels will afford instant relief to persons troubled with neuralgia.

There is a growing grudge against electric lights at balls because they deepen almost to a grayish tint the pallor of those whose bloom is past. Two hundred and two lions have been killed in Algeria during the last twelve years. Also 1,214 partridges, 1,882 hares and 27,183 jacksals. It is claimed that a peculiar breed of fish are found at Hind's Springs, Lyons county, Nevada, which are covered with a coat of hair instead of scales.

More tomatoes are canned annually in New Jersey, it is stated, than in any other State, and more are canned in Salem than in any other county. It is a singular fact that Texas is so cosmopolitan that the Governor's message is printed in four languages—English, German, Spanish and Bohemian. A snow-melting machine, which, it is claimed, will melt snow as fast as fifteen men can shovel it in, was tried with success in New York the other day.

Mark Twain's profile from General Grant's book, as chief member of the publishing firm of Charles L. Webster & Co., will amount, it is said, to over \$500,000. When the lumber choppers of Maine and Canada have no more "choppers" or "biters" to eat they devour black ants, which are said to possess a bitter flavor. Twenty years ago hardly any butter was imported into England; now 90 per cent. of all that is used is imported, and a great deal of it is manufactured in this country.

A drunken Indian with a long knife, yelling like bedlam, broke into a white dance in Red Fork, I. T., last week and scared the ladies so that their hair turned gray. The French Government has coined a new silver dollar for circulation in Tonquin. It is a close copy of the Mexican dollar in weight, size and thickness. There has been a fearful destruction of game birds in Virginia, thousands of pheasants, partridges and doves having perished from cold. Extermination is feared. Gas freezes at 32°. It condenses, makes water and freezes. The best way to thaw out a gaspiss is to pour about a pint of alcohol in the meter. There is an alcohol faucet on top of the meter. Pour it into this.

The clergymen reading on the New Jersey bank of the Delaware are getting so rich from marriage fees, all on account of the Pennsylvania marriage laws, that the frugal congregations are talking about reducing their salaries. The tomb of Washington Irving in the cemetery at Sleepy Hollow has been defaced by relic hunters for the second time. Some vandals had pried out the piece of metal from the Spanish Alhambra on which Irving wrote his name in 1842.

"To the toboggan slide," read the signs attached to a slight that led a funeral train at Saratoga Springs. The solemn procession had proceeded about two yards when a bystander called attention to the printed cards, which were quickly removed by the driver. The London Times recently contained three advertisements, side by side, each of which was a proclamation that a man named Smith was about to change his matrimonial status to Faber. The choice seems queer until one remembers that Faber is Latin for smith, hence our word fabricate.

A writer in the British Medical Journal advises people to be careful not to slip up a pineapple with the same knife they use in peeling it, as the rind contains an acid organic substance which is likely to cause a swollen mouth and sore lips. In Cuba salt is used as an antidote for the poison of pineapple apple peel. St. George's Church, Berlin, consecrated on the birthday of the Prince Imperial of Germany, is almost as much an American as an English institution. The relics, some diamonds, and lectern are the gift of Mrs. Sidney Everett, wife of the late Secretary of the American Legation, whose father was Edward Everett.

A young woman of Columbus, Ga., about to visit the generating station of the electric light company, was told to leave her watch at home lest it be magnetized by the strong electric current. She did so, but complained afterwards that her watch would not keep reported that it was not magnetized and kept good time. Still, whenever she carried it her time was too slow, although when she left it in her room it ran correctly. A gentleman who knew of the circumstance suggested to the young lady that she wear another pair of covers when next she carried the watch. She did so and had no further trouble with the watch. The steel springs in her corset had been magnetized.

THE WRONG MAN KILLED.

A Murderer Strikes Down his Friend as his Supposed Enemy.

The horrible murder of the watchman Charles Howard at Marietta, Ga., grows more mysterious as facts are developed. Joe Hayward, who is now held for the murder under the coroner's finding, may well begin to feel a sensation around his neck, for the strong chain of circumstances is winding closely around him. When Howard was found with his head beaten into a jelly by blows from a hammer, the instructions of death lying on the bed, and hot coals over his head and breast burning away his flesh, the only clues to the deed were two tracks—one of a woman, the other of a man. While viewing the body that afternoon Joe Hayward was arrested, but the woman so far has eluded vigilance.

On the night that the crime was committed Howard left the shop in charge of two of his friends, Lawson Erwin and Jim Fields, asking them to remain while he went to see a sick sister. He left about 9 o'clock and did not return until 11, but he only spent about fifteen minutes at his sister's. It is not known where he spent the remainder of the time. He stated that his sister had been poisoned and that the party was going to serve the same way, and that he was going to catch up with them that night. Dr. Simpson says his sister is not poisoned, but suffering from a nervous disease. When he returned to the shop his friends left, and, except the murderer, are the last who saw him alive.

Joe Hayward was absent from home on the night of the murder and cannot account for himself between the hours of 11 p. m. and 3 a. m., during which time the murder was committed. A motive has been established why the murder should have been committed by him as it is claimed that Hayward mistook his victim for Jim Fields, his mortal enemy.

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