RED CLOUD. - NEBRASKA

BERAPHINA'S SISTER JANE. Scraphina loves me dearly!
I love Scraphina, too.
Oh, her form a divine (or nearly)—
That's of course 'twixt me and you.
Lots of blisses fate has sent us. And we'd really not complain Seraphing's siste Jane!

Small is Seraphina's sister,
Six years old, or thereabouts;
But, by jingo, she's a 'twister,'
Full of noise and tiny shouts. Seraphina's kies to wain. In runs that intruding lisper, Seraphina's sister Jane.

When we in the gard n wander, As our words are getting fonder. In she rushes, bair a tangle, Like a doll that's good insane; Then I feel I'd like to strangle

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 bas a br of existence-Don't you interrupt again; When I'm here just keep your distance,

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

Secaphina's sister Jane

Colonel Percy Brown is a smart man. 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 has e en admitted it himself, in un- nothing has been done, e-cept to put dence is sufficient, insure his transpor- whether you are dead or alive. In case guarded moments, Heisastock-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 of ce, corner of - (but minster and was ordered from Europe w thout he 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-a wonderfully desirable situation in a cient quantity to cover this room in be idle and drunken and will not pay Henri Comte de Fitz James, who is 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.

high toned peddlers. the Colonel | luffs them of that constitutes the attraction, is a question, but India rug.

the charm is there, notwithstanding. mer, and takes an enormous pride in The Blue Room is now furnished in 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 win offense, but by the modus operandi exhas made a scientific study of agents in material uphoistering the sofas and 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

weekly wages. agent, he will be prepared to tell you yards deep. These are fastened back insult, horse stealing, roguery, debt, where that agent was born, his name, with silk momie cloth and plush loops. smuggling and the like. The great

fine point, and often amuses his friends by his sharp guesses at the article the of silver and colors in relief. Circular or the other of two classes, viz.: those 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 no go; you can't sell me a patent extra, silicon plate, reversible clothes-wringer, with silve bands inside. The shields are in colored me als on circles inclosclothes durable, sew stray buttons on, and do the work of sixteen servant. The most striking feature of the red she has placed herself in a certain

carrying two books under his arms.

acent.

himself and his eloquence up in a heap, and precipitated himself on the unlucky object of his ridicule in the following fashion: "No, sir, I don't want a Bible to the central design is stars in copper fashion to the consequence is that by far a less number of husbands accompany their wives into voluntary exile than wives their husbands. Those fashion: "No, sir, I don't want a Bible to the central design is stars in copper criminals who only lose some of their with 32,000 double, fleeced-lined, gilt. and silver, both in the same style. The righ s lose only part of their privileges, edge, single and double reversible furniture and curtains are red, the same and are settled in Siberia. to get their 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 buil may, however, first have to serve a term by the old masters, and nickle plated walls and ceiling. The curtains are of in prison; or, again, they may be alfly leaf-dirt cheap at \$16-buy one for green satin, with gold cornices. The 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 tory, one on each side of the fire place, ment work. As a rule they are first out of a family of thirty-seven boys and where the windows were, are a pleasing condemned to serve a certain time to girls--your parents may be deaf and addition to this room. Plants show confinement, without labor, It o'clock p. m. - Norridown Herald. dumb, blind and paralyzed—I suppose through them to advantage. The corthey are Bible agents of your appear-ridor has its walls now of a golden olive. live outside of the prison with their famance usually do have parents with some The niches are lined with mottled gold lile, but are not released from their 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 in the majolica vases set on marble t me for their liberation has arrived.

to be obl ged to do so." 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 cra 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, autoedia in twenty-eight volumes, bound in sheep, and illum nated 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 \$284. 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

"Oh. you are not." broke in the Colnot a book agent, then; perhaps you was stuffed wi will 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. "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, non-combustible lightning-rod, which is reversible both ways and can be taken to keep lamp-chimneys from cracking. The Diamond is a Leipsic journal devotation. down and used as a fishing-rod. I don't ed to glass matters, and from that we 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 piano 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 measure taken for glove fitting shirts with a mirror in the back. My life is insured in every Life Insurance Company in the crockery, stone ware porcelain etc. in every Life Insurance Company in the crockery, stone-ware, porcelain, etc. world, and my house ditto, for four times us value, so you can't get a policy out of me. I have read 'Jumping Jumbes; or, June Jumeberries,' and don't fective will be the work."—Golden Eule.

wish to subscribe for a copy. I don't wish to take twenty thousand dillars' worth of stock in the company which will un tertake to prop the Brooklyn 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 Blow-

hard, the great actor. In fact-" The Colonel paused for breath, conscious that some one of his courteous guesses had hit its victim where he

The latter appeared deeply insuited, es 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, 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 swall that they seem indist netly Siberia. Of course this judgment is the best place in the world to make plano 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 discover an unaccountable tascination told me that was because any marked being carried out, but unless just cause world for the to rist, and the most adabout this particu'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 griz ly for three months. colors are such as are seen in an East a colonist.

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

He has got this down to an incredibly

The carpet is an Axminster, with p le 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, acagent 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 r gmarole. opa'escent glass are fastened to the lose only a portion of them. The for-For instance, if a young man in a soiled walls, from which extend gilt b anches mer class are in an unenviable position. suit and clean paper collar, comes in, with several gas-burners. These If a man has a title or official rank, he is coat, Brown will wink a his friends all the newly-finished rooms, is strik- another. Neither his word nor his bond 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 monkey-wrench, warranted to make the ling a gold ground. Around the fire- woman, she cannot marry after her re-

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 blesh like of English earthenware tiles, a "tea-pot the auth rit es see fit, be thrown into a girl, fall over two spittoons, and brown." The mantel is mahogany. prison again, even though they have hunt for out-dors at a Maud S. speed. The tire-place is bordered by brass served their time and are living as col-The other day Colonel Percy was moldings, outside of which is a wide onists. In fact, they lose all their amusing a party of friends in this border of square glass tiles, set in rights as subjects and almost as human fashion, and had successively paralyzed squares over metal, which reflects the beings, though they may appeal to and a lightning-rod highwayman, when carved mahogany frame, with a narrow in case they be murdered, little the door opened and a young man in a shelf at the top. Above this is a row of trouble is expended to ferret out white cravat and black suit entered, square pannels of Japanese leather, just the murderer. Though an exile's beneath the upper mantel-shelf of ma-Co onel Percy's eye almost fell out hogany, which shelf is ten feet long. wife of an exile and their children from the magnitude of the wink he gave | The columns supporting this at each | can accompany the convict to his friends, as he remarked in an under- end are of mahogany and represent the Siberia and take up their abode tone: "Just get on to the style in Roman fasces. These rise from the floor there, and the Government pays which I will pulverize that Bible and, with the long shelf described, form the cost of traveling and The young man approached, and with the fire-place in the center. The wife, the husband has to bear all costs when he got within ten feet of the es- 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- pany her. The consequence is that by

with medalions and panels broken up they serve out their time, subject, how-The Colonel paused in expectation of with tracery of gold, silver, and brass. ever, to Government inspection square vestibule without is to be filled glass, instead of the figured-ground

The Fox and the Fowls. A Fox who had gorged himself with is that you steal my Fowls.' "If that's all we can be Friends," re-

your Hen-Roost."

"Honest " laid his naw on his stomach. Two days afterward the Peasant crossing his Fields when he suddenly came upon the Fox devouring one of his

"Ha! but it is scarcely forty-eight hours since you promised to let my Fowls alone! "Yes, I know." replied Reynard

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.

The Extles in Situria.

The ex le system of Russia is far less countries. Of e ur e, there are in stances of great har ship and wrong at | beauty in England, has captured Sir times, but as a general rule one will Masy Thompson, and his locome of find the prisoners in S.beria more con- \$100,00) a yeartented, b-tier treated, and better reeither in the country or Europe. In with Livingst ne when 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 gencriminal being re ormed in preons or Times. houses of correction at home he is not transported to Si eria, unless his offense be of a character that demands to Leadville, dog in the mines, scoured such a course; but if, after repeated im- the p sigs as a scout, took in washing, not yet reformed, then he is banished | San Francisco Caronicle, assist in der loping the resources have passed since his death about 4, 239, . of Asiatic Russia, which stands 000 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 Siler's a person need not be gulty of lowest .- Chicago Herald. an o ense against the laws of the land, 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 enm ty of some Pea e, and of cially notiving him, new decorations in certain rooms at the acquaintance, or i, 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 The pattern of this carpet is too small lives meet in their village Parliament, French nobleman. The Count, who is plain meals.

It is a common error to suppose that parlor is the mantel and the fire-place, category; and, whether man or woman, three sides of a very large rectangle, tenance. If, however, the convict be the loved to live in their own house and live outside of the prison with their fam-

Amoor Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

Books vs. the Powers of Observation.

It was lately remarked in these columps that one of the dangers attendant on education was that it might lessen men's powers of observation. There is no doubt, we apprehend, that this possibility does exist. Bookishness and absence of mind are no new faults among three Fowls was sitting in a fence cor- students. Among the more cultivated ner with a disgusted look on his Face classes they have, indeed, been for a when along came a Peasant, who said: considerable time in process of diminu-"The only think I have against you tion, and the last half-century more particularly has seen a great change in this respect. Physical science has roused 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 will never again disturb the peace of of 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 the present day have the advantage of 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 onel, thoroughly aroused. "You are was stuffed with Chicken and could of our universities live largely in a three lives and could of our universities live largely in a live l of our universities live largely in a mood of abstract thought, we must be careful of finding undue fault with this. for the inward eve has some claims not lightly to be despised. But, with reserves a good deal of attention. Popular education is still in the bookish stage; and, without complaining of what is in-evitable, we may and ought to inquire 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 error may be fostered; whether and closk is also a worm that is gnawing at how the study of books may be made to to assist in the general business of life.

ringlet is held in its place by a piece of They have either got to button up the ribben, with the name of the done

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

H. A. Garfie'd, sen of the la's Presthe penal system practiced in the other the Will ams Codege Attengum. -Mss Chamberlin, the American

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

-It is the opnion of Evangelist

eral. If there is any like thood of the Mr. Ingersoll more infide a - N. Y. -Mrs. Rav. the first we man who went

prisonment in the local prisons, he is an i now has a fortune of \$1,000,000 to Siberia and the community are rid | - There is a general opinion that of a corrupting member of society, Dickens' popularity is waning. It may while another unit is sent to be, but within the twelve years that

-The Attorney General of Queben for there are thousands in that desolate Mr. Joseph Alfred Mousseau, recently

-Miss Esmeralda Boyle, who was the leading spirit in organizing the "Liter-The Green Parlor, which was entirely all, or most of the Siberian exiles, are ary Society of Washington" at Mrs. Colonel Brown was formerly a drum- refurnished last year, remains the same. political offenders. The fact is that this Dah'gren's home, is the daughter of an class of criminals forms but a small per- old naval officer, whose eccentricity his knowledge of human nature. He robin's egg blue, which looks green by 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 Bishop in the Me hodist Church. He dow-blinds, is now of this shade. The plained before, for being a public was named Cceana, being born while in all its branches. At the distance of some gilt ones used before but re more of which a man may be transtwenty 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 have an olive plush bo der about two port not renewed, attempted suicide. Spain and spent her childhood at Ma plan

deira. - Chicago Times. - Frank Lumbard, a well-known ca.npaign-singer of Chicago, whose death was recently announced, left his wife and daughter penniless. So long ago as 186? Fran . was singing at political gatherings, and in the days of the war no public assemblage in Chicago was complete without him. He went to Viewsburg with the Sanitary Commission in 186", and sang "Old Shady," "The Star-Spangled Banner." "John Brown" and other patriotic songs to the boys in the field. During the Lincoln-McClellan campaign in 1804 he sang at hondreds of mee ings in Illinois, and in the ways been heard .- Chicago News.

HUMOROUS.

-They tell of a woman who simply loo's at food and her hunger is appeased. Make a splendid wife for a poor man, in these days of high prices.

-Young housewife: "What miserable little eggs! You must really tell 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 grocer."

-A Poston man has discovered a way of running sewing machines by hot air. We can furnish him plenty of ninetyeight 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 -N ne tenths of the crime of the

world is perpetrated after sundown, and if the Society for the Prevention of Crime is sincere in its work, it will immed ately ask Congress to enacta law to prevent the sun going down before ten -A Falling out once Occurred between the Stomach and the Other Mem-

bers of the Pody, whereupon an Illness of all Fusued. "See, now," said the Other Members, "what a Blamed Fool trifling request. although I assure you it cuts a large slice of my heart-strings The ceiling is a light ivory ground. Other Members, "what a Blamed Fool you are, for Instead of eing the Healthy, out in service to avored civilians, where Comfortable stomach you once Were. you are Now red and 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 back, sir." U. S., fercely, "Don't you like it? Allow me to tell you that am at your service at any time and place.' Traveler, benignantly: "Oh. indeed: that is very kind of you. Just carry this sachel to the hotel."-Detroit Free Press.

-Mrs. L. F. M.-What is the best baking-powder? We don't exactly know, na am. The "Rise-Up-William-R ley" is a good one, and the Gabriel's Trump" isn't half bad. There's the "Git-Up-and-Git" how fashioned yeast is good enough for us. B t. f you must use unnatural means to make your bre d 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 felt, and afford all men who take advantage of it immediate relief in these new fur-lined circulars are un healthy and should be abolished. appears that the fur-lined cloak has the same effect on a woman as a diamond spect to the mass of the nation, the question we have raised is one that depin on a man's shirt bosom has on the toned up, for fear the pin will not show, and in nine cases out of ten unless he is careful to wear a sheep-skin protector. Equally we have to inquire whether the virtue which is the converse of this dicted. And it seems the fur-lined minister to powers of direct observation, hood, and making consumptives out of instead of being adverse to them, and them. The troub e is a woman is bound to have about five or six buttons of her fur-lined cloak unbuttoned at the bot-tom so the cloak will blow back and ex--Mrs. John Kreider, of Leaman pose the far. But women seem determined, in the face of all this testimony. Place. Pa., has prepared an album, containing locks of bair from the heads of 1,104 of her relations and friends. Each des h in one of its most horrid forms.

chest protector. -Peck's Sun.

Temperance Reading.

Las-table and at irted for the door.

"You know why," said his states, to a low saw the tears come late Allew's eyes. "

the clock had struck eleven when Alice bear? his step. She harried to the door to let him in. His face was flushed, and his breathales !- reminded her of her father's. He made some excuse and harried off to bed said Alice sank into a chair in the allting-room. She was shocked. She was grieved. This was the first time Jork had showed signs of befor under the influence

and's grave their father, and over his terrible doublehed Jack had consend their mether that he would not follow in his steps. Yet now-so soon-be has thought Alice, atting there sions in the a had once !" she or ed out in her distress

thich her thoughts ever eime back. must save Jack, for he's all mother and have: but how !" What can one girl do, without money and

the next day, as she went about her work in 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 making the cottage titly and cooking their "it's no use to talk," she said to herself; Jack m ans to do what's right. And it's ven worse to scold or to be cross him, for that only makes him stay away

more." And she gave the pillow she was 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 enend a cent when the others do. It looks

lung the pil ow into its place with such spirit that it went over on the floor. What are you bauging about so for! she answered. And she we ton a thinking "What would be best would be to have

s goed at this thought. It can't be here at home, bee use it takes much money to have it worm and light and besides, his friends wouldn't leel free to some, and it would be lonely for him." Alice, what are you muttering about?

be splend d! And she looked anything but a statue now, 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 shape; "but it's for Jack, and that'll help me talk to people, I'm sure, and at least I She did try. Without troubling her mother with her plans-for she knew she would be worried and think of a dozen objections to t character he had never before shown, and -in her delicate state of health. Alice hur- when he became a man in years, no one cou

grocer. She hap enel to know that at the his father, back of Mr. Smith's store was a room open. All this h ing on a side street, which he had for nerly rented for a cobbler's shop, but which was now empty. Alice's heart fluttere! wildly a moment, when she stood before the grocer in his pri-

Smith "You are Rawson's daughter, I believe." was Mr. Smith's greeting.
"Yes," said Alice, "I am Alice Rawson, and you'll think I am crazy, I'm afraid, when I te I my errand," she went on tremb'ingly. "But O Mr. Smith! If you remember my fath

er before-before" -"I do, child," said the grocer, kin fly, sup-"Is your brother in danger!" askel Mo

of other boys, and what you can do is to let me have Johnson's old shop, free of rent for get help," she added warmi "But what will you do? I don't under stand " said Mr. Smith. What will I do! Oh, I'll try to make

place as pleasant as Mason's sa don, that shan't cost anything, and I'll trr to get everboy and young man to go there and not to Mason's. If they could have a nice warm place of their own, Mr. Smith, don't you think they would go there!" she asked anx-"I don't know but they would," said the

and as you are in earnest and the cause is good, I'il let you have the room to try the

"Oh, thank you?" cried Alice. "Here's the key," t king that article down Alice walked out with her precious key,

illage, where lived Mrs. Burns, a wealthy lady whose son was wild and gave her anxi-Alice, as she walked up the broad walk to "and you must have bot coffee always ready.

"But you must have coffee," repeated Mrs. and you must charge enough to pay for it, sons be forbidden, and that when a "But then we must have some one to make

After leaving Mrs. Burns Alice's work was much essier, for that lady gave her a little subscription book in which she entered Mr. mith's gift of the room rent, Mr. Williams gift of the wood, and her own, of the hire of a womin to tend it, a book-case with a dozen ooks, and two comfortable chairs. She called at nearly every house in the vil-

up, the book case full of bushs was arranged, others with games, a ropoling fire was local in the fire-place; the ten & tile w a sing or away merrily, and at a sale table with come and

A LITTLE CANDLE.

"Please stoy at home to-night, Jack ?" said May ?" demonded Ja k. "its awful dut!

tone. "You know father" she stopped suddenly. "I kndw," said Jack, more mility. "But you can't expect a fellow to stay mewed up of home all the time. Now look here," as he needn't fret about me is a I'm bound to take care of myself, but I must have a little leasure after working all day. Good-by; Pile-But he was not home by nine, nor by ten, and

"And how ean I blame him, poor boy!" a 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 sren't good things as free But what can I do!" was the opesition to

w thout frends-almost?" thought Alice, remembering, with a shudder, that a drunkard's daughter is apt to have few influential Aics Rawson was clear-headed, though young. She thought the matter over during

her place. stirring up a sav ge poke to relieve her feel-

n an, and Jack hates being mean;" and she asked her mother from the next room.
"Oh, nothing I was thinking, mother,"

some other place just as pleasant, and warm, and free as Mason's some good place." Alice

agreed among themselves to n v a small and called Mrs. Rawson. "Nothing, mother; I'm only making went on, closing the door and starting for another winter the coffee-room was an indethe kitchen, "but Jack was too tired to read | pendent establishment

Suddenly a new thought struck her, and "I wonder-I do wonder, why a place sober hopest citizen, while those who pre please to listen to me?" couldn't be fixed—a room somewhere! I be-lieve people would help if they only thought live i criminals and a pest upon somety. how good it would be for boys! That would !

vate office, where she was sent when she asked of the clerk an interview with Mr.

bravely. "that I am going to try every way to save my brother." "He is in danger," said Alice, earnestly, "of doing just as father did, and so are lots

crocer; 'but it's an experiment. I don't see generations of eider 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

from a nait. "Say o more child, I couldn't rent it this winter anyway," as she tried

feeling as if the whole thing was done. But t was far from that. Her next visit-she had carefully planned the n air out-ras to a man who sold wood; for in that village wood was the only fuel.
This man, Mr. W.H. a.us, h.d a son who was somewhat dissipated; therefore he was ready to listen patiently to Alice's pleading. and to help in any really practical perils of her plan. He listened interestedly and from-ised to give a corl of cut wood to beg n with, and if it proved a success, to give enough to run the fire-place—there was no stove—all the evenings of that winter. Next, Alice went to the finest house in the

the house, "and I'm sure she'll help."

She did. She was surprised at Alice's bravery, but warmly approved of her plan. You'll want books and papers," she said, "I hadn't dared think of so much," said

it," sa'd Alice, thoughtfuils.
"Yes," said Mrs. Burns, "and I think I know the very woman-Mrs. Hart. She is 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 kindhearted woman, "Fil give you an old-fash-ioned book-case I have up stairs, and some books to start a library. Other ladies will give you more, and you'll have it full, no

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 saucers for the coffee, came from the village store-keeper; a tes-kettie to hang over the fire, and a ten coffee-pot, came from the tin-shop; chesp plated tes-spoons 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 sort of enthusiasm seemed to be roused on the subject, and when Alice went

used on the subject, and when Alice went one that night her little book had a list of

asked Jera to go somewhere with her, b onsected, then h a good deal surprised and the lie west him to the rate. What's this!" seked Juck, as they turned down the street A street we over the door Direc, the sign painter, gave that; a "Combre e made " You," sold Aliver "let's go in." Jork was too except and to repre, and fel There ealers long Mes. Hart, w to ber kent ting in hand, a delightful other of motion to the

te, and a sign over her title, which and "Let's have some," sait Jeck "Re ground it amedia?" Since you went out, Miss Aller," said Mrs. Hart, as she poned out the two expa-"a big parkage of coffee-ten posseds at the least-and another of augus has most my terionaly appeared." and the mobiled toward the grocer's part of the house to indicate the

Whe what have you to do with ! naked J.ck. booking charmly of Allen "She" explained Mrs. Burt. "She"t you of strong drink, and she fest as if she could not hear it.

A mouth before, they had lab! in a drunk—No! no! Mrs. itset," protested Alice, " didn't give a single thing

"Except your time, and the pin, an exerciting "said Mrs. Hart, warmly. "What does it mean! Tell me, Alice," "And the rease is for you, Jack, and the other bore, and every ev ming there'll be : bright five, and hot rodes, and Mrs. Hart ! make it, and I hope, oh, I do bope you come here and have a good time every night," also added.

Jack was touched.

'Ally, you're a trump! And I'll do it, sure And he did. At first, when the story got it, all the boys and young men came from curiosity to see what one gill had done; and after that they emtinued to come, because it easily; don't go where you will get any that morning. was the pleasantest place to town, and all No irasome restraints were out more the born and there were no vestires who came to give them Temperature ectures or naveloome strice; buy was asked to read book or paper, and ne was told how much betier was coffee for him 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 o see that everything was right, that the fire was bright, the coffee ready, and Mrs. Hart in

ve-looking books, and lay them around on the tab es in a carelins way, as if they were accdentally left there. Nor did she let people forget about it. ten as once a week she went to the houses of those most interested, and received from one the week y mopers 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.

case, select there or four or the most attract

Then she would open the book

Coffee, and the things to ; ut in it, Altee ad no need to ask for. The two cents a supproved to be more than enough to pur for it Prompt'y at half-past nine Mrs. Hart gath-ered up the things, and washed the cups and spoons, and as the clock struck ten she put out the lights and looked the door. Books and papers did their eilent work, and before spring the young men grew ashamed of owing their comfort to charity, so they

weekly toward expenses. It was not made | mutil I return. inding on any one, but nearly avery one was 'If I could get books and papers," she glad to do it, and by this means before The power it was among the boys of that Suddenly a new thought strock 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 d spent his evenings there had

On Jack himself the effect was, perhaps, the thing, he could not belp feeling it his business to see that the boys had a nice time, and also to keep order among the n. Mrs. Hart soon found that he was a sort of specipoliceman, always ready to seitle difficult ea cessary, which it seldom was. Feeting the importance of his position and nfluence, brought out in him a manliness

All this he owed to the fact that Alice tried what one girl could do. It is Shekespeare who save

How far that little candle throws his beams So shines a good deed in a naughty world

Temperance Items. CHICAGO DRAM SHOPS are making up their accounts for the year. It is said this last sum from our tax bill, and it "so sorry." posing she had come to ask for help will represent just what the liquor traf

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"The mother believed that she had sign was lonely p. m. At 12 05 a. m. Mr. Steinits made sober citizens. Are you so benevolent then, good business men of Chicago? of 4,000 saloon-keepers \$6,000,000? There are charities designed for the shelter and maintenance of the unfort- them. a little while, to try an experiment-if I can | unate, the poor, and the helpless which Do you deliberately prefer to minister pestilence and famine? - Chicago Signal. You are thinking like silly idiots,

stone says, brings more evil in its train I hope and trust that he did not get rounds than he noticed the change. Mr than the combined distresses of war, burt in any way?" when you say there is no danger in the cup. I know from the blood of five 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 weeks a glass of liquor a day. The chasm vawns 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 report upon the saloons of that city. 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 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 person shall be made intoxicated at any public house the publican shall see how he is." him home in a closed carriage. Some 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 484 cents, and was told to sell short what he was then holding long. He was informed also that afternoon?"
48; cents was the lowest figure Then be re year corn would reach this year. Corn was then worth about 60 cents. On the | cheek, and said: following morning he came to the city and related his dream to several of his friends, and advised them to sell their mean to get wet and dirty. year corn. It gradually declined, and on the morning of December 18 the first quotation on the board showed it to be hasn't found enough yet to do for Rollo. worth 481. It only touched those "gures" though she keeps doing nice little things once, and has been no lower. He then put in an order to buy. It is now worth 521 cents. Several persons to whom Mr. Parker spoke on December I corroborate his statement. Mr. Barker says that he years ago when he was teaching school near flome. 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.

Saw there a little girl and a little boy. bating club sled there was a board that tell of if anybody touched it, and wouldn't stay on unless it was held. furniture, enough to make the room as pleasant as could be desired.

The next day was quite as hear. The wors an Mrs. Burns had engaged came to put the room is order, and after it had a thorough a crabbine. Alice went out to collect the furniture. The villige expressors, who owned a hand-cart, had subscribed his services to of a snow bank where they were covariant. ered up. He says be is not superstithe butcher sent that; the gay curtains were | Byracuse (N. Y.) Cor. N. Y. Sun

Our Young Readers.

TEDDY'S TROUBLE

Peddy-buy by the window stands.

Watching the leaves as they incommend to watching the shadows that gather so fact, and hearing the hiera so their castiferes in What is my little buy thinking about, standing on glessity these?

And that from the bis forested to then? Publy is trying, perhaps, to forget .
That a bey beknown jet, and just his size, they beknown jet, and just his size, they be not just his size, they be the the first of they'd the more but trace in her that Toll can't forget, the be trick over bend, And he thinks all measures might speek.

And-a tear role down his cheek. The little become hirds to their children call.

But to one calls " Tradly, some born, my And mother's kieses and twilight songs Are good things Toddy can mever freight. But bloom and songs are for good Stris logs, An Turkey must go without, Union he is surry and save on them

Martina will findgive bem, me doubt.

Oh, fast fail the shadows, and fast fail the Down a pair of obserks flushing so red. And presently Turbly is sorry sold be.
And mother's breast pilities a guiden bend.
Then fast (all the kinese on electic and on

And they it is twilleds, you know, Fet to Toddy and mamma the com-Like the warmit of a monolay's glow -Story D. Strine, to Wide Assabe.

---LITTLE BOLLO'S BRAVERY.

"I'll just go down by the lake. mamma, and wait until you are read; "flut, Rolls, remember you are dressed in white, and it soils very Main.

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

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

the monkeys. It was less than ten minutes when he away gone, his fer ght red stockings toen and been sloing?" asker Julia's mother came back, one shoe of, one elastic hang ng, himself covered from bead 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 but, alas 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 hardly speak. But she passed him on the stairs without a word. He called after her:

Then she said:

mother, then on to the park.

ried through with her work, put on her have the slightest fear that Jack Rawson monkeys. All the time she missed a some years ago was a part of the state things, and went to call first on Mr. Smith, a would ever follow in the downward steps of bases, but for any little face and a gore voice that in trade of variety stars. From the code that the total sales for the year amount | herears to his pitiful little explanations, | excriticing his queen early in the game-

"Who?" said Mrs. Gray, wondering- was Mr. Julius Hall. It looked at one "My Rollo? Oh, no, he isn't burt. time as if the latter would win, and the Why? Did you hear of an accident?" "Didn't he tell you? Didn't anybody moves. The game had reached a point tell you? Why, Mrs. Gray, if it hadn't where Mr. Hall had a king, a bishop been for your trave little Hollo-I shir- 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 alle made a slp, however, and Stein to elimbed 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 raw her, game was a draw - Hullimore Ameriyour little Rollo, 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, and reached after her, he stepped right The word is suggestive of a variety of in that deep mud and got stuck, and the sounds, some harsh, others sweet, and a little man had sense enough to unbut- few fair (face), the last named class beton his shoe and leave it sticking there, ing confined strictly to ear conductors. and wade out after baby. He saved One rarely hears more exquisite music her, I'm sure I don't know how, but than a harmonious chime of sweet toned bank, all unconscious, you know, and ble than the discordant jingling of poor we thought she was dead, but she is as or cracked ones.

Up the steps she ran, gave the bell a cellar, as an rticle to throw at the servgood character. The Commission rec- furious pull, and dashed past the little ant to hurry her, or at the children to "Where is Rollo?" she said, breath- It has all the in urious qualities of the

lessly, to Hannah. "He's asleep now, ma'am. Heeried of always remaining a sound art ele. restaurants. The Commission also rec- as 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 observhim to take a n p, and there's been half they want is next door. It usually nege

> rocking-chair, and sat down to laugh twice as often when she is out than it and cry over him and kiss him. Only does any other time. half swake he was at last, still grasping

"Dear little brave boy, will you forgive mamma for all the sorrow of this Then be rubbed his ever and los at her wonderingly, and patted her

kisses, said:

"You mean you will forgive You will, won't you? I truly didn't How many kisses do you had then? As for Mrs. Sullivan, she all the time .- The Paney.

Julia and Her Little Brother.

One cold day a lady looked from a window down to the sidewalk, and she esw there a little girl and a little boy. on unless it was held.

the little girl picked him up, and dianopolis Journal.

byseled off the more. Then the is the window slid up the each, and to what she beard the girl our "Try it again, Jul. That was inch but

Getar is mery. She will hold the board the time." So the board that was an on the broken sind, and held until to was safely on it. Now, et still, Ja and Piligins your alon slad ride," said the little girt. ... And then she picked up the root and

pulled. Up few Jule feet and to sik over backward but he was not burn much, and after another brushing the girl said "Now, all with your last to the back you can timelibrations out But he did. I saly that time he fall on his face. North be sail solowing with his feet hanging over part of a recon-In this was be went sufely as fee as serves a little roses, but then heard and

ters once more count. The good noter tried a dependence in give Jon rais, but every time the six looken sled threw him of rall the it. the girl was putient and aint and make gently, and took good over of her livebrother. And that was better on him. of them that day them a fine sind on would have been. For when they were away the lady opened the window with ... and sent a big boy to bellow them, and told him to come back and tall have the

house they lived in. And then, the same day, she want out and bought a strong and protect sied. Its name was "Loldon Liver. Then she went hernell to the house where the little girl lived, and arted for the little girl was had been transto give her little brother a surgicular

"Julia Julia" called her motion Here is a faily, asking for you.

"You were trying to draw a little

Julia ran to the gate.

boy on the side walk in front of me red stockings and fresh sailor hat, kissed bonse this morning " - began the late his hand to his mother and tripped out but she could not say acother word of the gate. Ten minutes more, and then, for Julia was frightened and be expected to be off to the park to bear said: "Oh, ma'am, I dolo't I come . boys to beg n to come, Alice would run down the lovely music, and see the swans and mean to do anything manghty. Then she began to cry very hard, and re-What is it, ma'am, that my child has

> "She is a doed sister," said little ." The lady smiled. "I watched her this morning." she said, "and the was we sweet and patient that I weeked to make her a present. And at my hours have surely stopped to hear his story; there is a new sled for her, if she will come and get it." Pretty soon, Julia was at the last a house with Jo and three other little brothers, and the "Golden Arms"

made five children happy meny slavy-

for these children were real entities,

and it all happened just like this story -St. Nichalas.

Thirty Games of Chees at Once. At the Maryland Historical rooms last thirty games of chess simultaneously in the presence of quite a large audience. The tables supporting the obese boards were ranged in parallel rows down to-"Mamma, O mamma! Won't you middle of the hall, each of the thirty contestants being scated in front of a -table. Herr Meinlite, commessing at "Rollo, you may obey me, immedi table No. 1 would make a prove and pare ost striking. As Alice had started the stely and I do not wish to hear a to the next, making a circuit more in every twenty minutes. In playing In a few minutes after that the car. Steinitz invariably leaned on his rold riage rolled away, stopped at Mrs. Mer- arm placed on the table, and in his left rivale's and took up Helen and her hand held an unlighted eight, through Non needn't suppose Rollo's mother distinguished little gentieman would enjoyed it. She seemed to care noth- raise the piece and set it down harrily . ing for the park, she hardly glanced at but lightly, reminding one of the fill the swans, and did not go near the strike you with a feather gesture, which happy little face and e ger voice that in trade of variety stars. From the colshe had expected to have with her, set Herr Steinits adopted a vigorously Miss Helen Merrivale was another dis- aggressive policy, and soon had twoappointed one. Had not she and Rollo thirds of his opponents in a very had planned together this ride to the park? way. Mr. Julius Hall, Jr., at 11 20 pro-Now, all she could learn from his moth-er was that Rollo was detained at the At 11 45 Dr. A. H. Arnold also proposed last minute. She did not intend to tell a draw, which was accepted. At 11 45 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. day; and how she felt that she must shut. Steinitz administered a brilliant male by to \$10,000,000, of which \$6,000,000, or which would amount to nothing more In playing Mr. Steinitz on an average three-fifths, is clear profit. Subtract than he "didn'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 10-10 and sail. They came home earlier than an oversight at the table of Mr. A. Sellthey had intended. As they passed mar, which the latter promptly availed 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. Steinite has been her arms, and out she came to speak to beaten in Baltimore. At 1 a. m. the games were concluded. Mr Steinite "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 seemer to that institution which, as Mr. Glad- the darling, brave boy. O Mrs. Gray, did he return to that chess board on his

Steinita's most formidable opposed

champion pondered deeply over his

he tugged her out and, Isid her on the bells, or one more jarring and disagrees-

well as ever, and O Mrs. Gray, isn't | Bells have their peculiarities, many of there anything I can do for the blessed which we fail to appreciate from lack of observation. "John," said Mrs. Gray, "drive The numerous advantages of a callbell on the table, over the easter or salt-

others, and the desirable characteristic the town here this afternoon to inquire in such a manner as to be distinctly heard by everybody in the house, except She didn't believe is disturbing sleep- the girl whose duty it is to answer it. ing boys, as a rule, but she picked this and, if by any chance she does hear it one right out of his bed and carried it is the bell's fault, not the girl's, and him, half smothered with kisses, to her if it is a well-regulated bell it will ring

the big orange that Hannah had given amount of influence over men. This is Bells sometimes exercise a "fare" him, when mamma, giving him more especially noticeable on street care, where bells are used to prevent passergers paying their fare twice, and to compel the conductor to keep his eyes "peeled" and thus enable him to make his bell-punch chime with the jingling

amount of money turned in. Then the rayman's bell, which tinkles mournfully in the early morning, and causes the average man, as he passes him on the street, to button his cost tighter and wish he might wear all his clothes at once and tie them on with a clothes line, to precent a sacrifice of them to the addition of a new race on the mantel or a plaster cast of Venue riding on a lizard.

usually announce a man has reached the end of his happiness, but neglect to say which end, and it is a subject for de bating clubs to decide, whether the bell e who goes on or stays in the tour (tower) is the most cracked. - Detroil

And last the wedding bells, which

Well, the little girl held the board just right, and made a quick jump and got on it, so that the heard staid in place; then she got off, and told the boy to jump on.

He jumped. The board tipped, and the little toy fell on the sidewalk. But from a humanitarian standpoint,—from the little toy fell on the sidewalk.