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RATES OF ADVERTISING. (10 LINES OR LESS) INCLUDE A SQUARE. One Square one insertion...

Poetry.

A Kiss, a Glance, a Word.

Calishers Brick Store. A terrible wind pressed over the place on Saturday last...

Read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Franklin County Agricultural Society...

Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw sustained a very serious loss on Saturday evening last by having his valuable riding horse...

Henry Harris had to raise the sum of two dollars for disorderly conduct at the (col.) table the other night...

An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure. To prevent Chills...

SELECTED STORY.

My Spirit Rival.

BY BELLE FAIRIE.

My thoughts were not in unison with the brightness of this September morning. The cheerful face of Nature made me only the more sad...

What did the future hold for me? Just now there did not seem to be one glimpse of sunshine in it. Would Mr. Sackville, of whose household I was about to become a member...

My life had been so shielded from the cares and troubles of the world that, at nineteen, I was as unsophisticated as the veriest child...

Pleasant thoughts of the past, and sad ones of the future, mingled in my brain, when the stoppage of the train at C—, where Mr. Sackville's carriage was to meet me...

On the platform stood an eminently respectable-looking old darkey, who, hat in hand, demanded if I was Miss Belle Harte...

On my answering in the affirmative, he relieved me of my travelling bag and shawl, and having seen my trunks deposited in a wagon...

We were soon whirling rapidly toward my new home, I quite agreeably astonished at such respectful attention to a mere governess.

The mists of twilight were creeping over the hills before I reached Willow Grange. Magnificent willows bordered the long avenue leading from the gate.

Why was it that I shivered as I entered? The boughs of those old trees seemed beading beneath the weight of the tears of a past generation...

One night in the early spring, Mr. Sackville and Dora having retired early, I, too, went to my room and threw myself on my bed...

I awoke with a feeling of suffocation, the room seemed filled with phantoms; I must get out of the house into the beauty of the starry night...

After walking briskly for a few minutes I became more composed, and was about returning to the house...

Stella! Stella! he exclaimed in a voice of hushed excitement. Have you at last granted my prayer? Come to my arms, darling!

I gave a fearful glance at the open window of Mr. Sackville's room, and—oh horror!—there, indeed, standing in the silvery moonlight...

When I awoke to consciousness, anxious faces were bending over me. It appears I was discovered in the morning, lying in a death-like swoon...

Even now, with well-known faces about me, and the noonday sun streaming in the windows, the remembrance of that terrible vision made me groan in an agony of fear.

'Now, Miss Belle,' said he, 'you must not put on your thinking cap just yet. Take this sleeping draught. It is the best thing for you at present.'

I gladly obeyed. For several days I was kept under the influence of narcotics. In an interval of semi-consciousness, I heard Dora remonstrating on my being deprived of my faculties for so long.

'You know, doctor,' said she, 'a slight hesitation in her voice, 'papa is so very anxious about Belle, and I should never forgive myself if my sleep-walking should cause her to be seriously ill.'

There was the simple solution of my terrible vision. Dora's sensitive nature, worked upon by her spiritual creed, caused her to act in her sleep what she believed could really transpire.

And he? Well, he has abandoned his belief in spirit brides; and, to guard against a return of his hallucination in that respect, he has asked me to fill the vacant place of which I had such a horror.

So Willow Grange is to witness a wedding this fall, and the face of Mrs. Sackville seems to smile on me from over the mantel, and her eyes look gentle approval into mine.

An example of the persistency and determination of womankind has just occurred in Iowa. There was a female who set her face like a wall of granite against a new railroad being built through her farm...

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