

SO LIKE A FLOWER.

By grew by the River of Life—
Under, and much, and fair—
Out over the waves of the troubled tide,

Barbara.
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I cannot to this day realize the strange
feeling—rather want of feeling—without
pain and with half-awakened consc-

For ten years I had "lived upon my
uncle," said, "and for any earthly
use he could not see that was nearer

"That is it," broke in Uncle Richard,
"the house is full all the time, and its
singing and loving and coddling flowers.

"I don't blame the girl," Uncle Rich-
ard was getting himself into a white heat.
"You have brought her up to these ill-

All this time I was to live over in the
gray dawn of the morning as we sped
away to the city. I could sing, and I

fore us was a long bridge with a frozen
river underneath. I tried to look out;
but the frost had monopolized the pane,

"You are better," he said, taking one
of my hands in his own. "You have
had a good sleep; and in a few days you

I had never known what it was to be
ill; and once I began to mend my im-
provement was rapid. As I grew stronger

It was winter when I left Uncle Rich-
ard and now I was in a middle-aged
woman, and she was of a middle-aged

As I grew stronger, we extended our
walks to the hem of the village street.
Claire pointed out the schoolhouse and

"Pleasant days! but they were not to
last. Every day I was growing stronger
and every day the truth was driven home

"I looked up to meet Doctor Raymond's
gray eyes. I was conscious that tears were
in my own.

"Do you think I could have gone be-
fore?" the thought flashed through my
brain that perhaps I should have gone

side, I have not the time, and the house
lonely for all of us. Will you stay, Miss
Barbara?"

"I am truly glad, Barbara. I hope
you will remain my uncle's and now that
I was parted from him, I felt only the more

Now that the Marquis of Lorne has been
appointed Governor-General of Canada,
that old joke about the Dominion being

A tack points heavenward when it
means the most mischief. It has many hu-
man imitations.—[Cincinnati Breakfast

Let me have men about me that are
fat, sleek headed men, and such as sleep o'
nights," said Cesar, at least as Shakespere

There are plenty at the present time
who are "had sleepers," and who ought,
if they have any compassion for other peo-

Very much the reverse. The best work-
ers of the past and present, have been and
are good sleepers—some of them even famed

"I do not think it would have been
possible for you to have been by my
uncle. And I am equally sure that the

cause they have been and are vicious? It
is not necessary, though many are looking
every day for sympathy when they really

The eager pursuit of business, the con-
stant strain of thought, the worry and an-
noyances of ordinary life, etc., are all

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VARIOUS MATTERS.
Is he a thief, who steals a march?
Ducks lay eggs—Geese lay wagers.

Net cash—The fisherman's proceeds.
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