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But it shrivels as all When down from St. Paul Comes the blast of its blustering blizzard.

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Southern writers are, as a general thing, repressed. Their productions are crowded out to make room for clippings of scandal and sensationalism to suit the morbid taste of the average reader.

The Blair Bill.

"X." in Richmond State. I have been struck with the fact that some of our daily papers, in maintaining the constitutionality of the Blair bill, seem to be satisfied of its constitutionality because Lamar, Garland and others so think.

The saddest feature of the entailment of a wholesale poverty upon a people of culture and refinement is that of privation in literary pleasures and pursuits. But as revival progresses in our financial affairs we may begin to "turn on the light" of hope in regard to a renaissance in learning.

We used to think that when a man wanted a thing the proper way to get it was to work for it. But at length we have become so weakened and debauched by public charities that we are fast learning to think that the only orthodox way to get what we want is to beg or steal it.

Be very careful, writes E. E. Mc., of Louisiana, to the Cultivator farmers, how you destroy weeds and other so-called pests. To show you how careful you ought to be, I will give you an idea of a common weed, which until last week, I thought an unmitigated nuisance.

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

A certain young man of this town (he doesn't belong to the Reform Club) proposed for the hand of one of our girls. As she hesitated, he said: "I await your answer with bated breath." The young lady, who is a good deal of a humorist, said: "Well, Mr. Blank, you will have to bait your breath with something besides whiskey to catch your humble servant with."

THE SHADOW.

low ceiled drawing-room of Shore Cottage, whose windows looked out upon the trembling waves, with a red crescent moon hanging low in the horizon.

"Do you think so, Aunt?" said Dotty, shivering a little. "What a strange noise that is! I'm sure some one is tapping at the window!"

"It is only the trails of ivy growing around that north casement, my dear," said Aunt Patty, calmly. "I must trim it to-morrow a little. It is picturesque, but inconvenient."

"Please ma'am," said Nora, edging up closer to the table and the fire-light, "is it true about the ghosts?"

"You geese!" cried Aunt Patty, with a contagious peal of laughter, "it's old Renny's white cow coming home to be milked. Look for yourselves if you don't believe it."

"Be the bones of the howly St. Patrick, it's that an' nothin' more!" said Nora. And she went back to her kitchen with renewed courage, while Lucy and Dotty confessed how foolishly credulous they had been.

"Of course there are no such things as real ghosts," said Lucy. "But a person can't help being nervous," said Dotty.

"You would never have thought of the thing if it hadn't been for old Renny," said Aunt Patty. "I wish he had held his ridiculous tongue!"

"Did you?" demanded Miss Lockland, turning sharply upon him. "Many a time, ma'am, at the full of the moon, when I've been comin' in with my fishing smack, flutterin' past the empty windows, ma'am, till my blood run cold."

And accordingly, just one week from that bright September afternoon, Miss Patty Lockland sat knitting by the twilight fire in the long,

Importance of Personal Cleanliness.

Very many people do not keep the skin active and healthy as they ought; the fear of catching cold leads them to neglect to maintain perfect cleanliness of the body, and as the functions of the skin are impaired, the work of throwing out waste material, which rightfully belongs to it, falls upon the internal organs.

By neglect to keep the skin in a healthy state, many a person becomes dull and sluggish and disinclined to mental or bodily effort; all the organs concerned in life share in the disturbance and become indolent and torpid. The need to maintain perfect cleanliness of the body is, if possible, greater in winter than in summer, a fact which but few appreciate; and to the neglect of this essential may be attributed much of the sickness prevailing in cold weather, which really ought to be the healthiest of the year.

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