

A SILHOUETTE.

Over the water the rising moon floated her golden hair. That tingled and curled in the low blown winds from the passes to her forehead fair.

And round each notch of the laden shore, where the still creek croaked and hissed. Then lives away in the strange wild sea, she trembled a golden thread.

And down where the long white fingers pierce the waves with cool tongues lap. Two lovers were walking, who crossed the fields of the moon's round golden map.

And halfway the lunar meadows' lengths their shy shadows light. Then passed like midge, hand in hand, out in the shade and mist.

And if there don't wish their crying known, or their knees to creep to ground. They must do that strange, as in shady spots, or where the moon shines behind the moon.

Corolla Law St. John in New York World.

MICKEY FINN'S DARBY.

Tom Connor was the blacksmith over the hill. Mickey Finn was in the habit of running on errands for Tom, and so, when Providence sent a litter of pigs into Tom's sty, he picked out the smallest, scrawniest, most measly looking pig in the litter and gave it to Mickey.

DELUSIONS OF AUTHORS.

Visions Which Appear to Overworked Authors—Wilkie Collins' "Green Woman." In his interesting paper on contemporary English novelists, the second of a series devoted to "London as a Literary Center," published in Harper's Magazine, Mr. Bowler mentions some singular instances of delusive visions that were apparent to overworked authors.

When Wilkie Collins used to give over to his toilsome composition and the seven-fold revision to which he faithfully adhered, the hours between midnight and dawn, he had an unlovely familiar—a green woman with "tusk teeth," who stood at a particular spot on the stair landing and closed his vigils by the ghoulish salute of biting his shoulder.

After David Christie Murray had passed through those experiences as a journalist, pedestrian and war correspondent that supplied the scenes and experience made vivid in the pages of "A Life's Atonement," "Joseph's Coat," "Val Strange" and "Aunt Rachel," there accompanied the production of "Schwartz, a History," a halberder, dressed in red and black and bearing an ax with which he threatened the writer from behind.

It is characteristic of these hallucinations that intrude on the poetry of literary invention, that they rarely, if ever, result in permanent mental alienation. They are merciful goblins, kind, gentle ghosts, who warn the worker of healthy mind for his own good, that his mental health may be preserved to him for his own advantage and the benefit and pleasure of mankind.

Half an hour later there was a shout of laughter in the backyard. When Mr. Finn went to the back door, he saw little Mike trying to penetrate the hide of the Billy goat with an arrow—New York Evening Sun.

Hoang Ho, "The Curse of China." During the last twenty-five centuries, since the year 600 of the ancient era, the lower Hoang Ho has completely changed its course ten times, cutting itself one or several new beds in the fertile plain, and each time caused a partial depopulation of the country.

Extended observations at Paris and at Munich indicate that the sanitary condition of a locality depends on the amount of water contained in the ground. The years in which there has been a large quantity of ground water present have invariably been the healthiest, while those in which there has been a smaller quantity have invariably been the unhealthiest.—Public Opinion.

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