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OLD TIMES.

There's a beautiful song in the stammering air, That drifts through the valley of dreams; It comes from a little where the roses are, And a tangle of hair, and a bright brown hair, That waves in the morning breeze.

MY MOTHER'S HANDS.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're neither white nor small, And you, I know, would surely think That they are fair as all.

THE COST OF A TRAIL.

At the time when the first open court of law was established in Russia, a lady, dressed with the utmost elegance, was walking on the Moscow promenade, leaning upon her husband's arm, and letting the long train of her rich dress sweep the dirt of the street.

After waiting some time the lady had leave to bring her complaint. "What have you to answer to this complaint?" said the judge, turning to the officer, who seemed embarrassed and half in despair.

"On the whole, very little. As the lateness of the hour, and being required on duty, compelled me to hurry, I did not notice this lady's train, which was dragging on the ground. I caught one of my spurs in it, and had the misfortune to tear her dress. Madame would not receive my excuses, but perhaps now she might find herself more disposed to forgiveness, when I again declare, so help me God, that I committed this awkward blunder without any mischievous intention, and I earnestly beg that she will pardon me."

"I will place the two hundred rubles at the service of the defendant." There followed a silence, during which a gentleman forced his way through the crowd and placed himself by the young officer's side.

property—that dress," said the officer, raising his voice. The judge thus appealed to, decided promptly. "The officer is right, madame. You are obliged to hand him over the dress on the spot."

"I can't undress myself here before all these people, and go home without my dress on," said the young woman, with anger and tears. "You should have thought of that sooner. Now you have no time to lose. Either give up the dress of your own accord, or—"

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my rights." There ran through the rows of people a murmur of indignation, that sounded like a rushing of water.

Ministerial Eccentricities. One good-day brother found difficulty in mouthing the names of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and when he came to them again, said naively, "Please, the same three gentlemen as before." One who had resolved to take people as by guide, said, in expounding, "All the world went out to be taxed," etc. "This is a figure of speech called by the learned an hyperbole, a sort of exaggerated statement," and added, by way of application, "If I said you were all asleep it would be an hyperbole, for not more than half of you are in that condition."

Why Young Men Fail. One reason why young men fail is because they undertake much they do not know enough about to secure success. Another is because they will not apply the necessary study and labor in perfecting practical plans and in carefully carrying them out in detail.

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Erskine Reading. Napoleon's Grave. Some years ago the following striking poem (quoted from memory) under the above title, went the rounds of the press in this country:

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Child's Poet. MAIDENHOOD. What happy stars shone on her birth? What grassy corner of the earth? Grew daisies for the baby feet To dance between, since they repeat, On all the flowerless ways they pass, That tressy meadow of the grass?

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dear old Quaker couple. If men only knew how a woman's heart is touched and won by seeing the loving, deferential attention of an old man to his old wife there would be fewer indifferent husbands in the world; for I suppose men always like, at my age, to be admired, if not loved, by women.

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most interesting papers we have seen and we advise all the young folks to save up their nickels and subscribe for it as soon as possible. It is published by J. K. Hudson, Topeka, Kansas, at fifty cents a year.

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"You have insulted my wife." "Nothing was further from my intention, sir. Your wife's long dress is to blame for the accident, which I sincerely regret, and I beg you once more to receive my apology for any carelessness on my part." Thereupon he attempted to hasten on.

"You shall not escape so," said the lady, with her head thrown back in a scornful way. "To-day is the first time I have worn this dress, and it cost two hundred rubles, which you must make good."

"My dear madame, I beg you not to detain me, I am obliged to go on my duty at once. As to the two hundred rubles—I really cannot help the length of your dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having been more cautious."

"You shall not stir, sir. That you are obliged to go on duty is nothing to us. My wife is right; the dress must be made good."

"I hope, madame, you are satisfied." With a malicious smile she reached out her hand for the money. "Yes, now I'm satisfied."

"With a scornful glance over the crowd of spectators, she prepared to leave the court room on her husband's arm.

"What do you want?" "The look that the young cast upon him was as insulting as possible."

"I have nothing to do with you, sir, in this matter, but only with the complaint. Be so good, madame, as to give me the dress immediately. I am in a great hurry, my affairs are urgent, and I cannot wait a moment longer."

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