

"THE SEER, THE YELLOU LEAF."

ON THE BORDERLAND BETWEEN YOUTH AND OLD AGE.

Old Age Not Unhappy—It's Better to Yield to It Gracefully—The Transition Stage.

A dear old lady, who died recently somewhat past the age of four-score, declared a few years ago that since she had really given up trying to pretend to be young she had enjoyed life much more than when passing through the transition period.

Every one has been under, more considerably, more anxious and ready to do little things for her, and she had been very comfortable and happy.

There is much in her remark that is worth pondering by women who are growing old. Is there not a suggestion in it, nay, a proof, that the world loves truth? She had given up trying to deceive the world, and the world—her world—showed its gratitude, its appreciation, by nameless little acts of kindness and courtesy.

To grow old gracefully is said to be extremely difficult for women, and for some men. And it is not to be wondered at; to acknowledge that one is old, really old, and out of the race, laid aside, as it were, and fit only to sit at the fireside and listen to gossip; to blazon to the world that one is no longer able to go to ball and to the opera; that one is incapable of going about as much as formerly; that, in fact, one no longer cares for it, is a hard thing for most women to do.

But once the gulf is crossed, and the uplands of old age are reached, everything is calm, comfortable, content. There is no need of any hypocrisy, no need of any excuse for not doing this, and that, and the other thing; everything is understood, no explanations are needed and no questions are asked.

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GOSSIP OF THE TELEPHONE.

QUEER KINKS OF WHICH SUBSCRIBERS KNOW NOTHING.

The Receiver Good Enough for a Transmitter in Case of Need—Possible Effect of the Telephone Upon Language.

Away over on Avenue A a man stood on a corner the other day, talking into a lamp post, while a small knot of curious people gathered round to watch his performance.

Had such a thing occurred twenty years ago, the police would have dispersed the crowd and arrested the object of their curiosity as a lunatic. In this instance, however, the police did nothing, for they knew that the man was merely communicating by telephone through an office of the electric-light company.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

ROSALIND MAY'S COMMENTS ON METROPOLITAN AMUSEMENTS.

Why People Go to Hear Italian Opera Singers in German—The New Swedish Play—General Stage Notes.

Rosalind May, the regular New York correspondent of the SUNDAY UNION, writes as follows under date of December 10th.

"With the inauguration of German Opera, the musical season has fairly opened, and the nights of Monday, Wednesday and Friday find a wonderful display of diamonds and low necks. The two latter, it is well known, come first; considerations of melody or harmony, second. The 400 ragged on exhibit in the two lower boxes, afford spectacles of absorbing interest one to the other; in their private boudoirs at the rear (each box has its boudoir attached, a simple one being fitted up at a cost of \$3,000) they can flirt, eat candy, and in appropriate exclusiveness, promenade in lobbies to which none other are admitted.

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