

Boetry.

HOPE'S SONG.
I hear the singing, singing sweetly,
Softly in an undertone;
Nightingale as if rock had taught it,
It is better further on!

Selected Miscellany.

THE MYSTERIOUS LEGACY.

From the Western Monthly for July.
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the seas of every latitude from Spitzbergen to New Zealand, underwent such a conflict with the elements as she had never before encountered. During all this time the stranger had been confined with an apparently rapid consumption...

of the very craft you were eager to avoid. But no matter about all this. I relate these circumstances to prove to you that we are not entire strangers.
My father continued to freight his ships and then to all parts of the world; but he never knew the extent of his large part of his business, and that many of his cargoes found a sale in ports to which they had never been consigned...

EDUCATION IN CHINA.

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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

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CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

Miscellaneous Items.
The American consul at Havana is sick with yellow fever.
Possessors abound in great quantities in the vicinity of Cape May.
The Canadian Press Association made a raid on Buffalo, Wednesday.

Charles Dickens' Son and Successor.

George M. Towle writes as follows, in Lippincott's Magazine, of Charles Dickens' son:
One word as to his son and successor as editor of All the Year Round. The present Charles Dickens does not in the least resemble his illustrious father in appearance or manner.

THE ABSTRACT OF FACTS.

With the consent of the parties concerned, the following facts were made public: On the 23d of October last, Lewis M. Phillips, civil engineer, residing in Warren, was suffering from an obstinate and severe bilious affection, accompanied by nervous prostration, loss of appetite, and general debility.

My grandfather, the last years of whose life were spent in the quietude of a small town, was a man of middle height, compact frame, active, arterial temperament and iron will. He was a sea-captain, a genuine "old salt," trained from boyhood under a tar-patch of the sea, and was familiar with the "path of the sun" as the alpherists call it, those of the ship's crew.

During the long and perilous storm the duties of the captain were so urgent that he could make only snatched and hasty visits to the sick man; and even if they could have been spared from their post, the invalid could have hoped for little aid or sympathy from any of the crew, who, with the easy tendency to superstition peculiar to their class, had associated his presence with the perils of the ship.

There are no schools in China for girls, and with very rare exceptions no female can read or write. Thus it is at once seen that at least half the population utterly destitute of education. Of the males, the filials of the soil, the mechanics, the boatmen, the fishermen, the coolies or burden-bearers—all these classes, embracing the working population, with very few exceptions, can neither read nor write.

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More than a hundred years ago, during the war that occurred between the old "French war" and the American revolution, a large ship was lying at the wharf in the town of New York, laden with a valuable cargo, and ready to sail for Liverpool, and thence to whatever port the globe chances of commerce might dictate.

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