## THE BEST OF LIFE.

Not till life's heat is cooled, be beadlong rush slowed to a quiet pace, And • ry purblind passion that has ruled

Fulled Our noiser years at last Snurs us in vain, and, weary of the race, We care no more who loses or who wins-Ah! not till all the best of life seems past The best of life begins.

To toil for only fame. Handelannings and the fickle gusts of praise, For place or power or gold to gild a

name Above the grave whereto All paths will bring us, were to lose

days-We, on whose cars youth's passing bell has tolled-

In blowing bubbles, even as children do, Forgetting we grow old.

But the wo.ld widens when Such nones of trivial gain that ruled us

Broken among our childhood's toys; for

then We win to self-control! And mail ourselves to manhood, and there

rise Unon us from the vast and windless height Those clearer thoughts that are unto the

Wha. stars are to the night. -The Spectator.

# THE QUARREL CURE. By Ida Reed Smith.

INE days out of ten there

were no better friends in the block than Molly and Mabel. They lived side by side, went to the same school, read the same stories, and wanted their best hats trimmed just exactly allke, even to the number of white spots on the gray quills, which made the blue felt sailors so very charming in the eyes of both. But, on the tenth day-oh. dear! how everything was changed! Molly went to school on one side of the street, with never a glance across at Mabel, trudging disdainfully along on the other; and from breakfast to bedtime the day was out of joint for both. To be sure, the quarrels never lasted long; but they were serious matters while they did last.

In vain the mothers took counsel together. In vain they reasoned, each with her own particular little girl. Both Molly and Mabel protested that they loved each other, and never meant to quarrel; but still the quarrels would come, and make both miserable. And they arose over such triffing things! After the "making up." the two friends never could see "how they came to quarrel over a little thing like that!"

So things went on until Molly's Aunt Frances came to spend the winter with her sister. Now, Aunt Frances was Molly's ideal of everything a young lady should be. So it was no wonder that her niece sang her praises morning, noon and night. Neither was it any wonder that Mabel, who had a young lady aunt of her own, grew tired organ" and the possible monkey. of so often hearing the same strain, and on the fatal tenth day chanced to remark that, while Molly's Aunt was the thin end of the wedge of dis- tient was advised to continue the use

"Don't try to bite it," cautioned the prescribing physician. "Let it dissolve in your mouth. And now, Nieceums," she continued, with a very professional air, "when you feel a quarrel coming on I want you to take one of these tablets. Don't crush it with your teeth-just let it melt in your mouth. And be careful not to speak until it is all gone. Do you fully understand the directions?" Molly nodded solemnly. The responsibility of being a first "case" rather

awed her. "Will you treat Mabel, too?" she asked.

"It won't be necessary," said Aunt Frances, gravely, "if you take the tablets as I prescribe. And, if I were you, I wouldn't tell anybody I was being treated."

The next morning Molly started for school with a temper tablet neatly of attention.

wrapped in tin-foil in her small pocket. That day passed peacefully. So did several others; and Molly had all but forgotten that she was being treated, when, suddenly, one Saturday afternoon, she felt a quarrel coming on. Mabel had made a dress for her doll. Molly didn't think it fitted very well, and said so. Mabel answered tartly that she guessed Molly couldn't do as well; and Molly had just opened her mouth to say something peppery when she remembered the temper tablets. Hastily laying her beloved Flori-

monda Isabelle face down on the floor, she ran out of the room. The temper tablet was at the very bottom of her pocket; but she picked it out, unwrapped the tin-foil and popped it into her mouth. The rosy bit of sweetness tasted very nice, and she went back to her doll feeling better already,

"Thought you'd gone home mad," remarked Mabel, with her small nose in the air.

Never a word from Molly.

"I didn't care if you had," added Mabel, with a sniff. Molly rolled the temper tablet under

her tongue, but answered nothing at

"Well, you needn't talk if you don't her entire attention to putting the new arrival. dress upon its owner, Evelyn Kathryn

Olivia. Little by little the temper tablet diswas worn to wafer thinness; and Molly ment to the band in this fashion: was wondering just what she should say when the "treatment" was over,

when she heard a faint sound of music far down the street. "Oh, Mabel!" she cried, excitedly, "there's a grind-organ; and maybe there's a monkey! Let's go and see!"

"Oh, let's!" answered Mabel, jumping up eagerly; and a moment later Florimonda Isabelle and Evelyn Kathryn Olivia were left to be company for each other, while their respective mothers raced hand in hand down the street in search of the probable "grind-That night Molly told Aunt Frances the whole story, and that young lady listened with genuine professional Frances was very nice in her opinion, pleasure. Her first case was doing reher own Aunt Angle was nicer. This markably well, she said; and the pa-

HINTS FOR LOCAL REPORTERS. Don't Crowd the Unimportant Details to the Front.

The temptation to crowd unimportant details to the front is always before the reporter for a purely local paper in a small city. To yield is to lose perspective and to impair the vividness of the story.

Local diguitaries, local scenes and local musicians are in view before the real proceedings begin, and the reporter often discusses them at some length at the opening of his account

of the lecture, or political meeting, or other public function. He does this part , because it is a habit, partly becau: ; he may feel the need of making copy and has nothing else in sight, and partly because the

local people expect to receive this kind

The visiting reporter is more likely to pass over uness utial preliminary details and bring ou. at once the spirit of the meeting and the things of real importance and gentine interest to the

reader. A close comparis a of different re ports of the same events long ago convinced me that the visiting reporter for an out of town paper, regardless f comparative ability, usually wrote a better story than the man for the home paper who fived on the ground and apparently had a decided advantage in his knowledge of the place and the

people. Why this was the case it was hard to discover. I could only feel the fact and wonder why it should be so. One night I went to a town fifty miles away and was a visiting reporter myself, sitting by the side of the man who was doing the meeting for the local paper. We were waiting for the beginning of a political debate in

which the whole Congressional District was intensely interested.

I looked at the scene, without doing so consciously, from the standpoint of the whole district, and had little to write until the debaters took the platform and the struggle began. The reporter for the local paper, on the conwant to," snapped Mabel; and she gave trary, was busy from the time of his

> He described the stand, gave the names of the committeemen in charge

of its construction, catalogued the solved in Molly's mouth; and, strange local dignitaries seated in public view, to say, her anger melted with it. It and laboriously ground out a compli-"While waiting for the exercises to

begin Professor Gustav ranged his band of fourteen pieces, in their new uniforms, on the platform and played a selection from 'Bohemian Girl' which was received with tremendous applause.

"The band shows remarkable im provement of late, and the suits made a handsome appearance. The band responded to an encore, giving 'Sweet Summer Days,' with its attractive clarinet solo, which was artistically played by Henry Dunn, formerly of the regimental band at Fort Crook." I glanced at this copy and the secret of so many of my own failures at home stood revealed. Not one in a thousand cared for those fourteen band men, even "in their new uniforms," at that stage of the proceedings. They want- the leading industry of the American tady County, two miles, \$16,517.51.

After all, it must be confessed that Queen Wilhelmina got almost as much advertisement out of it as if she had accepted an American.

"Government by infunction" will certainly disappear when woman suffrage obtains. A Wisconsin Judge has enjoined a wife from calling her husband names.

In Great Brimin last year death taxes amounted to \$70,000,000. The wealthy Englishman has reason to believe that "It is not all of life to live nor all of death to die."

The recent trials of Count Zeppelin's contract. The Onelda County Superairship seem to have been successful. In future when one goes up in a balloon in Europe one won't come down in Australia or South Africa.

Young Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who is to get married next spring, has already rented a \$1,000,000 cottage at Newport. If Alf expects to pay the a railroad clerk he will have to do some pretty close figuring on his other

expenses. Without any intention of disturbing. and the United States, it may be remarked that if Italy would refrain wide in the village of Vernon. This ences. from shipping her anarchists to this their arrival.

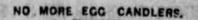
the story of Alvord's robbery by the report, credited on Wall street, that

system for them that would make

Alvord was one of a committee of

towns and counties. cadam was six inches thick, with a hand. A new order has now gone into effect permitting them to raise their Thirty-four prisoners on an average

According to the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Education nearly 17,000,000 pupils are regularly attending public or private schools. Add to this the great army of men and women employed in teaching them and it is seen that over onefourth of the entire population of the country is either instructing or being strong law: instructed. Education is manifestly Troy and Schenectady road, Schenec-



They Are Egg Testers Now and They Have Formed a Union.

Egg inspectors are organized in Chicago, and members of the local union are seeking to effect a national organization

The men engaged in this business HE experiment in roadmaking were formerly termed candlers, a name given them on account of using a canby county prisoners undertaken two years ago by the die to ascertain the condition of the Board of Supervisors of egg, but the abandonment of that glim-Oneida County has gone far enough to mering light and the application of modern appliances has made the name enable some judgment to be formed of its practical value. The second section not altogether applicable, and that of of road built under the system has just egg inspector has been adopted as more been completed, and statistics of cost appropriate.

are available for comparison with the Thousands of dozens of eggs are inspected in Chicago daily, and a recent visit to the warehouses of South Water cost of good macadam . nads built under visors is the fall of 1895 after nearly street merchants disclosed nearly two a year of planning, purclased a road hundred men separating the stale from outfit, including a twelve-ton steam the fresh article. The inspector operroller, a stone crusher and self dumps ates in total darkness, and is able to ing wage, s, at a cost of \$9,000, and ascertain the condition of the egg by offered to conduct with the towns and the aid of an electric light, the globe villages for the construction of roads of which is almost locused in this, an by the labor of the prisoners in the that only a small ray of light shines Utica jall. The county charges 25 cents on the egg being tested. He must work a head for each day's work of eight with lightning-like rapidity, in order hours actually performed, and \$2.50 a to inspect the large number of eggs rent out of his \$75 a month salary as day for the services of the engineer | regarded as a fair day is to nout, and employed for the steam roller. In ad- the casual observer, as they pass rapid dition it requires the road district or by before the light and disappear as if village to furnish coal and road mate- by the aid of a conjurcr's hand, berial and supervise the construction ac- comes apprehensive of an accident that cording to specifications agreed upon, may change the color of the inspecie.'s The first road building was under- clothing to that hus not appreciated the friendly relations between Italy taken last fall of a section saven- by public performers who sometime t eighths of a mile long and sixteen feet appear before unappreciative and

was not entirely satisfactory, owing to Accidents rare'y cour, however, and the experimental nature of the work. so expert do the workman become that country there would be no complaint A large amount of preliminary labor thousands of eggs will pass through of their hatching anarchist plots after bad to be performed in developing a their hattis without a shall balast quarry, and the cost of the road and cracked. The union has siready a the time occupied in construction were membership of 145, and bida fair to A touch of grim humor is added to unexpectedly great. After a year's embrace every inspector in Chicago in wear, however, it is in perfect condi-, a short time. The men command fair tion without any repairs. In May a weges, and the organization is said to contract was made with Read District be an advantage to the merclants, No. 1 of the town of Whitestown for many of whom do not keep more than three experts appointed by the direct- the construction of a road one and one inspector steadily engaged, but ors or the First National to devise a three-tenths miles in length through who, when large assignments are rethe village of New York Mills. The ceived, require the services of extra New York State specifications were help, which can be readily furnished by adopted and strictly enforced, careful the business agent of the union, who is accounts were kept and valuable data generally to be found in the neighborare preserved for the use of other hood looking after the interests of his constituents.

> At present the merchants and the wide; for 4,760 feet, 16 fest wide, and members of the union are on the best for 1,900 feet, 20 feet wide. The ma- of terms, but should a misunderstand ing arise in the future dire indeed will crown of half an inch to the foot. he the calamity that will fall on strikeridden Chicago, and if, perchance, the were employed; 2,109 cubic yards of inspectors should go on strike, the 212-inch crushed limestone and 703 homes of its citizens will be threatened with an invasion of eggs not altogether stone were used. The time occupied in pleasing .- Chicago Daily News.

## WORDS OF WSDOM.

The way to be nothing is to do nothing.-Howe.

Philosophy is nothing but discretion. John Selden.

Custom reconciles us to everything. -Edmund Burke.

Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.-Franklin.

No path of flowers leads to glory .-De La Fontaine. Every one can master a grief but he

stealing impossible. The cadets and officers at Annapolis have never been allowed to lift their [ caps when greeting ladies, but have been restricted to the regulation "hand salute"-touching the cap with the

caps in accordance with the customs of civilization.

> construction of the road and on acces sory drainage was fourteen weeks. The total cost of the 6,910 feet of road, including wages of prisoners and all materials, was \$5,873.36, or \$4,517.96 a mile. A piece of State road adjoining, of equal length, built by contract, cost \$9,500. The Utica Press gives the following interesting figures of other roads built under the Higble-Arm-

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Oneida's Experiment.

pute; but half an hour later Molly rushed into the house declaring that she would never speak to Mabel Bye again so long as she lived-"so there!" The wedge had been driven deep, and friendship was split wide open.

Aunt Frances listened to the tale of nicer than she with a perfectly grave face, though her blue eyes were dancing merrily. When the story was ended, she said, soothingly:

"I wouldn't mind it so much, Molly, I'm sure I don't care if Mabel likes her own auntie best. But I'm sorry you two should have quarreled about me. I didn't come all the way from Texas to Minnesota to cause a coldness between friends, and I shall feel dreadfully if you and Mabel never speak to each other again."

"Well," said Molly, hesitating between her disposition to "stay mad" and her desire to please Aunt Frances. "I s'pose I could speak to her, just to 'blige you; but I'm quite sure I shall never like her so well any more."

But, when Mabel's kitten ran away that afternoon and all the children in the block were looking for it, Molly could not help but look, too. And, when she found it in the coal-bin-it had failen through the cellar windowof course, she had to carry it home. Mabel was so delighted that she hugged both her and the kitten, and the quarrel was over then and there.

That night, after dinner, Aunt Frances called Molly to her, and deeply felt remarks to him,-New York showed her a small pink box, with a druggist's label on the outside.

"Molly," said she, "just look here! What do you suppose I've got in this box?"

"Not medicine?" questioned Molly, who, having lately recovered from a pink boxes of that particular sort.

"Medicine, sure enough," responded in the German army, passing along a be my first case. Molly, my dear, I

tested Molly, drawing away from the box before she should be asked to take meant the German Emperor; there is a dose of whatever was in it.

"Oh, certainly not," agreed Aunt mean!"-M. A. P. Frances. "But I want you to try the quarrel cure, dear. See? These are temper tablets of the very best make."

She opened the box, and Molly saw a peppermint lozenge, clear, and of a lovely deep red. They did not look as though they would taste had.

"Take one," said Aunt Frances. "My prescription would include 'one at bedtime.' So you might as well begin the treatment right away."

Molly obeyed. The temper tablet was sweet, and tasted of wintergreen.

of the invaluable temper tablets in all similar emergencies. Molly followed the prescription faithfully, and before spring both she and Mabel were completely cured.

After a while Molly discovered the reason why the temper tablets had Mabel's presuming to think any one such a soothing effect in the first stages of a quarrel. I wonder if you have guessed it, too?-New York Weekly.

> Suicide Catcher of Express Train. It has become a fad recently in Italy among persons who desire to commit suicide to jump in front of express trains. Three weeks ago the engineer and the passengers of the Genoa-Rome express were really vexed because in a short run of eight hours four persons used the train in this way to end their lives, regardless of the delay which they were causing by their selfish thoughlessness.

Moral suasion appearing inadequate to the task of turning these self-murderers from the fatal error of their ways the railroad authorities have adopted a special suicide catcher. It is placed in front of the locomotive like the American cowcatcher, and it scoops up the person who tries to use the engine for his own unpleasant purposes. Having scooped him up, it deposits him on a little platform, where he gets a free trip to the nearest statior, while the engineer and the fireman enliven the journey by making Press.

But One Emperor.

Apropos of the paragraph I gave in last issue of the German showman's experiences of the law of lese majeste. I remember hearing the following slight illness, looked with suspicion on story, for the truth of which, however, I would not I'ke to vouch. An officer

Aunt Frances, cheerfully. "You shall street in Berlin with a friend, made a remark about "the fool of an emperwill cure you; and my fame will spread or." He was immediately arrested by through the length and breadth of the a vigilant policeman. He attempted to land." (I forgot to tell that Aunt get out of the difficulty by explaining Frances was studying to be a doctor.) that he referred to the Emperor of "But I'm not sick any more," pro- Russia. "That won't do," said the polleeman. "I know very well you

no other emperor you possibly could

## Reglazing Crystal Palace.

The famous Crystal Palace in London has recently been reglazed at imthe contents-tablets about the size of mense cost, and on a new principle, which does away with the usual wood frame and putty joints. In the new work the panes of glass are much larger in size, and are held in lead frames. which are so arranged that the metal can be worked down on the glass in an absolutely water-tight joint. The cost of the work is estimated at \$100,-000 and is now almost complete.

ed to be spared that wait at the beginning. They wanted the debaters brought on at once, and the sparks from their clashing forensic swords to brighten the report at the very outset. After it was all over plenty of space could be found at the tail end of the report for the people on the stand who ought to be mentioned and for the

band that played selections from "Bohemian Girl" and made such a brave appearance in new uniforms .- Michigan Bulletin.

#### The Imitative Blackbird.

A blackbird of Upton Village, Berk shire, has given evidence of a quality supposed to belong only to the caged and trained one-che faculty of imitation of other songs and sounds than its own, and as such an accomplishment must be of interest to the naturalist. perhaps the Spectator would not think its narrative unworthy of its pages. A blackbird native of the place has surprised us lately by adding to his song. and with much apparent self-satisfact'on, four notes from the song, "Merrily Danced the Quaker's Wife," always the same and broken off abruptly, and this copied from a captive parakeet in a neighbor's garden, hung outside for its health and pleasure, and trained in its own art of imitation and constantly exercising its acquisition, but renouncing it immediately upon perception of the theft. The special interest in this is that it is voluntary acquisition; no training, no teaching, no capture, no dark cage, but a wild blackbird following its own pleasure. and suggesting faculty in the bird beyond what has been attributed to it. and of necessity interesting to the naturalist or lover of birds, their songs and meir ways .- The Spectator.

#### Turquoise Deposits Discovered.

It is believed that turquoise mines richer than heretofore discovered have been opened up at Cerillos, New Mexico. It was at this point, it is believed. that the early Indians obtained the stones brought back by the early Spanish explorers, which now grace some of the crowns of Europe. at is stated that stones of beautiful tint as large as eggs have recently been taken out and polished without disclosing any flaws. These are said to be the largest stones ever found.

## Editors Less Quarrelsome

Newspaperdom finds that there is less of the acrimonious spirit shown between editors and newspapers than formerly. Bitter invectives against rivals are now seen in print only in rare instances. The public cares nothing for newspaper family quarrels, and the editors know it and confine their efforts to gathering and disseminating news and good reading matter.

people-a fact of cheerful significance.

The germ idea has now begun to scare the users of telephones. An apparatus has been invented for sterilizing the mouthpieces of telephones by electricity. The receiver has a hollow at one end, in which is placed some fibrous material, with a pair of elec-

trodes buried in it which can receive a current of electricity from any convenient source of supply, presumably the telephone battery itself. In the process of cleaning the mouth piece the current passes through the fibrous

An impression pretty generally prevails throughout the country that most of the public lands have been taken Alaska, where 360,000,000 acres are

Firstly, owing to the absence of meand, secondly, that the tongue, being

less actively employed during the act of chewing and swallowing, fails to attain its full size and exercise its normal important function in modelling the dental arches, so that irregularities arising from crowding and malposition of the teeth serve to increase their predisposition to carles.

Deerfield, near Utica, Oneida County, two and a guarter miles, \$16,338.39.

For 250 feet the road was 10 feet

cubic yards of half-inch crushed lime-

that has it.-Shakespeare. Hamburg, south of Buffalo, Erie County, six and a half miles, about

Lebanon road to Massachusetts line, Columbia County, one and a quarter miles, \$9,992.87.

The Onelda County League for Good Roads is enthusiastic over the success of the work, and hopes for the wider adoption of the plan. Mr. F. C. Walcott, superintendent of some of the factories of the New York Mills Company, the largest taxpayer in the road district, assisted in supervising the road building, and in a report to the State Engineer points out some objectionable features of the present system. The law making an allowance to the Sheriff for prisoners' food and permit-

ting him to save what he can from it he thinks should be changed. Prisoners' at hard labor outdoors need more food than when in jail, and the Sheriff is under strong temptation either to feed the men inadequately or to oppose the outdoor work which cuts down his profits. The county furnishes one guard for each eight prisoners. They are entirely under control of the Sheriff. Mr. Walcott finds that for lack of authority over them the Highway Commissioner is sometimes unable to secure perfect discipline or exact a fair amount of work from them. These defects could easily be remedied. served as a park, for the cultivation of in spite of them road building by 1 now remain unsurveyed 602,554,915 is good for the prisoners, and it makes possible good roads in places where the expense of other labor renders im-

provement hopeless. By the expenditure of the present wasted road taxes for prison labor on the construction of permanent macadam roads the towns slept, and wished to remain on his of New York in a few years could obtain a fine system of highways to sup- for three nights the horse slept quietly plement the main thoroughfares to be built by the State. The Board of Supervisors in every county would do disease.-Our Dumb Animals. well to follow the example of Onelda and turn the occupants of their jails to good use .- New York Tribune.

### Familiarity Breeds Contempt. A lady went into a pastrycook's shop the other day. On the counter were displayed all sorts of toothsome dainties. The only attendant was a little girl about ten years of age.

"Isn't it a great temptation to you. my dear?" asked the lady, "to see all these nice things? You must always perience shows that this simple truth be wanting to eat them."

"Oh! no, ma'am," was the answer; "it is enough for me to see them made."-Illustrated Bits.

Professor Lloyd Morgan, in a recent address, stated he had found that young chickens taken straight from the incubator, could swim very well, the power of swimming being perfectly instinctive.

Don't put too fine a point to your wit for fear it should get blunted .-Cervantes.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.-Benjamin Franklin.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm.-Emerson.

Prosperity is not without many fears and distates, and adversity is not without comforts and hopes .-- Francis Bacon.

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men.-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Such only can enjoy the country who are capable of thinking when they are there; then they are prepared for solitude, and in that case solitude is prepared for them .- Dryden.

A Nervous Horse.

Not long ago a noble horse, named Poindexter, was taken ill in Boston. The animal's nerves were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement, and he could not be induced to lie down and go to sleep.

The veterinarians were in despair, when Poindexter's groom went into the stall and lay down. The borse seemed soothed by his presence. By degrees he grew calmer, and finally lying down, inid his delicate head on the man's shoulder and went to sleep. The nervousness and apprehension of the horse seemed very human. Possibly he was afraid of death, afraid that the end might come when he feet. Who knows? Certain it is that by his friend, and thus alone passed safely through the critical stage of his

Over-Faeding of Infants.

The great principle at the bottom of all successful feeding, viz.: That an infant is nourished in proportion to his power of digesting the food with which he is supplied, and not in proportion to the quantity of nutritious material he may be induced to swallow, is so obviously true that an apology might seem to be required for stating so self-evident a fact; but exis one which in practice is constantly lost sight of. That the infant thrives best who is most largely fed is an article of faith so firmly settled in the minds of most persons that it is very difficult to persuade them to the contrary. To them, wasting in an infant suggests the need of a larger supply of food; every cry means hunger, must be quieted with additional food. -United States Health Reports.

volume on the cause and prevention of decay in teeth, attributes the great and increasing prevalence of dental carles among civilized nations to the elimination of the coarser and more fibrous parts of foodstuffs by modern methods of manufacture, and points out that this may act in two ways.

chanically detergent constituents of food, more of the fermentable, acidproducing and germ-sustaining parts of the latter remain in contact with the teeth for some time after meals;

material and sterilizes any bacilli that may be there.

up, but the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office shows that 917,135,880 acres of Uncle Sam's farm still remain open to settlement, which is 179,477,702 acres more than have been taken up since the beginning of the Government. Besides this, 154,745,782 acres have been withdrawn from settlement and reforestry and for other purposes. There county prisoners is a great success. acres. The biggest part of this is in

open to settlement. J. Sim Wallace, M. D., in a recent