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Don't Stand in the Way.

"The world is too crowded," "The gumbler de-lays," "I don't like to labor," "If you care not to work, sir, And much rather play, Why, do as you please, But don't stand in the way."

THE NEW MIRROR.

BY KATE M. CLEARY.

"Say yes, love!" "But, my dear girl!" "Now, Charley, don't be cross!" He was only a few months married.

"I'm not the least bit cross, darling," he said, leaning back in his chair, and putting both his arms down around his neck.

"Mrs. Cyrus Cannon has one," purred on the enraptured voice, "not as hands-me as this, though I am sure it is not mine."

"I'm pretty positive, Elma," he said, "that not a looking-glass in Chicago will have as sweet a face to reflect as will yours. It certainly ought to feel flattered. All the others would be jealous if they knew."

"You deserve an immense reward for that!" she declared. She stood on tiptoe to give it to him. Then he folded up the morning paper, thrust it in his pocket, put on his hat, and I went out to catch his car.

very wise in her way.

She had heard and read that a bride usually estranges the friends of her husband, and thus indirectly arouses the resentment of the latter. To this rule she had resolved to prove herself an agreeable exception.

He had feared that his comradeship with Charley Merton must end with the marriage of the latter. So it was with repressed surprise and expressed gratitude that he accepted the invitation.

"It's a pity," she said, with a compassionate sigh, as she was whirled along to the maine, "that poor Mr. Roscoe hasn't a nice wife and home like Charley!"

"Why, Elma!" "My dear Millie!" "Though several years older than Edna, Millie Joyce had been her favorite friend."

"I met him at Waukesha five years ago," she said, a trill nervously, Mrs. Merton imagined.

"A casual acquaintance?" "Well, no! Then in a burst of confidence: "We were engaged for three months."

"You were?" "Interestedly." "What broke it off?" "Oh, he grew pale, and—there's the curtain!"

Very little indeed did Mrs. Merton hear of the last act—diplomatically busy as that bright beam of hers.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

THE HONEST OLD MAN. On a quiet little chap is the honest old man. A funny little fellow he is. Living under the stone by the side of the road.

ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE. A contributor to Nature recounts the following instances of animal sympathy and instructive examples.

THEIR BEHAVE YOU STRIKE. I remember reading in my high school, a merchant traveling on horseback, accompanied by his dog.

THE ACME OF VALOR. The presentation of an American flag to the grammar school of Bangor reminds me of a similar occurrence which took place in a Maine village in the summer of 1863.

THE HOME OF THE JERSEY COW. Jersey Island, the place from which we obtain the favorite Jersey cow, is a small spot of land.

A Cabinet Officer's Life. A Cabinet officer, being a Washington correspondent, what his daily routine is, says: "I got up at 7:30 o'clock this morning, and set down to breakfast at about 8 o'clock."

THE CEDARS OF Lebanon. The cedars of Lebanon are, perhaps, the best known monuments in the world. Distinguished men have visited them, and their story is told over and over again.

A FROG FARM.

Raising a Big Family of Croakers for Western Epicures. The Frogs Kept in Three Large Ponds and Fed Daily.

What You See in the Shooting Star. A small body, perhaps as large as a paving stone or larger, more often perhaps not so large as a marble, is moving round the sun.

The Ducks of Central Africa. The fact now seems clearly demonstrated that at various spots across the great African continent, within a few degrees north and south of the equator, extending from the Atlantic coast to near the shores of the Albert Nyanza, and perhaps even further to the east, are scattered communities of these small negroes, all much resembling each other in size, appearance and habits.

The Oldest Observatory. The observatory at Pekin is the oldest in the world, having been founded in 1273 by Kublai Khan, the first Emperor of the Mongol dynasty.

Humorous. A swallow-tail—The story of Jonah and the whale. The green apple is deadly, but not so deadly as the electric current.

Humorous. Know thyself. If you can't get the requisite information, run for office. First Small Boy—We had a fire at our house last night.

Humorous. Found Mother—You should remember, my child, the little birds in their nests agree. Johnny—But every once in a while one of 'em falls out. Tom B. Bookstaver (to bookstore)—How do you like "Looking Backward?"

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