







ELSIE.

She has hair of golden hue,
And eyes of liquid blue,
Sparkling like the sunlit dew,
Requish Elsie!

A VISITING CARD.

It was a rainy day in January. Large drops were beating monotonously against the windows of a red brick house whose white stone trimmings and other heavy architectural ornamentations were like air of having been manufactured by the thousand which characterizes the dwellings of those good people who have gained wealth without gaining taste.

whether they should call, in their turn, on the dowager countess—a discussion which was thus concluded by the young lady:
"On general principles it should be papa who returned the call. But he would not know how to appear in a way that would do us justice. Now, if it were leaving the habit of the world, I should know how to manage perfectly. So it is best that mamma and I should go to call on the countess. By doing so we will make her understand that we are very willing to know her, but not willing to accept the attentions of her son against her wishes."

pleased to show us that you approved of your son's visit to us.
It was now the countess' turn to be agitated. Had Gerard really gone to see these people? The daughter was pretty—very pretty.

Roch's Consumption Cure.
It cannot yet be said that the exact status of Koch's remedy is fixed; nor can we even yet say with certainty that this much heralded cure is destined to survive among established methods at all.

THE OLD ROCKING CHAIR.
My grandmother sat in the old rocking chair
(But she was not my grandmother then),
And her feet in the new was so comfortably fair
As she had a habit of doing to me.

The Holy Coat.
A recent cable letter contained the announcement that the holy coat of Joseph would be exhibited under Roman Catholic auspices at Treves shortly. There is considerable of a mistake in the announcement, however, which may possibly have occurred during telegraphic transmission.

Twenty-five Shoeless Passengers.
An amusing contretemps, though an awkward one for the persons principally interested, occurred on the Milwaukee train to Chicago one day recently.

Economical Storage.
A funny thing came to the notice of a New York girl on the occasion of the recent warm spell of weather.

Signs of Spring.
If you read these learned maxims and take note of each small thing you may come to be a prophet and foretell the gladsome spring.

Good Old Times.
The old story of the apprentices who stipulated that they should not be compelled to eat salmon every day in the week has its counterpart in an American tradition that in the old times the slaves on a Maryland plantation revolted because they were fed so exclusively on diamond back terrapin.



