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THE STORY TELLER

An Old Key.
Last night I found an old forgotten key in a box under my bed. It was rusty and I had to look it over carefully. I had never seen it before, but I knew the story it would tell.

Of a familiar door, a vanished band,
A cherry "tick" by eager children's hand,
"Paper is blown"—Ah, little loyal band,
How oft your hearts grow sick with hope deferred.

HER GOOD FORTUNE.

Mina Von Valkenburg's home was a humble one, but she dwelt within it with a sense of the abode of happiness. Her father was the aristocratic "von" who wrote after his Christian-name (testified was his blood, and he had been well educated). But he had fallen in love with a maid of inferior station, and she had married her in spite of his parents' opposition.

Churches.

CATHOLIC—St. Mary's, Rev. J. Staus, District, Meetings every alternate Sunday.
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WANT COLUMN.

which had blossomed upon its hearthstone. At first it was lonely indeed; but after a time Mina's regularly received letters did much to make up for her absence.

Of course many incidents and occurrences were mentioned which would possess little, if any, interest for her. Therefore I shall only clip from its pages what seems most interesting.

"I had once imagined what pang of homesickness would assail me, and what a heart-burden I should feel from being separated from you and from home, I should not have left you. But all are so kind to me here that I should be ungrateful indeed to continue unhappy and alone. I am partially contented, and as you requested, I keep a journal, and herewith enclose it to my best and dearest of parents.

"Monday, after school hours.—All has gone smoothly with me to-day. What a pleasure to receive from you a letter from the old—'mummers' carefree days.' I took the key and laid it out of sight. I think I shall never use it again.

"To-day the Empress Elizabeth visited the school. She had not forgotten the plea she had received from the little girl in America, and was pleased to be very affable and gracious to her declared protegee.

"I do not wonder that she is called the beautiful empress. She is so beautiful in her bearing, and she has the noblest and best of men, but to have received my rightful position as heiress of one of the proudest nobles in the realm!

"I have been here now over three years, and my improvement has been such that I have been instructed in the art of music. I am now a pianist, and I play very well. I have also been instructed in the art of dancing, and I dance very well. I have also been instructed in the art of drawing, and I draw very well.

"Fraulein," she began, "a wonderful romance has made our school its home. Beauty and worth, hand-in-hand, have asserted their claim on the heart of a most eligible party. I have received a proposal for your hand from Count Waldenstein, who is one of the attaches of our sovereign's court, and who this day brought me an autograph-letter from his august mistress, expressing her sanction of his suit, and that she wished you to receive the noble gentleman."

"As I heard the name of Count Waldenstein, my heart gave a throb, and then seemed to stand still. Had I raised my eyes to meet madame's questioning glance, she must have read my secret in my happy smile. But I was too proud to be easily won. Surely Mina, why do you not answer? Surely you must be pleased and proud at having the choice of such a brilliant destiny."

"The next day again was 'Fraulein Mina' summoned to the library to be introduced to a stately white-headed man, who seemed like her own dearly-loved father—bleached and mellowed, it is true, by Time's fingers, but handsomer and nobler than all others—with one exception.

"He came forward and took my hand, bending over me, and gazing upon my agitated face. 'I received your note, and it touched me to think that you should have time to sympathize with an old man's sickness. I have come to thank you. Age softens anger and brings repentance. If I have brought you any grief, I am sorry to hear of it. I must love his father though all.'

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SONGS OF COLORADO.

The Sweet Singer of Michigan has a Rival in Miss Jessie A. Cole, of the Group Musical Society.

Miss Jessie A. Cole is a Colorado girl. She has written a volume of poetry which is purely Colorado in its scope. Her lyrics are full of the spirit of the West, and her verses are full of the beauty of the mountains, the rolling prairie, and the grandeur of the West.

The description of Denver is contained in a poem of 100 lines of four-line stanzas and is as clear cut as a cameo. The following stanza will give one an idea of the content:

Denver's inhabitants are 70,000 up to date, And the capital of the State, And the county seat of Arapahoe.

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A PROFESSIONAL DOG STEALER.

BY JAMES PAYN.

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