

# Lilliputitis



Several thousand Saturdays ago, Mr. L. Gulliver returned to England after vacationing on Lilliput, a remote island inhabited by tiny people. Unwittingly, he carried back to his native country a virulent strain of Lilliputitis, a disease that renders its victim diminutive, though without attenuating her or his appetite. Once thought to be irreversible, the malady has been at least arrested in patients who ate the flowers of *Brobdingnagolos shrubulum*, an ornamental bush to which Blanche, pictured, unfortunately does not have access.