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Poetry.

The Merry Laugh.

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Things That a Married Man Cannot Help Thinking.

That all the girls used to be in love with him. That all the widows are now. That if he were a widower he could marry again whenever he chose.

Man's Age.

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Faces at the Fire.

I pass a window in the dusk of the evening. A broad stream of light flows across the darkening street and shines against the opposite wall.

Terrible Catastrophe.

TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE DROWNED.

A letter from Constantinople gives the following details of a terrible accident which occurred at Smyrna during a Sunday evening performance:

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Things a Married Woman Cannot Help Thinking.

That she was pretty at sixteen. That she had, or would have had, a great many good offers. That her lady friends are five years older than they say they are.

A Frisky Old Pair.

A remarkable wedding took place at Tolteter, Ind., a day or two ago, the happy couple having passed the collective age of 158 years.

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