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THE BLUE SATIN BOOTS. There was a church fair and festival on hand at Waynesville, and all the young ladies were in a state of feminine flutter.

Jenny laughed, and, happening just then to catch a glance from Dr. Chester, who stood near, blushed with pleasure, while the gentle heart in her bosom throbbled tumultuously.

Dr. Chester waited on Jenny at the table. Glad enough was she to get something warm and be near a fire.

Dr. Chester left her at the door of a small room designed for a vestry, but now used by the ladies as a dressing room.

"It's all settled, I suppose, Doctor," between you and Miss Carson," was what she heard.

"No, Fred. I've seen the folly of that, to-day. The tones, which answered, were the well-known ones of Dr. Chester."

"You astonish me!" replied Fred. "I don't mind giving you the reason, Fred," said the doctor. "Just look at that young lady's feet, and you will have it."

"I have always supposed that, in spite of apparent mental lucidity, disease clouds the intellect so that apathy becomes the ordinary state of the dying."

"I saw peasants going and coming; a squad of militia passed over the bridge; citizens who walked along discussing the day's news, and a little man wearing a yellow coat, who was amusing himself by dropping stones into the water."

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IS DYING PAINFULLY? Our own observation fully accords with the opinion expressed by a physician, that in all ordinary cases there is little physical pain in dying.

The result of these sad observations, covering eighteen years, is that the vast majority of persons do not find death suffering and agony. Many suffer more from the various illnesses from which they recover than most do in the article of death.

A MACHINER THAT WOULDN'T SELL. A Nevada man invented a lying-machine and went round trying to sell 'em. The machine was warranted to trot out a first-class lie on any subject at a moment's notice.

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HOW TO MAKE TEA. Hard water makes the most delicious tea, as it dissolves less of the tannin and gives the cup a more delicate flavor.

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ADVICE TO THOSE USING GLASSES. Men engaged in literary pursuits should read most by day and write most by night. It is worthy of note that reading causes more strain to the eye than writing, and that copying work in writing makes a greater demand upon the organ of vision than off-hand composition.

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PLEASANTRIES. Proper furniture for a doctor's office—Bona settee. It is the clean table-cloth that catches the early grease-spot.

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ESQUIMAUX MORALS AND BEAUTY. Speaking of amusements suggests the latest acquired civilized vice among the Esquimaux—card-playing—which knowledge they have acquired along with other questionable things from contact with the white men.

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