

Literary and Domestic.

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OVERDUE.

A storm has passed; light cloudlets that float. Like lilies in a fairy-winged boat...

Glad some day! Rich peach bloom gleams Rare, rosy red; full, golden beams...

O day of hope! A welcome spicing Floats down the long, white beach to me...

Full, full of hope,—but not for me, My star of hope grows pale as the sea...

O day! O sky! My hope doth slip Me by, nor bringeth me a ship...

O honest sky! so fairly, truly bright! O earnest, brightness witchery of light!

On the shore: white changing sands and drift And me,—watching the tide's slow shift...

Written for the Kansas Farmer. SCENERY AND LEGENDS OF THE RHINE BY JUNE BERRY.

The Rhine, in a large part of its course, passes through a comparatively flat and uninteresting country, but in the vicinity of Coblenz it is charming and not to be surpassed.

Between Coblenz and Mayence, the Rhine flows on between vine-clad mountains, and hills, and precipitous rocks, and the crumbling, ivied walls of seventeen strongholds...

Some of the castles on its banks stand in very bold positions, and carry their ages well. The old castle of Marxburg looks defiantly up and down the river...

The Surler is a huge and precipitous rock rising straight up from the very edge of the water, its side adorned with granite steps and seats.

We passed Surler and Oberwesel about sunset and the blendings and effects of light and shade were perfectly wonderful and most exquisite.

rocks used to be peopled with spirits, black hunters crossing the thickets upon stags with six horns; a maid of the black fen; twelve black men; Wodan, the god with ten hands...

The quaint and lovely Bacharach is said to remind most travelers of the city of Jerusalem, if seen when the sun is setting.

To do justice to the beauties of the scenery on the Rhine, one must not only gaze upon what can be seen from the river, but he must walk up the mountains and hills...

O, lovely Bingen, and all ye enchanted and enchanting spots, ye vine-clad hills, green rivers, castled peaks, shrines and temples...

Russell County, Kansas.

BIBBS: A LOVE STORY. CHAPTER I.

There was no doubt about it. John Weare was perfectly wretched that night. He had quarrelled with Jennie Bell, and he wasn't going to make it up.

The officers were not profitable customers, for they only went to flirt with Jennie under the excuse of buying a penny paper, or perhaps asking for a time-table.

She had made his acquaintance when her brother and he—for they had been in the same regiment; were stationed at Plymouth, and she had paid them a flying visit with her father.

"If you don't think I can take care of myself Mr. Weare, you are much mistaken, and I don't want any one to tell what's right or wrong. I know myself."

service, Jennie, and if you take my advice, you'll send him off sharp. "I believe you are jealous, Mr. Weare, and telling stories about the captain; he is always pretty polite to me, and she smoothed her pretty hair and arranged the trifles on her counter."

He kept resolutely away for a whole month—never once went near the place. If Jennie wanted him, she might send for him, or get her sister to invite him to tea, as she had done before.

The very next morning John Weare walked deliberately into the shop and asked for a penny newspaper, and had the felicity of being served by Mrs. Evans.

"Quite a stranger, Mr. Weare," she said, but that was the only remark she made, and for the life of him he could not screw up his courage to ask for her sister.

"Bibbs," said John Weare, "come and have some fruit," and he carried him off in triumph to the cottage, and stuffed him with gooseberries till his mouth was as black as a crow.

"She's ill, I think; and she's always crying now; one day she was crying over the silver thing you gave her, and kissing it like anything."

"Crying over her silver thing!" said John Weare. "I'll go and hang about the Eltham road till I see her, and beg her pardon."

"But you won't now?" he said, as they leaned over the stile leading to the Eltham fields. "You'll get ready at once, and we'll be married as soon as possible, before the fruit in the garden is spoilt!"

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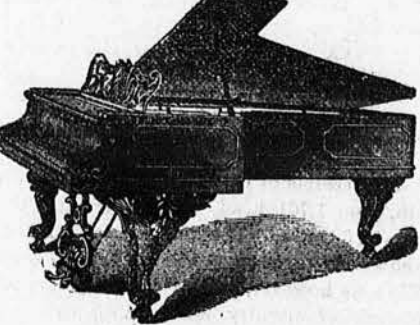
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