

THE KIDDIES' KORNER

Madree Penn

The Turning of the Babies in the Bed

Woman's sho' a curious critter,
An' dey aint no doubting dat.
She's a mess o' funny capahs f'om
Huh slippahs to huh hat.

Ef you tries to un'erstan' huh, an'
You fails, des' up an' say:
"D' aint a bit o' use to try to
Un'erstan' a woman's way."

I don' mean to be complain', but
I's jes' a-settin' down
Some o' my own observations,
W'en I cas' my eye eroun'.

Ef you ax me fu' to prove it,
I ken do it mighty fine
Fu' dey aint no bettah, 'zample
Den dis v'ey wife o' mine.

In de v'ey heat o' midnight, w'en
I's sleepin' good an' soun',
I kin h'yeah a so't o' rustlin' an'
Somebody movin' roun'.

An' I say, "Lize, what you doin'?"
But she frown an' shek huh haid.
"Hush yo' mouth, I's only tu'nin'
Of de chillun in de bed.

"Don' you know a chile gits restless,
Layin' all de night one way?
An' you got to kind o' 'range him
Sev'al times befo' de day?"

So de little necks won't worry, an'
De little backs won't break,
Don' you tink case chillun's chillun
Dey aint got no pain an' ache."

So she shakes 'em, an' she twists 'em,
An' she tu'n's 'em 'roun' 'erbout.
'Twell I don' see how de chillun
Evah keeps f'om hollohin' out.

Den she lif's 'em up head down-'ards,
So's dey won't git livah-grown,
But dey snoozes des' ez peaceful
Ez a liza'd on a stone.

We'n hit's mos' nigh time fu'
Wakin' on de dawn o' judgment day,
Seems lak I kin h'yeah ol' Gab'iel
Lay his trumpet down an' say,

"Who dat walkin' 'roun so easy,
Down on earf ermong de dead?"
'T will be Lizy up a-tu'nin' of de
Chillun in de bed."

Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

IT SURE IS

Say, Pete, did you ever stop to think, ez how when yer ar layin' all nice in bed jest a 'sleeping ter beat the band' 'n its cool 'n der rain is all a drizzling down n'everything, yer maw she comes upstairs, she does, 'n keeps yelling at yer, telling yer, its time to git up, 'n go to school! Gosh! don't yer hate to turnover! What's the use of getting up enyhow when that ole teacher's going to have a jogerfy test 'n yer don't know whether dem Caterpillar mountains ez in Maine or Kansas.

'N yer gotta git up 'n go to school 'n wear rubbers. 'Nn yer flunk the test, 'n yer get all wet a'coming home 'n yer maw never sez a thing 'erbout that, when, ef yer hadda got wet a'go'in' a'fishing she'd a raised cane. Gosh! Pete when yer git to thinkin' aint life the dickens!

SPRING A—TRAGEDY

Fish, hook, brook.
Ding, dong: School bell!
Doggone!

THANKS TO OMAHA'S MINISTERS

I wish to thank all of the Colored ministers of the city who made it possible to afford Dr. N. H. B. Cassell the privilege of presenting his message to our people in Omaha and regret only that his stay was so short as to make it impossible for him to have been the guest at all of our churches.

Doctor Cassell was very pleased with the spirit of the race in Omaha and appreciated their generous donations for Liberian education.

GEORGE WELLS PARKER.

DEATH OF MRS. LOLA CUMBER

Mrs. Lola Thompson Cumber, aged 28, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Shropshire, 1118 North Seventeenth street, early Sunday morning after a protracted illness. Mrs. Cumber, who was a daughter of the late Grant and Mary Ellen Thompson, was born and reared in Omaha. After her marriage she resided for a time in Denver, later going to Minneapolis, where her husband died two years ago. The funeral was held from St. Philip's Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Forest Lawn. Rev. John Albert Williams officiated.

Pay your debts and keep your credit good.

COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY

The Tabernacle Baptist church was filled Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Jackson, preached a baptismal sermon from Roman 6:3-4.

At 4 p. m. they held their baptismal services at First Baptist church, corner of 6th street and First avenue and again the church was crowded, it being a mixed congregation who fully enjoyed the sermon. There were five converts to receive baptism.

The church will have a three hundred dollar rally which will start May 25 to June 1, which has been named the Nail Driving Rally, with three contesting parties, the red, white and blue.

The young people of the church organized a new club which was named the Pastor Coronation club and elected the following officers: Miss Mable Hawkin, president; Miss Betty Feeling, clerk; Miss Hawkin, treasurer; Mrs. Morton, superintendent; Rev. J. P. Jackson, chairman.

The Rev. J. P. Jackson will preach for the Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church, next Sunday morning, May 4, and will also preach for Rev. Broadnax Wednesday evening this week.

The Mission Circle will meet with Mrs. Jordan at 2:30 Friday afternoon. The Palm club will meet at Mrs. Francis Lee's, 1919 Avenue C, Thursday afternoon.

The sick are much better at this writing.

We wish to extend our welcome to the many strangers who have come to Council Bluffs to live.

Uncle Jeff Perkin met with a painful accident at his home, while driving a peg in the ground the ax slipped and struck his ankle and he was unable to be around for ten days.

Mr. Ernest Wade went to Kansas City, Mo., to see his daughter, whom he had not seen for ten years.

Mr. George Manual Sr. of Guthrie, Okla., came back to Council Bluffs to make his home with his son, George Jr., 1415 West Broadway.

Mrs. Teal underwent an operation at Jennie Edmundson hospital and is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Haney has bought a home between 26th and 27th on Second avenue.

Mr. Hill also bought a home on Second avenue.

Corporal Arthur Grady arrived home from Camp Funston last Thursday morning for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Fred Stone.

Mr. Jake Fountain is slowly recovering his strength after a bad illness, and we are glad to see him at church again, for we missed him so.

Bethel A. M. E. Church, Ave. A and 16th Street, Rev. Matthew R. Rhonenee, Pastor.

Sunday was trustee day and general class day. Morning services were good and the love of God was in the temple, and a well filled house at night. The collection for the day was \$62.12. We are making ready for our big rally May 25, the last Sunday in May, 1919, for our new church building. The Pastor Aid meets at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 with sixteen members present. Visitors present one, Mrs. H. L. Bolden of Kansas City, Kas., she addressed the society and gave us some very helpful remarks, and also our presiding elder, the Rev. Mr. J. H. Ferribee, D. D., of the Des Moines district.

The Bethel A. M. E. Church Aid met at the residence of Mrs. A. A. Green, 1108 South 8th street, Friday afternoon at 2:30, with eighteen members present. Two visitors were present, Rev. W. M. Moore and Mrs. H. L. Bolden. The remarks by both of them and the light refreshments that the hostess served were enjoyed by all.

The initial entertainment given at the Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday night by the Morning and Night choir, was a grand success. An excellent program was rendered by some of the local talent of the church, after which refreshments were served in the basement. Thirty-one dollars and eight cents was cleared on the entertainment.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Bolden, pastor of the C. M. E. church of Kansas City, Kas., spent the past week in

our city, the guests of his sister, Mrs. Grace Cave.

The members of the church aid are working hard and looking to their bazaar, which will be the 21st and 22d of May, 1919. Meals will be served at the church and a program will be rendered each night.

Last Sunday, April the 27th, was quarterly meeting. The presiding elder, J. H. Ferribee, D. D., was with us and preached a soul stirring sermon to a well filled house at 3 p. m.; and the Rev. J. H. Daniels of South Omaha, Neb., preached in place of the Rev. J. A. Broadnax and members of Mr. Broadnax's church were present. Rev. W. C. Williams and his congregation were also present.

Sunday night the ladies of the Pastor's Aid rendered their regular monthly program, after which the presiding elder made some brief remarks, which were enjoyed by all.

ATCHISON, KAS.

Robert Duncan has sold his town property, removing his family to Graham county, Kansas, to remain.

The pool at Ebenezer Baptist church is completed. Rev. Cartwright baptized six converts Sunday a. m. at 10:30. After brief services himself and members went to St. Joe to assist Rev. Herring in his rally.

Mrs. Goldie Cunningham left for Kansas City Monday a. m. to accept a position as stenographer for a law firm.

The sudden and sad death of Mrs. Cleaver Arnett cast a gloom of sadness over the entire city Monday morning, when the news came from a Topeka hospital where she had gone to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Seemingly well when last seen by her many friends just a day or two before leaving home. The funeral was held Thursday at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Billups officiated. The Daughters of Tabernacle had charge of the funeral. She leaves a husband, father, mother, a brother and three children to mourn for her, besides all of whom were acquainted with her.

Miss Lulu Valuzett of Omaha is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Henry Moore of Omaha was in the city a few days last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Rosy Carr of California, at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson.

Will Ousley and wife of Camel, Ia., are visiting Mr. Ousley's father.

Henry Clay Wiley and wife will leave in a few days for Des Moines, Ia., to make it their future home.

Mrs. Minnie Whitney returned Sunday from Cape Girard, Mo., visiting Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hill. She speaks highly of her visit which she says was a source of constant pleasure. Rev. Hill was former pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church here.

Joseph Lewis, an old respected citizen died Sunday after a lingering illness. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, No. 11, and was buried under auspices of that body. He had lived in Atchison fifty years and was well known and liked by everyone. The funeral was held Friday at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Billups officiating. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

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Our Gifts.

As the Magi came bearing gifts, so do we also bear gifts that relieve want; gifts that are sweet and fragrant with friendship; gifts that breathe love; gifts that mean service; gifts inspired still by the star which shone over the City of David two thousand years ago.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

The New Puritan.

The new puritan is instructed in cleanliness, believes in it, practices it. As a good animal guided by an enlightened mind, he purposes to make the best of his body, not to poison it with alcohol or to pollute it with disease. For his own sake and for the sake of the future of the race, he conducts himself morally. His philosopher, guide and friend, however, is the physician and science is his inspiration and his teacher.

Items of Interest.

Ping—"Does the comedian strike you as funny?" Pong—"Nary a bit. He struck me for a ten yesterday and I couldn't see the joke."

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