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A LARK'S FLIGHT.

Out in the country the bells were ringing, out in the fields was a child at play, and up to heaven a lark went singing. Little and free on that morn of May, and the child looked up as she heard the singing.

HER FIRST ENGAGEMENT.

By FRANCES EDWARDS.

A very pretty gray team and a rather old-fashioned basket phaeton stood in front of a large, cream-brick house on the avenue. On the morning of the late June. The air and sunshine and sky were perfect. A most tempting morning for a drive.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Bonnet strings are tied under the chin. English tailor-made suits have panels. Claps and buttons of wood are richly carved. Loop-shell pins are much used in dressing the hair.

HOW CRACKERS ARE MADE.

SHORT-FIVE VARIETIES TURNED OUT IN A MANUFACTORY.

A rough machine that handles six barrels of wheat at a time. Dies cutting all sorts of things. Here is where the beginning is made, said the cracker-maker, as ushering a Denver Tribune-Dispatch reporter downstairs into the bowels of the earth.

WISE WORDS.

Flattery is like cologne water—to be smelt of, not swallowed. Credit is an enemy to entice you to buy what you don't want. A great deal of talent is lost to the world for want of a little courage.

MEXICO'S PRIMEVAL WOODS.

BOKE OF THE VRETABLE WOODS OF YUCAJAL.

What a Traveller Saw in Primeval Forest—Strange and Curious Plants and Trees. Forests of Yucal, a letter describing a visit to an isolated region of the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, says: The forest abounds in a species of magnolia, here known as yucalochi, covered with lovely, sweet-smelling flowers, which are pinkish white outside and yellow within.

WESTWARD-BO!

"Oh, where are you going, my pretty girl?" "To the West, sir," she said, "A town far away in Dakota."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The Prince of Wales—The new baby. A motto which undertakes to do nothing in life—Lies and lies. The butcher may be regarded as a help-mate to the human family.

THE AGE OF FISHES.

It is not generally known that there is hardly a limit to the age of a fish. Professor Baird of the United States fish commission, is the authority of your correspondent for the statement that there is authentic evidence to show that carp have attained the age of 200 years.

A BARRA AVIS.

Frecks and curiosties in plenty. The various dime stores gather, but never one seen. That's the way with it. And that's the way with it. Who doesn't know more than his neighbor.

HEREDITARY TRANSMISSIONS.

In the hereditary transmission of characteristics there are always two forces in operation, which we may call dilution and reinforcement. It is a matter of every-day observation that a tendency may be strengthened or weakened by crossing, and it is upon this principle that the breeders of dogs, cattle or horses, rely in great part.

A KNIFE WORTH \$1,000.

General Phil Sheridan and Senator Palmer at side by side at a table at the Army of the Cumberland reunion at Grand Rapids. "Senator," observed Sheridan, "I have a knife here that I'll sell you for five cents. I cannot give it to you, because the gift of a knife cuts friendship. The man of whom I secured it sold it to me on the same terms and for the same reason."

IT IS WELL TO REMEMBER.

That old friends are best. That the tongue is not steel, yet it cuts. That the purest water runs from the hardest rock.

THE RICH MAN'S ADVANTAGE.

Did you ever consider that it costs the rich man less proportionately to live than the poor man? Well, it does, and a needless corporation buys things in the market at prices which you or I could never get. Here at Washington the street cars and horsecar tickets cost five cents for a quarter, while the usual fare is five cents apiece. In riding on them you will notice that the rich man always pays his fare in tickets, which, of course, means paying only twenty-five cents for a quarter, while the poor man pays his fare, and never buys a return ticket. At a first-class hotel a man notoriously rich gets one of the best rooms in the house, at a rate no higher than that which his country neighbor pays in the attic, and in the West, especially, the man of capital is carried around free, feted and spoiled, while the man without pays for everything, and gets no thanks for it.

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