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Home is Home.

The snowflakes press up the pane. Where once was heard the pattering rain. And all the twigs are drenched in white.

THE YOUNGEST SISTER.

BY JULES FOREST GRAVES.

"I don't know how it is," groaned Kate Blessington, "but in our family always happen cross-grained."

depot building just as the train steamed away from the other.

Christine looked up and down the platform. Most of the passengers had already started forth in different directions, but one man stood there, glancing up and down the road, with a valise in his hand.

And while she was engaging on these subjects, old Jenks stopped sleepily at the front gate of the pretty Blessington cottage.

ever. Kate Blessington looked infinitely puzzled.

"Dear me!" said she; "it's one of Christine's blunders. We were very foolish to have trusted her."

At the end of the year, when the snows lay white on the hillsides, Mr. Dorrance was still boarding at the Blessington cottage, and tormenting everybody on the subject of his "diet."

Illustrating a Turkish Proverb. There is a Turkish proverb which says that "the gift of a peasant comes high."

Rat-Catching Ferrets. Ferrets, the little, sharp-toothed little animals which are trained to hunt rats in New York houses, get their first lessons in vermin killing at the age of three months.

MAIL ODDITIES.

Queer Things That Are Seen at the New York Postoffice.

A Museum Filled With Articles Confiscated By Uncle Sam.

On the third floor and west side of the post-office building, overlooking the coast, says a writer in the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, is a large room, which in character partakes about equally of junk-shop, storehouse and museum.

On Consumption. Dr. Brown-Square, of Paris, in treating before the Academy of Sciences the causes of phthisis, takes many of his examples from England.

Precious Boxes. Perhaps the chief thing during the Civil war which afforded equal pleasure to the soldier and his friends, at home was the sending and the reception of boxes of good things.

A City Beneath the Tide. A city at the bottom of the sea was seen toward the end of October near Treptow, in Prussia, when a powerful south wind blew the waters of the Baltic away from the shore.

Why Corn Pops. The peculiarity of popcorn is that it contains more oil than other varieties of maize. When gradually exposed to heat over a brisk fire, the oil in the grain becomes converted into gas, which expanding tears open the starch cells of the corn.

An Aged Sea Anemone.

For many years an object of curiosity in the Botanical Gardens at Edinburgh has been the sea anemone, which on account of its age has received the nickname of "Granny."

Scientific Scrap. Professor Knowlidge and Hutchins of Harvard College report that their extensive and careful researches tend to disprove the view that any gas exists as any part of the sun.

The Minister of Song. Not the child's song, with careless laughter sung. From room to room, with many a laugh and gleam.

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Nice Enough. "Oh!" exclaimed a young lady occasionally, "I would like to paint these flowers!"

The Warmest Sales. I know that it is contrary to conventional notions, says John Sawyer in the Globe-Democrat, but it is a fact all the same, that the feet should be kept warmer in cold weather by wearing a shoe with a light sole than with a thick one.

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