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NOTHIN' TO SAY.

Nothin' to say, my daughter! Nothin' at all, to say, my daughter! Girls that's a love, I've noticed, generally has their way!

Yet mother did, afore you, when her father dictated me—

Tit here, and here have you sit! and yer mother—where she is?

You look like me your mother: Party more in it, sit!

And about the same complected; and favor about the eyes.

Like her, too, about livin' here, because she could not like you was dead like her!

I'll just say, my daughter! Nothin' at all to say!

She left you her little Bible—writ your name on the page—

And left her ear-bobs for you, if ever you came of age!

I've alius kep' 'em! and guarded 'em, but if I goin' away—

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You don't reflect her, I reckon? Not; you would a year old then!

And now—how old are you? Why, child; not twenty?" When?

And yer next birthday, in April? and you want to get married?

"I—I—I'm not mother what livin'!"—but I ain't got nothing to say!

Twenty year, and as good a girl as parent ever found!

There's a straw ketched over yess dress there—I'll finish it off—turn round.

(Her mother was just twenty whenas two (ten way)!

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—James Whitcomb Riley in the Century.

HISTORIC HARPER'S FERRY.

A Quiet Old Town with Picturesque Scenery and Surroundings.

Mt. HILL, JEFFERSON HAMMERS, W. Va., Aug. 4.—"John Brown's body lies moldering in the ground," while the memory of the sainted abolitionist is kept green by the moss-covered ruins which during the early days of the rebellion marked the scenes of his work, tumults, escapes, and finally unfortunate end. Beyond the inferior brick structure which served as his fort, Harper's Ferry contains few of the landmarks of the time. Everyone who has traveled over this mountainous section of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has been pointed out to him or her this ancient-looking, one-story building with its cupola and semicircular doors, bearing over them the battle scars of the Civil War.

It contributes to the reservation it occupies is that which furnishes a resting place to the immense stone coping, with its iron rail fence, that incloses in winter times the Government machine shops, the foundation and upper works of which are still visible.

The town of Harper's Ferry consists of a score of old-fashioned houses, a venerable rifle-bore cannon and many colored people, like a Swiss village at the foot of the Alps.

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Josephine of Allentown, Pa., a school tax collector, who died July 24, is found to be short to the extent of \$5,000.

The winning horses at Monmouth Park were Omaha, Sunbeam, The Bard (beating Trademark and Barnum), Pontiac, Editor and Racer.

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It is stated that General Master-Workman Powney has signed the charter applied for by the school, and that it will be issued in a few days.

Mr. Alfred Archer, a former well-known merchant of Petersburg, Va., died Wednesday evening at the Isaac asylum at Williamsburg, where he was carried a few months ago for treatment.

The captain of the steam steamer Intrepid on Wednesday seized the fishing boat Gold Dust, belonging to Mr. Blanchard of Eastport, Me., while taking in fish at Fair Haven, Deer Island, N. E.

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