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DORKIN'S NIGHT.

The theater was full, it was Christmas night, And Dorkin was going to play...

At length he appeared amid loud applause, But something was wrong, I could see...

At length to the footlights he slowly approached, "Ladies and gentlemen," said...

DAME URSULA'S GOLD.

Nearly fifty years ago, in the city of New York, not far from what is now called the Battery...

Ursula Bond dwelt there in grim loneliness, forcing the beautiful and artless Leonora, only child of her deceased father...

"Leo!" "Hist!" whispered the maiden. "Is it you, Walter?" "Is the coast all clear?"...

"That for her staff?" said Walter, as he snapped his fingers. "But where is she?" "Writing in the back bedroom..."

"I only wish she was mine," said Walter. "And if she lives long enough she will be, won't she?" "If you behave yourself..."

"Bah! for the police!" said Walter Brandon. "Am I not a match for two men who speak bad French?" "But, my dear Walter..."

"Please, grandmother, let me have a light," said Leonora, who trembled at the thought of spending that night in darkness.

A golden dream by a sharp pain in her neck and a loud oath. Springing from her bed, she shrieked for help...

"Hag!" hissed the old man—yet he was much younger than she, "do you think because the devil lets you live so long that you are to live forever?"

"To tell you, I must leave this room," said Ursula, as her corpse-like visage grew livid with hate and despair.

Ursula grasped the ring with both hands and strove to raise it, till growing impatient, he grasped it himself...

While Bond entered the house from the front, his accomplice, a brutal wretch from France, had gained a noiseless entrance from the rear...

Not until the sudden flash from the French burglar's lantern streamed across the room did Walter remember his self-imposed office...

When Walter regained his senses, he found his sweetheart weeping and chafing his hands, and he was delighted to discover that the robber's bullet had only stunned him...

Not six months from that night Walter became the husband of the wealthy Leonora, who was sole heiress of Dame Ursula's gold...

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The old woman who lived in a shack was probably the only one who never complained of its being too large.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

A long time ago, oh, a long time ago, Things were very much different from nowadays, you know.

The birds and the beasts held a mid-summer fair. And all were invited and so all were there.

The horse got a mane and the cow got some horns. (But she had to strike trades with two unicorns).

Perhaps you imagine this story's not true, But this is the way I can prove it to you: When a tadpole grows up to a frog, to this day.

Amusement for Young Folks. A piece of glass is supported between two books by being placed beneath the covers, and underneath it are put little figures cut from tissue paper.

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Ordination of a Priest. A missionary in China thus describes the ordination ceremony of a bonze (priest) of which he was a witness: "On the appointed day the friends and invited guests assemble in the pagoda where the ceremony is to take place."

Economy in Profanity. The English law of libel makes profanity a money-saving vice. If you call a man a thief, and cannot prove your assertion, you commit libel.

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The Apple of Faith. The teacher was trying to communicate to the juvenile class an idea of faith, and to better illustrate it she held up an apple and said:

"If I were to tell you there are no seeds in this apple you would believe me without further proof, would you not?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered the class in chorus. "Well, that is faith," said the teacher.

The One to Complain. Higgins—That dog of yours is making night hideous right along. The neighbors are all up in arms about him.

Rough on the Bay State. A teacher in civil government had told his pupils that once in ten years the State of Massachusetts takes a census.

His Only Plan. "A pretty lot of children you are for a minister to have," exclaimed a pastor whose children were misbehaving at the church.

White and Dark Meat. The belief that white meats are more suitable for the sick owing to greater digestibility and containing less uric acid and nitrogenous extractives is shaken by an analysis made by prominent medical men...

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With Ma's Bias. Harry's father was an author who had written several books of which he was rather proud, but of the merits of which his wife never lost occasion, within her own household, to sneeringly speak.

Youthful Marriages in Algiers. A census was taken lately in Algiers, and it was found that the youngest Arab man was 12 years old, and that there were very many boys who were married at 13 and 14, while some at 15 years of age had several wives.

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TRUMPET CALLS.

Rama's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

To be content with less is to have less discontent. A very little child may open a very large door into heaven.

Fidelity to old truths demands hospitality to new ones. If you would escape all censure, do not walk with Christ.

Tommy's Reason. "Tommy," said his uncle, "can you tell me why the enemies of poor St. Sebastian shot him full of arrows?"

Incident in the Career of a Noted Literary Clergyman. Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, whose "Recollections of a Missionary in the Great West" has been so favorably reviewed, has overlooked one incident in his career that at the time made him the most-talked-of man in Denver.

Unprofitable Stock. It is one thing to keep an old animal that has been the pride and pet of the family for years, after it has ceased to be profitable, and another to keep one that is not and never was able to earn its keeping.

Training Low Laid. Stone will make an excellent drain for low, wet land if it is laid carefully. It has the advantage of being indestructible, and once made the drains set-therefore for a time to disrupt the church and filled the newspapers for days with frantic headlines.

Cross Section of Stone Drain. But the stone is to be laid carefully so that it will not fall in, and that the water will not flow in behind it, and wash out the foundation.

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FARMS AND FARMERS

Hold a Milk Pail Firmly. It is a somewhat difficult task to hold a milk pail between the knees while filling it with the lactical fluid, and it is not always a wise plan to set the pail on the floor beneath the animal's udder, both for sanitary reasons and because of the danger of an accidental upset.

Changing Seed. There is yet much to be learned about the matter of increasing crops by obtaining seed from other sections than that where it is to be planted. At the Iowa Experiment Station they obtained potatoes from Canada and planted them by the side of seed grown up on their own soil, from the seventh crop of that variety grown there.

Hackney Stallion. Bell Boy, a promising young Hackney stallion, with Courier for his sire and Belle Lyons for his dam, was bred by Dr. W. S. Webb, Shelburne Farms, Vermont. He is of rich, dark chestnut color, a model in conformation and action.

Breeding from Grade Animals. Years ago, when animals of pure breed were scarce in this country, farmers used to grow some very good cows, although both the parents were of such mixed breeds that it would have been difficult to tell what predominated.

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