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A Night Watch. "Is it not morning yet?" From side to side...

"Is it not morning yet?" The clock ticked, and the hall below, not half the night is gone...

"ROSES."

"Roses, indeed," said Mr. Merritt, with a dark frown on his countenance...

"Not on this here farm," said Mr. Merritt. "All the spare money we can raise goes to pay'n interest on the old mortgage..."

"Because I don't believe in encouraging no such high-fown notions," retorted the farmer, stiffly.

"Old savage!" muttered Joel, indignantly, to himself, he followed his employer...

"There are times," said Mary, sadly, "when I think I can't stand it any longer..."

"Just as you please, Mr. Merritt," said independent Joel. "I'm satisfied you are..."

"I should like to say just one word to Mary," he said to himself. "But perhaps I'd better not..."

"What's the matter, father?" she said. "Matter enough!" roared Merritt. "Old Folke has sold that mortgage of mine..."

"I don't know. I didn't ask. He's coming here to-morrow with Thompson, the lawyer, worse luck to him..."

"Mamma, said Henry Thomas, a bright little fellow over in Algiers: "Mamma, have my toes got eyes?"

MARK TWAIN ON THE ANT.

Now and then, while we rested, we watched the laborious ant at his work. I found nothing new in him—certainly nothing to change my opinion of him...

He makes his capture, as I have said; it is generally something that can be of no sort of use to himself or anybody else...

Long scar-like pieces of point lace are imported with lace trousseaux, to be used first as bridal veils...

A New York correspondent tells how Miss Flora McFlimsy's gorgeous dresses happen to be described in society papers...

Reporter to showily-dressed Flora McFlimsy—"I would like to describe your dress. Will you allow me?"

Reporter bows and turns to depart—"Very well, just as you say."

At Folkestone, England, lately, a married couple who only three weeks after marriage had separated...

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Soft fluffy white fringe is now used on snowy wool goods. Cashmere is extensively employed for children's hats.

Holiotrope shades of cashmere of light weight are combined with satin in Lyon or lighter or darker shades or dressy costumes for the seaside resorts.

Bridemaids wear simple and charming dresses of white muslin with colored ribbons and Lehigh hats, in English fashion, or else they have white Spanish lace veils draping the head like the mantillas of Spanish women.

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We have noticed some stylish costumes for misses, made of zephyr cloth and handkerchief plaids. The skirt was made of the plaids, laid in kilts...

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Rev. Louis Wasawacayama is a Dakota clergyman. He has one satisfaction, however. Nobody opens his letters by mistake.

ASTONISHING THE NATIVES.

Mr. Whymper won the admiration of his African friends by the exhibition of a few of those amazing pyrotechnic toys termed Pharaoh's serpents.

The author of "Two Years in Fiji" found a scarifier (a kind of cupping glass) of even greater service to himself, while yielding unbounded delight to the natives.

Your paper is a great comfort to me in every number I find something to put away in mind and memory...

Some papers are not much account as to appearance, but I never took one that didn't pay me, in some way, more than I paid for it.

He did so, and bid off the lot for me at thirty dollars, and I sold it in a month to the man it joined for a hum-dred, and so I made sixty-eight dollars clear by taking that paper.

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Woe to the editor whose copy is not on time! Woe to the compositor whose "stick" is thrown down carelessly in the wrong place!

THE STREETS OF CANTON.

They are very narrow and dirty in the first place, with an average width of from three to five feet. They are paved with long, narrow slabs of stone.

Other streets are named after trades and avocations. There is Betelnut street, where you can buy the betelnut of which we saw so much in Siam...

The shops have signs in Chinese characters, gold letters on a red and black ground, which are hung in front, a foot or two from the wall...

A Strange Ceremony. The strange ceremony of plowing around a village in order to drive away the cattle plague recently took place in one of the villages of Russia.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A dead language—Cold tongue. A leading hotel in Dundee, Scotland, is furnished throughout with furniture made in Grand Rapids, Mich.

There is one reason at least why typesetting machines ought to become very popular with editors. They cannot yell for copy.—Home Sentinel.

A pamphlet entitled "Agriculture in the United States and Russia," just issued in St. Petersburg, concludes that unless all the modern appliances of the grain trade and the improved American methods of agriculture are introduced in Russia, Russian prosperity will be seriously endangered.

Lately an inhabitant of Naples informed his friends that he was about to make a trip to Paris. Immediately he was overrun with commissions. Upon his return to Naples the traveler brought with him, however, only a part of the purchases ordered through him.

Last month the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States, the ruling body of that denomination of Protestant Christians, convened at Madison, Wis. The assembly is composed of nearly 500 delegates, ministers and elders from the thirty-eight synods in this country, which include 179 Presbyteries. In 1879 there were 5,415 churches, 4,938 ministers, 574,486 communicants and 614,774 Sunday-school members.

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