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THE LOST GARDEN. There was a fair green garden sloping from the southeast side of a mountain ledge. And the earliest tints of the dawn came groping down through its paths from the day's dim edge.

Professor Haechel's Life in Ceylon. My great resource as an article of diet, was the fruit which abounded at every meal. Next to the bananas of every variety of which I consumed several at every meal, my standing dessert consisted of mangoes (Mangifera indica), egg-shaped green fruit, from three to six inches long; their cream-like golden pulp has a faint but distinct aroma of turpentine.

Violins. Louis Blumenberg, the violinist virtuoso, has been spending his leisure seasons here at his home. When the correspondent dropped in he was contemplating his instrument with a dissatisfied air. The amber varnish on the violinello shone with its wonted mellow luster, its long neck was firmly erect, its carved head thrown back in true Stradivarius pose, and the strings, as they were fretted by the virtuoso's fingers, emitted sonorous tones.

SCHOOL'S TOOKEN UP. The boys have come back to their schools, to violate no laws and rules. The lawless joke, and the stealthy grin. The cunning wink, and the crooked grin. The capziled ink, and the whispered din.

A BIG NUGGET. In the early times in California claims were small and road-agents numerous, and men, if they found a nugget of extraordinary size, were afraid their ground might be jumped or themselves robbed and perhaps murdered going below, and thus kept the largest gold finds a secret until they could get out of the mountains and the State.

He Sat Down. We were running through South Carolina, when a great big giant of a fellow with a terrible eye and a voice like a foghorn boarded the train at a small station. I think most of the passengers sized him up as a chap whom it would be dangerous to argue with, but the giant wasn't satisfied with that.

FITH AND POINT. Eloquence is the best speech of the best soul. It is difficult for a woman to keep a secret, and I know more than one man who is a woman. The astronomers at Harvard University have figured out that the comet went around the sun at the rate of 240 miles a second. Probably the sun had a bill against the comet.

Spoopendyke Crab-Fishing. Coming up the river the other day, I saw a middle-aged gentleman in a blue suit and a white shirt, sitting in a row beside an attractive lady, feeling around among a lot of strings pendant from the side of the boat, and warning the lady that she could not keep too quiet.

Applying Manure. Some farmers (or who pretend to be farmers) scoff at the idea of improving the production of prairie soil by stable and barn-yard manures. This is only the outcropping of shiftless and improvident farmers. Others never have any time to haul out manure, or perhaps it is frozen in a solid mass, so that it can not be moved.

The National Pike. The opening of the Redstone branch of the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston Railroad marks a still further decline in the famous old National turnpike from Cumberland to Wheeling. An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, Md., to the State of Ohio, became a law in 1808, and the first stagecoach carrying the United States mails over that route made its first trip on August 1, 1818.

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