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1 square	15	45	90	135	270	540
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3 squares	45	135	270	405	810	1620
4 squares	60	180	360	540	1080	2160
5 squares	75	225	450	675	1350	2700
6 squares	90	270	540	810	1620	3240
7 squares	105	315	630	945	1890	3780
8 squares	120	360	720	1080	2160	4320
9 squares	135	405	810	1215	2430	4860
10 squares	150	450	900	1350	2700	5400
11 squares	165	495	990	1485	2970	5940
12 squares	180	540	1080	1620	3240	6480
13 squares	195	585	1170	1755	3510	7020
14 squares	210	630	1260	1890	3780	7560
15 squares	225	675	1350	2025	4050	8100
16 squares	240	720	1440	2160	4320	8640
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24 acres on section 19, in the town of Ann Arbor, bordering on the east on the road leading to Corvallis, paper mill, and on the south on 15th street.

15 acres situated on the northwest corner of the Graham road and the said Corvallis, Factory Road. This is one of the best situated places in the neighborhood of Ann Arbor.

13 1/2 acres improved land joining the above 15 1/2 acres of fronting Graham road.

1 acre of land with a new two story frame house on Thompson, Spoor & Thompson's addition to the city of Ann Arbor.

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9 acres of land, with a splendid garage, facing the Dime Bank on the West.

1 House and 1 1/2 lots of land, with Barn, Wash-Kitchen, Carriage House, and a number of modern improvements, on the northwest corner of Fourth and Packard Streets.

1 House and Lot in the 24 Ward, on South Liberty Street.

1 House and 3 Lots in the 24 Ward, near 21 Ward School House.

1 House and 4 Lots, near the M. C. R. R. Depot.

320 acres of land in the south of the State of Michigan, near the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad.

2 City Lots near 24 Ward School House.

A. & P. DONNELLY.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

Fiddle fiddle! what's the use? You can't make her a man; The great Creator fashioned her On quite another plan.

Man's joints are strong and firmly knit, His thumbs and strength tough, But woman's of delicate mould, And formed of finer stuff.

Men are the pros—the timber half Of this sad world of ours; And women are the poetry, The sweet fern and the flowers.

Throughout the blessed book this thought Runs beautifully clear, That woman lives to sanctify, To grace and to endure.

Don't let her, then, be smothered and soiled By mingling in the fray, But keep her free from grosser acts, Let purity remain her shield.

Without a blot or stain, To guard her mental bloom from taint Of touch of hand profane.

Forbid it, Heaven! Forbid it, Fate! Forbid it men of sense, That she herself should aid the plot To shame her own defense.

She is a glory as it is, Why should the fretting few Conspire to banish from her soul The fragrance and the dew?

Why take away her chiefest charm— The crown that's hers by right, The quiet influence that compels, She knows her power—why can't the sex Remain contented, then, To rule in the good old way? Lord love us all—amen!

VERY FAR AWAY.

BY WILLIAM ALEXANDER, BISHOP OF DERRY.

One touch there is of magic white, Surpassing nature's mortal's snow, That to the far side of the dying light Lends, where the dark ships on the sea, Upon the golden highway bound, That lends up to isles of God.

One touch of light more magic yet, Of rarer snow than mortal's star, Where, with her graceful sails all set, Some happy vessel comes afar, As if an enchanted spell, Sifters over the tremulous silvered deep.

O ship! O sail! far must ye go, Ere gleams like that upon your light, O'er gleams spaces of the sea, From mysteries of the distant night, Such calm comes over the sea, Wherein across the waves we float.

O gleams more magic and divine, Like whitest sail's self set, And dying on before us white, Upon some distant bark ye choose— By night or by day, across the spray, That sails us very far away.

A NARROW STRAITS.

In the winter of 1862, I resided for a few months in Ann Arbor, one of the five ports originally opened to foreign trade in China, and there the event occurred of which I am about to write.

I saw a few words of the position of the town, or my story will not be clearly understood. Ann Arbor is situated on an island of the same name, about four miles from the open sea. The river which separates it from the mainland is very wide, and the tide runs with great rapidity, having ordinarily a rise of over twenty feet.

At the mouth of the harbor, with the channel on both sides, stand the *cheviches*, very large and dangerous coral reefs, avoided carefully by all seafaring men, and particularly by the Chinese fishermen, who dread the effect of the sharp coral spurs upon their not very strong boats. These reefs are somewhat uncovered at low water, but at high tide are completely out of sight.

One afternoon in December, my husband, who was the captain of an American vessel then in the port, and a friend of ours, an English naval officer, proposed that we should take a sail down the harbor in our yacht, a little pleasure boat of some thirty or forty tons' burden.

The weather was fine, and the usual gentle northeast breeze was blowing, which prevails during the winter months in China, but still I could not divest my mind of a certain feeling of apprehension. I never did like small boats, they are so likely to be upset, particularly when commended, as was the case at this time, by seafaring men so used to handling large craft that they do not realize the caution necessary in sailing a little boat.

My husband overruled my objections, and insisted that nothing could happen to us. I therefore consented to go myself, but stood out with regard to my children, and utterly refused to take them.

It was about half-past two when we left the wharf, and dropped out into the stream. The wind was very nearly fair, and we had a splendid run down the harbor, with the wide, beautiful, open sea before us.

Every thing was so charming, the air so clear and bracing, that I forgot all my fears, and enjoyed the passing moment to the utmost; so that it was I who asked for an extension of our voyage, when we ought to have turned our faces homeward.

At last, the captain of our little craft decided that we must turn back. As I mentioned before, we had been running with the wind but the moment we went about, we became conscious of such a great increase in its force that, as we began to beat up the stream against it, it seemed almost a gale.

No one who has not seen the sudden gathering of squalls in the China Sea, can form any idea of how almost instantaneously the sky will fill with clouds and the wind increase to a hurricane.

We were to experience it! As we turned on the starboard tack, we noticed a gathering of the clouds, and heard the angry scream of the wind, the premonition of the coming tempest. Before we could take in any sail, the squall struck us!

There was an instant of horrible confusion, in which I heard the snapping of the sails, the snapping of cordage, the hiss and bubble of the foaming sea, and then followed a jerk that threw me completely over—sudden darkness, and a plunge into ice-cold water. Our boat had been over-turned.

With the natural instinct of self-preservation, aided by some of the knowledge of swimming, I beat the water with my hands, and managed to sustain myself for an instant (which seemed an hour), until my husband and a friend,

both expert swimmers, were beside me and held me up. Fortunately, none of us had received any injury from broken spars or blows of any kind. But, though we were not immediately drowned, what were we to do?

The water was very cold, our pretty little boat was bottom up, and drifting inland with the tide, which had just turned; the city lay a long distance off, and the night was closing fast about us.

We looked around and discovered, in the gathering darkness, that we were near the dreaded reefs of the *cheviches*, and that some of the rocks were still above water. This was our only hope.

Never before had the *cheviches* been looked upon in the light of friends, I imagine. My husband swam with me, and, before many minutes, we were all standing on a small flat space on the reef, about two or three feet square.

We felt relieved. Here at least we were out of the water, and, though I was wet and very cold, I thought some belated fishing boat would be likely to come and take us off. I thought of my little ones at home, and hoped that I should see them again, a hope which, a few minutes before, when struggling in the water, I had utterly abandoned.

But suddenly we became aware that our position was anything but one of safety. The tide was coming in! In a few minutes the place where we stood would be covered. The angry waves lapped about the reef, like monsters hungry for their prey.

The water rose steadily until it reached my knees. I found that I was growing cold. The cold was so painful that I could no longer endure it, and begged my husband to leave me to die, and to make an attempt to swim across the channel to some small rocky islet on the other side, where he could get some kind of a boat to take him back to Ann Arbor.

I urged him to do this for the sake of our children, who might else be left fatherless and motherless in a strange land.

He would not listen to me. He and our friend rubbed my hands, and pressed me close to them to keep warm, while they could in my bumbled body. All this time, which was in reality so short, and yet which has taken to tell the water was rising, rising, rising. We at length saw a boat to windward of us, but the howling of the storm, and the washing of the blinding spray, were the only answer we received to our repeated calls for help.

The bitterness of death seemed past. I felt as if the world were over. I wondered, in a dull, apathetic way, if my sisters and friends in my far away America home would ever know of my end. I thought whether our bodies would be washed on to the beach for curious Chinese eyes to peer at, and greedy Chinese hands to rifle. I thought of my dear little ones at home, with the thought came the feeling that God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, could not mean to take their protectors from them so far from home and friends.

For some time we were all silent, and then a sudden change in my husband's position, as he held me tightly clasped in his arms, roused me.

"There's a boat! To leeward of us! Shout, all together, and we may be heard!"

Inspired by a sudden hope, we gave a loud, simultaneous call; but the boatman to whom it was directed apparently did not hear it, for we could not see that he moved.

Another painful interval of silence ensued, with the water steadily rising when, in a sudden lull in the storm, we heard the sound of oars! Not the dull sound of the Chinese paddle, but the good, strong, united dash of British oars. The boat of an English man-of-war, which had been out to reconnoitre for pirates, was returning. This time our cry for help was heard, and just as the water had reached my waist, strong manly hands were over my head, and I floated to the surface.

Of our return to our home I know but little. Insensibility followed on such a terrible strain on my nerves. But thanks to a gracious Providence, that night I held my children to my heart again!—*Appleton's Journal.</*

