

What Happened Amid The Christmas Greetings a Year Ago.

It is again the joyous Christmas time. Bright eyes glow even more lustrous at the thought, and red lips wreath themselves into more joyous smiles...

will have to cry out for mercy, I assure you. In return for my devotion to you, or rather to your wraith, please tell me who your pet is. I don't remember her face at all.

"Lily is almost a stranger to me. She has only been in my Sunday-school class three weeks, and it has been a busy time with me, that I have not called at her home as I should have done...

Just then a bevy of gay girls came flocking around Cecile and her new assistant. Gentlemen were so scarce at that time of day to allow one to be so completely unmolested...

Not very long afterward Lillian returned, accompanied by her sister. "This is Minnie, Miss Grey," she said, looking shyly up into Cecile's face...

Arthur Hilton is one of those noble specimens of the human race which put to flight at once the theory that the descendants of Adam are degenerating.

"May I help you, Miss Grey?" he asks. "Yes, thanks, I am just now deserted by all, save Lily, and she must go, too, and let her mamma know how good she has been, and that assistance she has given me."

"I will keep you so busy that you

Traveler's Column.

1880-81. All but Arthur Hilton stole softly down upon the room, and, although full of curiosity to know the ways and wherefores of anything so strange, knowing that in all probability time would enlighten them.

May I see you home? Arthur asked, as Cecile enveloped her head in a deep cloud of wavy zephyr, a little later, and donned her warm sealskin saque. Then with sudden boldness, he drew one little hand into his own, and bent and whispered "Ralph ought not to be the only one made happy to-night. Seeing that he has been favored with such a Christmas gift, may I tender to you one too? I want this tender trembler, to have and to hold as my very own, henceforth and forever."

"What will mamma say?" "May I ask her? Oh, my darling, my darling! she could not say 'no' to aught you wished," and before Cecile knew of his intention, a kiss was pressed upon her rosy lips which set her heart in such a flutter that all through her dreams that night she felt the touch of her lovers lips—and was happy to the very depths of her heart.

It was not long before a double wedding took place. At the grand party given by Cecile's mother, in honor of the event, it must be acknowledged that Ralph and his bride monopolized the lion's share of interest. For their romantic story had become bruited about on Rumor's thousand tongues, and had lost nothing, you may be sure, by repetition. These are the facts:

Ralph had met Minnie Sternedale during his college days, and she attached herself to him, and he, in turn, had met Cecile. At that time Mr. Sternedale was very wealthy. Afterward a strange fancy took possession of his mind. He thought himself about to lose his property, and withdrew all his available funds from the bank, and without allowing Minnie and her little sister more than time to gather together a few articles of wearing apparel, left the place with them.

Poor Minnie, who had to act toward Lillian a mother's part, as her father had been widowed at the child's birth, was sorely distressed as well as alarmed.

star had shot out of its place among the starry hosts of the midnight sky, and had gone no one could tell whither. As may be imagined, funds held by such erratic hands soon vanished, and since that time Minnie had supported the family by fancy work.

Mr. Sternedale had been laid to rest a year after his flight, and Minnie had not received his letter. Upon investigation of his affairs now, it was found that he had left mortgages and United States bonds in an old safe which had been hidden away in an unused barn. So Minnie and Lillian were really co-heiresses of a fine property during all the weary time when the elder sister was toiling for daily bread.

But with this joyous Christmas tide she has commenced a new life, or rather the dropped stitches of the old one are caught up and fastened anew with firmer threads. Cecile, too, is happy. Thus it is that oftentimes in following the path of duty we find the most precious flowers spring up beside us—flowers whose petals are amarantine, and whose roots are planted deep in that Heavenly garden where "all is love."

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