

JUST ONE YEAR OLD.

Just one short year ago he came,
Our little son, God bless him!

When to my work I go away
I stoop and softly kiss him;

With outstretched arms and winning smile,

He coos a loving greeting;
'Tis hard to tell which one of us

His dimpled arms around my neck
Cling close in soft caresses;

His dewy lips he presses,
Oh, little love! Oh, baby mine!

God grant that in the years to come
He ne'er may know a sorrow;

Oh, baby mine, when years have flown,
And I am old and hoary,

THE FORTUNE TELLER

"Da—!"
"O! papa, pful! how can you?"

The old high balliff of Krohn pushed
away the pretty little hand that his

"No," he said, "I will not keep quiet,
I repeat that the whole custom of sending

"First, I get my mail bag later than usual,
and, secondly, it is crammed so full

"To Fräulein Katharina von Krohn,"
he read, "My God! are they all for you, Kathinka?"

"Don't be so unbearable, papa, and
please don't call me Kathinka."

The old gentleman replied to his
daughter's request with an unintelligible

"Just look what a lot there are for me!"
cried Katharina, piling the letters upon

"Yes, all. Now you can see what it is
to be known as a beauty."

"And an heiress, too," added the father,
thoughtfully.

"But is there nothing there for my little
Lilli?" asked her father.

"I really should be very grateful, father,
if you would not allude so much to my money,"

"I can't help it, Katharina, when I see
my little Lilli here, as beautiful as the flower

Katharina made no answer. She was
busily studying the handwriting on the envelopes.

A young girl who had hitherto sat
opposite to her in silence left her seat,

"Never mind, Lilli," he said, slowly,
"I am glad that you don't get such a pile

"Certainly. Come, we will all go together."

The mysterious room that held the
fortune teller was reached. The fortune teller

"Round the dice were figures and
numbers and slips of paper arranged,
Anyone who wanted to see into the future

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the captain, taking out his purse, "won't

"Seek her hand and buy the ring. Thy
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opposite of her sister. Small of figure,
quiet and retiring, it happened that she

Still he did so, and it was plain to
everybody that it was the soft, sweet,
patient Lilli who was his favorite.

It made Katharina feel annoyed to
see her father so gentle and affectionate

toward her sister, for she said, with a
sharp look at them both:

"What! kissing again! I cannot understand
how you find pleasure in always lying

"You are out of sorts, Katharina,"
said her father. "One of the cards you

"I certainly expected a card from
Baron Horn," she replied, trying to conceal

"Yes, I think so. But you had better
look yourself; it would not be the first time

"Ah! I thought so," exclaimed Katharina,
pulling a crumpled letter out of a deep

"Not from Baron Horn, after all?"
asked her father, picking it up, "and yet

"Oh! impossible!" said Lilli, quietly,
while a faint blush rose to her pretty

"By no means," returned her father,
smiling. "Here, open it. Let us all see it.

"On landing I met some of the inhabitants,
who, taking me for an Englishman,

The above-mentioned Baron Horn
was a young nobleman who had just returned

Accustomed as she was to a large
number of enthusiastic admirers, she had

"How stupid of me to get so cross,"
she said, as she smiled at her lovely

There came a gentle knock at the
door, and the servant girl came in and

Katharina at once remembered that
Baron Horn had promised to go for a

A charitable bazaar was to be opened
in a neighboring town, and, as the

The father stood with beaming face
on the doorstep and waved a fond

"This Horn is a very sensible fellow,"
he thought to himself, "and I admire

Although the bazaar was crowded
the arrival of Baron Horn and his two

Among these was a Capt. Linke, a
tall, blonde fellow, and one of Katharina's

"How glad I am to see you here," he
said.

"Really? Why?"

"May I show you why? Please come
with me. At the other end of the hall

"May we join you?" asked the baron.

"During the war with Great Britain he
was shot while mounted on his faithful

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heard it said—" He hesitated; then
tore the paper up and threw it on the

"What was the rest, captain?" asked
the baron, in all innocence. But the

"I wonder what it was?" Lilli
whispered to the baron.

"We shall learn later, perhaps," he
replied. "But did you get my New Year's

"Yes," she answered softly, with a
blush.

"And do you remember what the fortune
teller told me just now? If I buy the

"He drew a deep sigh of relief as he
saw his answer in her happy, blushing

"I don't know. You must first speak to
papa."—From the German.

A Politic Raider.
A correspondent of the London Times

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SHIFTLESSNESS AND IMPROVIDENCE OF QUONDAM SERFS.

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I unlocked the door and finally got

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to one that my key wouldn't fit that

its profusion, with which the populace
are always entertained at such an event,

The wretched peasants who trod one
another into the earth to get a meal

Historians paint graphic pictures of the
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A TYPICAL PEASANT GROUP.



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MILKMAID. COACHMAN.