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Waiting.

Sweet childhood with the painted toys, Ourselves of those fleeting joys, O, sing and sport, for soon, alas!

Amidst the crowd of busy eyes, Look forward in those halcyon days To laurels bright he hopes to gain

Matured mind with the life's zest, But with more obstacles to cope, With not less ardor in his hopes,

Old age, with snows locks appears, Beneath his weight of years and years, Subdued are now ambition's fires,

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"Why don't he come?" said Lillian Bourne, peeping earnestly between the loughs of the monster fly-fish,

"By all the stars and swanions, Lillian's little pink ear should have burned that evening, for they were all talking about her at Miss Lorinda Larkins' tea-party in Dover street."

"Oh, she's so nervous!" said Miss Lorinda. Two lumps of sugar did you say, or one, Patsy Young?

"Oh, do tell us all about it, Miss Larkins," said the widow Peabody, with her mouth full of chicken salad.

"Repeat it! Well, never as long as I live," was the reply that went on all the table in one voice.

"Engaged!" shrieked Mrs. Young, whose own dimpled nose was even then, saying she to Mr. Darling's charming heart.

"Engaged!" repeated Miss Lorinda Larkins. "And she keeping company with Gilbert Dawson?" exclaimed the widow Peabody breathlessly.

By a strange coincidence, however, as she was setting forth to the village post office with the neatly-tied parcel, she met Mr. Dawson himself.

"I wish to return you these things," said Lillian. "Of course, they are of no consequence, but I thought perhaps you would like them back again."

"I'm only hope that you will be very happy with Squire Darling. And," "Lily," cried Lily, "with Squire Darling? Why, what on earth have I got to do with Squire Darling?"

"Lily," echoed Lily, once again. "Lily," she faltered, "because I don't like him. Because I have some body else."

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"I am much obliged to you," said she, coldly. "I hope Gilbert is well," said Lillian, the color flushing early up into her cheeks.

"Quite well, I thank you," said Mrs. Dawson. "He is going to Mexico with my brother, Mr. Ravencroft, next week, and is consequently very busy, because—Why, what is the matter Miss Bourne?"

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VOLCANIC SURPRISES.

The theory of eruptions. How they occur. Volcanoes caused by steam.

For a volcano once supposed to be inactive, Vesuvius has prepared some lively surprises for the dwellers in its neighborhood. Its latest surprise has been to take up a railroad and destroy several houses.

Other volcanoes besides Vesuvius have from time to time manifested in what seems to be the general volcanic propensity of creating surprises. Thus no one would expect to find a mass of rock of some 3,000 cubic feet suddenly descended upon them from the sky.

The great eruption of London surprised people for some 250 miles around the distance at which the force of the explosion was heard. They wondered what was the matter until they learned of the eruption from one of the twenty-six persons who were saved out of a population of 12,000.

It is not also a surprise of a beam of light, though fearful kind to see a fiery fountain play to a height of 200 feet from the side of a mountain. Such a fountain on Mount Vesuvius in 1822 was a magnificent illustration of volcanic action.

Another surprise. There is no flame in volcanic eruptions, as is generally represented, most gravely in chronicles. The eruptions flames are simply a reflection of the lava on the clouds of ash and sand.

The great age of volcanoes which, like Mauna Loa and Mount Etna, are 11,000 and 11,000 feet high, can be readily appreciated from this fact, and from the further fact that Etna had attained about its present height when it was observed by Greek writers 2,500 years ago.

A volcano is a furnace on a magnificent scale, the lava which it ejects being molten rock. This rock is so thoroughly fused by some volcanoes that the lava is as thin as honey, and flows with a velocity of fifteen miles an hour.

While there are two kinds of eruptions, the quiet and the explosive, there are many theories regarding the heat which rises the rocks into lava. Many think that the interior of the earth is in a liquid condition, but the latter opinion seems to be that the lava occurs in subterranean lakes.

The disengaged steam produces to become a very important product of the country. It yields a return already of over \$3,000,000 per annum, and its growth is rapidly increasing.

THE DIVINING ROD.

Something for the Scientists. The Stagnant Power of the Sixth Sense.

"The time is coming," said Mr. Charles Latimer, "when scientific gentlemen and others will be compelled to recognize the sixth sense. I read your article on dreams, and desire to add another instance which I can vouch for."

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THIS AND THAT.

New York in summer uses from \$,000 to \$,000 tons of ice a day.

Great attention has been bestowed in Germany within the last two years upon the cultivation of the common nettle. From it an immense number of articles are made, and there is scarcely a branch of the industry in which it cannot be used.

The crop never fails, no matter what the weather, and as it requires planting only once in every ten or fifteen years, the labor of cultivation is small, and as it needs but three or four inches of earth, it is a most profitable and even old quarries and gravel pits can thus be turned to account.

A curious kind of weed which grows in the Arkansas valley has often proved misleading to portmen. It is shaped like a ball and carries inside from one foot or less in diameter to five or six feet, some specimens being as tall as a man.

Doctors are known to give, and as a result it sometimes causes just as well for individuals to consult their own consciences instead of of those physicians. For example, in the matter of sleeping, some doctors say he will sleep better if he goes to bed with the head to the north, others hold a contrary opinion, and now that long journeys are made by rail it is amusing to find two eminent authorities differing as to the safest way to pass the night.

For many years a club existed and flourished in a small English town of Lancashire, known as the Oyster and Pardon Pea Club. Among the staff of officers was one known as Oyster King, whose duty it was to order and look after the oysters, which then came by boat from London. The club consisted of a post laureate or rhyme smith, and of clerks, who looked after the wine.

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Life.

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HUMOROUS.

A baby carriage is sometimes called a cradle. "I know many distinguished persons," says a fastidious business man, "nearly all my debtors are men of note."

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A reporter who had just done his first interview was rebuked by the city editor for not mentioning anywhere that the reporter "took water," and a pistol that none of them took water.

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