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GERTIE'S WEE GARDEN.

[From Good Words.]

Gertie's garden is, like herself, small! But its flowers are colored with heaven's own dyes; the dewdrops that over it fall are tenderly shed from a mother's dim eyes...

big potatoes nor all the sound apples in the same barrel of y'r o'r a farmer, nor you don't tell a man how old your critters be—not to a day. Do you suppose Tatum sells his dry-goods an' groceries on the square always? Don't we get poor drugs for high prices down to Jean's? An' come to fine it down, Parson Picher don't write a sermon every week, nor I tell ye...

a little note that came for you after you left. Nanny took the envelope, and after the fashion of women eyed it on the outside, turned it over and examined the seal, and then returned it and inspected again the direction and the postmark.

her throat was held in place apparently by a collar of silver filigree, fine as frost-work, clasped by a rose of pink coral in whose heart sparkled a diamond dew-drop; the short veil that rested on her coronet of dark hair was held by a rose and its bud; the whole dress was exquisite. And best of all, a warm natural color lit her face, and she looked as she felt, comfortable and at ease.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

News Collected by Wire and Mail From All Parts of Dixie. A number of fig trees in Florida are putting on the first crop of figs for 1888. The Lee Monument Association, at Richmond, has received \$21 forwarded by white and colored people of Lee county, Ark.

LADIES' COLUMN.

A Woman Finds a Corporation. The guarantee companies who make it their business to insure the honesty of employees require from the insured an affidavit very similar to that used by the insurance companies. It contains a great many questions relating to one's private life and which must be strictly answered. There is a young lady in St. Paul who found it necessary to fill out one of these applications in order to retain her position.

THE WATCH. A lady who had been abroad was describing some of the sights of her trip to her friends. "But what pleased me most of anything," she continued, "was the Strasburg clock." "Oh, how I should love to see it," gushed a sweet companion. "I am so interested in such foreign sights. And did you see the Watch on the Rhine?"

A PAIR OF WEDDINGS.

ROSE TREE CORNER.



YOU DON'T say so? Grandma Pine looked sharply over her spectacles at post-y Nanny Campbell, who sat at her feet on an old-fashioned 'cric-ket,' the knee of the open fire playing on her bright, blushing face, and lending a richer shade of gold to the crown of fluffy hair that hid her white forehead.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

At Mobile, Ala., the Courthouse of Mobile County was destroyed by fire. A defective gas stove fire to the roof, and the flames spread slowly and gave time to save the records. The building was valued at \$50,000. It is stated that negotiations are going on between the East Tennessee and Georgia Air Line and the Norfolk and Western Road looking to a combination, which will bring all the cotton handled by the former road next season to Norfolk instead of West Point, where it is now carried.

LADIES' COLUMN.

A Bride's Body Guard. In an old church in Gotland, in Sweden, a pile of lances is preserved. Each of the lances is fitted to hold a torch, and it is said the weapons were used at one time to give light and protection to marriage parties on the way to church, the ceremony taking place at night, as a precaution against the bride being taken away by some Lochlannar who claimed a better right to her than the duly recognized suitor.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

At Tarboro, N. C., burned the jail of Edgecombe county. Several prisoners were in the building. All were safely rescued. The firemen's hall and two or three private residences were burned. There was no insurance on any of the property destroyed. In Terrell County Ga., there lives a man, who, if not the oldest in Georgia, is the oldest man in southwest Georgia. His name is James Kilpatrick, and his age is 97 years. He is still in perfect health and able to walk with as much agility as many who are thirty years his junior, bidding fair to score a century.

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WHAT TO AVOID. A loud, weak, affected, winning, harsh or shrill tone of voice. Extravagances in conversation—such phrases as "Awfully this," "Beastly that," "loads of time," "Don't you know," "Hate," for "dislike," etc. Sudden exclamations of annoyance, surprise and joy—often dangerously approaching "female swearing"—as "Mother!" "Gracious!" "How jolly!" Yawning when listening to any one. Talking on family matters, even to bosom friends.

LABOR'S OWN REWARD.

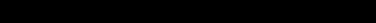
Zeko (breaking wood)—My mislucky ribs me a penny every day for choppin' his wood. Abe (enviously)—Am dat sat? An' wot do you buy wid dat cent? Zeke—Oh, I don't buy nothin', cause mammy an' savin' on' fer me to buy new ax when his deah one gets played out.

BREAKFAST PREPARATIONS.

Old man (calling down the stairs to daughter)—Clara! Daughter—Yes, papa? Old Man—Ask that young man in the parlor which he prefers for breakfast, milk rolls or Vienna bread. DISEASED. Teacher—I am very much displeased with you and to-morrow I'll punish you severely if you don't keep so quiet that you can hear a mouse squeak.

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STEALING.

If a gentleman holds his lighted cigar behind him while in conversation and a new-boy steps up and puts his mouth on the end of the cigar and commences smoking it, and the gentleman lets go in surprise, leaving the cigar in the boy's mouth, has the boy stolen the cigar?

A LOGICAL ANSWER.

Wife (who prides herself on being sensible)—John, do you notice how easy-coming my new shoes are? Husband—Yes. Wife—Well, do you know why I get my shoes so large? Husband (just a trifle nonplussed)—Er—no, my dear, unless it is because you have large feet.—Epoc.