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## A TRYST.

Alone she waits for me, Oh, heart, be still!
Only the field to cross And then the hill,
And then, her eyes' soft charm, My eyes will meet
With welcome glad and warm, And chiding sweet.
Across the sunny road Long shadows lie;
The birds sing overhead, The breeze goes by
Laden with clover breath, With summer dreams!
Sweetheart, how far and fair The distance seems!

I mount the hill at last; There in the shade
Near where the cross-roads meet Our tryst was made.

- I see her robe of white, Her waving glove;
Alone she waits for me, My own true.love.
- Fudge.
the Sunday School teacher, as the little girl came in, her face al! aglow with religious enthusiasm. "Do you love to comé to Sunday School?"
"Yes, ma'am," replied Flossie : "and mamma says when I get bigger I am to have a bustle." -The Fudge.
'Country boys are not such squash-heads as they sometimes look," said the sociahle drummer. "One day last week I was out riding with a fellow who seemed to think it his mission to say or do something smart every minute. Presently we overtook a barefoot urchin driving a cow home from pasture, and my companion reined up the horse and spoke to him, saying "tSay, my little man, what time will it be at 6 o'clock this afternoon ?" Without a moment's hesitation the lad answered, "It will be bedtime for hens and fools. "You're not a hen, but 'twill be your bedtime all the same."-Sel.
"Bob, what yer 'spose folks call me Jim for.'
"Dunno. Why?"
"'Cause that's my name."

Colored hunter-"Hold on dar, Abel! You'll strain dat gun fust thing you know, tryin' to shoot dat duck so far off, an' de weapon nebber will be any mo' 'count." -Selected.
"Young man," he said, "why don't you give up this life of idle"You are looking bright and ness and luxury and try to make a happy this morning, Flossie," said name for yourself ?"
"Twy and make a name for myself? Why, my dear sir, my little English fox-terrier took the first pwize at the dog show." Selected.

As a bootblack was passing a tobacco shop he picked up a cigar stump from the gutter and went into the shop and asked for a match. He was met with the reply,
: We don't keep matches to give away."

The boy started out, but he stopped at the door, turned back, and asked the proprietor, "Do you sell 'em?' He purchased a box, paid his two cents, and light* ed his stump, after which he closed the box and asked the proprietor to put it on the shelf and said, "Next time a gentleman, asks you for a match, give him one out of my hox."-Selected.

A magnificent piece of engineering work of the fifth century, which had been partially dcstroyed, has been restored in Ceylon. It is an irrigating reservoir covering a area of $44^{25}$ acres, or abjut seven square miles, from which water is taken to smaller distributing tanks more than fifty miles away.-Sel.

The fire losses of the United States last year were about $\$ 120$,ood,ooo, an increase of nearly ${ }^{1} 3$ per cent. over those of the previous year.

Of the 40,000 piano makers in the United States one-third live in New York.

