

A Little Boy-Lover of Mine. A fine to-day on the street I met. Now deeply bronzed and bearded...

DIAMONDS IN THE GUTTER.

A little girl sat on a doorstep, watching the rain-drops as they splashed in the puddles, stopping to count them...

Then he passed out of sight, and she drew her tattered shawl round her with a shiver, for the street seemed to have grown darker and colder than it was before.

Presently a window behind her opened, and something flashed down like a falling star on to the pavement.

"Poor little 'tar," she said, wiping it with the corner of her shawl, "me can't take 'em back just yet, but me go 'fore long, doctor says, and then me take 'em with me."

"That the flowers I give you are passed on to someone else," said Marion, "but I'll send you something so nice instead."

"I was so angry, because I had just heard of the roses," he interrupted hastily. "But I'd tell you all about it, only it would not interest you now."

little calmer, she sent out some servants to look for the ring, but got a trace of it was to be seen, although in consequence of the badness of the weather, the policeman averred that no one had passed by for the last half-hour.

Not long after this, Miss Densley was engaged to act in some tableaux-vivants at the house of Mrs. Mackenzie. In one scene Harold Battiscombe had to kneel at her feet as an ardent lover, with her left hand pressed to his lips, whilst she turned away in apparent agitation.

When she opened her eyes again, she found herself on the sofa in a little boudoir, and he was kneeling by her side with a scent bottle in his hand.

"Walk in, mum," said a haggard-looking woman with tired eyes; "she's getting past everything but groaning and coughing, and that she do pretty nigh all the day."

"My ring!" exclaimed Marion, "dropping the spoon in her agitation. 'Your ring, ma'am? My goodness, Lottie, think of you stealing the lady's ring!'"

"She did not steal it, she found it in the road," said Marion kindly, as she saw large tears rolling one after the other down the wasted cheeks.

Day after day Marion brought sunshine and happiness to that miserable home. Mrs. Smith was supplied with constant needlework, and dainties of every description found their way to the sick child.

If they had been distant acquaintances and formal remarks on the weather were stopped by the raising of the curtain. The opera was nearly over, and the coveted opportunity was slipping away.

"Come along, or we shall lose the carriage," Marion rose, fastening her cloak round her neck, and let the glove fall as if by accident.

"But why did you ever do it?" looking down with puzzled eyes at her blushing face.

Five Thousand Tortoises. In the back yard of the house next door but one to my abode there are stored at the present time no less than nineteen casks full of tortoises.

"It is a great wonder to me that the number of defalcations by treasurers of corporations is not larger than it is," observed a treasurer of one of the counties of Maryland to a Baltimore American reporter, while speaking of the recent failures.

English Girls and Women. In all physical exercise, writes a correspondent, the English lass is not to be surpassed. I noticed two young girls walking in the park last week.

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ONE OF PINKERTON'S FEATS

The Accusing Blood that Led a Murderer to Commit Suicide. "I was just thinking," said Captain R. J. Linden, superintendent of Pinkerton's Detective Agency, "of the wonderful will power and untiring perseverance of Allen Pinkerton."

Major Pinkerton's perseverance and ingenuity were the secrets of his success in all his undertakings. He could not accomplish his purpose by one plan he immediately resorted to another.

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A Badger Baiting.

An amusing incident in the unwritten history of Abraham Lincoln is told by the Hon. Ward H. Lamon of this city. While the gentlemen were law-partners in Illinois, and before Lincoln was thought of for President of the United States, they happened to visit an agricultural fair in an inland town of Tennessee.

Mr. Lincoln hit upon a happy thought. Taking Ward to one side they found a lank countryman with a still lanker mastiff.

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MACKAY AND HIS CABIN.

How the Bonanza King Roughed It Before Fortune Smiled on Him. In the first months of 1860 times were tough on the Comstock. The winter of 1859-60 was terribly severe, as all old settlers will remember.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

Familiarly does not always mean contempt. For instance, that of the girl and ice-cream.

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