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SONGS OF NATURE.
BY JOHN ORRIBLY WRITTEN.
The hazy at Nature's advent strong
Has never ceased to play;
The songs that stars of morning sing
Have never died away.

gentlemanly person, social, of good address, able to frame excuses for anything he may do or say, and able to turn the conversation in any way he pleases. He must have traveled, must have a good knowledge of men, must be an easy talker, but a better listener.

NIGHT IN LONDON.
Come for a long London walk. This is Oxford street at the junction of Museum, and before you is a section of the British Museum, and behind you is one end of Drury lane, and to the left is Holborn, and this close by Chapman's gin palace, and right over yonder is St. George's Church, and directly in front is Mudie's great circulating library.

THE MODERN PRIMER.
This is a Fourth Corporal. He walks stiff-legged behind a Company of Soldiers and carries a Musket at Half-Mast. He is Fond of Human Blood and Delights in Carnage. Has the Fourth Corporal ever been in a War? No.

THE JACK-RABBIT OF TEXAS.
The jack-rabbit is an inhabitant of Texas and some other Western States. He is often called the "mule-eared rabbit," and, by the cowboy, is familiarly spoken of as the "muley." He is not a rabbit at all. A rabbit is an unobtrusive little animal, who is found by school-boys in a hole in the ground at the end of a long track in the snow.

A STRANGE STORY.
The prevalence of drunkenness in the State prison at Auburn puzzled the officers for a long time. It was at first supposed that whisky was brought in by some one, but finally it was discovered that a distillery was in full operation within the walls of the institution.

MODERN DETECTIVE WORK.
To begin with, I'll say that detectives are divided into three general classes: shadows, investigators and roppers. When a man begins the business, he is put at shadowing. It is an excellent way to test him and see what stuff there is in him.

"That suggests the question of pay."
"Well, the pay runs all the way from \$15 and \$20 a week to \$3,500 a year. The man that goes on a dangerous mission, doesn't necessarily get higher wages. In fact he does not get them.

EVERYBODY HAS READ THE MARVELOUS stories of traveling magicians mystifying people by exhibiting their skill in public places. Of all the leading wizards such stories are published, and in fact they have the discernment to see that no better advertisement of their performances could possibly be obtained.

ENGLISH RAILWAY CARS.
English railway cars generally are limited to three classes. Each is divided into several compartments, mostly four, each compartment being entered by a door on the side, and separated by a closed partition from the compartment adjoining. These partitions render impossible the characteristic long halls of the American train, and only by means of a small platform extending on the outside can one section be entered from another.

GIRL POST-BOYS.
In his book, "The Land of the Midnight Sun," Mr. Paul B. Du Chaillu gives many novel experiences. Not the least interesting of these were his rides with girl drivers over Scandinavian roads.

A BUSINESS TRANSACTION.
A man went into a clothing store in Lawrence, Mass., and bought a hat for \$3.50, left his old one, and said he would pay for it when he came back. In half an hour he returned, and entering the store met the proprietor, who was absent at his first visit.

"What is the average life of a detective?"
"Well, I don't know as to that. I think, though, they stick to the work on an average, say fifteen years. Then they get tired of traveling, and want to settle down. They get situations in banks, hotels and other institutions."

AN INTERESTED AUDIENCE.
"I think I made a sensation," said Brown. "All the time I was speaking, the whole audience received my statements with an open-mouthed eagerness that was really wonderful."

PROTECTION AGAINST CONTAGION.
Precipitated lac sulphur is one of the most excellent as well as simple and safe preventives against contracting any of all kinds of contagious diseases. It is conveniently used by placing a pinch of it in each stocking as often as they are changed.

AN INCIDENT AT A REVIVAL MEETING.
In the little town of Peninsula there lives a disciple of Blackstone who had acquired more than a mere local reputation as a collector of hard bills.

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A WRITER IN THE LANCET strongly advocates open carriage for doctors: "An open vehicle enables the doctor to purify himself, even to his hair, after quitting each sick-room, thus insuring safety not only to patients, but also to the members of his family."

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