

BEYOND THESE TEARS.

BY MRS. MANNIE A. MONTFORT. Beyond these dreams and tears— Beyond these hopes and fears— Beyond these weary years...

A BIT OF DRIFT.

BY HESTER STUART. "Brutus Cassius Danks! Are you going after that water or do you expect the spring to come to you?"

lowing with a string of two or three fish. Setting the pail down, he said in a deprecating way: "I hev about c'ncluded to take up with Badger's offer, and go up to Cooperville."

for him. Mr. Danks had come home. They took up the poor body, bruised and battered, but invested for the first time in the eyes of those who knew it with dignity, and as they bore it across the threshold there fell from the pocket a string of discolored blue beads.

A FAMOUS SELLER OF BOOKS. Interesting Sketch of Henry Stevens, the London Book-Dealer. "What is your business, Mr. Stevens?" "I am a seller of books."

A Crucial Test. Woman is by nature so erratic and inconsistent a creature that it doesn't do to bet on her even most marked characteristics. For illustration: The other day old Mr. Pungleup, of Nob Hill, was commenting on the railroad velocity with which young ladies jabber to each other when they meet, without either in the least understanding or replying to what the other says.

BIG PAY FOR AUTHORS. Gen. Grant Paid at the Rate of \$250 a Line for His Memoirs. A British periodical has announced that the editor of a high-class journal for boys in America offered Mr. Gladstone \$500 for an article of fifteen thousand words, this being at the rate of about \$4 per line, and that Mr. Gladstone had declined the offer.