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Perfection.

Griseida is a patient maid, Whom nothing can excite, By all her slightest won'ts obeyed, She's always in the right.

Four Blue Plates.

Drawing-room in Mrs. HOLLENER's country house, GABRIELLE, her only child, one-eyed, exceedingly pretty, low-browed, dark eyes, and fair-haired, sitting before a small table, on which are an old-fashioned silver teaset and four very old-fashioned blue plates.

gent and I hasten to begin. The first plate, if you please. [She hands it to him. He studies it a moment.] Once on a time— Will that do for a beginning? MISS HOLLENER. Excellently well. It carries me at once back to the days of my childhood. They were happy days, Mr. Owens, I doubt if I have ever known happier.

At least they lived there during the winters, but passed their summers in a villa at one of our watering-places. You see the young lady on the third plate rowing herself in a fairy-like boat, while her mother stands on the shore looking on with evident admiration? MISS HOLLENER. I do. The boat in form not unlike a bath-tub, the oars pointing skyward, and the mamma so near if she be not extremely careful, her aquatic daughter will row directly over her. Pray go on, Mr. Owens.

TRAINING ANIMALS. A Snowman's Twenty-Seven Years' Experience. "How long have you been in the taming and training business?" asked a Chicago Morning News reporter of Willis Cobb, whose dogs, monkeys, and steers are so prominent a feature of Sells Bros' circus.

open to any act of kindness, so is a monkey, and they will get as jealous as a woman if you pet one and neglect the other. My dogs are not allowed to eat except at stated times. If one picks up a bone he is reprimanded for it, and he soon learns not to touch anything foreign to his allowed food. My dogs have a regular valet, who feeds, washes, combs, and dresses them, and when at home each one has his own little house and his exercise yard, and the valet has his quarters close by. When I want them to take exercise, it is running and jumping after a ball, which calls every muscle into action.

FOR THE FAIR SEX. The Russian Empress. The Empress of Russia is described as looking like a corpse rather than a living being, sitting speechless and unmoved, as though neither seeing nor hearing anything. It was, perhaps, a premonition of Nihilist terrors that made poor Dagmar so depressed when, as a bride, she traveled to meet the Czarowitch. The girl had to have her white face painted, it is said, before she entered the native city of her future husband, that the people might not notice all the misery of her expression.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: Graduated bands of Rhine pebbles are worn for Greek fillets. Reports from the Northwest indicate very heavy crops of cereals. Peck's Sen speaks of a locomotive as who. There's a switch open there. Lawn is only eight cents per yard, and lawn parties ought to be plenty.