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"Annie Laurie," She'd sing the songs that rule the day. The brightest, sweetest, latest, Till every chord had earned its way...

Mr. Stuart Waller was a man of the world. Patty Farquhar was as young in experience as in years. They were an ill-mated pair, and it was hardly three weeks before the tongue of gossip began to busy itself with the widow's dark-eyed daughter.

"I don't care much whether you roast or not," replied Patty. "I shall about for help." "Shout away," said Patty, with a laugh. "Dorcas is hanging out clothes by the river, and mother has gone to the village. Do shout!"

WELL-KNOWN PHRASES. How the Following are Said to Have Originated. HURBAN.—This word, which is so frequently shouted, in this country especially, originated among the eastern nations, where it was used as a war-cry, from the belief that every man who died in battle for his country went to heaven.

FOR THE FAIR SEX. Fashion Notes. Dark straw bonnets and hats will be the fashion with plain suits next season. "Cold pressed" flannels that require no further pressing are used for dresses.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. A Journalist's Visit to the Greatest Financial Institution in the World. In his notes on his recent English tour, Howard Carroll, the New York Journalist, says: Thanks, too, to one of those same policemen we may cross safely through the mass of whirling and rumbling and rattling carriages from the Royal Exchange, and "merchants' walks," and the house of "Lloyds" to "the old lady in Threadneedle street," so called by her London children, and known to other people as the Bank of England.

My Wedding Day. I can't sleep, I tremble in And such a tumult fills my brain; I must be joy, I feel I know, But oh, how near it seems to pain; The wind moans through the old pear tree The more it blows the damp and gray. Who would have thought the world would be So sad upon my wedding day?

PATTY'S LETTERS.

"We don't keep boarders," said Mrs. Farquhar, looking in owl-like fashion through her spectacle glasses at Mr. Stuart Waller. "We've got plenty to spare without the trouble of 'em. You'll find the tavern about three-quarters of a mile below. You must have come right past its doors."

But when Patty Farquhar preferred her innocent request, Mr. Waller laughed in her face. "My dear Patty," said he, "do you take me for a fool?" "My name is Miss Farquhar," said the girl, with flashing eyes. "Excuse me; but when you say 'Dear Stuart—'"

Mr. Waller uttered an exclamation which was certainly not a prayer. "I can't stand this broiling hole!" shouted he. "In the little summer house under the loose board of the table Quack, or I shall be stifled to death!"

FOR THE FAIR SEX. Many of the vailing suits are made with a gracefully draped bodice over a killed skirt, and for back drapery a large double-looped bow of moire lined with taffeta silk. The ends of the bow are square, and reach only three-quarters down the length of the skirt.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. The total number of blast furnaces and rolling mill establishments and steel works in the United States was 808 in 1870, 1,005 in 1880. The value of materials used was \$195,525,132 in 1870 and \$191,271,150 in 1880.

My Wedding Day. The young lady who banged her hair at a looking-glass did not break the glass. A lady says that it takes many men a whole life time to learn to carry a 10 lb. home without breaking it.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. Over 2,500 men in Utah have more than one wife a piece. Trained nurses readily got from \$15 to \$20 in New York. A child with two heads was recently born near Gadsden, Alabama.

A Vast Wheat Region.

East of the Cascade mountains the early comers to Oregon passed over a vast region of country then considered a desert, but which, in the last few years, has proven to be equal to the great prairies of the Mississippi valley in its wheat producing capacity.

Forestry in France.

One sixth of France, including Corsica, is under wood, but notwithstanding this an immense amount of timber is annually imported into the country from the United States and the north of Europe.

A Bottle's Long Voyage.

In the autumn of 1879, the young son of M. de Bille, the Danish minister to the United States, on a voyage from Copenhagen to the Sandwich Islands, threw overboard in the Atlantic ocean a bottle containing a message to his brother-in-law, an officer in the Danish navy, then stationed at St. Thomas.

HALYON DAYS.

HALYON DAYS.—Halcyone was the wife of Colyx, and the latter having met his death by drowning, Halcyone cast herself into the sea with the dead body, and both were transformed into the kingfisher bird. The animal lays its eggs on rocks near the sea in calm mid-winter, and the "halcyon days" are therefore seven days before and after the winter solstice.

POISONOUS SOAPS.

Mothers and nurses cannot be too careful about the soaps they use on the little ones. Few but physicians know many of the so-called skin diseases among children are caused by the use of adulterated soap.