

POETRY

A Poor, Industrious, Happy, Family in Winter.

Poor, yet industrious, modest, quiet, neat, Such claim compassion in a night like this, And have a friend in every feeling heart.

On the Approach on Spring.

Rejoice, my little merry mate, The blithesome spring is coming, When thou shalt roam, with heart elate,

SELECT STORY

Ross Charlton's Secret.

(CONTINUED.)

OR Heaven's sake! put that cigar out of your mouth if we must stand talking here; it might attract attention.

cate flesh. And as the cold face pressed close to hers, she screamed and fell fainting to the floor.

CHAPTER III.

I want to speak to you a moment if you please, Mr Charlton. It was Mrs. Trafford who spoke, turning half round from the sideboard in the dining-room, where she stood fusing nervously over a waiter holding the debris of a dainty meal, invalid's fare

for me, till God in his own good time makes happiness possible to us both.

CHAPTER IV.

A beautiful room it was, little enough like a prison, for surpassing any other in the house; even the light lattice of gilded iron inside the windows, seeming only an added beauty.

purple rims settled around her startling blue eyes.

CHAPTER V.

Grace found it uphill work at first. Another woman, with a less exquisitely toned organism, might have been content to be to this unhappy creature what Mrs. Trafford had ever been—watchful, tender and kind.

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