SERAPHINA'S SISTER JANE. Scraphina loves me dearly!

I love Scraphina, too.

Oh, her form's divine (or nearly)—
That's of course 'twixt me and you.

Lots of blisses fate has sent us.

And we'd really not complain

But for one who will torment us—

Scraphina's siste Jane!

Small is Scraphina's sister.
Six years old, or thereabouts;
But, by jingo, she's a "twister,"
Full of noise and tiny shouts. Often when I'd gen ly whisper, Seraphina's kiss to sain.

In runs that intruding lisper, Seraphina's sister Jon When we in the gard n wander. Just to view the plants, you know, As our words are getting fonder, And my leved on 1 stens-lo! in she rushes, bair a tangle. Like a dell that's gode insane; Then I feel Fd like to strangle

Scraphina's sister Jane When I next behold her figure. At her I will make a spring. And I'll say: "When you get bigger, You won't like this sort of thing! Courting has a br of existence-Don't you interrupt again; When I'm here just keep your distance, Seraphina's sister Jane?"

-London Fun COL. BROWN, THE MIND-READER.

Colonel Percy Brown is a smart man has e en admitted it himself, in unhigh toned peddlers.

tutes the attraction, is a question, but India rug.

mer, and takes an enormous pride in The Blue Room is now furnished in his knowledge of human nature. He robin's-egg blue, which looks green by claims that he can size anybody up, gas-light. All the wood-work about the from a serio-comic variety-singer to a doors and windows, including the winweekly wages.

address, exact salary per week, views on the tariff question, and in fact almost anything you desire to know about him.

He has not this down to an ineradible blue, with a dade in a deeper shade.

The carpet is an Axminster, with pole class of exiles are nothing more nor less than ordinary criminals, such as are found in every prison of every country.

The sentences of exiles vary widely not and daughter penniless. So long ago as suit and clean paper collar, comes in, with several gas-burners. These If a man has a title or official rank, he is with soap smeared on his coat, and a sconces are par icularly effective on the degraded. An exile's marr age rights are yellow handle peeping from beneath his blue walls. The ceil ng in this, as in broken, so that the wife is free to marry and then shout "No, young man, it's ingly beautiful. It is a combinat on of is of any value. He can own no property dreds of mee ings in Illinois, and in the no go; you can't sell me a patent extra. silicon plate, reversible clothes-wringer, with silver bands inside. The shields on circles inclosing has his head shaved. If the exile be a pages since that time his voice has always been heard. Chicago Noos monkey-wrench, warranted to make the ing a gold ground. Around the fire- woman, she cannot marry after her reclothes durable, sew stray buttons on, place are blue opa escent glass tiles. | lease from prison until by good conduct

carrying two books under his arms.

his friends, as he remarked in an under-tone: "Just get on to the style in Roman fasces. These rise from the floor there, and the Government pays agent."

The young man approached, and when he got within ten feet of the ecand precipitated himself on the unlucky object of his ridicule in the following fashion: "No. sir. I don't want a Bible with 32,000 double, fleeced-lined, giltedge, single and double reversible pages, bound in pure Turkey morocco as last year. They are of a rich plush. living in any way they are able. They and gold-plated hinges; with engravings The state dining-room has pale buff may, however, test have to serve a term your poor relations, etc., etc., etc., You glass doors leading into the conserva- give a portion of their time to Covernmay be the only able-bodied member out of a family of thirty-seven boys and girls--your parents may be deaf and addition to this room. Plants show confinement, withor without labor. It dumb, blind and paralyzed—I suppose through them to advantage. The corthey behave well they are a lowed to they are Bible agents of your appearance usually do have parents with some such complaint. This may be so, but paper, against which ferns and palms. share of the Government work until the still I am obliged to say no to your triffing request, although I assure you pedestals in the niches, will show well. Some of the female prisoners are given it cuts a large slice of my heart-strings

to be obl ged to do so."

The Colonel paused in expectation of seeing the supposed Bible vender turn Below the frieze is a border of perforevery color in the rainbow, stammer a ated brass from India. The brass few apologies, and slink off as though screen separating this corridor from the he had fallen into somebody's slop-barrel. But he didn't. He looked as though in with opales ent glass and jeweled he thought the Colonel was hopelessly glass, instead of the figured-ground era y, and the rest of the crowd no bet- glass it has had so long. - Washing on ter, and as soon as he could recover Cor. Philadelphia Times. breath, replied, in an indignant tone: "Who do you think I am? I am not

"Oh! you are not a Bible agent," blurted out the Colonel, who didn't propose to see his reputation for human nature suffer in this style, and to lose the half dozen bottles of champagne which he had bet his friends on the result, "I suppose not, I might have plied the Fox. known that you were introducing Zoroaster's patent self-consuming, automatic encyclopedia in twenty-eight volumes, bound in sheep, and illuminated in fifteen colors, with articles by the leading lights of the galaxy of science, and a preface by Prof. Jumbo, F. R. S. N. G. P. O. T. Price \$234. with liberal discount to bald heads and brokers." The Colonel paused in triumph, and smacked his lips as he thought of the champagne. The visitor seemed to grow wild as he stammered:
"I didn't come here to be insulted, I

am not a--" "Oh. you are not." broke in the Colwill also deny that you have come to ask me to su' scribe to a fund for the purpose of civilizing the women of the Fiji

"Certainly, sir," said the visitor, with deep indignation. "I am—"
"Not even a solicitor," yelled the "Not even a solicitor," yelled the Colonel, as his head swam, and he clinched his hands for a dying effort. "Then I wish to inform you that I don't want a nickle-plated, gold-jointed, noncombustible lightning-rod, which is reversible both ways and can be taken down and used as a fishing-rod. I don't want to subscribe liberally for the benefit of the descendants of the people who lost their lives in the Deluge. I have an enormous supply of perfumed soap and combination pocket-combs. My piane gives good satisfaction, and you can't sell me one of your patent noiseless, easy-running, child can-manage-it style. I don't desire to have any meas-

wish to subscribe for a copy. I don't wish to take twenty thousand dillars' worth of stock in the company which will un lertake to prop the Brooklan bridge from beneath with poles. I take seventy newspapers and don't wish another. I don't want any lottery tickets. or tickets to the benefit of Count Blowhard, the great actor. In fact--"

The Colonel paused for breath, conscious that some one of his courteous guesses had hit its victim where he lived. The latter appeared deeply insuited. s he said, in an undertone: "How dare

you insult me in this fash on! I have nothing to do with any of the things you mention." "Then who the dickens are you?"

gasped out the Colonel, thoroughly non-"I am the new minister," said the visitor, quietly; "and your wife sent me to you for the key of the parsonage."

If you desire to test the relative hardness of your head with the Colonel's tivepound paper-weight, just ask him for a receipt by which you can tell the difference between a lightning-rod fiend and a Bible agent at sight. - The Judge.

The President's House,

discover an unaccountable fascination told me that was because any marked the Colonel | luffs them of that consti- colors are such as are seen in an East

the charm is there, notwithstanding.

Colonel Brown was formerly a drumwhere that agent was born, his name, with silk momie cloth and plush loops. smuggling and the like. The great address, exact salary per week, views The carpet is an Axminster, with pile class of exiles are nothing more nor less He has got this down to an incredibly blue, with a dado in a deeper shade. The sentences of exiles vary widely, acfine point, and often amuses his friends The fringe, which is very beautiful, is cording as they are condemned to one by his sharp guesses at the article the of silver and colors in relief. Circular or the other of two classes, viz. those gatherings, and in the days of the war agent is going to show him, before the sconces about three feet in diameter of who lose all their rights and those who latter has commenced his regnarole. opa'escent glass are fastened to the lose only a portion of them. The for- Vicksburg without him. He went to For instance, if a young man, in a soiled walls, from which extend gilt b anches mer class are in an unenviable position. coat, Brown will wink at his friends all the newly-finished rooms, is strik- another. Neither his word nor his bond

After a sally I ke that, it is, indeed, a which are wholly new. The hearth is the proscripts may at any moment, if hardened agent who doesn't blush like of English earthenware tiles, a "tea-pot the auth rites see fit, be thrown into loo's at food and her hunger is appeared. a girl, fall over two spittoons, and brown." The mantel is mahogany. prison again, even though they have hunt for out-doors at a Maud S. speed. The tire-place is bordered by brass The other day Colonel Percy was moldings, outside of which is a wide onists. In fact, they lose all their -Young housewife: "What miseramusing a party of friends in this border of square glass tiles, set in rights as subjects and almost as human able little eggs! You must really tell fashion, and had successively paralyzed squares over metal, which reflects the beings, though they may appeal to them. Jane, to let the hen sit on them an agent for iron sinks, a book-agent light. O tside the border is a richly- the law if gros ly wronged. But a little longer, or we must change our and a lightning-rod highwayman, when the door opened and a young man in a white cravat and black suit entered, square pannels of Japanese leather, just the murderer. Though an exile's of running the law it gross by wronged. But a recent the law it gross by wronged. But a recent in case they be murdered, little trouble is expended to ferret out the murderer. Though an exile's of running the law it gross by wronged. beneath the upper mantel-shelf of ma- marriage rights are broken, the Co onel Percy's eye almost fell out hogany, which shelf is ten feet long. from the magnitude of the wink he gave The columns supporting this at each can accompany the convict to which I will pulverize that Bible and, with the long shelf described, form the cost of traveling and susthree sides of a very large rectangle, tenance. If, however, the convict be the with the fire-place in the center. The wife, the husband has to bear all costs mirror covers the remainder of the wall for himself should be decide to accompectart group, the Colonel gathered to the ceiling. The walls are of a terra-himself and his eloquence up in a heap, cotta red and the dado a crimson brown. far a less number of husbands accomlike a copper peach tree's leaves in pany their wives into voluntary exile autumn. The ceiling is very beautiful The central design is stars in copper criminals who only lose some of their and silver, both in the same style. The

The niches are lined with mottled gold lile, but are not released from their The ceiling is a light ivory ground, out in service to avored civilians, where with medalions and panels broken up they serve out their time, subject, howwith tracery of gold, silver, and brass. ever, to Government inspection. square vestibule without is to be filled

A Fox who had gorged himself with three Fowls was sitting in a fence corner with a disgusted look on his Face when along came a Peasant, who said. "The only think I have against you is that you steal my Fowls." "If that's all we can be Friends," re-

your Hen-Roost." "Honest?"

laid his paw on his stomach. Two days afterward the Peasant was crossing his Fields when he suddenly came upon the Fox devouring one of his nest Hens. hours since you promised to let my "Yes, I know." replied Reynard

hold no more." Don't expect that what a man promises on a full stomach will be carried out on an empty one .- Detroit Free Press.

Preserving Glassware.

style. I don't desire to have any measure taken for glove fitting shirts with a mirror in the back. My life is insured in every Life Insurance Company in the world, and my house ditto, for four times at value, so you can't get a policy out of me. I have read 'Jumping Jumbe; oz, June Juneberries,' and don't is said not to crack, even if exposed to very sudden changes in temperature. Chimneys become very durable by this process, which may also be extended to crockery, stone-ware, porcelain, etc. The process is simply one of annealing, and the slower the process, especially the cooting portion of it, the more elective will be the work."—Golden Eule.

The Exiles in Situate.

The exile evetem of Russia is far less the renal system practice I in the other | the Will ams College Attengum. countries. Of c ur e, there are intimes, but as a general rule one will Masy Thompson, and his income of find the prisoners in Siberia more con- \$100.00 a yeartented, bet er treated, and better reeither in the country or Europe. In with Livingst ne wher he died. dealing with criminals, the Russian Government has to act as test it can Barnes that Mr. Moody is making more for the good of the community in gen- Chri tians than any men living, and criminal being re ormed in preons or houses of correcti n at home he is not Times. transported to Si eria, unless his offense be of a character that demands to Leadville, dug in the mines, scoured such a course; but if, after repeated im- the p sigs as a scout, took in washing, prisonment in the local prisons, he is an i now has a fortune of \$1,000,000. not yet reformed, then he is banished | San Francisco Caronicle,

Si er a a person need not be gulty of lowest .- Chicago Herald, an o ense against the laws of the land, for there are thousands in that desolate Mr. Joseph Alfred Mousseau, recently Members of the Cabinet and a few country who h ve be n guilty of noth- appointed a gentleman a Justice of the others have been admitted to see the ing but incurring the enmity of some Pea e, and oficially notiving him, new decorations in certain rooms at the acquaintance, or it the turbulent state wrote: "As I have been informed that Executive Mansion which have been in which Russia is at present the slight- a certain number of those whom I have closed since early in the autumn. In est suspicion that a man belongs to the raised to the position of J. P. are the East Room, in which the curtains Nih list party is sufficient to cause his dead and buried you will be kind His neighbors will tell you so, and he and furniture were renewed last year, arrest, and in case circumstantial evi- enough to let me know before ten days nothing has been done, except to put dence is sufficient, insure his transpor- whether you are dead or alive. In case guarded moments. He is a stock-broker, down a new carpet. This is an ax- tation without public trial, and often you do not reply within the next ten with a tne office, corner of - (but minster and was ordered from Europe without his friends ever hearing of his days you will be considered as being we won't give it away.) The office is e pressly for this purpose, as a suffi- arrest. Then, aga n, if a man n Russ a dead, a wonderfully desirable situation in a cient quantity to cover this room in be idle and drunken a d will n t pay H business point of view, and only has any pattern of fine goods could not be his taxes or support his wife and fami- visiting San Francisco, claims to be a one drawback, and that is, its attract- found in New York, for it requires over ly, but leaves this to be done by his direct decendant of James the Second. iveness for all species of agents and four hundred yards of carpet for it. neighbors, the commune in which he H s m ther, a real Stuart, married a The pattern of this carpet is too small lives meet in their village Parliament, French nobleman. The Count, who is Main or shine its doors are besieged and its colors too dull to be suitable for vote the man a nuisance, and adjudge a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of by the festive canvasser. Book agents, so immense an apartment. The figure, that he be sent at their expense to French Pragoons, says that America is lightning-rod tends, chromo peddlers, are so small that they seem indist netly Siberia. Of course this judgment is the best place in the world to make pane bores. Bible sharks, all seem to defined, but the decorator in charge submitted to a higher tribunal before money, the most charming place in the being carried out, but unless just cause world for the to rist, and the most adabout this partieu'ar office and its genial design in so vast a room must neces for its reversal be shown it is confirmed. mirable place in the world for the proprietor. Whether it is the office sarily be so often repeated as to be- He is then taken to Siberia, not to be sportsman." He has been hunting the itself, or the artistic manner in which come wearisome to the eye. The imprisoned, but to gain his livelihood as buffalo and grizely for three months. a colonist.

political offenders. The fact is that this sent there charged with no part cular and do the work of sixteen servant- The most striking feature of the red she has placed herself in a certain parlor is the mantel and the fire-place, category; and, whether man or woman, served their time and are living as col- in these days of high prices. than wives their husbands. Those and silver, both in the same style. The furniture and curtains are red, the same and are settled in Siberia. to get their The state dining-room has pale buff may, however, first have to serve a term tory, one on each side of the fire place, ment work. As a rule they are first where the windows were, are a pleasing | condemned to serve a certain time to ridor has its walls now of a golden olive. live outside of the prison with their fam-

Books vs. the Powers of Observation.

Amoor Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

sibility does exist. Bookishness and absence of mind are no new faults among troit Free Press. students. Among the more cultivated classes they have, indeed, been for a considerable time in process of diminution, and the last half-century more parrespect. Physical science has roused There's the "Git-Up-and-Git" how ticularly has seen a great change in this students, who in former ages would will that do for you? Or, would you have been abstract thinkers and nothing like the "Grain Elevator?" To tell "Why, I am ready to promise that I more, to careful and steady observation you the truth, Mrs. L. F. M., plain oldof external things. Facilities of traveling have acted as another stimulus in the same direction; and the love of "Honest Injun," said Reynard, as he nature has been a power over sentimental minds, and has led them insensibly from a quiet enjoyment of their surroundings to more active investigation. So that altogether the classes which at nest Hens.
"Ha! but it is scarcely forty-eight the higher education are far more observant than were their forerunners of three or four centuries ago; and, though even now many of the mathematicians "Oh. you are not." broke in the Colonel, thoroughly aroused. "You are
was stuffed with Chicken and could of our univers ties live largely in a mood of abstract thought, we must be careful of finding undue fault with this, for the inward eye has some claims not lightly to be despised. But, with respect to the mass of the nation, the question we have raised is one that demond pin on cannot have his coat butserves a good deal of attention. Popular toned up, for fear the pin will not show, education is still in the bookish stage; and, without complaining of what is inevitable, we may and ought to inquire to ease and in nine cases out of ten unless he is careful to wear a sheep-skin protector, he catches an awful cold and is liable to whether literary study does now in the lower ranks promote that vice of inobservance which it certainly promoted in wearing diamond pins on the shirt front the higher ranks a century or two ago.
Equally we have to inquire whether the virtue which is the converse of this dicted. And it seems the fur-lined error may be fostered; whether and clock is also a worm that is gnawing at how the study of books may be made to the bud of our beautiful types of womanminister to powers of direct observation. the bud of our beautiful types of woman hood, and making consumptives out of

> -Mrs. John Kreider, of Leaman
> Place, Pa., has prepared an album, containing locks of bair from the heads of Leaman to stick to the face of all this testimony, to stick to the fur-lined cloak and brave des h in one of its most horrid forms. r nglet is held in its place by a piece of They have either got to button up the tibbes, with the name of the done

-Popular Science Monthly.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

H. A. Garfie'd, sen of the la'e Prescruel an is better in every way than ident, ha been chosen to be an editor of -M ss Chamberlin, the American stances of great har ship and wrong at beauty in England, has captured Sir

-C umah, so well known to the readformed than those of the best of ers of "Livingstone's Life and Trav. suddenly. "model prisons," as they call them, ets," is dead. He was one of the men

eral. If there is any tike thoost of the Mr. Ingersoll more infide s.-N. Y. -Mrs. Ray, the first woman who went

to Siberia and the community are rid -There is a general opinion that of a corrupting member of society, Dickens' popularity is waning. It mar while another unit is sent to be, but within the twelve years that assist in dev loping the resources have passed since his death about 4, 230,of Asiatic Russia, which stands 600 of his works have been sold in Fnin great need of population. gland alone. "Pickwi k" heads the But, in order to be transported to list, and "The Tale of Two Cities" is

-The Attorney General of Quebec.

- Henri Comte de Fitz James, who is

-Miss Esmeralda Boyle, who was the It is a common error to suppose that leading spirit in organizing the "Literall, or most of the Siberian exiles, are ary Society of Washington' at Mrs. Dah'gren's home, is the daughter of an class of criminals forms but a small per- old naval officer, whose eccentricit: centage of them. Twenty per cent. are was to name his children for whatever offense, but by the modus operandi ex- their birth. Hence one of his daughters fort or place he was in at the time of Bishop in the Me hodist Church. He dow-blinds, is now of this shade. The plained before, for being a public was named (ceana, being born while has made a scientific study of agents in material upholstering the sofas and nuisance. There are upwards of thirty he was among the South Sea Islands. particular, and claims to know the tribe chairs, of which the frames are the crimes, for the commission of one or and another Pacifica, for the same in all its branches. At the distance of twenty feet he can tell what a man is touched, is a pale shade of the robin's ported. This list includes nearly every nandez, because he had been visiting selling, and within fifty cents of his egg blue silk canvas, with gold warp. kind of offense, from murder down to that island just before the child was The curtains, of the same silk canvas, petty thieving, being without a pas - born. Miss Esmeralda was born in At a five-minute conversation with an lave an olive plush border about two agent, he will be prepared to tell you yards deep. These are fastened back insult, horse scaling, roguery, debt, deira Chicago Times.

- Frank Lumbard, a well-known ca.n-1852 Fran , was sing at political no public assemblage in Chicago was complete without him. He went to in 1857, and sang "Old Shady." "The Star-Spangled Banner " "John Brown" and other patriotic songs to the boys in the field. During the Lincoln-McClelways been heard. - Chicago News.

HUMOROUS. -They tell of a woman who simply

Make a splendid wife for a poor man,

-A Poston man has discovered a way of running sewing machines by hot air. We can furnish him plenty of ninetywife of an exile and their children eight degrees in the shade next summer. - Detroit Free Press.

-The town of Paris, Tex., has raised a potato five feet long. The Colorado beetle hasn't heard of that fashionable summer resort. When it does we shall read of a potato bug to match.

-A Philadelphia man has invented a doll which creeps, sings and, if wound up at bed-time, will vell like a wild Indian right in the middle of the night. The Philadelphia News man advises all young fellows contemplating matrimony to buy one each and see how they

by the old masters, and nickle plated fly leaf-dirt cheap at \$16-bay one for green satin, with gold cornices. The loved to live in their own house and if the Society for the Prevention of -N ne tenths of the crime of the Crime is sincere in its work, it will immed ately ask Congress to enacta law to prevent the sun going down before ten o'clock p. m. - Norristown Herald.

-A Falling out once Occurred between the Stomach and the Other Members of the Pody, whereupon an Illness in the majolica vases set on marble t me for their liberation has arrived. Other Members, "what a Blamed Fool you are, for Instead of leing the Healthy, Comfortable stomach you once Were. you are Now reduced to the Mortification of Keep ng Cases for a Drug Store.'

Denver Tribune-Primer. -Scene on railroad platform at Heidelberg. Traveler to university student "Sir, you are crow ling; keep It was lately remarked in these col-umns that one of the dangers attendant you like it? Allow me to tell you that on education was that it might lessen I am at your service at any time and men's powers of observation. There is place." Traveler, benignantly: "Oh. no doubt, we apprehend, that this pos- indeed; that is very kind of you. Just carry this sachel to the hotel."-De-

-Mrs. L. F. M.-What is the best baking-powder? We don't exactly know, ma am. The "Rise-Up-William-R ley" is a good one, and the fashioned yeast is good enough for us. B t f vou must use unnatural means to make your bread rise, we'll send you some of the poers we get. They are light enough, in all conscience. - Puck.

Beware of the Cloak.

A scientist, in the interest of married

men and the oppressed of all nations, has advanced a new idea that will fill a want long feit, and afford all men who these new fur-lined circulars are unhealthy and should be abolished. It appears that the fur-lined clock has the same effect on a woman as a diamond to assist in the general business of life. to have about five or six buttons of her them. The trouble is a woman is bound fur-lined cleak unbuttoned at the bottom so the cloak will blow back and exchest protector. -Peck's Sun.

Temperance Reading.

A LITTLE CANDLE.

"Please stor at home to-night, Jack !" said Alice, coat nglr, as her brother rose from the Way!" demonied in k, "its cuful duff.

"You know why," said his sister, to a low tone. "You know father"-she stooped "I know," said Jack, more eaftly. "But you con't expect a fellow to stay mewed up at nome all the time. Now look here," as he age the rears come late Allee's eyes. needo't fret about me, Sa. I'm bound to take care of myself, but I must have a little leasure after working all day. Good-by; I'd - "Lat's bare some," sait Juck "How ho e by nine. But be was not home by nine, me by ten and good it smells?

n. His fice was flushed and his breathalas :- reminded her of her father's.
He made same chouse and hurried off to bed and Alice sank into a chair in the altting-room. She was shocked. She was "Why, what have you to do with grievel. This was the first time Jock had asked Jick hooking sharply of Alice. showel a gas of being under the inflaence ani's grave their father, and over his terrible

death-bed Jack had year sed their mether that he would not follow in he steps. "Yet now-so soon-to has begun," thought Allor, s'ting there slone in the "And how can I blame him, poor boy?" s'e went on. "when it is so dull and stupid for him here! It's no wonder he prefers the pleasant, warm room, the lights, the gay company, the games that he gets at Mason's. Oh, why aren't good things as free a bad ones " she or ed out in her distress. But what can I do!" was the question to which her thoughts ever come back, must save Jack, for he's all mother and

What can one girl Jo, without money and w thout frends almost? thought Alice, remembering with a shudder, that a drunkand's daughter is apt to have few influential

A ice Rawson was clear-headed, tho

roung. She thought the matter over during the next day, as also went about her work is the house, waiting on her toval d mother, making the cottage tily and cooking their "It's no use to talk," she said to h-racif; "Jack m ans to do what's right. And it's him, for that only makes him stay away And she gave the pillow she was stirring up a sav ge poke to relieve her feel-

I know, too," she went on, pausing-with the other pillow in her hand, "that when he's there with the boys it's awful hard never to spend a cret when the others do. It looks m an, and Jack hates being mean," and she flung the pil ow into its place with such spirit that it went over on the floor. "What are you bauging about so for?" asked her mother from the next room. "Oh, nothing I was thinking, mother," she answered. And she we ton a thinking. What would be best would be to have some other place just as pleasant, and warm, and free as Mason's some good place." Alice

e ghed at this thought. It can't be here at home, bee use it takes so much money to have it worm and light; and besides, his friends wouldn't leel free to ome, and it would be lonely for him. "Alice, what are you muttering about?" called Mrs. Rawson.

If I could get books and papers," she glad to do it, and by this means before went on, closing the door and starting for another winter the roffee-room was an inde the kitchen, "but Jack was too tired to read | pendent establishment

couldn't be fixed-a room somewhere! I be- ferred the saloon filled drankards' graves, or lieve people would help if they only thought live I criminals and a pest upon society. be splendid! And she looked anything but a statue new, for she fairly jumped up and down with delight at the thought. "I don't suppose I can do much alone," she's id later, as the plan grew more into soon found that he was a sort of special shape; "but it's for Jack, and that'll help policeman, always ready to settle difficult es.

She did try. Without troubling her mother with her plans for she knew she would be influence, brought out in him a manliness of worried and think of a dozen objections to t character he had never before shown, and ried through with her work, put on her have the slightest fear that Jack Rawson things, and went to call first on Mr. Smith, a | would ever follow in the downward steps of grocer. She hap ene i to know that at the his father, back of Mr. Smith's store was a room open. All this ing on a side street, which he had for seriy what one girl could do.

now empty.

Alice's heart fluttered wildly a moment, when she stood before the grocer in his private office, where she was sent when she asked of the clerk an interview with Mr.

"You are Rawson's daughter, I believe." was Mr. Smith's greeting.
"Yes," said Alice, 'I am Alice Rawson, I te I my errand," she went on tremblingly. But O Mr. Smith! if you remember my fat er before-before" -"I do, child," said the grocer, kin fly, supposing she had come to ask for help.

bravely, "that I sm going to try every way to "Is your brother in danger!" aske! Mr Smith. "And what can I do?" "He is in danger," said Alice, earnestly, "of doing just as father did, and so are lots of other boys, and what you can do is to let me have Johnson's old shop, free of rent for

"But what will you do? I don't under stand," said Mr. Smith. What will I do! Oh, I'll try to make boy and young man to so there and not to Mason's. If they could have a nice warm think they would go there!" she asked anx-

"I don't know but they would," said the good, I'll let you have the room to try the

"Oh, thank you!" cried Alice. "Here's the key," t king that article down from a nail. "Say o more child, I couldn't Alice walked out with her precious ker. feeling as if the whole thing was done. But

it was far from that. Her next visit-she had carefully planned the nail out—was to a man who sold wood; for in that village wood was the only fuel -This man, Mr. W.liams, had a son who was somewhat dissipated; therefore he was ready to listen patiently to Alice's pleading. and to help in any really practical plan. He listened interestedly and prom-ised to give a corl of cut wood to begin with, and if it proved a success, to give stove-all the evenings of that winter.

Next. Alice went to the finest house in the village, where lived Mrs. Burns, a wealthy lady whose son was wild and gave her anxi-"She must pity mother and me," thought Alice, as she walked up the broad walk to She d.d. She was surprised at Alice's bravery, but warmly approved of her plan. "You'll want books and papers," she said, "and you must have hot coffee always ready."

"I hadn't dared think of so much," said "But you must have coffee," repeated Mrs. and you must charge enough to pay for it, "But then we must have some one to make

it," sa'd Alice, thoughtfully,
"Yes," said Mrs. Burns, "and I think I know the very woman.—Mrs. Hart. She is poor, and I know she will be glad, for a little wages (which I shall pay her), to spend her evenings there, making coffee. She's a jolly sort of a person, too, and I think would be just the one to make the boys feel at home."

"And I'll do more," went on the kind-hearted woman, "I'll give you an old-fashioned book-case I have up stairs, and come books to start a library. Other ladies will give you more, and you'll have it full, no found."

mith's gift of the room rent, Mr. Williams gift of the wood, and her own, of the hire of a woman to tend it, a book-case with a dozen books, and two comfortable chairs. She called at nearly every house in the vi-She called at nearly every house in the village and almost every one gave something.
Several gave books, two or three others
agreed to send their weekly papers when they
had read them, many gave one chair each,
three or four gave piain tables; games—backgammon and checkers—ind two or three
bright chromos for the waks, were promised.

Red print curtains for the windows, and
cups and sancers for the coffee, came from
the village store-keeper; a tea-kettle to hang
over the fire, and a tin coffee-pot, came from
the tin-shop; chesp plated tea-spaces from
the jeweler; two copies of the daily paper,
and promise of lots of exchanges from the
editor of the only paper.

In fact, a cort of enthusiasm seemed to be
roaced on the subject, and when Alice went

up, the book case full of books was arranged, some tables were covered with papers and others with games, a forming fire was imile in the fire-place; the ten & tile w a sing og aw-y merric, and at a sale table with cope and coffee things and Mrs. Hart. When Aller seled Jack to go somewhere with her he commuted, they is a good deal apportant and she be with him to the even.

"What's this?" saked Juck, as they turned down the etreet Amin we over the door Mr. Dorer, the sign painter, gave that o "Conte-rang" Ton." a 44 Alter, "let's perio." Lieft was the excipement to reply, and felfor at his sister is she opened the diver. There eafare long Mes. Hart, w to her kn tting in head, a delightful miles of makes in the air, and a sign over her tolds, which said "College, property,"

"Since you went out, Mire Aller," said the clock had struck eleven when hills beard Mrs. Hart, as she proved out the two cups, his step. She hurred to the door to let him "a big package of codice ten pounds at the cost-and another of sugar has most myteriotely appeared." and the modeled he ward the grover's part of the house to indicate the

of strong drink, and she feet as if she could know! She got it up, it's all her doing not hear it.

A month before, they had laid to a drunk:

"No! no! Mrs. start," protested Alice, "I "She !" exclaimed Mrs. Hurt. didn't give a single thing Except your time, and the planeverything," said Mrs. Hart, warmly. Tell me, Allee, What does it mean! asked Juck; and Alice told him. 'And the room is for you, Jack, and the other boys, and every ev ning there'll be bright fire, and hat rodge, and Non Hart t

make it, and I hope, oh, I do hope you

come here and have a good time every might,

Jack was touched. Ally, you're a trump! And I'll do it over " And he did. At first, when the store got it, all the boys and young men came from curiosity to see what one girl had done; and after that they continued to come, because it was the pleasantest place to town and all their own.

No irksome restraints were put more the born and there were no vaities who came to give them Temperages lectures or unwelcome advice; tor was asked to read book or paper, and no ne was told how much texter was coffee for tim that ber. This each found out for him self. In the best w y, viz , by experience, Every evening, before it was time for the boys to beg a to come. Alice would run down to see that everyth my was right, that the fire was bright, the coffee rendy, and Mrs. Hart to Then she would open the book case, select three or four of the most stiract ive-looking books, and lay there around on the tab es in a careline way, as if they were secdentally left there.

Nor dil she let people forget about it. As often as once a week she went to the houses of those most interested, and received from one the week'y popers th t had been read. from another a fresh book or magazine, and from a third some new game, or a pretty print to put upon the wall.
Coffee, and the things to jut in it. Alice

had no need to ask for. The two cents a cun

proved to be more than enough to poy for it

Promptly at helf-past nine Mrs. Hart gathered up the things, and washed the cups and spoons, and as the clock struck ten she pat out the lights and locked the door. Books and paners did their silent work, and before spring the young men grow ashamed of owing their comfort to charity, so they agreed among themselves to p v a small au-Nothing, mother; I'm only making a weekly toward expenses it was not made motil I return. binding on any one, but nearly every one was

The power it was among the boys of that Suddenly a new thought struck her, and town could only be told years afterward, she stood in the middle of the kitchen like a when it was found that nearly every one who h depent his evenings there had become a "I wonder-I do wonder, why a place sober honest citizen, while those who prehow good it would be for boys! That would | On Jack himself the effect was perhaps the most striking. As Alice had started the thing, he could not help feeling it his business to see that the boys had a nice time, and also to keep order among the n. Mrs. Hert

me talk to people, I'm sure, and at least I and make the boys behave themselves, necessary, which it seldom was. Feeting the importance of his position and -in her delicate state of health. Alice hur- when he became a man in years, no one could

All this he owed to the fact that Alice tried It is Shakespeare who says "How far that little capille throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world. - Youth's Companion.

Temperance Items.

CHICAGO DRAM SHOPS are making up this last sum from our tax bill, and it "so sorry." will represent just what the liquor trafthen, good business men of Chicago? of 4,000 saloon-keepers \$6,000,000? shelter and maintenance of the unforta little while, to try an experiment-if I can unate, the poor, and the helpless which Do you deliberately prefer to minister to that institution which, as Mr. Gladplace as pleasant as Mason's saldon, that stone says, brings more evil in its train shan't cost anything, and I'll try to get every than the combined distresses of war. stone says, brings more evil in its train

pestilence and famine? - Chicago Signal. You are thinking like silly idiots, when you say there is no danger in the cup. I know from the blood of five generations of cider-drinking ancestors where you'll get things to put it, or your in my veins, the danger there is in this fire, or anything to make it rival Mason's. thing. There is not a scent of liquor However, I'm busy now, and can't talk more, that is not pleasant to me, that would not be a precious drop on my tongue. Look at me. Do I look like a man easy to be overcome by temptation? Do you know my life? Go back and learn it, and see what I have suffered, and yet I say to you, with this background of evidence I declare to you, as I value my manhood, and my standing, and my soul, I would not dare to drink for three | and reached after her, he stepped right | The word is suggestive of a variety of weeks a glass of liquor a day. The chasm yawns at your feet, at my feet. Those who say there is no danger in the first glass of liquor do not recognize the perils of hereditary weakness. - W. H.

A COMMISSION was appointed by the city of Copenhagen to investigate and | well as ever, and O Mrs. Gray, isn't | Bells have their peculiarities, many of report upon the saloons of that city. there anything I can do for the blessed which we fail to appreciate from lack of This Commission has recommended that | bor?" no one should be licensed to sell liquor until he was thirty-five years old, and home as fast as possible." then not unless he is possessed of a good character. The Commission rec- furious pull, and dashed past the little ant to hurry her, or at the children to ommended the reduction of the number purse girl to her own room like a comet. quiet them, cannot be overestimated. of the saloons, and also that the City Council should help peruniarily any persons who should open Temperance restaurants. The Commission also recease though his heart would break, and Then the door-bell presents itself a ommended that the sale or giving of was a long time getting comforted; but medjum, by the way, to inform electric sons be forbidden, and that when a him to take an p, and there's been half they want is next door. It usually rings person shall be made intoxicated at any public house the publican shall see how he is."
him home in a closed carriage. Some She didn't of these suggestions might be adopted in the United States to advantage - N. W. Christian Advocate.

Revealed in a Dream. On the night of November 30 F. W.

Barker, of Danforth, had a dream in which he saw year corn distinctly quoted at 4% cents, and was told After leaving Mrs. Burns Alice's work was to sell short what he was then holdnuch essier, for that lady gave her a little ing long. He was informed also that abscription book in which she entered Mr. cents was the lowest figure was then worth about 60 cents. On the friends, and advised them to sell their year corn. It gradually declined, and on the morning of December 18 the first h quotation on the board showed it to be worth 481. It only touched those fgures once, and has been no lower. He then all the time - The Funey. out in an order to buy. It is now worth 52) cents. Several persons to whom Mr. Farker spoke on December 1 corroborate his statement. Mr. Barker says that he had a similar experience about seven rears ago when he was teaching school furniture, coough to make the room as pleas-ant as rould be desired.

The next day was quite as busy. The wors-as Mrs. Burns had engaged came to put the room in order, and after it had a thorough scrabbing. Alice went out to collect the fur-fore he looked for them, and the owner of a mow hank where they were covof to jump on.

He jumped. I
the little toy fell The floor was cover so with fresh sawdest— tious, and does not believe in dream the hutcher sent that; the gay curtains were Byracuse (N. Y.) Cur. N. Y. Sun.

Our Young Readers.

TEDDY'S TROUBLE

Peddy-boy by the window stands
Watching the interes as they increased !
Watching the shedows that gather so fact.
And bearing the books to their christees or And bearing the hirds to be along almost, What is my little her thinking almost, thanking an allestic three? Shanking as allestic in his presty blue And why them tours in his presty blue ores? And that from no his foreigned to fair?

Pantly is trying, perhaps, to forced. That a boy he's more per, and just his size Has been very manufall, or mark Mr. Indust. But Ted can't forget, the he tries very band,

And he thinks his gramma might speak. And-a tear rolls down his check. The lottle become hirede to their children call, But no one call " Trody, come beer, my And mother's kieses and twilight songs

Are good things Toddy out never forget. But kines and some are for good fittle buy he Toubly must go without, Chiese be it every and ears so then. Mamma will forgive bin, no doubt. Ob, fast full the shadows, and fast full the Down a pair of charks flushing at red.

And mother's broad piles a guides ten. And they it to twillight, you know, Yet to Toddy and mamma the Like the warmeth of a recordar's give-

LITTLE ROLLO'S BRAVERY.

- Mary 21. Brone, to Wate Awale.

"I'll just go down by the lake. mamma, and wait until you are ready." "But, Rollo, remember you are easily; don't go where you will get any Stains.

"I won't mamma, I'll be ever so

This was the talk they had as Hollo, his newest white suit, and brilliant the monkeys.

It was less than ten minutes when he away. came back, one shoe of, one clastic gone, his bright red stockings torn and been doing? asker Julia's mother hanging, himself covered from head to foot with mud. How could a boy have done so much mischief to himself in so short a time? If only Rollo had had a reputation for being careful, she would have surely stopped to hear his story; but, also for him! A more heedle a boy never lived than this same Rollo. Still, this was worse than usual; so much worse that the mother decided on the instant that he must have a severe

"Rollo," she said, in her coldest tone, 'you may go at once to Hannah and have her put your every-day suit on; then you may go to my room and stay

"But mamma" said Rollo, his face could hard v speak. But she passed him on the stairs without a word. He called after her

please to lis en to me "

mother, then on to the park.

burt in any way?"

"Who?" said Mrs. Gray, wondering-"My Rollo? Oh, no, he isn t hurt. Why? Did you hear of an accident?" "Didn't be tell you? Didn't anybody climbed into the boat; it was locked, threw forward his knight, so as to check but she tried to sit at the farthest end. Hall's king, and a pawn also. He gave and she lost her balance and pitched a shrill chuckle, and moved on. The head first into the lake. Rollo saw her, game was a draw - Hultimore Ameriyour little Kollo, he was the only one around; and I don't know how he did it, and he such a little bit of a fellow. He climbed over the side of the boat, in that deep mud and got stuck, and the sounds, some harsh, others exect, and a little man had sense enough to unbut- few fair (fare), the last-named class beton his shoe and leave it sticking there, ing confined strictly to car conductors. and wade out after baby. He saved One rarely hears more exqueste music her, I'm sure I don't know how, but than a harmonious chime of sweet toned he tugged her out and, taid her on the bells, or one more jarring and disagreesbank, all unconscious, you know, and ble than the discordant jingling of poor we thought she was dead, but she is as or cracked ones.

"John," said Mrs. Gray, "drive Up the steps she ran, gave the bell a collar, as an rticle to throw at the serv

"He's asleep now, ma'am. He cried of always remaining a sound article. finally I got him dressed, and coaxed ing people the number of the house

She didn't believe in disturbing sleeping boys, as a rule, but she picked this one right out of his bed and carried him, half smothered with kisses, to her if it is a well-regulated hell it will ring rocking-chair, and sat down to laugh twice as often when she is out than it and cry over him and kiss him. Only half awake he was at last, still grasping the big orange that Hannah had given amount of influence over men. This is

kinnes, said: "Dear little brave boy, will you forgive mamma for all the sorrow of this

afternoon?" Then he rubbed his eyes and looked year corn would reach this year. Corn at her wonderingly, and patted her cheek, and said: following morning he came to the city "You mean you will forgive me? and related his dream to several of his You will, won't you? I truly didn't mean to get wet and dirty.

How many kisses do you suppose he had then? As for Mrs. Sullivan, she hasn't found enough yet to do for Rollo. though she keeps doing nice little things

Julia and Her Little Brother.

years ago when he was teaching school near Rome. The place where a pair of spectacles which had been lost could be found was revealed to him, and he found them just as it had been shown to on unless it was held.

which end, bating cital bell of it anybody touched it, and wouldn't stay on unless it was held.

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the little girl picked him up, and dianopolic fournal

brooked of the more. Then the the window slid up the spein and his what she heard the girl our

"Try it again, Ju! That was too but Sister is every. She will held the heard the Uses." So the board "as again out was safely on it.

on the broken sind, and hald until In-"Now, at still Jo, and I'll give the a nice and ride," each the six a girl And then she picked up the rope and polled. Up few Jo's lost and he all over backward but he was not but

much, and after another brockery tax girl said "New sit with your test to the back rose can transition from ear-But he did. I ally that time he fail on his face. Next he sat sidewise, with

his feet hanging over part of a coloner

In this war he went arfels as for an

across a little room, his them board out her once more upset. The good enter tried a dince times to give Jon ride, but every time the salt. broken sled threw him od. | 100 the 15. the girl was putient and aind, and only gently, and took good care of her little brother. And that was better me hach of them that day them a few and wife would have been. For when they were sway the lady opened the window wale. and sent a big ber to follow them, and

told him to come back and tell her the house they lived in And then, the same day, she went out and bought a strony and provisled. Its name was "Andden Arme. Then she went herself to the house where the little girl lived, and asked for the little girl wire had been trying dressed in white, and it soils very to give her little brother a single line

Abal morning. Julia Julia" railed for motion Here is a lasty, asking for you.

Julia ran to the gate "You were trying to draw a little boy on the side walk in front of my red stockings and fresh sailor hat, kissed bouse this morning " began the ladhis hand to his mother and tripped out but she could not say abottor word of the gate. Ten minutes more, and then, for Julia was irightened and be expected to be off to the park to hear said: "Oh, ma'am, I didn't I didn't the lovely music, and see the swans and mean to do anything "aught." Then she began to cry very hard, and ran

"What left, me am, that my child has "Nhe is a duced sister," and little Jo-The lady smiled. "I waithed her this morning." she und, "unit the way so sweet and patient that I wished to make her a present. And as my home there is a new sled | for her, if she will

come and ext it. Pretty soon, Julia was at the tally a house, with Jo and three other little brothers, and the "Golden Across" made five children happy many days. for these children were real coulding. and it all happened just like this elsev--M. Nichmins.

Thirty Games of Chess at Once. At the Maryland Historical rooms last

thirty games of chose simultaneously in the presence of quite a large audience The tables supporting the chose bounds were ranged in parallel rows down the 'Mamma, O mamma! Won't you middle of the hall, each of the thirty contestants being scated in front of a -table. Herr Steinits, commencing at Rollo, you may obey me, immeditable No. 1 would make a green and pass stely and I do not wish to hear a to the next, making a circuit ---every twenty minutes. In playing Steinitz invariably leaned on his right ringe rolled away, stopped at Mrs. Mer- arm placed on the table, and lo his left rivale's and took up Helen and her hand held an unlighted eight, through out the evening. In making a more the You needn't suppose Rollo's mother distinguished little gentleman would enjoyed it. She seemed to care nothe raise the piece and set it down hardly ing for the park; she hardly glanced at but lightly, reminding one of the Fi the swans, and did not go near the strike you with a feather gesture, which monkeys. All the time she missed a some years ago was a part of the strike happy little face and e ger voice that in trade of variety stars. From the set she had expected to have with her, set Herr Steinits adopted a versionaly Miss Helen Merrivale was another dis aggressive policy, and seen had two appointed one. Had not she and Hollo thirds of his opponents in a very had planned together this ride to the park? way. Mr. Julius Hall, Jr., at 11 representation Now, all she could learn from his moth- posed a draw, which Ste nit- accepted er was that Rollo was detained at the At 11-45 Dr. A. B. Arnold also proposed last minute. She did not intend to tell a draw, which was accepted. At 11 at . the Merrivales that her careless little thirteen of the players had resigned and boy seemed to grow more careless every two were mated. At table No. 8 Mr. their accounts for the year. It is said day; and how she felt that she must shut Steinitz administered a brilliant mare by and you'll think I am crazy, I'm afraid, when that the total sales for the year amount herears to his pitiful little explanations, sacrificing his queen early in the game. to \$10,000,000, of which \$6,000,000, or which would amount to nothing more In playing Mr. Steinits on an average three-fifths, is clear profit. Subtract than he "disin't mean it at all," and was took about one quarter of a minute for each move. The first opponent to re-The mother believed that she had sign was Mr. J. J. Merrifield, at 1811 "Then you'll not wonder," she went on fic of the city costs the hard working. | done right; nevertheless she was lonely p. m. At 12 05 a. m. Mr. Steinits made sober citizens. Are you so benevolent and sad. They came home earlier than an oversight at the table of Mr. A collthey had intended. As they passed mar, which the latter prempt y acaded Do you voluntarily throw into the tills Mrs. Sullivan's pretty cottage she was of causing the veteran to resign. This standing at the gate with Mamie in is the first time Mr. Steinit: has been There are charities designed for the her arms, and out she came to speak to beaten in Baltimore. At 1 a. m. the games were concluded. Mr Stronite "You havent't the dear little fellow winning all with the exceptions above are languishing for your benefactions. with you," she said, eagerly, her lips noted. To try his memory one of the trembling. "I wanted to kiss him, players misplaced the king. No some? the darling, brave boy. O Mrs. Gray, did he return to that chees board on his I hope and trust that he did not get rounds than he noticed the change. Mr Steinitz's most formidable opconent was Mr. Julius Hall. It looked at mos time as if the latter would win, and the champion pondered deeply over his moves. The game had reached a point tell you? Why, Mrs. Gray, if it hadn't where Mr. Hall had a king, a tellbeen for your trace little Rollo-I shiv. and two pawns against a king and a er and grow cold all over when I think knight, and was press ng Steinit hard where my baby would be now! She He made a slp, however, and Stein is

The numerous advantages of a callbell on the table, over the easier or sait-"Where is Rollo?" she said, breath It has all the in urious qualities of the others, and the desirable characteristic

observation.

the town here this afternoon to inquire in such a manner as to be distinctly heard by everybody in the house, except the girl whose duty it is to answer it. and, if by any chapes she does hear it. it is the bell's fault, not the girl's, and does say other time. Bells sometimes exercise a "fare"

him, when mamma, giving him more especially noticeable on street cars, where bells are used to prevent passergers paying their fare twice, and to compel the conductor to keep his eyes peeled" and thus egable him to make his bell-punch chime with the jugling amount of money turned in. Then the rayman's bell, which tinkles

mournfully in the early morning, and tim on the street, to button his coal tighter and wish he might wear all his other at once and tie them on with a clothes line, to prevent a sacrifice of them to the addition of a new vaccount the mantel or a plaster cast of Venus riding on a ligard.

And last the wedding bells, which usually amounce a man has reached the end of his happiness, but neglect to say which end, and it is a subject for debating ciubs to decide, whether the bell e who goes on or stays in the tour tower) is the most cracked .- Detroit

Well, the little girl held the board staid in will result in the saving of from one got on it, so that the board staid in will result in the saving of from one place; then she got off, and told the quarter to one third the folder. And from this, the comfort of the animals is He jumped. The board tipped and no unimportant matter, when viewed the little toy fell on the sidewalk. But from a humanitarian standpoint. - fre-