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Miranda.

They had "a small and early," at "the Elms" across the way...

Oh, her face was like the lily when the sunshine follows shower, And the men around her hovered like the bees around a flower.

Skilful sculptor never molded who could reproduce the turn Of the arm of sweet Miranda as she tips the steaming urn.

KATE'S COMPANY.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

Miss Weatherby was alone at home, the family being absent at a social function where they would be detained until midnight.

As the members of the family and the two girls filed out of the front door, Kate quickly closed it and, in obedience to her mother's command, put up the clanking burglar-chain which secured it within.

"Now this is comfort," she said to herself, with whom she was on very good terms. "Afraid? I should like to know what there is to make me afraid."

It was a rustling sound, but it lasted only a moment and Miss Weatherby told herself that it was some piece of furniture unlimbering its joints.

"Now if I were nervous," she thought, "I would be calling on the neighbors for protection against imaginary burglars. I'm not nervous, and if the chairs walk about the room they will not disturb me."

So she took up a magazine and began to read. Strangely enough, the first thing that attracted her was the description of a phantom battle which had been seen in Pennsylvania on the banks of the Delaware.

back, so was not crystallized into a pillar of warning.

She put down the Magazine containing the revolutionary story, and took up another one, and ran over its contents. The title of one story—Miss Weatherby was fond of light reading—struck her favorably, and she found it quite interesting.

"A great knocking at her door penetrated above the sound of the storm, and the timid woman looked out to see a long file of sheeted ghosts, their fleshless faces hidden in the folds of their shrouds, making as much noise with their bloodless fists on the door panels as if they were still in the flesh.

"The sheet and pillow-case party which was to come off on Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs. B— was a failure. The young people materialized, but the hostess wouldn't let them in."

Crack—creak—swish—but Kate never turned her head. She wasn't going to humor the furniture by watching its capers, and she knew she was alone in the house; she could tell that by her average number of senses.

"Perhaps," she said to her Ego, "I am developing an extra sense of smell, but it really does seem to me that there is an odor of tobacco about."

There was nobody in the family who smoked, and tobacco was an unknown quantity in Kate's social algebra.

"Pshaw! I'm tired sitting still. Eleven o'clock. In another hour the folks will be home. I'm going all over the house, into every room, just to prove I'm not afraid."

And she did, finding, as she believed, everything just as it had been left. She did not miss her sealskin jacket from the rack in the hall, nor did she see how empty her jewelry case was, nor miss the basket of silverware from the sideboard in the dining-room, where she took a candle and lighted it to see her way to the furnace room in the basement.

"Don," she called, "Don, where are you?" Don was a big Maltese cat that slept in the furnace room. He did not run to meet her as usual, nor could she at first locate him, but she saw a pair of hot, shining eyes under a bench, and tried to call him out.

She said to herself that the cat was bewitched, like the furniture, and looking around saw that the door of the coal cellar was open. From some undefined impulse she decided to close it.

If she had turned her head at that moment, she would have seen a vision incomparably more terrible than that of any ghostly regiment, but fortunately for herself, she did not look

ing in a new atmosphere of fresh night air.

"What's the matter, Kate?" they inquired in concert.

"Nothing," answered Kate; "do I look ill? I feel a little faint, that's all."

"Pah!" said Mr. Weatherby, "who has been smoking vile tobacco here?"

There they found him—burglar, tramp, murderer, too, if occasion had demanded it, for he acknowledged before he was sent up that if Kate had put her head in the coal-cellar to which he had retreated at her approach, he stood ready to strike her down with the bludgeon he carried.

Miss Weatherby often speculates upon the possibilities entailed upon her on that memorable evening, when she so unconsciously trifled with an unseen and terrible agent of evil, but the family always refer to him in a jocular way as "Kate's company."

A Superstition About Yellow.

"Did you ever know that actors and circus people have a superstitious dread of anything yellow," asked Billy Thompson, a member of the profession, of the corridor man at the Lindell.

"It's true, nevertheless. If a yellow dog should run across a field where a circus was erecting its tent it would consider it an omen of bad luck and would at once change its locality. I remember one incident that occurred down in Tennessee a few years ago that particularly bears out my statement.

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"The Mandegnas have attained a considerable degree of cultivation and knowledge of the common arts. Their musical instruments are the flute, zither, harp, bell and drum. The Veis of Liberia, having obtained an acquaintance with letters from contact with Arabs, have invented an alphabetical primer of their own language, original and independent both of the Arabic and English characters.

"Africa is destined before long to become the great gold-producing continent of the world. In 1889 it yielded \$8,600,000 worth of that metal. Last year it produced about \$25,000,000 worth of gold. During 1894 the output of its gold mines is likely to equal the \$36,000,000 produced by the United States.

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Aids to Longevity.

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CULTURED SAVAGES.

This Paradox of Races Exists in Africa.

Tribes of Natives as White as Europeans.

"Most people think of the natives of tropical Africa as naked savages, without any of the resources of civilization," said an expeditionary to a Washington Star reporter.

"You are probably aware that the mining and working of iron have been understood by the natives of that part of the world ever since prehistoric times. In Liberia the Mande are smelters of iron and workers in gold and silver. They are also tanners of leather and weavers of cloth, and they make an infinite variety of domestic articles.

"The Bagandias of Victoria Nyanza do beautiful work in brass, copper and ivory. On the slave coast the people of Dahomey, who otherwise possess an unenviable reputation, are accorded a very respectable position in industrial arts and handicrafts.

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relieved, and thus is cardiac energy conserved. Of almost equal importance, at any rate in Great Britain, is the question of atmospheric pressure and moisture to aged persons. Situations which are at once low-lying and damp, give of course, a maximum of atmospheric pressure. Such pressure weighs down at a single stroke body, mind and life.

THE LABOR WORLD.

THE K. of L. claims 300,000 members. BOZON has 60,000 unemployed women.

THE AMERICAN RAILWAY UNION has 150 branches. THE OMAHA ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION has 125 members.

THE BRITISH LABORER spends more for food than the worker elsewhere, except in the United States.

THE STREETS OF PARIS are swept every morning by 3500 males and 600 female scavengers, divided into 143 brigades.

NOTICED large increases in the number of small strikes weekly have taken the place of resumptions of industrial establishments.

THE AVERAGE reduction of wages in Michigan during the last six months has been 5 1/2 per cent.

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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

THE SALARY of the Archbishop of Canterbury is \$75,000 a year.

THE DUKE OF VERACRUZ has been appointed President of the Spanish Senatorial Commission on Treaties of Commerce with Germany, Austria and Italy.