UNDER THE SNOW. UNDER the snow lie sweet things out of sight, Couching like birds beneath a downy breast They cluster 'neath the coverlet warm and And bide the winter-time in hopeful rest.

There are the hyacinths, holding ivory tips Pointed and ready for a hint of sun; And booded violets, with dim, fragrant lips, Asleep and dreaming fairy dreams each one. There lurk a myriad quick and linked roots, Coiled for a spring when the ripe The brave chrysanthemum's pale yellow

And defodlis, the vanguard or the rear; The nodding snowdrop, and the columbine; The hardy crocus, prompt to hear a call; Pensile whteria; and thick woodbine; And valley lilies the sweetest of them all.

All undismayed, although the drifts are deep All eare of spring and strong of cheer they

And we, who see but snows, we smile and The self-same courage in the by and by. Ah! the same drifts shroud other precio things—
Flower-like faces, pallid now and chill,
Feet laid to rest after long journeyings,
And fair and folded hands forever still.

All undismayed, in deep and and hushed repose, Waiting a sweeter, further spring, they lie; Shall we not trust, like them, the by and by?

-Susan Coolidge, in the N. Y. Independent.

JENNIE'S GRADUATION DRESS. "Now go on with your studying, Jennie. It's useless to discuss the mat-

"But, mother, I don't see-" "Of course you don't see, dear, but when your father has decided, he has doubt." edecided, you know. Don't think any more about it. Come, I can't spare you but fifteen minutes more. You must help me on Johnny's jacket—just the button-holes, my eyes are so poor." "Why don't you get Miss Stitchson to make the button-holes?"

can get the jacket finished to-night know, Jennie, that that first step will He needs it enough."

much difference, any way; and I or becoming."
will help on the button-holes tomorrow "Mike Brady hasn't any overcoat,

No, no, dear. Never putoff till tomorrow what can be done to-day'—
Grandma's motto, you know, I wish you would bear it in mind more than you do.

might ago that Hannah had left the High School on account of the expense of graduation," said his mother. There-now you mustn't say another

had been dreading this last review in "All the girls are telling what they history, which was to determine her shall wear, and I thought-I exrank in scholarship. And her father was anxious that she should stand high at graduation-only three weeks hence. He had even taken pains to go over with her all the battles of the Rebellion and the events of the Franco-German war.

memorizing such things accuratley. thoughts wandered to Prudence Winn's money—it is yours now—in a way that new dress, and to a small package in will give you the most delightful recolher pocket which she had not yet had lection.' the courage—opportunity, she would "Now, please, let us drop the sub-have said—to show her mother; yet ject," said her mother, laying the samwhich she must see this very evening if her long-cherished hopes were to be ful-filled.

Weymyss Jobson, is not as good a book in every respect as that written by Tommy's jacket.

A pencil was needed to mark the battle of the Wilderness for her memo- Jennie gave her a bright smile, gathpocket out came the package also. Her | the stove and threw them in the fire. droop of her quivering eyelids be- both might sew at the same time. fore her mother's questioning glance. "How about your battles? Dates al-Not a word was said, but Mrs. May-right?" asked her father. "Let me berry extended her hand, and Jennie hear them.' dared not ignore the unspoken request.

"What does this mean, daughter? Jordan and Marsh's shop bill-black determined to have them right."

silk-samples!" said Mrs Mayberry, slowly, as she unfolded the little pack-other—a victory for General Good-

"I wanted to know what it would cost," came the reluctant words, as the

"Do what?" "Send for samples."

"Without consulting their parents? I hope not, Jennie. How could you?" There was no answer, and the question was repeated. But before she had time to reply Mr. Mayberry and Tommy —who had been busy over an hour in the barn locking after the comfort of the little heifer and Nan, her mother, and seeing that Jinks, the old roan, and Daisy, the pony, were all right, and everything about the premises snug and

the same subject—graduation and its ex-penses—which had been talked over throat. More than one among the genat tea-time, he said: "I've been thinking it all over, Jennie. I can't bear to have you feel unhappy and dissatisfied, and instead of giving money for hiring such a fine scholar," said others. and instead of giving money for hiring music that day and evening I'll let the class have the use of our piano-you and

derstood his suggestion.

"A good idea—don't you think so, mother?" he added, with a little chirrupy laugh, which Mrs. Mayberry answered with another—but hers was forced and hollow.

as he carefully unfolded a large plotted and, armed with a flask of whisks and from its wrappings.

It was a fine engraving, in a beautiful frame. "My daughter's gift to the school, in memory of pleasant hours here passed," said Mr. Mayberry to the Imagination's Power.

Imagination's Power.

uation-suit like either of them?" "Our Jennie? Good grandmother of Methusalah! Our little Jennie rigged out like a fifty-year-old? You're joking,

Jennie had ceased crying and now looked up anxiously.
"Never was I more in earnest, John Well, I don't pretend to know about these things. But you don't really want it, do you, child? Such a gloomy thing. Why, you ought to have something bright and cheerful then, it "It would be very serviceable," said

father. "Your mother's dresses are always serviceable, and they are not silk. And then look as the cost of it. Whew! Ten-fifteen dollars, I sup-

"More than double that," returned

Mrs. Mayberry.
"That settles the question. will not be serviceable for my daughter -not at that price." "But if I get the school at Stapleton?" asked Jennie. "Ah! If! Time enough to talk about silk dresses when you've money

that you don't know what to do with. If you do teach you shan't begin for over a year." "More than half the girls in our class will have silks for graduation, Prudy

"I suppose she will; she looks like that kind of a girl. And, as usual, her father is going to borrow my mowing machine next summer, and the new plow that I must buy in April. No, no, daughter-no black silk for you yet. However-let me see. I have it now! One of my happy thoughts—just in the nick of time, I declare!"

He drew out his pocket-book, and from its folds took several bank-bills. "Mr. Simonds paid for his hay this afternoon. I'm right glad to get the money just now-was intending it for a

"I'll be there to see," he added. Moreover and likewise," he continued, merrily, "Tommy and I will get as many spruce trees and as much evergreen to trim the school-room as you will accept. And mother'll lend all her plants, every flower-pot, I've no

"Certainly, with pleasure," respond ed Mrs. Mayberry.
"The graduation, or commencement,

rather—for then you will really begin your life as a woman," said Mr. May-berry, "ought to be a joyful occasion. And yet a serious and thoughtful one. "Don't ask me. What did your father as you then lay aside childish things say yesterday noon, and again just at and take the first step toward the sober supper-time? If you will make them I realities of life. And I want you to have much to do in determining your fu-"Now, mother Mayberry, it's to bad! ture course. Don't begin with show and ture course. One day more won't make I—can afford it; it would not be right ture course. Don't begin with show and

afternoon, if Prudy don't come for me father, because Mary's got to have a new to practice that duet with her." gown to graduate in," said Tommy. "And Mrs. Drayton told me a fort-

" Well-I suppose there are others 'in lesson. I shan't speak for fifteen min- presses it. He said to me the other day that he shouldn't be able to take up his At this Jennie resumed studying, for note as soon as he expected, next month, she was as desirous as her mother was for her to be correct in recitations. She great this last term."

> pected-" began Jennie, in a trembling Her father interrupted her, placing the bank-bills in her hand.

"Think of it over night, dear. You have had good teachers, and you are dates were such a trouble to her; and fond of them, I know, and are attached to taught her an old method of his own for your mates. Have had many happy hours in the old school-room; will wish She went on patiently with the words of the book. But I am sorry to say her with pleasant memories. Spend the

help on the button-holes, dear?"

rizing method, and in taking it from her | ered up the bits of silk, went directly to pink cheeks took on a deeper hue as "Button-holes, buttons—anything you she hastily snatched at it before it fell to say," was her answer, as she seated her the floor, and there was a confused self on a stool at her mother's side, that

> She recited them slowly and correctly, ending with a gay laugh, and-"I was other-a victory for General Goodsense, at Mayberry Point. What's the

"Never mind. Graduation Day, we'll girl's nervous fingers turned and re-turned the pages of her history. "Other girls, lots of them, do." call it, perhaps," and having clasped her purse with a vigorous snap, there was a tinkle of its steel rings as she slipped it into her pocket; and then her skillful fingers ran rapidly through the mazes of button-hole stitch. So Tom-my's jacket was completed, and he was glad enough to have it ready to wear the next day.

Graduation Day was remarkably fair for March. The school-room was crowded with the parents and friends of the pupils. Everybody admired the decorations of evergreens and flowering plants, which Mr. Mayberry not only provided, but assisted in arranging.

tleman visitors inquired who that hand-

A FRENCH physician's experience goes to prove that widowers commit suicide much more frequently than married men, and that the presence of children in a house diminishes the tendency to self-destruction in both men.

The Boston Girl.—

When the Boston mailer is at a lecture, on the bioplastic theory of man.

The presence of the correct points of the correct points of the correct points of the correct points. and women. People who have lived much in houses and hotels with other people's children will perhaps be disposed to question the latter conclusion.

ferson C. Davis is the owner of a beau-tiful diamond scarf-pin which was given to Maximilian by officers of the Austrian Government while Maximilian was in Mexico. General Davis bought it in Mexico for four hundred and fifty dol-lars, and it is said to be worth two thouher sand five hundred dollars.

Que of Sothern's Practical Jokes.

ONE of the most extraordinary bits of "pleasantry" he ever conceived had unions which bear his name, proceeded a most natural origin. Mr. A. M. from the stand-point that the greatest raise his hand quietly and snock him of organization. The motto adopted is down. Florence chanced to enter the the French one: Un pour tous, tous room, and presently Dan Bryant and pour un, (one for all, all for one.) In Nelse Seymour braced each other at other words they are founded on the the bar. Sothern whispered to Flor- principle of full liability of each and ence, and almost immediately what every member for all debts of the assoseemed a fearful row began. In vain ciation. The security offered is a dif-Palmer sought to pacify Florence. In ferent one for that recognized usually vain Lee endeavored to persuade Soth- in business circles; it is in considerable ern to quiet. Everybody in the place degree personal. One laborer alone, became involved. Seymour laid hold have he a project never so sure of suc of Brown's carving-knife and threat- cess, and be he never so skillful himself Putting in Evidence an Act Passed Three ened murder. All hands yelled, shout- is not able to borrow money from capied and screamed. The place was Bed- talists, least of all from banks, unless lam, and poor Lee, as white as his shirt, he can pledge property, easily realiza-sought the protection of the bar. Pres-ble, to more than the full amount; if he lately tried at Lockport, N. Y., before ently peace was restored. The com-does not do it, some friend is obliged to a referee, the following legal curiosity batants shook hands. Wine was or-do it for him, or he must be deprived was offered and received in evidence. money just now—was intending it for a certain purpose, a plan your mother and I made a while ago. But I've changed my mind within an hour, and, Jeunie, if you'll wear the same dress you have on now—this neat gray flannel with the pretty pink neck-tie—at the graduation, you shall have every cent he paid me—to spend as you choose."

Jennie looked trophied.

Jennie looked his coat a paper battle-ax-the broad Some might be inclined to smile at such reads precisely as follows: blade being covered with tinfoil-such an investment as dangerous, but the "Acta Parliamentorum as is used to kill tyrants on the stage: plan has worked brilliantly in Germany.

While the soap was being served Mr. It is doubtful if, in America, any one Reil Bryant drew from beneath the kind of business can show so small a soverane lord wt avise of his thrie eslaid them in the middle of the board. have made all those worthy of credit

Sothern: "Old fellow, what does this mean?" Mr. Weymyss Jobson, quite an eminent chief element in the organization of the way of plainness: scholar and a very estimable gentle- credit-unions is, therefore, the full lia- "It is statute and ordained by ou man; but I hope, for our sakes, that bility of all members. The second is a sovereign lord, with advice of his three they will not attempt to settle their saving and formation of capital by the estates in parliament, that all actions of quarrel here. It is dreadful, but I members. They must become share- debt for house maells, men's ordinaries, hope, dear boy, that they will go away holders. No one can become a member servants' fees, merchants' accounts, and ion they have here to settle their dis-shares in the business. A majority of ed upon written obligations, be pursued putes at a table or whatever they meet. those, however, for whom the associa- within three years, otherwise the credit-All we can do now is to await events."

per. "Were you even to be suspected by these men of attempting to leave the room, you would be shot like a dog and no satisfaction would ever be given your relatives in a court of justice." By this time Mr. Lee was thoroughly aroused, and in no mood for tasting even the first course. "What an in-fernal country!" he said in a whisper. For a few moments the regular banquet business went on, when suddenly a row arose at the lower end of the table, and Mr. Neil Bryant, springing to his feet, fiercely exclaimed: "Whoever says that the 'History of the French Revoin every respect as that written by Tom Carlyle on the same subject, is a liar, a thief, and if there is any fool present who desires to take it up I am his man!" All the guests rose suddenly and every one grasp-ed his weapon. Chris Connor roared, as he seized his pistol, "You are another, Bryant, and by my halidome I will prove it on your treacherous body." Then shots were fired and the room was filled with smoke and uproar. Several of the guests clinched and struggled, and Nelse Seymour, while struggling across the table thrust his foot into the eight quart soup tureen, made a wild plunge, but was knocked down, and then found it impossible to release his foot from the vessel. Mr. Lee ran to the door, but the conspirators had locked it. Billy Florence thrust a long knife into Lee's hands and cried out, "Defend yourself! This is butcherysheer butchery!" Sothern kept saying continually to him, "Keep cool and don't get shot! This is awful-a thousand pardons - I am a stranger in the country, and I had no expectation of meeting these demons at a dinner given to my friend!" The hotel in the meantime had been alarmed, and the guests and waiters outside were making frantic endeavors to break open the doors, fearing that murder would be done. -

a revenue and accumulating.

In cultivating a habit of providing for

become savings-banks and render the

pawn shops unnecessary for its mem-

What Shall the Children Eat.

bers. - Atlantic Monthly.

N. Y. Herald.

orderly—came hurrying in.

Not one of the pupils passed more Mr. Mayberry, quick to read faces, saw that something unpleasant was under consideration. Presuming it was looked prettier than she in her modest looked He Rode Out His Dollar. he got into a street car, and when shown by the driver the box in which he should deposit his fare, he dropped therein a trade-dollar. Then he demanded his change, but the driver informed he The music-"only Jennie Mayberry's could not give him any unless he had Prudte Winn can play well enough for anybody who'll be there. How do you like that? I'll take it to the school-house, and back, too."

Jennie did not answer. She had recovered from her confusion, and only a sickly smile showed that she had understood his suggestion.

When the singing ceased, all expectation toward him as he carefully unfolded a large picture of the problem of getting even with a flask of whisks and the box and he had no show that he solved the box and he had no show that the often misunderstood and muthan the often mis piano, and singing by the pupils"-was paid the coin to him. For a time the

Your are piled. -Chicago Tribuna Ir is a difficult thing for a dog with-out a tail to show his master how much

German Co-operative Credit Unions. etc. Fancies like these have almost as Schulze Delitzsch, in establishing the much power to give a charmed relish to food as the carefully cooked viands themselves. If bread is a little stale Palmer, of the Union Square Theater, Mr. Sothern and Mr. Lee, the husband of Adelaide Neilson, were lunching in Brown's restaurant, when Mr. Lee, incidentally commenting on the American habit of carrying a pistol, aired his knowledge of what an English swell would do if a ruffian assaulted him—unions find their strength in the power would do if a ruffian assaulted him—the stand-point that the greatest service those whose position in life has given them the advantage of greater intellectual development can render to the laboring classes is to teach them to grasp the means of self-help which lie within their reach, and to strengthen their trust in their own power. These unions find their strength in the power nicely. French toast may be made by May.

It would do if a ruffian assaulted him—the first name was Mary fan. She herself ran it into two eggs beaten up with a large cup of milk and half a teaspoonful of salt. Lay it on a hot buttered griddle and brown it nicely on both sides. If any addition is desired, a little urgar or canned fruit spread over it will answer nicely. French toast may be made by May. spreading the slices of hot dry toast with beef or chicken gravy; pile them up and set in the oven till the gravy is claims to have discovered a second absorbed. Milk toast slightly thick- Mary Anderson. ened and saited is another much relished lunch. Little corn-meal or Graham

Handred Years Age.

made when Mr. Gaylor took from under to pay any reasonable loan made to all. of the State at Albany. The statute

back collar of his coat a dirk knife, the proportionate number of failures as the taitis in parliament That all actionis of blade of which was over a foot long, co-operative German unions. Yet these debtis for house mailis menis ordinaris which he solemnly unclasped and unions have provided the poor and servandis feis m'chantis comptis and placed beside his plate. Mr. Chris propertyless with credit. Their good uther the like debtis that ar not foundat Connor took a six-shooter from his name has grown and more money has upoun writtin obligation be persent coat-tail pocket and laid it down carelessly on the table. Mr. Lee looked around in a bewildered way. Nelse Seymour drew a scythe from under the table and then a policeman's club, and ancestors in the sixteenth century, and At this Mr. Lee began to move very un- able to obtain it. Instead of charging the liberal admisture of Scotch phraseeasily, and whispered to his friend, Mr. interest varying from fifty to seven ology makes it hardly more obscure than hundred per cent. they have lent was the tongue that was spoken and money to the "little" man at rates written at the same time south of the "Keep quiet," replied Sothern, "it varying from six to ten per cent. Tweed. The State Librarian furnishes as I have feared. These gentlemen as for example in rare cases, to defray the following as a translation into modhave been drinking, and they have the expense of starting a new bank, the ern English, although the translation quarreled about a friend of theirs, a rate has been eleven per cent. One leaves something still to be desired in

tions are designed are unable to pur- or shall have no action, except he

few years it happens that a large part have any effect upon an action brought of the stock of the banks belongs to the in the State of New York in the year members. The calculation is that each 1877, is one of the marvels of the law. member shall buy shares to the amount For, when this act was passed by the of fifty to one hundred thalers. As Ger- ancient Scottish Parliament, 300 years swings her handkerchief at your rival. many is a poor country and wages low, the corresponding minimum for the United States ought to be, at least, one successor, who is the "Jacobi VI." of hundred dollars. This may be consid- Scotland named in the act, was a boy of ered insignificant, but it is not to be thirteen years; the two Charleses and forgotten that a main point to encour- the other James of the house of Stuart. age in saving is to create a taste for it. as well as Oliver Cromwell, were vet A large part of those who join the unborn, and Plymouth Rock was un-unions never before had so much capital known, for the day of the Pilgrim Fathin their possession; in fact, never be- ers was forty years later.

fore had any capital which was yielding the future the importance of the first | A little colony of fan-tailed-pigeons is step cannot be overestimated. The kept at the works of the Union Manuself-respect and importance of the la- facturing Company at North Manchesborers are raised as soon as they become, ter. At Christmas two young birds even in a small way, capitalists. The were presented to a family living threefeeling that they are members of a quarters of a mile from the mill. The large and powerful institution has been young birds were placed in a cage, and found to help wonderfully. This may soon became domesticated and apparbe called sentiment, but as it is, like ently very much at home, so that a few many other sentiments, a reality and a mornings since it was thought safe to power for good, that is no objection. place them in the house prepared for Very many can be led to save only by them and let them loose. They resuch powerful motives as the associa- mained quiet and contented until at tions offer, inasmuch as the shares are 11:30 the whistle of the mill sounded. made a source of gain and credit can Instantly they flew into the air and be obtained by the most only by becom-ing members. It is touching to read of But before they were certain about their the race in saving which sometimes direction the whistle ceased, and the takes place between the members of birds thereupon lit upon a neighboring the credit-unions after they have be- roof and waited. The moment the twelve come fairly started, particularly after o'clock whistle began they mounted the first dividends have been declared, straight into the air until they were The poor strive to keep up with those able to locate the direction accurately, better circumstanced by the most rigor- and a moment later they landed among ous economy, by cutting off every un- their old comrades. - Hartford (Conn.)

necessary expense. The unions thus Courant. Agriculture in Japan.

They have no land question in Japan. for all the land belongs to the Government, and every one who occupies it pays a ground rent. The Japanese. Providing that many children cannot consequently, are excellent agriculturists; but, though they grow several cereals and a number of vegetables, the and will not eat oatmeal, Graham and rice, except at rare intervals, it becomes a study what to substitute that may furstaple crop is rice, Japanese rice is the finest and the natives know how to cook nants of cake, sauce and pie, instead of one or two nourishing dishes in which a child's preferences should be in which a child's preferences should be indulged barley, rye and buckwheat the Japanese as far as may be healthful. In one home do not know how to make bread, and getting. Although they grow wheat, barley, rye and buckwheat the Japanese this is made the children's special need, just as the later dinner is planned to in many places they use the wheat in-stead of tea in making a kind of drink, subserve in particular the greeds and tastes of the head of the house. Nothing has been of greater service to us than the often misunderstood and muthan the a quart of the best white beans; put

them over the fire in a tin pan with plenty of boiling water and a lump of A LOVE MATCH. - Miss Corinne, the school, in memory or passage to see forced with another—but hers was forced and hollow.

In this mother's hand. "Somether's hand. "Somethe soda. Let them just come to a good williamson, Commissioner of the Gen-

same way. In the race of beans "color" is passport where their paler brethren must stand aloof. The black beans, however, are apt to be too rich for children, which brings us back to our subject. Highly seasoned or variously flavored soupe do not find favor with them like a clear strained stock made from a soup-bone simmered four or five hours, and seasoned only with salt and a mere suggestion of pepper and onion. Give them small crackers to float in it. One little boy furnishes imagination for the feast, and "plsys" that his dish of soup is the ocean, his crackers islands or sail-boats and his spoon a big ship searching for Robinson Crusce. Or his saucer of catheal is a snow-covered mountain, with rivulets of milk down its sides for snow-slides and glaciers, or streams of berry juice for molten lava,

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, with his wife and daughter, will sail for Europe next

Ix Miss Selina Felter, a young Louisville girl, Manager John W. Norton

THE death is announced of Dr. Lindsay, author of one of the foremost of gems are fancied for their cusning last year's publications, namely, "Mind not be attractive. - M. T. C., in Christian Englishman, and had devoted years to the study of the subject.

HEXRY GILES, the once popular lec-turer, has become so enfeebled by paralysis that he has forgotten the names of his own books. His declining years are made comfortable by the Luftarian Association and a relative.

THE absurdity of the rumor that the dered and Sothern invited one and all of the use of credit. If several It is a statute enacted by the Parlia- Norwegian poet, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, to dine with him on the following Sun- artisans and laborers, however, ment of Scotland in 1579 on the subject now visiting in this country, is engaged day. They did. Mr. Sothern presided, each having need of credit, bind of the limitation of actions. It is con- to be married to the widow of the Bull.

ent, although indeed some remark was cent. are bound to succeed well enough The volume is from the Law Library give a course of lectures in dynamic electricity at Oberlin.

TENNISON had his hair cut by Sanerwein, a London barber, the other day, and the knight of the scissors made quite a speculation by disposing of the locks. One enterprising American offered a handsome sum for the entire erop, and enthusiastic women admirers are persistent in their demands for a few hairs to work into rings and brooches as souvenirs.

BERNHARD McCane, a wealthy resident of Manayunk, an outlying ward of Philadelphia, is dead. In his will he leaves \$300,000 in charitable bequests. Within the last ten years he has given away \$205,000. He was a widower, without children. The will contains nearly forty bequests, varying from \$3,000 to \$100,000, the latter amount being left to build a Catholic church in Manayunk on the site of the present church of St. John the Baptist.

Congressman, who has just published a "kittenchism," and was not a bit lovel, is described thus by a correspond- ashamed of it. Rachel and Zephanish ent of the Cincinnati Commercia': "A lived with their grandfather, a doctor Rachel, firmly, "I sin't going as an little figure wrapped in shawls, lying on | in Albany. a couch near an open fire. The slip- Rachel had a friend, Scotch Margery, pered feet are the tiniest, and on the with wide-open blue eyes. One day third finger of a small hand an antique she came to see Rachel, who could not cameo, dug from ru'ned Pompeli, slips loosely, held by its thin thread of gold. rows of knitting around a sock. She is an invalid, lying sometimes for "But there will be murder here. Can we not notify the police of their intentions?"

"Impossible, my dear fellow," and a distressing whise tions are designed are unable to purchase their shares at once; accordingly, they are sold on part payments, each of which is so small that the ordinary laborer can spare the sum. Thus in a law as this should even be supposed to brought cheer to many a weaker soul." weeks on her sofa, often in paroxysms of pain that baffle skill. Her hair is away. Being forbidden ever to enter They each forgot that Nial had prematurely whitened, but the brown without permission, they sat down on eyes look bravely out on life, and have the doorsteps with Zephaniah and

HUMOROUS.

It is a terrible cold wave when she -Boston Globe

looked in.

and said:

out of the way."

powders, getting ready "blue mass," How to bring people over to your side-Have the snow cleaned off your sidewalk .- Kichmond Baton. "Easy Steps for Little Feet," is the title of a recent work. It has no sale

in Chicago or Hartford.—New Haven Niah's spine. Here were nippers. Register. Pinchers, cutters, clashers, scissors, THE lazy boy fears that if he once begins to earn his own living he will be | membering a certain poor tooth in his

swearing-off season. - Boston Tran-

THE custom of this country is not to say a good word for any man while he has life left in him to appreciate it. One-half of the eulogies given the dead would encourage the living by fifty per cent. - Detroit Free Press. It takes a country schoolmaster for shrewdness. When the weather is cold and the school-house imperfectly heat-

ed, he puts the head of the class nearest the stove and then all the scholars work like blazes to rank high in their salum. Then they took hold of hands A GENTLEMAN was complaining on change that he had invested a rather large sum of money in Wall street and "Why, nothing! The skin and nair cover its outside and then it is hollowlost it ail. A sympathizing friend asked him whether he had been a bull

get your cars boxed," said Rachel.
"Where do our brains be?" asked ther, I was a jackass!"-Chicago Trib-"Is your wife a Democrat or a Republican?" asked one Rockland citizen of another in a store this morning. She's neither," was the prompt response, and then glane ng cautiously around and sinking his voice to a hoarse whisper he explained, "She's a Home-

or a bear. To which he replied, "Nei-

Buler." - Rockland Courier.

The Truth Pays.

A FEW weeks ago a train over one of the railroads running west ran over a poisons and, for a wonder, did not cow just beyond the Grand Trunk taste. They put their tongues, howcow just beyond the Grand Trunk taste. They put their tongues, how-Junction. The matter was reported at ever, to a landanum bottle and then

one of our trains in November, did

"And what did you value her at?"
The man scratched his head, hitched around on his chair, and finally replied: "Well, I dunno. My brother-in-law our Puritan fore athers were very thorsaid I had the company tighter a blazes, and he told me to say she was a newmilch cow and lay damages at seventy dollars.

ollars. "Yes. Well, how was it?" "That's where the stick comes you see. I want all she was worth, and yet I don't want to swindle anybody. Is, she was an old cow, dry as a "Let us say twenty-five dollars."

"That's plenty. I s'pose I might have had fifty dol'ars just as well as not, but I didn't want to lie about it." "No: never tell a lie." "Oh, I wouldn't have lied, 'cause

knew you sent a man out there to git all the facts in the case." replied the man as he received an order on the Treasurer for his check .- Detroit Free

A Maine Amazon.

The champion woman-farmer of Maine, so far as heard from, is a woman at Minot Center, who has herself cut and yarded ten cords of sled-length wood this winter! She is a stout, strong st Minot Center, who has herself cut and yarded ten cords of aled-length wood this winter! She is a stout, strong Scotch woman, about thirty-five years of age, with a hand like a New York Alderman's. Her husband is living, but past hard work, as he is more than seventy years old. She carries on successfully a large farm, doing almost all the work herself. She comes to market in Lewiston often, and is shrewd at a hargain. She allows the old gentleman to lead a slippered life, while she lets own broad shoulders bear all the burglen, and enjoys it.—Lewiston (Mc.)

The adym' P said Margery. "And I am afraid—I want my mother."

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"All the United States Senators in Washington have united in presenting to Senator McDonald, of Indiana, as a weeding gift, a big punch-bowl of solid ladle and case cost \$700.

Our Young Readers. WHAT'S A BARY GOOD FORT In he sult of eary been Aged ton years to a day. Furt of postness and of play. Pulroughingly house down On the State down grown. Add the State processed from Of the States below. Grace.

Mother said as: but that's not

"But this little bally now,
What a she good for, anchow,
Vept to speci a federa's piny,
And to get in follow's way?

fuch a brap of things to do! I don't see why fully can't be

form grown up as big as mo:

Just here, bake gargied out Fuck a justy little shoul! Then began to babble fact.

Ma, ma, ma, ma, and at lest

You as sure new as the world, Noft the half Has uncerted, And complement to a numer out, Don-ny, Don-hy? Such a shoul

As our Johnny gave at this -! Then a great hig emaph as kies fed on buby's checks of pink— Nother, mother, only think?"

Mother beard him kend excision.

While he held her close and tight. Then she mischlesvously said, Giancing at the drong head;

But this little buly new, What eache good for, anyhow?" Johnny turned as red as from Thee tossed bally up the higher.

While the baby laughed and crowe t,

Why, she's good to here and him!"
-North Perry, in St. Ne'bolis

A TRUE BIT OF HISTORY.

It was a charming place. A dusty,

assafertida and "green and yellow"

"Margery Campbell, let us go in!"

Margery consented. In they went,

First they opened queer little drawers

and took a respectful view of the skull.

is inside of us?" Whispered Margery.

that is why your head rings when you

to think-your thinker is your brains.

you know. Grand ather explains such

"Oh, well, I knew this without mine,"

They poked their fingers into every-

empty. Now you have often hear! that

things to our family."

said Rachel, arrogantly.

"What is in the inside of if when it

SMALL Miss Rachel Winchester was a

Johnny, though his Binahus glowed, Answered, bold as brass, just this:

Kissed the bally in delight.

Sometice, bally's learned nof name!" Mother, lengthingly, looked on For awhile, as Master John

Makes a lot of trouble, two

Haf, nor quarter there's a lot, tith, a lot unere I can do; Base-ball, & soker, cricket, tox.

swared Rachel, diama "What for?" he ail, not seeing What's a baby good for, mee!" the least use in it. Johnny questions, with a brow Pockered up lote a frown. As he stands thus leaking down. I can do a beam you know-Fig a kite and showed ence Speded up the garden bed Just this spring, as well as Ned;

"We've killed ourse," returned Rachel faintly. She at talk while breath remained so a gen her brother the facts of the m. He face. during the story, show disgust at

"Yes, we're bothly us wicked as

we're sick," most Margery. "I made faces at my ther behind the door, when she would let me take her

gold ring: official down the Wall you

doin'T' oried Zaphan his short head

coming ever the top & of the feare.

and he seeming to le there by his

"O Nink we're go to do

their present willed robben, mingled with admiration for th daring ex-" Phu Backel! I wonly die ... res "How can we help it?" sevent bear "Ob. I'll stiffen you up and Nich suddenly unbooked hime from the top rail and disappeared. By thought he had gone to tell of the and did not care, for they were streak and

miserable. Ten minutes later he car want in along over the plowed grad toward them with one hand carefully at over the other. He dumped himir down by their side. "Now," said he, " well to every They feit a little better, at so curious to know what "this he" was

that they forget to set Nish here he felt unwell. They looked early into his hand and milled with fee latte chief; for in his not over cleanaw was all the white angar it could list and into that he had poured at lost a gill of paregorie. Stick in your fingers andick con-

" It's good." Grandfather Winchester mb have given this vary remediant true their fingers many times, the work

"I shall never sin any mor' snapping-eved Puritan of seven years. Rachel. She knew the shorter catechism and the "Nor I," said Margery. longer catechism; and if there had been be dreadful wicked to take pil when any middle-sized catechism, like the you don't need 'em."

end. She meant to be a pretty good paim. " Awful but we needs this girl-only the catechisms had not had paregorie." "The you think," asked Rache time to strike in. Her brother Niah, as MRS. WILLIAM SPRINGER, wife of the all called him, did not know even a have to tell grandfather of the Congressman, who has just published a "kittenchism," and was not a bit "No," said Nish, promptly. "I shall tell if it is right," said

> any more. play until she finished her "stint:" five as if I needed any more punishing to make me sorry."

Then they went around to grandfathsinged and not suffered; while is was hardened enough not to think d him self at all.

When the afternoon crept out under the shadows of the evening the sittle Scotch girl went home with r sick hollow-eved skull sat on a shelf, and in the corner was a chest holding-noheadache and was put to bed. Lachel returned "tired out," she said and body knew what which was awful, you know. Grandfather was making up meekly crept to her couch twohours earlier than usual. Nish was a nualile mixtures for his circuit around the country. Before he put them into his old leather saddle-bags he looked over another wallet that made shivers run up Niah's spine. Here were nippers, pinchers, cutters, clashers, scasors, tooth pullers and nose-wringers. Re-

hid his long legs in it. Hachel Winches. this story to her grandchildren, with ter, the small Puritan, whose ancestors those same eyes twinkling with fan. came over in the "May Flower," she This is all, children, when I have forgot all the good in both catechisms, added a moral and a bit of advice;

which just this once I beg you not to _ Moral: Be sure your sin will find "But your gran'ther said we mustn't." Moral: Be sure your sin will find you out as it did these little Puritans. Indeed, it nearly turned them wrong-

is the use of always behaving well? Ride out. Let's peck around a little bit-Ninh's

THE lot of a French farmer is neither happy nor jolly. He fares frogally on soup and the thinnest of ordinary red wine or cider. The stock of his soup is bacon, and he eats butcher's mea only twice a week, that is on Sunda and market day. When he attends market he makes a succulent dejeuner and drinks a good deal of heer after-ward at the cuje. This is his only choor-As soon as you see something you begin to think—you see something you begin ful timet at ordinary seasons he is movou know. Grand ather explains such things to our family."

"We haven't got any grandfather."

"Oh, well I have the grandfather."

"Oh, well I have the grandfather." of which he understands just enough to be in constant dread of revolutions. He is conservative, that is to say, he Junction. The matter was reported at headquarters, but the owner of the bovine was not heard of until Tuesday last, when he entered the President's office and remarked:

"I guess we had better settle up now for that cow."

"Ah! you owned that cow killed by "and swallow first one of these, and a bad harvest are few French farmer that this is so, for there are few French landlords who would be in a position to remit any part of a year's rent after "and swallow first one of these, and a bad harvest. The rule in France is then a drink and then a nuther, and see that farmer's rent must be paid as pune-Margery agreed, and at it they went

a pill-a drink-a pill-a drink-a pill-a pill-until the vial was empty. Now you have often heard that

Railway Nomenciature.

ough well, so were our little fore-RAILWAY depot is the aborninable same name to the most imposing build stid down flat on the grass. then with a groun that seemed to come from her little pegged shoes, became dreadfully sick, and Miss Winchester followed suit.

If there is no first imposing building which is used merely as a stopping place for trains and passengers. There is no justification for calling such place a depot.—Bichard Grant White, in N. Y. Times.

off," said Rucket's worthy wother

better, able in fact to sit up anwalk a little way.

"middle-sized bear," you know, she "Awful" said Niah, with a flishing would have had that at her tongue's application of his tongue to his made "Awful!" said Niah, with a flishing

> Margery mused. Then she remeked "The pills didn't stay stealedling "That's so," said Raobel. "Ye're

Racbel and Zephaniah more than always expected to do it.—N. O. Picayunc.

We have heard of no tobaccon'sts or liquor dealers relinquishing business, notwithstanding the advent of the more base of the little girls sat still until grandpa went away. When his big horse, Thunder, had kicked up a c'oud of dust and hid his long level in the little girls at still until grandpa and grew old, too; but her eyes very went away. When his big horse, Thunder, had kicked up a c'oud of dust and hid his long level in the little girls at still until grandpa and grew old, too; but her eyes very went away. When his big horse, Thunfrom Scotland, and she it was who told

Advice: Whatever you do - do it thoroughly. - Annette L. Koble, in Wide-Awake.

A French Larmer.

Perhaps if these children had not "Yes."

But my wife said I'd better say that of their funerals; as it was, they over companies are styled railway; but some of their did the matter, and their folly saved them.

Margery had not once winced; but Erie Railway Company and others of a Rachel did not take time to wink, and so came out three pills and a choke about R would be difficult to discover; ahead of her friend. When all were but railway is certainly right, and mildown they went out and est down is a road is, at least, measurably wrong. A bone, and worth about fifteen dollars to boarding-house beef. Yet she was and pleasant under the fence, and they took away kinder sudden, and it made began to tell Indian stories. Suddenly in the middle of one Margery exroad is a venal offense compared to that claimed:

'Oh! I feel as I did coming from Scotland, when the ship turned over!'

'What ails you?' said Rachel, slowly.

'I guess it's the scatter—fre been feeling sort of—lonesome in my stumnick."

In a minute she knew exactly how Margery felt coming over seas, for her lonesomeness increased and she rapidly lost "snap."

Mercare receives white and oblice. Margery, growing white and whiter, slid down flat on the grass, then with a