

A FANCY.

Once, wandering o'er untrodden fields
Far from the bustle of the town,
Bound by the spell which fancy weaves,

JOHN WALKER'S PROPOSAL.

"Dear me, I know he is just ready
to say it, and I can't see why he
doesn't say it." And pretty Mary

And Miss Mary blushed rosyly and
finished the sentence with a hysterical
laugh.

Mary Branwood was just at this
moment thinking of John Walker
who for the past two years had been

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misquoted sentence. When it

So Miss Mary sat that February
afternoon in her chair, briskly rocking
to and fro. The afternoon was

She started suddenly and her face
flushed with a feeling that there was a
tinge of immodesty and hypocrisy in

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her of John's arrival. As he entered

A few minutes later the two were
carefully walking along the icy sidewalk
in the direction of the church.

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how easy it would be to say, "Mary,
let us share our mutual woes,"

How brief a sentence would have
made them supremely happy!

John's absent mindedness served
to distract his attention from the icy
walk more than he should have

A group of boys pulling a sled turned
the corner ahead and dashed past
them. Mary turned her head to

John was in the throes of mortification
upon his awkwardness, when
Mary said naively as he helped her to

He was amazed. The very sentence
he had been saving for under the gas-
light! Before he could take advantage

A moment later, as they stood at the
parlor door exchanging the last
words, and as John's hand was on the

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And John, with his newly acquired
courage, put his arms around her and
drew her to his breast. Then John

The policeman took another look
at the giantess, thought a moment,
and then quietly dropped a nickel in

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FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

ABOUT A KITE—ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN
FROM A MILLIONAIRE.

Lions in California—Destroying Life Wantonly—Saved by a Looking-Glass—
Juvenile Paragraphs, Etc.

The Tale of a Kite.
Little Johnny Summerville
Made a pretty kite,

Said his little brother, Tom,
"I will make the tail;
I've some nice green paper here

Soon the kite was nicely made,
Johnny bought a string;
Up the kite went in the air,

Johnny held the string at first,
Tom soon cried, "Let me!"
Then both wanted it at once,

Loudly laughed the wind at this—
Laughed a meaning laugh,
Whispered slyly to the wires

Soon the kite was tangled fast
On the wires; no more
To speed upward like a bird,

Said the wind, "We've served them
right!
Quarrels should not be."
Said the telegraph, "Perhaps

—GERRIT SMITH.

Young Men in Business.

One great cause of the failure
of young men in business is lack of
concentration. They are prone to seek

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.
—Andrew Carnegie.

A Good Catch.

Our little scientists are beginning
early. But we hope as their out-of-
door studies go on they will learn

It had all happened so quickly that
I could almost have believed it a
dream but for the broken mirror and

Fortunate Young Men.

A man can hardly be more fortunate
in this world than to be possessed of
a good mind in a good body.

With these and the willingness to
work two young men in Maine have
recently shown themselves fortunate.

Pure air of moderate temperature is
the prime source of health to the body
through action of the blood. It is

Thirteen Mountain Lions.

Mountain lions, or cougars, have
been unusually numerous and audacious
in Southern California recently.

and picking up stray curs. The chalk
hills back of Santa Paula have always
afforded safe retreats for these beasts,

Lions started into view so suddenly
and plentifully that it seemed as
though there must have been a lion

The following story is reported by
an Englishman who, with his family,
had passed ten days in India:

Saved by a Mirror.

It was a very sultry summer night.
The doors and windows of our bungalow
stood wide open to let in the air.

I was wholly unarmed, and sat
powerless, benumbed, gazing with
awful fascination into that mirror.

There was a crash of glass and a
loud, prolonged roar of surprise and
rage of the tiger, which jarred the

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FATALISM.

HE duck pie that the
cook had served for
breakfast at the club
was exquisite! Too

on rising from the table, we felt a
vague sensation of sleepiness and
congestion.

"Will you take a walk with me?"
asked Robert. "Let us go to my
rooms. I want to show you two new

We were walking very fast, oppressed
by the cold, smoking our cigars
with rapid puffs and not saying much,

Passers-by came running up. Soon
there was a group, talking and gestu-
lating. At last the horse was ex-
tricated, raised up and led away by

As we moved off I said to my friend:
"A fine invention, decidedly, this
wooden pavement! At the least, frost,

Robert, turning very pale, answered
me in a strange voice that was also
a little hard:

"If so many accidents happen on
this spot, it is my fault."

"Your fault? You are mad!"
"No; but morally I am innocent."

"Ah! my dear fellow, how incidents
of no apparent importance sometimes
unsettle our whole lives! You

This phrase, and especially its
conclusion, filled me with some anxiety.

"You remember George Sauviniere
and his tragic death about two years
and a half ago. On reaching home

I remained there, alone with the body
which we had stretched upon
the bed. Around the neck a very

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air of conviction. "But how absurd
yourself? Have you got rid of your

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the whole rope with which Stramm
the English assassin, was hanged

Thumped Him for a Fool.
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dynamite explosion was downward

Natural Gas in Caesar's Day.

Natural gas has been known
extensively used in China and other
parts of Asia for many centuries.

Artificial Lightning.

Provide a tin tube that is larger
one end than the other, in which
there are several holes.

Robert uttered this word with an
indefinable expression of anxiety

"But the rope? Where did the
rope go?" "Then this cook had Saggi
come to see him, and advise me to

"Ah, yes, the rope—I am coming
back to it. For a year I studied with

"The rope! Exactly; it was the
rope!" "What; it brought ill luck?"

"Yes, my dear fellow. You would
never have believed it. But that

And with an air that was at once
triumphant and sorrowful, Robert

"I was always dreaming of a
hanged man. I had a nervous

"Do not joke; it is a very serious
matter. The rope with which a man

"Precious information! But what
horse that we saw just now?"

"I am coming to that. The rope
that has hanged a suicide brings, of

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And he continued, for my air of
amazement implied all possible in-

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