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POETRY

THE COLD-WATER MAN. There lived an honest fisherman I knew him passing well. Who dwelt hard by a little pond, Within a little dell.

And gazed into the water like Some sedentary frog. A cunning fisherman was he; His angle all were right. And when he scratched his aged poll, You'd know he'd got a bite.

And many a "gudgeon" of the pond, If made to speak to-day, Would own, with grief, this angler had A mighty "taking" way.

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A Love Story from THE LUNATIC ASYLUM on Blackwell's Island, Michigan. Longman, a lady in charge of one of the female wards, called a reporter's attention to a pretty, fair-haired girl, about twenty years of age, who had not spoken a word since she entered the asylum, over two years and a half ago.

SHOCKING MURDER IN CHICAGO.—A YOUNG GERMAN KILLED WHILE DEFENDING HIS SWEETHEART.—A shocking murder was committed in Chicago Tuesday morning, in a saloon at the corner of Halsted street and Canal Park avenue, where a dance was being held.

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Wittkowsky & Rintels

TO MERCHANTS. The establishment of our House, since its removal to the new location, has been to make Charlotte a wholesale market and our THE HOUSE, and to conduct our business upon the most liberal and even accepted opinion of some that there is a kind of "boom" in the city.

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