

Household Department

WEST

ARTISER

ESTATE

each insertion, or six lines word.

LE-1000 TOWNSHIP

containing 18 acres; about

one-half mile from

the city of London, Ont.

For all are content, light of heart and secure,

and the name of this country, where all these

in innocent Babylon, land of the west.

I lived in this Babylon, long years ago

(We all of us live there at some time, you know)

But nobody kept the one morning from play

And took me to school, as they called it, that day.

I sang as I went, for I guessed nothing then,

And thought myself for my book and my pen.

Ah! little I knew as I danced on in glee

That I had left Babylon, land of the west.

They taught me to read, and they taught me to write

They tried my hand so, that it thought in the

night.

I wanted to go back to Babylon then

And have no more bother of thinking again.

But try as I would to remember the way

'Twas lost, and forgotten forever that day.

For none may return once they leave it, and see

their innocent Babylon, land of the west.

Wh, little I knew as I danced on the bough,

And with the blossoms that dance at your feet,

Laugh with each other whenever you meet,

And in the morning, the first of the care

kept far away from your Babylon fair,

Know that our happy hours must be

Wasting your time in the land of the west!

—Maud Wynn in Good Housekeeping.

A SINGULAR ESCAPE.

My twin brother Tom and myself took

the sea at about the same time, 1813, al-

though we did not sail in the same vessel.

There is a feeling among sailors that it is not

well for brothers to sail together. It is a bad

sign, people say—a sign that one or the other

will die on the voyage. Of course this is

mere nonsense, but then, aside from all su-

perstition, we felt that, should any misfor-

tune happen to either of us while together,

it would be a dreadful thing to the other;

and so we thought it best to keep apart.

During the next three years each of us

spent a number of voyages, and it happened

that we were on the same ship together

all that time. Whenever I arrived back,

Tom would be, perhaps, in Constantinople

or Trieste; and whenever Tom was at home,

I might be doing the Cape of Good Hope

or following a cargo of flour to Rio Janeiro.

Yet we had a great desire to meet; for we

were as strongly attached to each other as

brothers generally are, and I think even

more so. Mother would tell each of us how

she often was looking, and what he had said

and done while at home—and this was all

I knew of Tom, or that Tom knew of me. She

said that he had grown, as I had, and that

he was a strong, sturdy fellow, with a prodigious

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