

A Box of Violets.

Buttons was the latest addition to Mrs. Hopkins' household. With two inside men, a page boy seemed superfluous, but he had come to stay. That energetic woman was interested in a thousand charities, and in course of a visit of inspection to the orphan asylum of which she had recently been made a director, she was struck by one small face that she encountered as she went sweeping up and down through the building, condemning and approving in her downright way.

And Willie, for whom it was a delicious excitement, was deputed to answer the bell at this hour when no formal visitor was likely to arrive. He swung wide the great door, and stood on the threshold like a tiny spirit summoned from Elfland. The young Buttons, laughing good naturedly, said, "Willie," said he, dropping his voice to a confidential whisper, "see this box!" "Willie's eyes widened responsively. "Oh, my goodness, what is it? A valentine? It is for her?" "Yes," nodded Graham, never dreaming of any misapprehension. He had fallen in love with Madge so openly and ardently that the whole world was gossiping about the affair, and that any one living under the same roof with her could have contrived to remain ignorant of the object of his devotion did not occur to him for a moment. He slipped a silver dollar into the lad's fingers.



The United States troops adopted the Spanish trick of stringing a barbed-wire trench across the boundary line. As wirecutters are unknown to Aguinaldo's followers, they find the barbed wire very effective. In this illustration you see our soldiers in the act of building up a breastwork of stones behind which they can fire.

Madge, which he meant to follow up when he met her later at the ball, and learn his fate for good and all. He went to the club, but he could not breathe indoors, so back he wandered to the park, and the path which a gleam from her lighted window stole now and then across the leafless trees, and there he tramped up and down, nursing his hopes and building bewildering castles in the air till 10 o'clock struck from a neighboring steeple, and there was just time to get himself into his evening clothes. Meantime, Buttons, scarcely less excited, climbed the stairs and knocked at Miss Nellie's door.

forth the mercenary character of the ecclesiastics of the Established Church to them? They had entered like thieves in the night, and their crime was indicated by the epithet "hireling." The greater is their crime that they kill, steal, and offend in the realm of the spirit. On this dark background of the false, the ideal of the true. Another turn is made when he declares himself "the door." Again he is pre-eminently "the door" to the light. He bursts the shell of sectarianism, and he says, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

FINANCE AND TRADE.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent; last loan 4 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1/2 to 4 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 3/4 to \$4 5/4 for demand and at \$4 3/4 to \$4 3/4 for sixty days; posted rates \$4 1/4 and \$4 1/4. Commercial bills \$4 1/4 to \$4 1/4. Silver certificates 69 1/2 to 70 1/2. Government bonds strong. State bonds steady. Railroad bonds strong.

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