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Song of the South Wind.
Through fragrant pines I sweep along.
And chant for you a light song.

A TIGHT SQUEEZE.

BY AN EX-CONFEDERATE.

When General Meade fell back from Mine Run, in the fall of 1863, he went into winter-quarters between the Rapidan and the Rappahannock, on his old grounds. This was about December 1.

"Where's your regiment?" he asked.
"That's what I'm looking for," I replied.
"I was took by the rebels fifteen days ago, and have just escaped and come in."

A New Narcotic.

Something worse than opium or chloral is reported to the New York Medical Society. Several city practitioners found out that a few persons were using hyosine to produce a sort of intoxication that resulted in profound slumber.

for the north, and it was over a month before I saw Lee's lines again. A Washington paper had a long story about my escape, and it said I would have bin shot next day, and that the chaplain would be laid up for a month.

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Peculiar Monuments.

There are a great number of monuments of a kind peculiar to China, and which alone would suffice to distinguish this country from all others.

Bathing in India.

The gospel of cleanliness is not for India. Do I begin to argue? I am told that "a virtue of Gautama Buddha was his dirty face."

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Three Kinds of Weather.
Bright, snow and blue to cheer
Every day throughout the year.

The Carrier-Pigeon.

The Voyageur pigeons are now known to have much more power of wing than the English, and to possess a more highly developed homing instinct than any of the other breeds.

Chinese Story Books.

The Chinese are passionately fond of stories and story-telling. On the public streets and squares professional story-tellers congregate from noon to midnight, going over the achievements of a hero or portraying the despair of a lover.

Why It is Called "Land of Fire."

The prevailing impression that there are volcanoes upon these islands, says a correspondent in an account of Terra del Fuego, is a mistake.

GIANTS OF THE FOREST.

something about the California Redwood Tree.

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The Redwood of California is the second largest and the third tallest tree of the known world. It reaches its greatest perfection upon the seaward slopes and along the transverse ravines of the Coast Mountains of the northern and central parts of the State.

The Vitality of Seeds.

The seeds of the willow will not germinate after having been once dry. The seeds of coffee and various other plants do not germinate after having been kept for any considerable time.

Houses in the National Capital.

It is easy to obtain a home in Washington, because most of the real estate agents will take a small cash payment and arrange the remainder of the debt at a low rate of interest.

great staples, wheat, wine and wool, the Golden State now adds a new source of wealth in the regular and increasing export of the valuable and beautiful timber and lumber of this queen of the vegetable kingdom, the California Redwood.

Eggs in Ireland.

Seeing that some three-fourths of the whole population of Ireland are more or less connected with or engaged in agricultural pursuits, there is probably no question more often asked daily by at least 1,000,000 of the population of Ireland than, "What is the price of eggs?"

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Good Night.

Good night! There to say good night!
To such a host of restless things!
Good night! unto that fickle land!

HUMOROUS.

Walter "Will you have some salt with your eggs?" Guest—No, thanks; they ain't at all fresh."
German photographers are now making photographs of lightning. They are said to be striking likenesses.

Eclipses of the Sun.

The eclipses of the sun, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, are caused by the moon's passing between the earth and the sun. If the two bodies followed the same track in the heavens there would be an eclipse every new moon, but as the orbits are inclined, the moon generally passes above or below the sun, and there is no eclipse.