#### It's Nothing to Me.

"It's nothing to me," the beauty With a careless toss of her pretty

head. "The man is weak who can't refrain

with pain.' It was something to her in afte

From the cup they say is fraught

When her eyes were drenched burning tears And she watched in lonely grief and dread.

And started to hear s staggering

"It's nothing to me," the mother said, "I have no fear that my boy will

The downward path of sin and And crush my heart and darken

my name, It was something to her when her

And madly quaffed at the flowing had gone West, ostensibly in Then -a ruined body, a ship-

"It's nothing to me," the merchant his wife's death, he had fallen

"I'm busy to-day with tare tret; grief of his sister. A year later I have no time to fume or fret," It was something to him when gifts for Frances, for Mr. and Mrs.

A message came from a funeral and with equal extravagant praises

A drunken conductor had wrecked decided to seek his fortune. He a train. His wife and child were among ing Mrs. Naughton not much the slain.

"It's nothing to me," the young afterward Mr. Naughton was man cried-In his eye was a flash

and pride-"I heed not the dreadful thing you tell:

I can rule myself, I know full well." Twas something to him when

in prison he lay, The victim of drink life ebbing away,

As he thought of his wretched child and wife, And the mournful wreck of hi

wasted life. -Health and Home.

#### Abou Ben Adhem.

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe pleted. increase) Awoke one night from a deep

dream of peace, And saw, within the moonlight in his room, An angel writing in a book of

gold. Exceeding peace had made Ben

Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said,

"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head. And with a look made

sweet accord, Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."

'And is mine one?" said "Nay, not so,' Replied the Angel. Abou spoke

more low. But cheerily still and said, "I pray thee then

Write me as one who loves fellow-men."

The Angel wrote and vanished. The next night. It came again with awakening light.

And showed the names whom friend. love of God had blest, And lo! Ben Adhem's name led

all the rest.

#### The Sixteenth Pearl.

Isn't it strange, auntie, that w never hear from him-never a word," Frances asked wistfully. "It is strange," replied Mrs. Naughton thoughtfully. "It's about six years, isn't it, since we

had the last letter?" "Six years and a half," he neice answered, sighing heavily. "It's curious, auntie," she went on after a pause. "I always miss him and look for him to come. more in the winter than I do in any other time of the year. I suppose it is because I remember so well the last Christmas before he went away-the time when he gave me the first pearl I was only five years old, so he's gone

twenty years. A long time!" A long time, indeed," echoed her aunt. "But I am sure he i not dead," she added more wheerfully, and that we shall hear something from him before long.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferen rom catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat. No wonder catarrh causes headac

mpairs the taste, smell and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stom-ich and affects the appetite. To cure catarrh, treatment must lonstitutional—alterative and tonic. "I was ill for four months with catarrh n the head and throat. Had a bad cough nd raised blood. I had become disouraged when my husband bought a bottle if Hood's Sarsaparille and persuaded me o try it. I advise all to take it. It has ured and built me up." Mas. Hush Rudelf, West Liscomb, N. S.

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All our prayers are not to go unanswered. I am convinced of that. So let's go on hoping and praying, my dear.

Frances brightened. "And maybe-who knows?"-he may be at home this Christmas she

said, smiling. The Naughtons had formerly lived in Denver, where twentyone years before Mrs. Naughton's only brother just bereaved of his From the path of life was early wife, had left his motherless little girl in the care of his sister and search of fresh opportunities, but really in search of forgetfulness.

Unable to rise above the blow of mong convivial companions of As over the ledger he bent his other and less happy years, to his onsequent detriment and the he had returned with extravagant Naughton and their small son,

the time. I did intend to wait till I got home, but-" of the gold fields whence he had remained but a week or so, leavhappier for his visit. Shortly

family left the West, taking little Frances with them who grew up cherished as their own. But her though he used to write at inrequent intervals. The last time she had seen him he had given value, sending her one like it regularly for the next six years. When the pearls ceased coming, a wealthy cousin of Mrs. Naughton's conceived the idea of completing the string of pearls for Frances

transferred to Pittsburgh and the

and every year on the girl's birthday added one to the collection antil there were fifteen, perfectly natched and of a rarely beautiful color. Then the generous cousin died, leaving the string uncom-

"I guess you'll have to sell those pearls, Frances," her cousin George remarked lazily on day.

Frances indignantly. "Why?" "What good are they?" he coffed. "A lot of little white buttons in a drawer! Girls are

"Little white buttons? I want you to know, George Naughton have fifteen perfectly, lovely ound pearls, and they're worth-I can't tell you how much they're worth!" The girl eyed her cousin in angry disdain.

" Humph! No, I don't suppose you can,' he answered, dryly. But where's the sixteenth one coming from? That's what I'd

like to know.' "Oh, I'm not worrying," said Frances loftily. "Maybe uncle will buy me one some day, or auntie, or-or-"

"Or Tom, I suppose," teasingly. "What's that about Tom? called a gay voice from the door. It was from Dalton, George's best

" Oh." remarked the latter airly, "Frances was just saying that maybe some day-" "George!" exclaimed Frances

flushing deeply, "if you say another word, I'll never forgive " All right," grinned her cousin

amiably, "but I think Tom ought to know the way you talk behind his back. "Never mind, Frances," said

Tom laughing, "I don't believe a word he says. I'll trust you.' And the somewhat shy glance that passed beneath the two was not lost on the observant George. "Oh, well, if you insist on buying the pearl, I suppose we'll have to let you," he said, in a resigned

How can the baby grow strong if the nursing mother is pale and delicate? Scott's Emulsion

tone, santuring off with his hands in his pockets.

"What's he talking about?" sked Tom, mystified. "I haven't the slightest idea

answered Frances, glaring after her eousin. "Let's change the subject." And the new subject ngrossing that the call to Sunstill with plenty to say.

It was plain to the most casua

bserver that Dalton's admiration or his friend's cousin was deepenng into something stronger, and concerned, Tom might add to he pearls any day. Matter stood thus when Tom But various annoying delaye occurred, and on a cold bluster night, three weeks before Chris his return. It was too bad thought gloomily for the hund redth time, as he sought to dispe his increasing loneliness by watch ing the gay crowds on the streets. He drifted idly along, thinking of Frances and wondering just what he would select for he Christmas present. "I believe buy something here," thought with a sudden happy inspiration. "It will help to pass

A jeweller's window took hi eye and he stopped. In the midst of the brilliant array of jewels there was a handful of loose pearls in a velvet basket against the dusty background of which hey glowed with their own eculiar soft and alluring luster Tom's eyes brightened.

"Jove! There's the idea!" he xclaimed. "A pearl for Frances wonder I did not think of that before," For in common with all the intimate friends of the family he had often been called upon to her a small pearl of undoubted admire her little hoard of pearls. had withdrawen the basket from the window, and the would-be archaser was poring over them eeking to measure with his eye he size he wished to select. As he held up first one lustrous globe and then another, and listened to the eager salesman as he exploited their perfections, a lurking figure outside the window watched the performance with greedy eye and levouring curiosity,

The purchase made, Tom re turned to the gay street feeling a little less lonely, for the pearl "Indeed, I shan't!" retorted reposing chastely in a handsom ease in his coat posket, brought Frances strangely near him. A warm feeling stole around his neart as he allowed himself to lwell on the incidents of the pre sentation. And thus happily medtating he made his way towards is hotel, unconcious of a tall figure with a muffled face following furitively in his rear. As he reached a dark alley in the shadow of a large building, he suddenly became aware of labored breath ng just behind, but before he ould turn, with a nameless fear his heart, he was felled to the ground by a heavy blow. As his assailant stooped over the prostrate body, seeking the jewel which he had seen his victim ourchase, a big car whistled quick ly out the alley and struck him with a violence which threw his

> Tom was not seriously injured hough he had a broken leg and battered head. The blow from his assailant had thrown him to the side and thus out of the way of the car. The would-be robber nowever, had received a morta njury and was suffering intensely When he awoke in the hospita the first face he saw was that of a Sister, who was assisting the doctor to arrange his bandages. He ooked at her wistfully and then turned his eyes with a groan. "I'm not fit to look at such as she," he thought remorsefully, before oblivion closed over him again The next time he awoke there was a priest at his bedside. H still felt dazed, but he struggled ack to consciousness.

body over against the curb. Victim

and assailant both woke in

nospital some hours later.

'Father!" he said weakly. "Yes." said the priest, with an encouraging hand on his, "You are better. Don't you think you

ould tell me your name?" A wan smile lit up the sufferer's face for a moment. "Ah, my name doesn't matter, Father," he said. "I'm nobody — just a dealers, or mailed direct by The T.

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