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Platonic.

I knew it the first of the summer - I knew it the same at the end - That you and your love was plighted, But couldn't you be my friend? Couldn't we sit in the twilight, Couldn't we walk on the shore, With only a pleasant friendship To bind us, and nothing more?

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Leslie saw Willa Barrington daily, she was the perfect, gentle courtesy she accorded him; there was not a shade of orange in her manner, though they read and talked and sang together every day.

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FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

There are from 4,000 to 5,000 species of well-known birds. The minor scale was derived from the song of the cuckoo.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Watered silk is revived. Now is the season for flower bonnets. There is a revival of old Chantilly lace.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Nine men have been hanged in Assam by lynchers within a month. The present money circulation in the United States, paper and specie, exceeds a billion dollars.

THE IMPRISONED CAZAR.

A Berlin correspondent of the London Times sends another curious account of the Czar's mode of life in his palace at Gatchina.

A MAN-HATER.

"That girl?" Leslie Morgan turned to his companion with a prolonged stare of incredulity. "I tell you it is true," persisted his informant.

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Inmate of Almshouses.

The popular expression about the pauper class is a queer mixture of indifference and sentimental pity. While not one in a thousand has ever taken to himself the name of an almshouse, there is yet a prevalent idea that almshouses, for the most part, shelter the unhappy and guiltless poor.

After Mary Day.

A remarkable record is related by a Massachusetts City (N. C.) correspondent. About fifty years ago a propositioning young woman appeared suddenly in a small mountain town near Asheville.

Mexican Washerwomen.

A correspondent in Mexico writes: The Mexican women, like their most remote ancestors, persist in washing on a stone - "los de lavadora" - on their knees at the side of a stream, or if at home, still in the same position on the identical stone slab.

In a Mexican Market.

In a letter from the City of Mexico, describing a Mexican market, occurs the following: In going through this market one Sunday morning, I jotted down the different varieties of fruits and vegetables as I saw them, on the margin of a newspaper.

The Hippopotamus.

Dr. Emil Holub, in his book on "Seven Years in South Africa," gives the Hippopotamus a very bad name. The animal is very easily excited by anything unusual, and whenever he sees anything to which he has been unaccustomed, or which comes before him unawares, such as a horse, an ox, a porcupine, a log of wood, or even a fluttering garment, he will fly at it with ungovernable fury.

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What was it that blanched her cheek to the hue of death? The waves had risen till every avenue had been cut off. In a few hours they would sweep her from her frail foothold out into the world beyond.

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A Connecticut farmer "advises the raising of peacocks," not for their musical voice, but for their many-eyed plumage. They are as easily tamed as turkeys, and while the art decorative mania lasts, "there's millions in 'em."

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