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THE TOPICAL TALKER.

A Diabellian Merry-Go-Round—See Summer's Fled—Two Kinds of Stogies—Forethought.

UNTIL a few days ago a merry-go-round made a dismal vacant lot on Fifth avenue a very popular place for the young folks of the city who owned the whirling mugs of lots of money while they tarried there.

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NEW YORK NEWS NOTES.

A Good Look on Her Husband. NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS.

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