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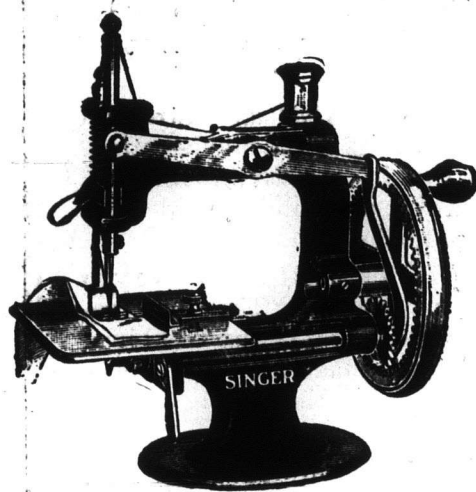
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that she broke down twice and was croaky and throaty. Yet, when the children were asked to vote, with one accord they shouted, "Connie!"

"You should vote for the girl who sang best, not the one you like best," said the curate. "Now, then, for Hilda?"

Not a hand went up.

"For Connie?"

A shoal of hands appeared.

"What! Do you mean to say that Connie sang better than Hilda?" expostulated the curate.

"Yes!" they shrieked.

"But, my dear children, Connie broke down twice."

That made no difference. They shouted, "Connie!" and only "Connie!" and would not have Hilda at any price. Her father was earning thirty-eight shillings a week.

In the end the curate yielded, and with a roar of delight the little East-Enders applauded while he gave Connie the money prize.

"Lov-ely!" exclaimed a little girl in a front seat. "Now they'll have something to eat at her house!"

Links our life and death together?—

Perfect Love has banished fear;
Love is heaven, and Love is here!

—F. W. H. Myers, in "Fragments of Prose and Poetry."

A Neighborly Duty

Now that all households have settled down again after the holiday season, it would be well for some of us to resolve to mark the coming winter by special kindness and courtesy to the elderly people of our neighborhood.

At the other extreme of life, their needs are as distinctive as those of the children, and they are in far more danger of being overlooked. Of newcomers, especially, this is true. The loneliness of an aged man or woman removing from the home of years to spend the remainder of life in the household of a son or daughter, however loving, is often most pitiful.

With the delicate adjustments which the relations to grandchildren and chil-



Ready for the Camera

Then the curate understood and appreciated the biased judgment of his flock — a judgment in which the defeated Hilda entirely concurred.

Perfect Love

Love, they said, is faint and dying;
Love, they said, is worn and old,
Chained with customs, bought with gold.

Hark! I heard his voice replying,
"Though ye flout him, what are ye?
Love is master: Love is free!"

Love, they said, not long will linger,
Slight's his choosen, leaves his own:
Woe's the heart whence Love has flown.

Touched in spring with autumn's finger!
Nay, your doubts have done him wrong,
Love is deathless, Love is strong!

Love can bind with lightest tether
Heart to heart and soul to soul:
Nay, what law but Love's control

dren-at-law require, outsiders may not meddle, but from a friendly and considerate circle outside may come many little alleviations and distractions. To ask to see the grandmother when one is paying a call is a simple enough courtesy, but it is often neglected.

Often, too, the grandfathers and grandmothers are not nearly old enough to be counted on the retired list when religious or philanthropic activities are in question. It is sometimes at just this point that the change from the earlier life, so full of usefulness and importance, is most poignantly felt. The working force of some churches might be perceptibly increased by calling out afresh the energies of this older generation.

A Floor-Worshipper

It sometimes takes a stranger's description of our familiar habits to present them to us in a new light.

A lady recently said that she knew a wife who turned the cat outdoors and chil-

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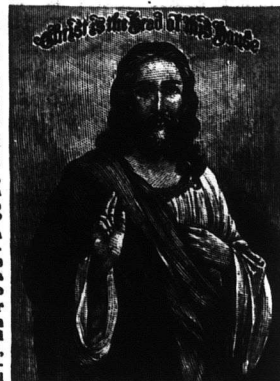
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