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AT SET OF SUN.

At set of sun I watched for you! The sheep-bell's tinkling note I heard— Naught else!—the harvest-boy passed through The gate, with just and word...

Ursula's Love.

It was a dark, stormy day without; but inside all was warmth and light, and as I sat in my arm-chair and looked at the girl before me...

pressed close to mine, and the touch of the soft cheek, my arms folded involuntarily around her, and my anger vanished.

"Oh, my dear friend," she said. "You cannot help me; but you have been so kind, I feel as if I had been wrong in keeping a secret from you."

Involuntary I drew my Ursula closer to me. I knew instinctively what she was about to say.

"Then, oh! then, the waters of bitterness completely overwhelmed me. She came to me to beseech me to release her son, telling me if I married him a would utterly ruin his prospects, as his aunt, whose heir he was, would surely disinheritor him if he married a girl without a name."

"Ursula, what was your Harold's last name?" "It was Kent."

"For a long time we sat quietly, then: 'Ursula,' I said, 'do you know who sends trouble, and why he sends it?'"

"Those whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." "O! Miss Dorothy, that has been my greatest comfort."

I folded the sweet girl impulsively to my heart. Here was the faith that "moved mountains."

"That afternoon I mailed one of my rare letters. I think Ursula felt happier after her confidence in me, and every day brought us closer to each other until I shuddered as I thought of what my house was before she came, and what it would be if she ever left it."

"Attracted by the magnetism that there always is in a steady gaze, Ursula looked up."

my talking a homeless girl and giving her a friend and a home.

"My great house now is none too large for the little restless feet that patter everywhere up and down the broad corridors; while my heart is freshened and my youth renewed by the love of my nephew and his precious wife and wee children."

Coffee-Tea.

Coffee-Tea is something not absolutely unheard of yet, certainly, quite new to English nomenclature. Herr Tschudi, in his work setting forth his travels in South America and the East, speaks of a beverage which is prepared by the inhabitants of the Indian Archipelago, particularly the island of Sumatra, and is regarded by them as one of the necessities of life.

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A French manufacturer of imitation gold and silver jewelry for exportation, and consequently made in styles which are not in favor in France, sometime since found that he was being robbed, and he was trying to trace the thief and manner of theft when he received a telegram from a friend who is spending the summer in a village in the environs of Paris.

"So that night, you know, that my sister Mary gave a candy pullin', they started us to bed early, so as the company would have full swing, and we run in on Jim to have some fun."

The Tropics.

If one could see the tropics as they really are, he would certainly be disenchanted? The common impression that flowers are a prominent feature of tropical forests is a mistake. Indeed, as the general vegetation grows more and more luxuriant, the floral display diminishes.

A Wonderful Tree.

A tree well deserving cultivation, which exists in Morocco, is mentioned with favorable comment by Consul Drummond Hay in his trade report on Mogador for the past year. This remarkable tree is the "argan."

"Jim, he was a sight. He was gormed with that bilin' hot molasses candy clean down to his heels, and had more busted sassers hangin' to him then if he was an Injun princess—and he come a prancin' up stairs just a whoopin' an' cussin, and every jump he gave shed some china, and every squirm that he fetched he dropped some candy."

A Sixteen-Foot Snake.

This monster is kept in a house in New York. Its owner is a circus performer, and he brought the reptile with him at the close of last season's travelling through the West and South.

A Cat Story.

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Me and Harry was always pestering him, and plastering horsebills on his back, and putting bumble-bess in his bed, and so on, and sometimes we'd crowd in and bunk with him, notwithstanding his growling, and then we'd let on to get mad and fight across him, so as to keep him stirred up like. He was nineteen, he was, and long, lank and bashful, and we was fifteen and sixteen, and tolerably lazy and worthless."

Seeing Under Water.

Vision under water is attended with some peculiar consequences—the result of what is termed "internal" refraction. An eye placed under perfectly still water, as, for instance, the eye of a diver, will see external objects under through a circular aperture, as it were, of 96 degrees, 55 minutes and 22 seconds in diameter overhead.

Washin' on Bower's vines—all settin' round about two dozen sassers of hot candy, which they'd set in the snow to cool. And they was laughin' and a-talkin' lively, but bless you they didn't know nothin' 'bout the panorama that was goin' on over their heads."

"You'll cut off my whiskers?" shrieked the old man. "Yes, I will."

Playing Old Man.

He seemed, at first glance, to be a poor old man—one of those you read of, and then, as wandering up and down the world and patiently waiting for the summons from the other shore.

"Kill me if you wish, but don't cut my hair," begged the victim, as the shears passed his ears.

"He was clean. He looked white. He had used up half a bar of soap and a barrel of water, and he couldn't play the old man business again for a year."

Alligators in Australia.

Sergeant Higgins was driving two horses across a creek, when they were charged by two open-mouthed alligators, one of them apparently about twenty-five feet long.

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When he had been seated in the reception room Bijah looked him over and kindly asked: "Old man, are you sorrowful?"

"No, nobody. I'm a poor old man, without a friend on earth."

"I will be your friend," observed Bijah, after looking him over again.

"You'll cut off my whiskers?" shrieked the old man.

"Yes, I will. I will cut off your whiskers and hair, and furnish you with water and soap, and in an hour from this you'll feel like a two-year-old colt turned loose under a swarm of bees!"

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Never associate with bad company. Have good company or none. Never appear to notice a scar, deformity or defect of any one present. Never arrest the attention of an acquaintance by a touch. Speak to him as you would speak to a stranger. Never punish your child for a fault, to which you are addicted to yourself. Never answer questions, in general company, that have been put to others. Never exhibit anger, impatience or excitement when an accident happens. Never call a new acquaintance by the Christian name unless requested to do so.