NOTES.

...ctor's wife remarked, ...an extenuation to our

...t at one baby with a ...touch of wearied in... ...able than a dozen

...married the other day ...shes that another fel... ...her, the latter fellow ...ery her himself.

...' that are exhibited ...rge American cities ...according to a Bos... ...their performances all ...gape.

...ade in Virginia to in... ...sanction the employ... ...ited of misdemeanants ...county in which the of... ...stead of sending them

...ather has set inventors ...en engineer presents a ...ips that will become ...e rise and fall of a ...g the roadway. Float... ...prove too much for

...Maine who turned the ...ing, therefore, on ...ome's clock midnight, ...unity to fears of burg... ...ith brooms and poker... ...' Man in the house!

...Pittsfield a few days ago, ...in the ceremony was ...lined crack in the floor, ...ere settled badly, and ...gone down in a few ...grooms, with the two ...stood up the floor, and ...itself.

...is a heroine of herself in ...is the wife of a bank ...ith robbers entered her ...in her bed, and shield... ...she did not tell them ...the bank were kept. She ...ll the robbers, and actually ...her keep silent.

...autiful young woman re... ...hotel in Jefferson, Texas, ...and lady, Cincinnati." ...man went away, and no ...ant movements has been ...en was discovered, dead ...been murdered. Who ...was the cause of the ...is learned.

...Judge Abbott: When he ...few days ago, he asked ...work in his room what ...about building the fire. ...plied: "Fact is, judge, ...stairs. I'm been up and ...ake all the wood I could ...present demoralized con... ...I can't do no better."

...Francisco resolved to be... ...the Claude Duval kind. ...making into a store and ...ith which to replenish ...camping outfit. Loading ...on the home ...road, intending to under... ...ary robberies. They made ...the coach, were ...now in gaol.

...and inexperienced man has ...much the better end in ...n over the uncertainty as ...wishbone is situated in, ...so much as to have the ...who is present request the ...and note the beautiful ...displayed in a fowl.

...Saratoga, N.Y., county ...that Frank was discarded by ...e to the dying injunction of ...t they parted at the gate she ...ut she gradually pined until ...of death; that she sent for ...ve him one in his death ...d that they died on the same ...odies were simultaneously ...the cemetery gate where ...

...bred men recently joined in ...M. Anderson county, Kansas. ...large circle and advanced ...ation, drawing their revolvers ...as they went. Firearms were ...account of the danger to the ...weapons consisted of kitchen ...fifteen deer and many rabbits ...t of sight wolves that were ...ing were abandoned, the ...through the timidity of the

...Comique, St. Louis, has a ...patrons. The manager em... ...ge, an able pugilist, as ...persons. He was remark... ...ject was not satisfied with the ...ed entrusted to him. One ...ally injured an inoffensive ...turned by the manager to be ...ing pugilist came to be said ...after in the saloon attached to ...ed is unable to give any reason ...

...ay a man stepped into a rail... ...of the Barrington road and ...ase. Twelve gentlemen ...for their pocket cork-persuad... ...ing for them he of a ...to wanted to get the cork out ...rheumatism liniment, as his ...painful, and immediately ...men were surprised and grieved ...that they had left their cork... ...Hawk Eye.

...been experimenting in Cali... ...ating hops upon grapes. Mr. ...published in the Rural Pacific ...account of his experience in ...hop yarder. He turned his ...the vineyard with a weight of ...and it remained there twenty... ...driving nothing to set the ...kept the finest grapes, such as ...y Black Hamburg, and Mus... ...was slaughtered and weighed ...et, equal to 200 pounds gross, ...in of forty-three pounds, or one ...pounds per day.

...man, a negro, was killed in St. ...man, whom he was assaulting with ...Nathan's body was found ...nearly all from stabs received ...he had left intelligent, it is ...more wounds than he had re... ...another noteworthy thing about ...left in the efficacy of charms ...ts were found two potatoes, to ...cinnamon; a rabbit's foot, and ...ed in the left side. Strange ...for luck in throwing ...rb to enable him to choose wi... ...in policy playing; and ...d to drive away evil spirits.

...woman called at a fashionable ...ing Saturday, and asked if he ...ined by counts and marquises. ...ed tradesman replied that he could ...—that most of the nobility ...e to him for their cards. "Then, ...rtious girl, "give me a dozen ar... ...ons and duchess, and barons and ...ounts—their cards, I mean—for ...to put in my card-basket and ...ake my friends think I keep ...ve about the fellows who didn't call ...Chicago Tribune.

...Joseph Cook, who has come into ...ne as a preacher in Boston, thus ...New York politics in a sermon ...ne twenty thousand voters in ...nicipal election cannot read or ...they are a make-weight sufficient, ...at a few astute and unscrupu... ...to determine the result of any ordi... ...nal contest in that city. Twenty ...ignorant ballots, and New York ...ficians say, could win no great ...restored to the control of her ...and intelligent classes." Mr. ...vice is that nobody be allowed to ...most read.

...Paul Dispatch has discovered a ...closet in the State Capitol. In... ...has been increasing in the legis... ...ls, and statesmen have been con... ...members. Some of the committee ...e been turned into private bed... ...hich are run at the expense of the ...It is alleged that one of the com... ...obtained an allowance of $300 for ...y that $20 went for a cupboard and ...yes; that the balance was used ac... ...ing to the presumed importance of the cause ...of quarrel, or possibly with reference to the ...ness of the antagonists. It may be at the ...convenient wood of Vincennes, when there ...is no further trouble than is involved in an ...early drive to a sequestered situation well ...within rifle-shot of the Barrière du Trône. ...It may be worth while to travel ...beyond the Belgian or Luxemburg frontier, ...in which case the departure of the blood... ...railway hence is duly chronicled in the sen... ...sational intelligence of the newspapers. In ...either case there is, almost invariably, a ...similar ending. Its was a young man of about ...twenty-five years, somewhat above the mid... ...dle height, with a little active slender person, ...which by training had been brought to the ...highest perfection of strength and grace, and ...he rode his chestnut thoroughbred with the ease of a practised horseman. The head ...eyes, dark glossy hair, and clear complexion, betokened him as of the Celtic type; ...and the black moustache which ...hung his short upper lip gave him rather a ...stern expression, save when he smiled, and ...then the whole aspect of his countenance ...seemed to change. His smile, indeed, had ...made and favor with women hearts, if all ...that was said of his were true, and no doubt ...much of it was.

"We, then! steady, old boy! gently, Sultan! Confound it! the horse has got a stone in his foot."

Such was his exclamation one morning as he rode near the farmhouse of Langlaus, and dismounted to lift his horse's near foot, in which a large stone was firmly imbedded, baffling all his efforts at extrication. He had left behind his knife-pick, which every horseman should carry, and the only thing he could do was to lead his horse (already walking quite lame) to the farmhouse, at the door of which Letty was engaged in some household occupation, to the dulcet strings of a Jew's harp. Protection and Free Trade.

Mr. Rutherford stated that he had made a mistake in his evidence before the Depression Trade Committee at Ottawa last year regarding the cost of Nova Scotia coals in Ontario. He had since ascertained that coal can be placed in Ontario at a less cost than he then stated.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. Haliburton, seconded by Mr. Mowat, was passed unanimously:—"That this meeting considers that the depressed state of our coal trade is deserving of the immediate attention of the Dominion Government, that a branch of industry of such vital moment to the Dominion should not be placed on a less favourable footing than other Canadian industries, and that until the duty on coal is reduced to one of 75 cents is repealed a duty of 50 cents, or 17½ per cent, should be imposed on imported coal or coke."

FOUR DAYS.

Now are the meadows brief and rare,
Then anyone warms with autumn hues
Like some chaste maiden, shy of the,
Who gives her love in the fall.

The willows are the flashing brook
Her dress, with fresh-painted stem,
Like graceful ladies when they look
To find their mirrors gleaming them.

The orchard shine, that blooms array
In odorous mimicry of snow,
Are thrilled through every haggy spray
With song's melliflurous overflow!

And all the world, with greens that shine,
With breaking buds and wings that flit,
Seems one expectancy divine
Of something God has promised it!

II.

Waite fleeces the deep-blue day;
Long strip breezes haunts calm,
Like sweet thieves flying in dismay
From far Hesperides of balm!!

The giddy bee, with murmur keen,
Rode over the garden's brightest reach;
The sly wasp hovers, black and lean,
Above the pink incurious peach!

No gaudy currants drape their bough,
Bow-girls with jealous crimson twined,
But have large velvet leaves o'erhow
The relaving moon's figured rind.

And here a pomegranate's large gold
Has slowly greatened more and more,
Till now its heart might almost hold
Glad julia's fairy conch-and-four!

III.

This ample wood, in whose brown ways,
Damp with the fresh, fresh rain, and warm
To winks of rapid vigour sways,
One halcyon tangleness of hues!

Yet I can never walk an hour
Where all these hollow groves
Of chivalrous France has gradually
Of beauteous anguish, but I dream

How lofty lives have played their parts,
Pulsing in splendour fain courses
How gorgeous robes o'er broken hearts
Have made colour magnificent!

Or how, at Boreas's feast, long since,
Where lavish pomp spread costly signs,
Death, that sly serpent, stole from prince
Walled in those voluptuous wines!

IV.

Last night the air was dense for sleep,
And now I watch, with smothered sigh,
The pale black meadows lapse to meet
A leaden monotone of sky.

Oh, colourless and glacial zicons!
Oh, sombre wintry, sere, bare, and sheer!
Have the hitches charms of bird or bloom
Done forth to subversion season?

What dreary moot has fancy found?
Heat up, dear love, and break the spell!
Hie lightsome hence, gaudily, gaily,
You come, dear love, and all is well!

For now you look like a pink
Like some first rose, lovably gay,
And in your deep eyes I read my joy
The velvet lavying till May!

EDGAR FAWCETT.

VIOLET.

A STORY IN THREE CHAPTERS.

BY AUSTIN LESLIE.

CHAPTER I.

Violet Graham stood by the low wall that encircled the garden of the farmhouse of Langlaus, and looked with happy eyes to the west, where the sun went down in glorious bars of crimson and gold behind the hills which on that side surrounded the fairest city of the world. The sight which met her gaze was one over which a painter would have gone wild with enthusiasm, and even in the young girl's heart something stirred which akin to that feeling made the dark eyes glow with a radiance brighter than was their wont. Across the east, where the light was already fading from the earth, the mighty barrier of Arthur's Seat and the Crags loomed against the horizon with dark scarthy brows, as if guarding the ancient abode of kings and queens from any guilt which might threaten it; while to the north still shone with a rosy light church spires and monumental pillars, the grand old city with its time-worn walls gleaming in the fading sunshine, to look stern and dreary again as the pink hues disappeared from the sky. To the west the landscape was in a blaze of light, which occasionally through the foliage of the trees, tinged the leaves with a molten hue, until it seemed as if they were about to kindle into flame. The slender and seemingly more innocent raptor was in reality more dangerous than its ponderous predecessors. The blows of the latter, blunted by shield or mail, might merely knock a warrior out of time, and the heavy lance might leave the ugly hack which had effectually ended, or at least adjourned, the combat. But the quick lunges of the rapier under the adversary's guard went as easily through the vitals and the arteries as if it had pierced the silken doublet, and still some very material damage had been done, scratches and flesh wounds counted for nothing. The traditions of the early fencing schools have always been perpetuated, although they gradually came to be used alternatively with the small sword in the fire-eating days of the first French Empire. Soldiers had to test their courage at fifteen paces in the *mêlée* of the battle-fields with their cavalry sabres and regulation swords, and leave the delicate niceties of science and tierce than the courtiers and carpet warriors of the last century, generally become a mere caricature of what it used to be, the skill acquired in the middle ages positively delighted in a trial of strength when the conditions were not glaringly unequal; and then the lists were closed, and in terms of combat arranged, they stood committed to no child's play. If the lances were shivered without doing serious damage, the knights fell back upon swords and battleaxes. Helmets were cleft, and shields rent, still possibly the judge of the lists threw down his staff, when one of the mortal combatants was laid low by the sword of the other. Then, if the vanquished escaped death, he forfeited fame, with his arms and weapons, so that he may be said to have lost very nearly all that made the savour of his existence. At a later time, when long-handled swords went out with lances and suits of steel and chain, the custom of dueling, in France especially, became far more common and more frequently fatal. Man of certain rank and set entered themselves, as a matter of course, in the schools of arms. When Italy enjoyed almost a monopoly of skill in the noble art, some Milanese and Florentine masters of fence drew their pupils from half the countries of Europe. Frenchmen grew to be outrageously punctilious on the point of honour; and the swagger which is popularly believed to be one of the national characteristics was perpetually furnishing occasions of quarrel. To be ready and able with his weapons was one of the most qualifications of an aspiring courtier; and a man who was climbing the ladder of Court favour had to be perpetually on the defensive against the jealousy of his rivals as he took his stand on each successive step. A careless word, a stinging repartee, or a look that was possibly open to misconstruction, was all that was needed for a challenge. Explanations were embarrassing and difficult even if the parties to the altercation might be supposed to be tolerably sober and matched; it became altogether out of the question when either of them had a decided superiority. Nor were the duties of friendship in those bellicose days by any means limited to making the preliminary arrangements and being present at the mêlée as mere spectators. Most commonly the seconds took their part in the game; and sometimes the friend and the enemy were excited by the news of set combats between the representatives of their friends such as that fought by the *mignons* of Henry III. As a later period there were privileged corps of guards and of musketeers, black, gray, and green, to whom the thrilling pleasures of the duello were as the very breath of their nostrils. For a somewhat embellished but by no means exaggerated account of those stirring days *vide* possim the pages of the pathetic Dumas, who was wont to pride himself on his skill as an amateur of the fencing schools. Nor did the adoption of a more modern form of weapon by any means diminish the risks of this exciting amusement. The slender and seemingly more innocent rapier was in reality more dangerous than its ponderous predecessors. 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