













MY LITTLE BOY!

Against my knee a little head is lying. Two eyes of blue are looking into mine. The breath of twilight in the air is sighing.

Imogene extended one hand toward him. He caught it in a warm clasp and said quickly: "I have your promise?"

Lover's Ruse.

GOOD morning, Harry! You are looking as if this free mountain air didn't agree with you. "I wish it didn't! I wish it would dry me up and blow me away, or an eruption of the earth would send some huge rock down upon me, and end it all!"

Imogene, glancing up, saw the pistol glimmering in the moonlight. She knew that the baron had dropped her hand and fled away, and then a new figure appeared upon the scene, and a voice exclaimed: "What are you doing, you villain?"

TWO HANDSOME INDOOR GOWNS.



MR. KRUGER IS BRAVE.

Plucky Man Who Controls the Republic of the Boers. "Our Paul," or, in the Boer vernacular, "Oom Paul," the President Kruger of the Transvaal, is the one man whom the British have not been able to beat down.

CAPT. NICHOLS.

The Monadnock's Commander Who Died at Manila. Capt. Henry Ezra Nichols, commander of the monitor Monadnock, who died of sunstroke at Manila, was one of the best officers in the navy.



Told by the Finger Nails. In the days when fortune telling was more in vogue than at present, the shape and appearance of the finger nails were looked on as having reference to one's destiny.

Why Women Are Nervous.

The frequent cases of nervous prostration or utter collapse of the nervous system under which women "go all to pieces," as the saying is, have caused much thought and investigation on the part of physicians.

KIPLING'S FIRST BOOK.

The Author's Own Story of How It Was Made and Sold. Kipling has himself told the story of his first book when a demand came from the public for a collection of his ditties.

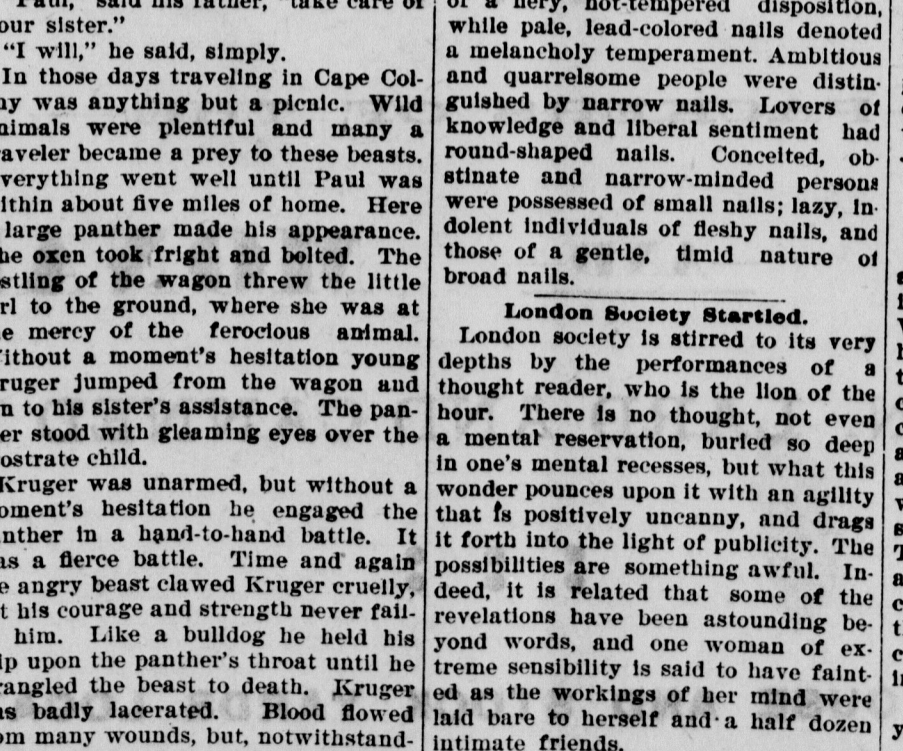
THE ONLY WAY.

Because I've been unhappy all the day I call to you a little in the night. Quite softly, so I should not hurt your rest, And not with any cry of sorrow, lest My darkness should break in upon your light.

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YOUNG KRUGER'S STRUGGLE WITH A PANTHER.



empty wagon. He was accompanied by his little sister. "Paul," said his father, "take care of your sister." "I will," he said, simply.

There are a few standard towns that are absolutely necessary to the reputation of any album, such as Chicago, New York, Niagara and the prominent intermediate points.

Maryland Superstitions.

There are superstitions throughout all the counties of Maryland concerning crossroads and running water. Witches are supposed to make their home at the crossing of two roads and to appear there at midnight.

The One Alternative.

"Mary," he cried, in desperation, "I shall wait no longer. Either you must consent to become my wife or end this farce. Your repeated delays are killing me."

One Thing Lacking.

"You wouldn't think that wreck of a man over there could speak five languages."

An Awful Fling.

Mrs. Styles—I'd have you understand that I know a good many worse men than my husband.

Seriously Meant.

Everybody knows that great actors and singers of both sexes receive bushels of love letters yearly. Many, as may be imagined, are ridiculous in the extreme, however seriously meant by the writers.

New Fuel.

"Manjak" is the name of a new mineral, of a lustrous black, discovered on the Island of Barbadoes. According to experts, it is petrified petroleum mixed with solid organic matter.

A Costly Bicycle.

The costliest bicycle in the world has just been finished at a gun factory in Vienna. It will cost 500,000 gulden, which is a little more than \$27,500.

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