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The Wind.
Blowing homeward the bulky ship;
The wind looms under the sailor's lee,
And he dreams of his sweetheart's lips.

The wind sweeps over the sand,
Of the deer, the goat and the bird;
It leaps the arch of the Arab's lance;

The wind sweeps over the plain
Of the emigrant's lonely home;
It sweeps the waves of the western main.

The wind sweeps over the sea,
And waves the flag of the Union;
And pilgrims to Peter's great dome kneel,

The wind sweeps over the land,
And the stars above the hills are seen;
The wind sweeps over the hills and down,

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A Farm Hand's Adventure.

The Ben Jenkins family, as it is called in the neighborhood, is small enough, but every square foot of it has always been so carefully tilled that there is seldom a week in the year when one cannot find what Peter Scott calls "sights to lay" on the premises.

On a certain September night, Dan moved like a steam engine. It was the most triumphant thing to do, because through the open window poured the moonlight, a broad and yellow track.

It happened eyes turned slowly toward the one window adjacent to his small bedroom. All was still now, even Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jenkins kept the top of their heads in the dark, and the rest of the family were elsewhere.

Could it be possible that a fat human arm was being cautiously inserted around the framework into the little room? Certainly there was nothing there worth stealing.

The arm, a veritable, went on slipping its way along gently over the sill. No mortal hand could have done an end, ghostly member! Dan cried out in perplexity and terror: "I say, there!"

slid from its retreat into the cool night, and Dan Beam's open window suggested entrance. The greater part of the shock, fat body lay already in folds under the panel of the window, where a deep shadow brooded.

He dared not utter another cry. Possibly he had not yet been locked on by the snake with any particular interest, though the moon rays just at the moment gave to its eyes a piercing brightness.

But not for a moment longer could he endure the situation. In fact, he had little chance to do so. The snake for a few moments, as if threatening that Dan realized his peril.

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Still crying out desperately for aid from those small sleepers, only just within ear shot, Dan struck away the open jaws and struggled to free himself, as must have struggled long ago the pilot, Leaven.

Just as he fell forward, ready to succumb to the pressure of the reptile, and with his feet off, there came a quick scramble up the outer steps.

A faint low sound of calling, the tramping of human feet and then their rushing up the little staircase outside. Next to these came the hurrying open of the door and the rush of men, or this story might have, in spite of Danger, proved too hideous to tell.

To the risk of the boy's exposed body and soundness of limb, the python was pounced and backed into sections within five minutes. Dan was dragged outside and lay there with Danger, who flicked his hands and seemed to regain his dignity much quicker.

his wind back only to lose it in a doud faint that lasted for an alarming time. But he came to himself anon, and then was lodged for a time, after some out of a nauseous composing draught of Mrs. Ben's brewage, in the best bed room.

After a time they did, and not only has the noble dog worn an unsightly laurel crown ever since, but Farmer Ben is not given to lavish expense bought a leather collar of some splendor, and told Dan to buckle it about his four-footed friend's neck, observing, "Well, I think much sentiment, so far speak, but I'm best if I didn't want for dew something to compliment the old dog; there!"

The Sparrow Pest.
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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Be Not Hasty.
It takes long days of golden sun,
And many a drop of rain,
To start one flower from winter's night
To bud and bloom again.

An Indian's Prophecy.
In the year 1774 George Washington met at the mouth of the Great Kanawha, where he was making a journey down the Ohio river, the old sachem who wrought great havoc in Braddock's army.

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FANCY PIGEONS.

Something About Their Character and Value.
Cootly Because The Varieties are Scarce and Beautiful.

"There's tell me something about pigeons," said a New York Tribune reporter the other day to one of the most extensive dealers in those birds in the city.

The varieties you see here are limited," he said, "I keep only stock that is fancy in the strict sense and therefore dear. Here are Jacobins, so called, Lapins, from the peculiar shape of their feet, which are called the Pouter, cap, they are very beautiful birds and the favorite of our country.

While conclusions are of very little benefit as articles of food, yet they play an important part in obtaining cleanliness, and in favoring the production of milk.

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THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

For Sore Throat.
Every one has a cure for sore throat, but simple remedies appear to be most effective. Salt and water is used by many as a gargle, but a little alum and honey dissolved in warm water.

Dr. N. B. Sizer is an old Dr. Drinking Water says: In regard to the use of hard water, it is considered for a moment the functions subserved by our country by the water we drink, we should not very clearly why hard water is so common.

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In a Garden.

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