Our Best Young Men Talk It Over.

Y "Somebody's tellin' me," the best young man with the blood stone ring said, "Conkling and Pratt resigned. Who's goin' t'be Governor now?"

The best young man who writes in the Collector's office, and is consequently well posted in politics, said:

"Why, Conklin' wa'nt Govnah. He was only Senatah; something like that. Him and Pratt, both Senatahs, like. B'lieved the Govnah held ovah 'nothah term. Something like that. Same Govnah."

well-posted best young man wasn't young man who sucks inspiration out of the head of a rattan cane, said:

"But say, you know, that ain't the Pratt that lives down here just this you know, for I was there only a week ago."

'twan't that Pratt. Indiana man, lived in New Albany. Something to do with car shops."

bany, New Yawk."

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"No," the first best young man said, they do to Conklin' and Pratt for resigning?"

The best young man who drew his intellectual sustenance from the ivorythey could make out case against them. He heard man say that Conklin' an' Pratt was law proof."

The best young man whose mother buys his clothes said he "guessed pretty heavy; read in paper somewhere other day that Governor Gardner told Sec'tary Blaine he's goin' to put 'em through."

"Is Gardner the Gov'ner now?" asked the best young man who makes one shirt and a flat ashes of roses scarf last thirteen collars.

man said, "Gardner's Govnah, but guess he cawnt do anything with Conklin' an' Pratt, 'cept just make 'em give bonds. Can make 'em give heavy bonds."

"Wha' for?" asked the best young man with the ivory-topped cane. The well-informed best young man

looked at him in amazement. "Wha' foh?" he said, "Why, be-

kind of a Governor Gardner is."

the awe-stricken reporter, gathering up the meager tools of his trade, felt that the future of the country was, indeed, safe in the hands of our best young men. - Burlington Hawkeye.

## What the Clerk Wanted.

Old Pinchem sat in his private office the other day figuring up his profits for May, when his head clerk, looking as pale as a sheep and as red as a cow by turns, entered and began:
"Mr. Pinchem, I—1——"

"Have you got those goods off for Kalamazoo?" interrupted the old man. "Yes, sir, they are off. Mr. Pinchem, I have long-

" And about that order for starch?" "That has been attended to, sir. Mr. Pinchem, I have long wanted to speak to you.'

"Ah! speak to me. Why, I thought you spoke to me fifty times a day." "Yes, sir, I know, but this is a private matter."

"Private? Oh! Ah! Wait till I see how much we made on that last 10,000 pounds of soap. Six times four are twenty-four; five times two are ten, and two to carry are twelve; three times

ten long years."

"Ten, eh? Long years, eh? Any

longer than any other years? Go ahead." "And I have always tried to do my duty.

"Have, ch? Go on."

"And I now make bold-" it? But never mind-I'll hear you

"Mr. Pinchem, I want to ask—ask— I want to ask-" "Well, why don't you ask then? I don't see why you don't ask, if you

want to "Mr. Pinchem, I want to ask you for

-for-for-" "You wan't to ask me for the hand of my daughter. Ah! Why didn't you speak right out? She's yours, my boy! Take her and be happy. You might have had her two years ago if you had mentioned it. Go 'long, now-I'm

busy. "Mr. Pinchem." "What, you here yet? Well, what

"I wanted to ask you for, for-" "Didn't I give her to you. you ras-

"Yes, but what I wanted to ask you for was, not the hand of your daughter, but for a raise of salary.

"Oh, that was it, ch? Well, sir, that risers in a garden bed

is an entirely different matter, and it requires time for serious thought and earnest consultation. Return to your work, and some time next fall I'll see about giving you a raise of a dollar a week. Six times four are twenty-four and two to carry; and three times -- Detroit Free Press.

### ---A out Kissing Babies.

Maternal pride is a beautiful thing at a distance, but close at hand it is narrow, aggressive and sometimes appalling. If it would exhaust itself in the The rest of the best young men were eloquent patois of the nursery-that quiet a moment, wondering why the marvelous pigeon dialect that obluscates the infant mind for at least six Governor himself; but presently the best months longer than the most serious and sensible conversation would donobody could complain. But the homage which young mothers pay their offspring does not in their minds constiside of Fort Madison, you know? Cause he ain't resigned. He's there yet, obligations. What they so passionately give themselves they think should be exacted from others, and that much The best young man who supports they take for granted without asking himself playing billiards, said: "No. any questions. As a consequence babykissing invitations have become much more customary than is agreeable to at least the average masculine mind. Un-But the well-posted best young man fortunately, a baby when put by its masaid: "Oh, no. Nothin' of the sort; ternal relative under a man's nose to be 'twan't New Albany. Just Albany, kissed cannot be refused, like a prof-where he lived. New Yawk man. Altripe. The calm but highly wrought The best young man with the saffron expectancy with which this assumed neck tie said: "Nevab heard 'f such a privilege is offered will intimidate the stoutest heart. The person of whom this service is demanded may not be a Chesterfield in his manners, and per-"it was New York State. He knowed haps scorns the conventionalities of powhere it was. Went through there lite society. He may even affect a once in the night. But say, wha' can pride in brusqueness and a disregard of common courtesies, but he will not refuse to kiss a woman's baby, ordered up on the short notice usually given, unless he is made of different clay from headed cane, said he "didn't b'lieve that which enters into the composition of the great mass of humanity. His cowardice or powerlessness may make him angry with himself, but that fact will not affect the result when he is brought face to face again with the same Governor Gardner would sentence 'em disagreeable expression of moral com-If a protest will do any good, that protest should be uttered. Mothers put

the public and their infants under too heavy tribute for their own pleasure in offering up as osculatory sacrifices to all their triends and acquaintances these puggy epitomes of men and women. "Yes," the well-informed best young There is a little satisfaction in kissing, unless there is mutual assent in the arrangement, either tacit or expressed. When men are called upon to kiss babies they do not comply willingly. They may preserve an exterior as placid as a summer lake, but within they are pent-up volcanoes of unutterable remonstrance, or perhaps profanity. No man-especially if he is a bachelor, and of that class there are a cause. Just give bonds of course. Give great many just now-knows what part bonds, you just have to give 'em. He'll of a baby is intended for kissing, and make 'em give bonds." experience teaches him nothing. If he make 'em give bonds." experience teaches him nothing. If he 'Course, 'echoed the rest of the best tries its lips, they are moist, irresponyoung men. "You'll see Gardner 'll sive, and generally unsatisfactory; if its make em give big bonds. That's the cheek, the clammy point of impact offers him no natural encouragement to And then the meeting adjourned, and repeat the operation. The infant is hardly more to be congratulated than the one who bestows these compliments or tokens of affection. Even the kisses showered upon it by the warmth of maternal love it neither understands nor appreciates, and it may well protest with all the force of its unformed ideas and unregulated will against having its tender features invaded by a stiff, manly beard. Nobody stands in awe of a baby to the extent of fearing to ask favors of it. Without any forced conditions in the matter, the baby will be kissed quite as much as their grown-up acquaintances desire, and doubtless more than is physically good for them. We move for the abolition of the courtesies now customary in the nursery circles, or at least a transfer of the initiative, and will do our best to keep the terms of the treaty inviolate .-Chicago Tribune.

## Sky-Larks in New Jersey.

On the 1st of May, Henry Hales liberated at Ridgewood, Bergen County, N. J., seventy-four of the sky-larks imported by I. W. England, and reports the entire success of the experiment. After a few days' enjoyment of the two to carry are twelve; three times sweets of liberty the birds set about seven are twenty-one and one—ab, well, go ahead; I'll finish this after-pairs in the fields and began nest-building. The males became more and more "Mr. Pinchem, I have been with you vocal, and soared aloft above their set tling mates and poured forth their sweetest strains. The nests, hidden in the grass or grain, were not easily discovered, but some of them were found. They contained four or five freekled eggs of a greenish-gray cast. Like other nests placed on the ground, some of them have been visited by cats or "Hold on! What is there bold about other predatory animals, but in other cases the eggs have gone safely through the process of incubation, and the young larks-real American-born skylarks—have appeared. There is no question that the youngsters will take care of themselves, and, barring accidents common to all birdlings, reach maturity. - Hackensack Republican.

> -A physician, residing in Goshen, N. B., states that there is a negro in that village whose skin has in spots been gradually becoming white, until now half the surface of his body is white. It is the result of a "dermatological lesion"-a skin disease.

-Among the presents displayed at a recent wedding in Ellenville, N. Y., was a silver butter-dish heaped high with twenty-dollar gold coins, a gift from the bride's father.

-Weeds are generally the earliest

-The five-year-old Betty attended Sunday-school as an observer, and during the rather long prayer kept her head reverently bowed in imitation of the example of her older companion. During the singing of the following hymn she turned to her companion and with gravity whispered: "Don't pray again; I am tired of it."

### [Chicago (III.) Western Catholic.] The Family's Best Friend.

We are not believers in every trash that is called medicine, and have, on many occasions, warned our readers to beware of the stuff: but there is an article which has been before the public for a long time, and which has been indorsed by the most eminent men in the land, including many of our most respected and learned bishops and priests. We refer to the world-renowned St. Jacobs Oil. We have known a great many people who were suffering from that terrible disease called rheumatism, and who believed their cases hopeless, they having tried almost everything. We recommended St. Jacobs Oil, the cures were almost miraculous, and now these good people remember us in their prayers, and are never without St. Jacobs Oil in their houses. The Oil is possessed of a great deal of merit, and we heartily recommend it to our readers.

WHEN a Boston man walks instead of riding in the street cars, the Globs credits him with saying: "A fare saved is a beer

Refined Women.

Refined and educated women will sometimes suffer in silence for years from kidney disease, or constipation and piles, which could easily be cured by a package of Kidney-Wort. Druggists sell both dry and liquid.—Home Journal.

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THE little knots of hair on the head of a Chinaman are curly-queues, - Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.

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BALDHEADED men will be sorry to hear that the crop of hair will be cut short owing to warm weather .- Detroit Free Press.

MR. PRIM went fishing, and on his return told some terrific lies about what he caught. Said Sharp to him: "What do you want to tell such yarns as that for? Tell something possible, if not probable. Don't you know that everybody saw that you were lying?"?
"Yes," answered Prim.
"Then, what the blazes did you do it for?"
"Why, I wanted them to know I was lying. I didn't want them to think I was eccentric."-Boston

NO MAN is wholly bad. There is the forger, for instance. He is ever ready to write a wrong.—Boston Transcript.

It always produces a queer kind of sensation to meet a lady relative or friend after an absence of ten or fifteen years. You look at her and think: "dear, dear, what a change to be sure, what an old-looking hen she has grown to be." And she looks at you and thinks: "Well, well, and this podgy, baldheaded old rooster is all that is left of my handsome Jim, Dick, Bill or whatever your hideous name may be." Then you both exclaim with one breath: "Why, how well you're looking; not a day older.'' What liars we mortals are.-N. Y. Commercial Ad-

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