

Entertaining Her Big Sister's Beau.

BY BRET HARTE. My sister'll be down in a minute, and says you're to wait, if you please, to sit; And says I might stay till she came, if I'd promise never to leave.

Just Like Other Women.

A gentleman who had the honor, as well as the pleasure, of meeting informally the Empress of Austria at Schonbrunn last summer told me the other day of a little incident which showed her independence and resemblance to the rest of us women.

Children of a Larger Growth.

We never see a procession without thinking they are so many boys filing along the street. It is chiefly in size that they differ from the boys, anyhow.

Some Truths for Readers of Novels.

We had occasion last week to remark that those who draw their ideas of the world of man, and of manners from the novels they read, must enter upon the duties of real life at a very great disadvantage.

Making Herself Pretty for Her Children's Sake.

When Lydia Newman's old Quaker uncle saw he had fastened her pretty little Newport ties with poppy-red ribbons he frowned and told her it was not seemly.

Heeding the Pope's Complaint.

A Rome correspondent writes: "The Gazzetta Ufficiale announces that on the proposal of the minister of Worship King Humbert has granted the Exequatur to the Italian Bishops of Nisastro and Civitavecchia.

Be Friendly.

The showing of one's friendship implies a willingness to take trouble, to make sacrifices, to be obliging and generous for one's friends.

Catholics of the Present Day.

We are all ministers of Christ, in the sense of having to be responsible to God, not only for the saving of our own souls, but for the souls of those in our keeping.

Portrait of Renan, the Infidel.

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