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FINANCIAL EXTREMES.

"Give me neither poverty nor riches." I. SOLOMON RAY. A hard, close man was Solomon Ray; Not a penny of value he gave away...

II. PELAG STOW. Strongan healthy, but alwuz slow, Large an' lazy, was Pelag Stow; Labor an' he Did disagree; Why he should worry, he couldn't see...

TWO HOMES.

A Chapter of Real Life. There was trouble on a certain morning in two homes at opposite ends of the City of Dublin. The homes were very different, and so was the nature of the trouble; nevertheless, the latter the respective inhabitants of both.

ent quarter of the city. It consisted of one room in a house let out in "tenements" to poor families, in a squalid back slum. The place was clean, though bare of everything except mere necessities; every article of furniture that could be dispensed with, as well as the wearables of the inmates, having gone to the pawn-shop to procure food.

the pang of deferred hope; but she would not seem ungrateful. "And I daresay," said the girl, glancing at the white, pinched face, "that you've left home without your breakfast. Here's a nice cup of tea I've just poured out, and a round of bread-and-butter," her own whole morning meal; "sit down while you take them."

Youths' Department.

BOBBY BOY AND ROBIN BIRD.

"Oh, Robin, Robin bird, Wise as wise can be, Why do you sit on the chestnut bough, Nodding your head at me? Haven't you any work to do, Hopping about all day? Is it the whole of a Robin's life To whistle, and eat, and play?"

TOMMY'S "DAY OFF."

"Botheration!" said Tommy Trent, as he slammed the door very hard. He was playing marbles with Jim Coe in the front yard, and his mother had called him in to amuse the baby a few minutes before school-time.

his new independence. What to do with it he didn't know. How he wished Sue would ask him if he had done his multiplication sums, that he might wiber her with a word; but no. Sue was rocking backward and forward, tying her apron-strings into hard knots, and muttering: "America was discovered in fourteen hundred and nine-two—fourteen-hundred and nine-ty-two, and two—and ninety-two."