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THE FLOWN BIRD. The maple leaves are whirled away; The depths of the great pines are stirred; Night settles on the sultry day.

begin to loosen the rose from her hair. So it is all over, and I have been happy, very happy, indeed I have—only the recollection that it was my birthday would intrude itself upon me, to damp my enjoyment, every now and then.

never heard of—his angry father having refused to correspond with him. He seemed to be everywhere forgotten, and he was—everywhere but in one place. But grief will wear itself out.

SMITH WANTED WHAT HE ORDERED. Some years ago an Austin merchant, whom we will call Smith—because that was and is the name painted on his sign-board, sent an order for goods to a New York firm.

THE UGLIEST OF ALL RACES. The ancient Huns seem to have been the ugliest of all the ugly races of Central Asia; and the homeliest individual—with one exception—was probably the "Veiled Prophet of Bokhara."

THE PARROT WONDERED. Two sailors went with a tame parrot to a show in Tokio, where a Japanese was giving an exhibition of slight-of-hand, interspersed with acrobatic feats.

THEIR SECOND YOUTH. The Lady Annabel sat in a small room in her father's castle, looking out of a window which overlooked a wide landscape.

This state of things continued for some months, in spite of various remonstrances on the part of one father and polite speeches on the part of the other.

We said visitors were never admitted there, and they were not. So much the greater then was the surprise of all the servants when, one day, a fine-looking middle-aged man was seen in the large parlor in converse with their mistress;

INDIA-RUBBER GATHERING. When the hunter has found a rubber tree, he first clears away a space from the roots, and then moves on in search of others, returning to commence operations as soon as he has marked all the trees in the vicinity.

THE FREEZING CURE. By means of freezing parts may be rendered wholly insensible to pain, so that slight surgical operations may be easily performed.

HOW FLOUR IS MADE. Flour was formerly made by simply grinding wheat at one operation to the finest possible flour, and then separating by sieves the flour from the bran.

When she found herself alone, the Lady Annabel walked up and down the small apartment, then stopping before the looking glass she said: "My birthday! Am I indeed twenty-nine to-morrow? Twenty-nine! That sounds odd!

But so it was, in spite of all her grief. It was then as it is now, as it always has been and always will be—man speaks, and woman abides by it.

INHERITED PERILS. Foremost among the perils of life, in all its stages, and especially in its early stages, are the inherited. We may safely say that no one is born free from taint of disease, and we may almost say with equal certainty that there is no defensible disease that does not admit of being called hereditary.

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE. The Committee on Agriculture, to whom had been intrusted the query from Indiana: "Are we advancing in agriculture?" reported that they had spent seven weeks in investigating the matter, and were quite ready to answer in the affirmative.

PROF. HENRY W. HAYNES read a paper before the Boston Natural History Society, a few days ago, in which he argued that man first appeared in New England, or at least that there were men there long anterior to the Indians.

AN Indian violinist has a fiddle which was made of wood from the trunk of a tree found forty years ago six or eight feet below the surface of the ground in a good state of preservation and believed to have existed before the flood.

"And Jasper is coming home," continued the Lady Annabel to herself, "How well do I remember the first time I saw him—it was on my birthday! I was 12 years old, and, although he was just my age, I was a tall girl and he a little boy.

But she was wrong—she was not quite as old as she thought. A few years passed away. Her violent sorrow became changed by degrees into a melancholy, and then into a gravity.

AN amusing incident occurred at the Pension Office the other day. One of the examiners, in looking over the papers of an applicant for a pension, found that it was indorsed by Lutherford B. Hayes, of Fremont, Ohio.

THE members of the party. In drinking wine, when you get to the bottom of your glass do not throw your head back and draw your breath like the exhaust of a bath-tub in order to get the last drop, as it engenders a feeling of the most depressing melancholy among the guests.

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