THE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

As they their little gift a received, with child-

But when to me the darling came, all empty And when I asked: "Why slight me thus!"
she answered: "Oh! because we—
we dinns know you tumming here!" and then
with blue eyes shining. easie's side she went, her arms her

To Bessie's side she went, her arms her sister's neck entwining.

"But something I must have," said I, "my Christmas night to gladden."

A shade of thought the baby face seemed presently to saiden.

Till all at once, with gleeful laugh: "Oh! I know what I' I do sir!

I've only sister Bessie left, but I'll div her to you sir!"

Amid the lough that came from all, I drew my new gift to me. While with flushed cheeks her eyes met mine, and sent a thr.il sil through me.
"Oh! biess-d little Eve;" cried I, "your gift I welcome gladly!" The little one looked up at me, half wond-The little one looked up at me, half wonderingly, balf saily.

Then to her father straight I turned, and humbly saked his blessing.

Upon my Christmas gift, the while my long stored hopes confessing;

And as his aged hands were raised above our heads, bowed lowly.

The blessed time of Christmas ne'er had seemed to me so holy.

POLICE SPIES IN RUSSIA.

It was on Sunday afternoon, the 10th of July, that we arrived at Wierzbolow, the first Russian station on the railroad. Hitherto, from Berlin to this town, we had been passing through old Prussia. But here although only one mile from the last Prussian station, the change from Germany to Russia was striking beyond description.

As if by some wizard's touch the tall many-gabled homesteads with their well-kept farms; the flourishing fields. waving with rich corn, ready for the reaper's sickle: the well-fed cattle. gracing placidly in wide-spreading pasture-lands; the clean, thriving, well-built villages, the gayly dressed men, wemen and children, passing to and from the villages to the stations, and the far-off glimpses caught of happy children playing in the fields under the blue sky, or round about some clustering hamlets-these all vanished

nstead of these signs of peace ten ment and prosperity we now came upon glimpses of mud-hovels, or wretchedly built log-houses, thatched straw; straggling villages, black with straw; straggling villages, black with straw; straggling villages, black with the smoke of centuries ill-cultivated.

In laying the kilts, the gold stripes of the laboring blacksmith if taken late Majer of the laboring blacksmith if taken to look at our high silk hats? Very in the aggregate throughout this counstraw; strongly to New Year's presents, as bestrongly to New Year's presents, as bestrongly to New Year's presents, as bestrongly to New Year's presents, and the least, sfr." said the what a vast amount of work on the late Majer of the laboring blacksmith if taken to look at our high silk hats? Very in the aggregate throughout this counstraw; strongly to New Year's presents, and the least, sfr." said the clerk. "But perhaps you would like the laboring blacksmith if taken to look at our high silk hats? Very in the aggregate throughout this counstraw; strongly to New Year's presents, and the least, sfr." said the laboring blacksmith if taken to look at our high silk hats? Very in the aggregate throughout this counstraw; strongly to New Year's presents, and the least, sfr." said the least, the smoke of centuries, ill-cultivated course go underneath. A costume of fields; men, women and children barely this kind, included in a bridal outfit. idolatry." clad and bare-footed; and beggars, of has the dark green velvet bodice all ages, from the gray-haired old pil-grim to the ragged boy or girl of from fine gold braid. aix to seven years of age.

At every station from Wierzbolow to

extended arms a few copees in the coat. The skirt is draped over the hips name of the Holy Savior and His most after the style of a Watteau tunic, and

stature, armed from head to feet, and boote | and spurred, stood before me the luxuries of dress. In point of ele-"Passport"

ment, handed it to the armed giant. porters, which I did, with a vague feel- the fact that they will never tarnish,

A wooden bench, or shelf, ran all round the hall for the luggage, with designs, with monogram or crest of room for the passengers to range them-selves behind it. In the middle of this These stones may be of any color, so hall, at a large square table, sat at that the hue accords with that of the least some dozen police officers.

While innumerable porters, with badges on, explored the trunks, boxes, etc., and ranged them on the bench or shelf, the armed giant proceeded to lay all the passports he had collected before the officials at the table. It was an imposing scene; the varied and mot-ley crowd, the Russian porters in their "How to Wash and Dress a Baby." national dress and curious caps, the The lecture was illustrated. The illus-Russian officials peering into the manifold passports of the different nations of Europe in solemn silence at the table, the armed giant, gr'm and resolute, bit of a nose, and a voice. The lecturer, looking at them with piercing eyes and earnest countenance, the Custom-House by explaining how to wash and dress officials waiting orders to begin their a newly-born in ant without drowning

the Custom-House officers to proceed with their work. There must have been a dozen of these present, and I must say they did their work with a quiet dignity and impartiality that were quite tight bandaging. "White Castile soap is the proper thing to wash a babe with," said she, "and the water should be at a temperature of 100 degrees. The babe should not be washed a little at a time. Its head, face, and One of the porters, seeing on my

trunk a rather large square placard of mersed in the water, like this." an American line of steamers, with The illustration was placed in a deep colored flags and the names of various basin filled with water and the illustraports printed on it. was much impressed; he forthwith called the attention of one of the Custom-House officers tinued Miss Hobart, as she lifted the to it. They both examined it very critically, and as far as I could judge decided that I was some pat it carefully until dry. Rub its back important personage; for they opened if you like—that pleases a babe. Then my trunk and shut it again without dispowder it with starch or Bermuda arturbing an thing in it, returning my rowroot, and the squalter was liberally small bunch of keys with a most polite besprinkled with a white powder. inclination of the head, to which saluta- "Some mothers," said the lecturer, "in

tion I cordially responded. Presently another and rather officious porter thrust his hand into my shawlstrap and pulled out "Murray's Guide to Russia," holding it up triumphantly to the inspecting officer, who very dec ded-ly bade him put it back again.

out sticking the pin more than a sixteenth of an inch into the baby's to the ad o'ning hall, guarded by an iron grating or gate, at each side of which stood two formidable-looking armed Russian soldiers. I presented the magic slip of paper. The iron grating was withdrawn and at one step I crossed from Prussis to Russia.

On the following evening, I arrived at the Hotal d'Angleterre, and was shown up into a small but neat room on the third foor. I had begun to apply some soap and water to my face and hands, when a knock was heard at my door, and before I had time to take my face out of the basin of water in walked, to my utter atomishment, a police officer. With my face all covered with soap and water dripping from it. I diese have been an object to the hold!

However, I quietly told him in English that I was dressing, and that I could parall no one, not even a Russian points affect, to intrude upon me.

I political to the door and the officer extract arranging his shoulders and repaired the respective our range is in shoulders and repaired the respective our range is in shoulders and repaired to the mother. The babe comfortable, "my state and how he cannot the hid electric to the mother. The babe comfortable and could be done properly the broad lines strapped that where it was practicable and could be done properly the broad lines strapped the baby's sooks," continued the protem moth, "every thrusting it little pink foot into its woolly covering, "be careful about toetsy-wootsy's little toes. 'E don't like 'e 'ittle toes all turned up do 'e'?' and the illustration lifted up its voice was then given on knopping from it. I don't have been an object to the mother. The babe comfortable is to the mother. The babe comfortable in the lifted provided by a practical illustration showing how to change the babe was larged to the free larged back to the mother. The babe comfortable is to the mother of the li

to dinner, I met the elerk and the poice-official. The former expla ned to me in broken English "That now Russian Government very strict," on which

I handed him my passport.

I afterwards learned that the oliceclerk had to make eight copies of the document, one for the hotel, one for the post-office, two for the secret police, two for the foreign office, and two for the city police. I also noticed that a good many official-looking people fre-quented the hotel at lunch and dinner, and that everybody at the hotel had a more or less constrained air whenever these personages appeared. I was also told that spies of the secret police, dressed as ladies and gentlemen, were to be found at every hotel or boardinghouse in St. Petersburg. - Mrs. A. 1 Leonowens, in Youths' Companion.

Fashion Items.

Black matelasse dress goods are muc Overskirts cut open here and there and laced together with silk cords are new and effective. With evening cos-

tumes of silk or satin the bodice is made to match, and the lacing is done under the arms.

Birds of every description are used to decorate muffs. Duplicates of those selected for the muff are generally worn on the hat or bonnet which accompanies it. Some of these ornithological specimens are too large for good taste.

Stylish military redingotes of dark

blue cloth have the standing collar, pockets, cuffs, and double-breasted front

trimmed with silver braid in Roman designs. Down the back of the skirts is set a double row of large buttons. in designs of old Roman medallions. For outside wraps plain velvet is very fashionably worn both for large and small confections; and many redingotes and long casaques are being made of it by principal modistes. The trimmings are of fur or of jet pendants, and exceed ngly wide passementerie bands. There is nothing new to signalize in the way of lingerie, hosiery or gloves. Kid slippers are cut very low, and where the stockings are embroi lered the mules or sandals are plain, and vice-versa. With evening dress the color of the stockings must invariably

match that of the toilet worn. For

louse wear, black or fawn-colored stockings embro dered with cardinal. or those of solid cardinal, are the height of fashion. Very handsome visiting dresses are shown, having a bodice cut in Jersey shape and made of colored velvet. This fastens to a box-plaited shirt of moire or satin, the joining of bodice and skirt being concealed by a scarf drapery of offered to sovereigns and high dignitation show his bangs, and then pulling it

Next to the usual manner of making up stockinet cloth in the Jersey shape St. Petersburg, the beggars appeared, the most popular form is a double crossing themselves. bobbing their breaste I casaque, with a small stand-heads up and cown, and imploring with up col'ar and revers like a gentleman's

is made full and bunchy at the back. Such were the glimpes we caught of When made of black stockinet it can parts of Poland, now Russia, and of be worn o er a skirt of black velvet, moire, satin. or silk, or any two of these materials combined. The collar, cutls, lew, we were abruptly ordered to quit and pockets of the casaque itself are our carriages. Russian porters seized often finished with velvet or moire, and our bags and shawl-straps, and hurried sometimes with jet as wel'. There i When I had gone about twenty steps, however else the casaque may be a Russian soldier of almost gigantic trimmed. always the inevitable sash at the back.

gance and in the matter of price they It was with a feeling of utter help-lessness that I drew out my pocket-book, and taking out the official-document, handed it to the armed circument. of art and beauty. They would also be He then motioned me to tollow the mo els of extravagance were it not for ing of having committed some great being of the genuine metal. They can wrong, and thus entered the hall leading into the frontier station of the great tume to another, until they have "paid for themse've." Another beautiful style of button is a cut jet, in mosaic

costume. - N. Y. Post.

How to Wash a Baby. At length the order was given to tight bandaging. "White Castile soap

ears should be attended to first, and then the entire body should be imdrying a child's ear, dig it out this way." The illustration blinked its

eyes, puckered up its mouth, and let out a wild yell. "Use a soft rag, wound around the little finger, ' and as the ac-tion was suited to the word, the illusly bade him put it back again.

At length one of the police officers from the table rose and came up to me with my passport and read aloud:

"Annah Leowvin Ohvins?"

I bowed.

"Brishtish soobject?"

I bowed again. He then returned me my passport with a long slip of paper. With this I followed the porters to the ad oining hall, guarded by an back, a proceeding, she said, that near.

New Year's Boy.

The Romans named the month of the year from the god Janus, whose two faces, the one looking back and the other forward, denoted memby and hope. The early Savon names Ho'f-monat, (wolf-month) is said to have been sugges ed by the fact that the woives, deprived of their customary they, were won't to prowl round human habitations in quest of food; but it seems suite as probable a theory, that it was suggested by the exteme severity of the reason when Nature, of late so gental, seems harsh and even cruel.

The customary celebrating with reoicing the opening of the new and unknown year seems common to many ages and notions, so natural is it to hope that what is new may be good, and to trust that however rough our paths may have been, in the com ng time we may find the "green pastures" and "the wa-

ters of comfort. In the words of the gentle Elia: "The birth of a new year is of an interest too wide to be pretermitted by king or cobbler." No one ever regarded the First of January with indifference."

practice of superstitious persons to work a little in the morning with the idea that this course would insure them pros- the youth. pecity and plenty of profitable employment through the year. In England the celebration com-

menced on New Year's Eve, when the stand. and maidens. A prettier custom, orig. our latest?" inally Scottish, was for the whole family to go in procession to the outer door, and opening it as the last stroke of midnight sounded, welcome in the New Year with words of greeting
The presentation of New Year's gifts
was fashionable as fat back as the early

days of Rome, and was a custom also of the early Britons. In that day the boat this year?" drawn from the first things which are sure you than of those things that are given us. and some sovereigns did not hesitate screens with gumdrop Derbys on? these annual contributions that Queen "It's the style, sir," said the clerk Eizabeth kept her magnificent ward- apologetically. robe well replenished. Gloves, in forthe same. A black velvet Jersey fast ries. Pins, once a great luxury, were over his eyes. "I can't get over that ened to a black satin skirt is very ele. acceptable gifts to ladies. Instead of frog idea, though. Now, honest; don't equine suffering would be spared if this

> The First of January, being a week factory chimney," said the youth. after Christmas, is celebrated by the Churches of England and Rome as the Festival of the Circumcision. The Christmas and New Year holi-

is called, being the twelfth from Christ- for the spectators." mas. Many old superstitious customs "Pell crown, sir. The fashion this are associated with it. The following year, sir. Making all the hats in Lon-Monday, when the people returned to don like that this year." the sober realities of working-days, was "Suppose we'd have called in the rural districts Plough,

resistance of foreign oppression—the me feel as small as a flea under the coronation of Charles the Second as belly of an elephant." King of Scotland (1651) when the Scots son for their treachery to the father, youth a tother silk hat of these events an era in Inglish his tory, the first and the last eras in the annals of the human race .- Golden

A Battle with a Bear.

Captain John M. Bowman and Dr. B. L. Langton, two well-known sportsmen of Muncy, have just returned from a week's hunting in the wilds of Sullivan County, and they relate same thrill-They established their head uarters in 'Can't do any water to the mountains on the other shown you." side commenced operations. The "Well, a fellow can't go bareheadtrophies of the first day resulted in the ed." said the youth, picking up one killing of one deer, two foxes and a of the high hats again and trying it on not so lucky, but they discovered fresh in the mirror. bear tracks leading in the direction of

Judging from the tracks the bear was ger of wearing it." of great size, and extreme caution was necessary to get near enough for a shot. said the clerk. Remington that never missed fire, and the doctor was armed with a double-barreled shot-gue, a hatchet, and an Indian pipe, obtained from a Sioux chief when residing in Iowa. They failed to find the hear that failed to find the bear that day, notdiscovered the bear sitting on its Lis bia Brooklyn Eagle. He acknowledges that he was startled by the monster, which was of enormous

The doctor says he fet like repeating the Lord's prayer right then and there. But there was no time for worship in lowed to run through cotton-fields. the wilderness, as the bear was moving upon him in force. He instinctively get any cotton in the clothing we sell raised his gun and let drive with one here."—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald. barrel, the contents of which went crashing into the bear's ear. This en-

Matters now became desperate. The doctor found himself in the grasp of the beast, but he retained sufficient self-possession of mind to resolve to sell his life dearly. Grasping his hatchet, which was heavy and sharp, he rained blows on the head of the monster. Every cut went to the skull of the animal, and as it reached with its powerful arms to embrace him, he sunk the weapon in its feet to the hilt. This seemed to disconcert the beast for a moment, but it soon rallied and, grappling the bold hunter, prepared to give him the death-hug. Just as it was drawing him into close quarters, Captain Bowman, who had heard the shots.

Appeared on the scepe, and, taking in

of the animal the doctor found that he had systained but trilling damage, but he regarded his escape from a horrible

death as remarkable. Being a dentist, he said he could not help admiring its beautiful white teeth on came at him with distended jaws. His gus was found twenty feet away, with ent barrels, and his beautiful Indian pipe was badly broken. They succeeded in dressing the animal and in getting the carcass to the cottage, which ther found to weigh 340 pounds. Captain Sowman says be considered his friend bey ad salvation when he discovered him in the embrace of the beast, and it was only by a lucky shot that he saved him from a horrible death. - Williamsport (Va.) Cor. Philadelphia Times.

Baying a Hat. "I wish to buy a hat," said a fash

ionably-dressed youth, entering a hot store on Fulton street. "High or low?" asked the cierk "Do I look as though I wanted cheap article asked the youth "No want the highest-priced-

"You misunderstand me," said the It is an old cus om to keep the day as clerk. "I simply asked if you wish a holiday, though it has been the high silk hat or a Derby, or perhaps you wish a soft hat." "I want something lum tum," said

"Beg pardon" "I say I want something hum 'um high up; the right caper, you undersaid the youth, picking up a "Wassail-cup" was carried from high silk hat and inspecting it critically house to house by a group of youths "Ah, yes," said the clerk, "you wish

"Exactly," said the youth. "They're wearing Derbys this year a good deal," said the clerk. "There's about your size."

"Hend looks like a pea under a snow shovel," said the youth, putting on the hat and looking in the glass. "Are they wearing brims like the front of a ferry-Druids presented to the people the sa- | "Our best English Derby, Sir," said cred mistletoe previously cut with re- the clerk. "Manufacture em ourselves.

ligious ceremonies, and friends ex- and know just the stuf that's put in changed presents. Of this custom an them. That hat is a little extreme in old writer says: "As presages are the brim, sir, but the very latest, I as protected by a shoe, as is most fre- calling her the Queen. met on the beginning of a day, a week. "Well, that's what I want," said the a year, none can be more pleasing youth, cocking the hat over his left ear,

than of those things that are given us." and then trying it over his right auric-Third it was customary to present New makes me look like a frog. Didn't you Year s gifts to the reigning monarch, ever see those pictures of frogs oa to extort gifts when they were not this thing makes me look like one of freely offered. It was by the help of those confounded animals."

"Head looks like a buckshot under a

"But it's the very latest Broadway style," said the clerk. "Wear that style right straight through the winter. "Why, you could set up a circus ring days close on the Feast of the Epipha- on top of this hat," said the youth, ny, January sixth, -Twelfth Day as it and then you'd have plenty of room "Pell crown, sir. The fashion this

"Suppose we'd have to wear coal scuttles if those infernal Englishmen set the fashion." said the youth. Among the events of historic interest "Haven't you got something that doesconnected with New Year's Day may n't extinguish a fellow quite so much as be mentioned the league of William this funereal fire tower? I'm willing to Tell and his brave compatriots, (1308) stand as much as the next fellow for the commencement of three centuries' lum-tum's sake, but that thing makes

"There's something that may suit you endeavored to atone by loyalty to the better," said the clerk, handing the and thus prepared the way for the restoration of the Stuarts to the throne "Why, that thing would make Cleothey were so soon to for eit-and in patra's needle jealous. You ought to 1853, the abol tion of slavery in these throw a balancing pole with that hat. Unfted States of America; the second If a fellow ever got a little full under of these events an era in Inglish his that structure he'd bite the dust, sure.

I want an all round hat, you know. Something that will weather a racket without flooring the wearer, you under "Here is another style of Derby, "That's got a roll in the brim fit to

make a fellow seasick," said the youth. Why, my ears stand out like election banners, and it gives my face the appearance of a weasel. That's the worst "Can't do any better," said the clerk

the cottage of Captain Bowman, at "If you wish to be in style, sir, I should Lewis Lake, and crossing that body of advise you to try one of the hats I've

porcupine. The second day they were and smiling sarea-tically at his refe tion "Now, if you'll just throw in a life the nearest settlements, and they re-solved on capturing brain. and they re-edifice I may be in luced to face the dan-

"Am afraid we can't do that, sir."

"Never bet," sain the clerk; at least not in working homs. "Well. I'll go you on this bridge with standing the most careful search.
On the third day, however, they were more forwaste. The doctor had be come separated from the Captain, and while he was in the act of clambering with the first racket, my blood be on your while he was in the act of clambering.

Into in working hours with the beel slightly raised while at tower, any way, 'said the youth, paying for the hat, 'but if it downs me on the first racket, my blood be on your while he was in the act of clambering head,' and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head,' and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered ap. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered app. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered app. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered app. Fulter horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered app. Fuller head, and he sauntered app. Fuller horn by paring, signs of blood-stan head, and he sauntered app. Fuller head, and head, and he sauntered app. Fuller head, and he sauntered app. Fuller head, and over the trunk of a fallen hemlo k in a street, grasping his came in the middle laurel thicket he was startled by a fierce and feeling that he was doing the corgrowl, and on pausing to reconnoiter he rect thing, even if it was at the risk of

-A customer, with wrath in his tones size and evidently not disposed to remade c'othing establishment in this city until the inflammation has disappeared. The treat treat. treat.

What to do he did not know. He bundle he had bought the day before, dared not use his shot-gun on the beast he exclaimed: 'Here, take back this tow dipped in tar. If matter has died last week. It was a great relief to tance with his rifle. As he stood delib- swore it was all wool, when it is half down in order to give it exit, and the erating the bear made a movement toward him, evidently bent on mischief. Its eyes were very and it displayed a double row of savage looking teeth. Surprising. I guess the wool that cloth undoubtedly the pressure caused by surprising. I guess the wool that cloth undoubtedly the pressure caused by shoes which have been allowed to reerating the bear made a movement to- cotton." "Well, I deciare!" exclaimed foot treated as we should trust any in- would have been the richest dish of

-According to the London Standard raged the brute and, rising on its hind legs, it rushed upon the doctor, who emptied the contents of the other barbeauty in the abstract and the contents of the other barbeauty in the abstract and the contents. In a moment the savage beast, crete." The London Globe retorts: smarting with pain, was close upon him. "Abstract' beauty, we take it, is logicand he could feel its hot breath on his face as it grappled him. He clubbed it with his shot-gun, but as the weapon descended the bear warded off the blow once detected in the calves of Mr. Henwith its right paw and sent the gun ry Irving's legs as Hamlet. 'One of spinning through the air. Matters now became desperate. The to have said, is longer than the other.

quarters, Cap-world where rye and outs mature is at und, taking in Northelland appeared on the scope, and, taking in the attention at a glance, seek a builted north of the polar c'rele, whereas the crushing through the head of the hear, and his contrade was most.

On releasing himself tryp the seek the north of the circle.

of "corns" is undoubtedly more com. forbid him traveling, and that he can mon among horses than any other not address constituents until after the affection of the feet, and morpover is a session. very frequent cause of serious and an- Occar Wilde's brother wants foot and which is superficial and ale san humber the Americans. ways due to external pressure, It is ... The Rev. J. P. Mar. of Memphis, tant tissues. In order to understand the cause, as well as the proper treatsomething of the structures in which it the other is in the hospital. is found. The foot of the horse is a borny box, containing within its walls bours, figuracits, cartileges, tendons. blood-temple, server and absorbents all wonderfully arranged and adapted to the end! to view or commencing with the bones, the principal one of which is known as the codin bone or bone of the foot, and which in share exactly corresponds to that of the hord as a whole, we may say that this is covered with a stocking made of a most delicate and sensitive tissue, in which the Governor-General R will be remembered innumerable blood vessels and bered, are married. nerves, and which constitutes what is

known as the sensitive laming, sole and

frog. This stocking in turn is protected by the external horny hoof, which

serves as a boot or shoe.

The use of this stocking of highly or ganized tissue is to supply the horn, and to afford nour shment by its blood vessels to all parts of the foot, and by its nerves to endow them with an acute sense of touch. All parts of the horny box or bool known under different names, such as the wall, the bare the sole and frog, although apparently unlike in structure, are compounded of the same ingredients, differently composed and differently arranged. Thus the sole thrown out from the sensitive sole, or that portion of the vascular stocking which covers the lower surface of the bone of the foot, aishough in its fibrous mently the case in the civilized condition of the animal, must be removed by artificial means at the time of resetting the shoe, as the growth of the born is downward, and to an inde in te extent. removal by the farrier, consequently it should never be touched by the knife if in its normal condition.

If there is any maxim which has truth to support it, it is that the sole, bars and frog should never undergo the slightest mutilation at the time of shoes ing or at any other time-when the tismoment the course usually pursued by the farrier -in regard to the treatment of this important part of the foot. Having cut down by knife or reduced by rasp the outer crust of the hoof, he prosprings to the pressure of the thumband for what object may it be asked. look better, or that it is a necess ty. No sat's actory reason can be given for spondent. this barbarous proceeding and nothing been rendered more concare by the hearty. process shrinks and draws with it the walls of the foot, causing sooner or later the entire organ to become contracted and mis-hapen. Nor can any artificial substitutes, known as "stop- nine is exceedingly bitter. pings." by any means supply the place of Nature's delen e against injures to

the sole. What an absurdity, and wh t a cruelty it is to follow such a senseless costom, especially when a moment's ty to view the matter in the true light. m I a ain travels with comfort, when mite. the poor Least is subjected to a reputi-

tion of the operation at the time Corns are situated in the fore feet, generally in the triangular space between the bars (which are merely the in 'ect one of the outer crust at the heel towards the middle of the sole), and the wall at the heel. They are the result of than station. Huh! Why do English sole, involving also the sensitive tissue | Answer that .- Somercelle Journal beneath, which in ury may be produced by an ill-fitting shoe, or by a bru'se preach about?" asked the new muister, from a stone. However the injury may and the old deacon scratched his head be caused, the result is inflammation, and replied: "Waal, if you preach going on to the formation of matter and absout twenty minutes I think you'll o the destruction of the parts in the tech our people jest right. immediate neighborhood. The symp-

main on for a great length of time. The downward growth of the hoof causes the shoe to become too small for the feet, an I consequently the weight at the heels is thrown upon a body of iron, which acts as a foreign body upon a very sensitive part. The preventive treatmain on beyond a month, or at the

as well as apples or potatoes by putting some marsh soil in the bottom of a bar-

PERSONAL AND LITERARY. -Mr. Parnell writes that his doctors

noying lameness. Unlike the horry some to the United States, too. He has excrescence which in ficts the human written some poetry and thinks that he

often deep scated and involves impor- refused communica to an excommunicated member of his church, and the latter attempted to whip him. The ment of this disease, wempet hert know | documbe was equal to the occasion, and John Steele better known as " oal

Od Johnny." the fame of whose mag-nificent fortune and reckless extravagance still ive , is now engaged in mantial labor at 14 tillamsport. I's , and re-ceives \$2.30 per day for his services. -It is now stated that the Princess Louise will spend the winter in British Columbia and that the Governor-Gener-

-The new heir to the Swedish crown, son of the Crown Prince, will be called Prince Oscar Frederick Olaf Gustavus Adol hus, Duke of Shoonen. Had be

been born a week earlier his birthday

would have fallen on his namesake's 250th anniversary, which would have been thought a happy omen. -Cucen Victoria has conferred a baronetes on Mr. William John Clarke of the colony of Victoria. This gentleman is probably a son of the man known as Big Clarke, who made the greatest fortune on record in Australia. This is

erred on an Austral'an -Minister Hamin was impressed with the in ormal politeness with which he was received at the court of Madrid. At his first presentat on King Alphonso, structure similar to the wall, has the pe- who speaks English, but not so fluently culiarity of throwing off any excess of as the Queen, said to him "Now, Mr. growth by the process of flaking or ex- Hamin, come into the next room, and foliation. The wall on the contrary, if let me introduce you to my wife," not

-The following story is told of Georgia legislator: "Senator Pike left the joint session the other day pending the roll on the election of Judge Lawson, to see the circus procession that Now this natural flaking of the horny was passing the Capitol. He was so sole does away with the necessity of its impressed with 'Bohvar,' the big elephant that when he rushed back into the hall be cried out: 'I change my vote from Bolivar to Lawson."

-The late Philip Turpin Johnson of Chesterfield County Virgin a left all seat of the great Revolutionary orator sues are healthy. What amount of and Governor, Patrick Henry, to Dr. J. W. Johnson, of Richmond, to whom Johnson was a bachelor brother of the late Major-General Edward Johnson, of the United States and Confederate

-Charles Gordon Greene, Jr., son of Colonel Greene, formerly editor of the two as they stood before Uncle he took off his hat, and made a low hore. Boston Fust, whose death in Paris was Phil's show-case. recently announced, had lived abroad for nearly twenty five years. He was ceeds to pare the sole often to the ex- an energetic and successful man of tent, advocated by the ignorant, that it business, and strongly endowed with the fam ly taste and talent for literature. To the leading magazines of E :solely because the foot is thought to rope be contributed man; papers, and did besides some work as a corre-

-Since the death of Thurlow Weed but custom sanctions it. The animal Chauncey Morse, of Canandaigua, is with his feet thus mutilated may said to be the senior printer in New travel on a smooth surface with York State. Born in 1791, he became, partial impunity, but let the foot in 1811, an apprentice in the office of the come in contact with a stone, Ontario Repository, at Canandaigua. which may wound the parts thus ex- The late Lewis H. Redfield had entered posed, and he is instantly in su ering the same office just four years before. as evinced by sudden lameness. More- Afterward Messrs. Morse and Redfie'd over, the deeper seated portions of the were partners in publishing the Ontario horny sole having thus been uncovered Register. Since 1821 Mr. Morse has and exposed to external agencies for been connected with various newspawhich they are not titted, become much | pers in various places, and has only rechanged in their nature. Instead of c ntly returned to spend the ate a terthe horny abers being supple more or less moist and yielding, they become gua. His faculties are scarcely a whit brittle, dry and hard. he sole having impaired, and, his health is hale and

HUMOROUS. -The feeling between ague and qui--It is better to hit the nail on the head twic than it is to hit the nail on

the finger once. -Of 140,000 known species of plants reflection upon the subject would cause any man of the smallest mental capaci--"Sarab," said a teacher to one of No sooner does Nature replace or com-mence to replace the parts which have definition of a skipper?" "No." anbeen so foolishly cut away, and the ani- swered Sarah; "but perhaps a cheese

> -There are no less than thirty men in this country who are known as "the great silver-tongued orator." Somebody with a gold tongue should come along and scoop the crowd.

injury to the deeper structures of the people sav station in and of depot? -"What do you think I had better

-"If I were a girl," says a New Enwith the beel slightly raised while at gland elergymon, "I would not parade too much in public places." Of course Phil. he would not. He would swing on the "I

front gate and watch the young fe lows holding up the daisies and fern leaf. These instruments consist of three in the neighborhood do the parading.

Tom's the biggest, and of course he elastic tubes fastened fogsther at the knows best, so I think I ought to give up, handle; the c'reumference of each tube may generally be seen, and if supports - A man in New York has invented tion is present, the animal evinces great | what he calls a "thinking machine." If pain if the paring is continued. The it does not go with a crank this matreatment must be both palliative and chine, like a new newspaper, will cerpreventive. If no matter has formed, it tainly fill a want long felt. There are is injurious to the foot to cut away the hundreds of wealthy, good looking

ever got out of the house alive, there a half-hour after Susy had left # goesip that ever delighted the good peo- after all, Uncle Phil." he said, with a life further holds that the advantage ple of Newburyport -- Boston Trus-

-Kate Field says the journalist "qui etly accepts oblivion." We have known him to most enthusiastically seek for it when a citizen entered the sanctum shelves. with a club and announced his intention of pulveri ing the entire staff. Just at the time when the journalist would accept it most gladly and quietly, obliv-ion is the hardest to find.—Burlington

-A certain school-boy, who know more about town ball, marbles, "ratey over." and the like than about his books, was asked: "What is geography?" "A b'g book." "Of what is the earth composed?" "Mud." "No. it is composed of land and water." "Well. that makes mud, doesn't jt?" "What rel, packing the ce ery roots down, is the shape of the earth?" "Flat" not sideways), and keeping where it will not freeze. It is des rable to keep earth, where would I come out?" "Out

will not freeze. It is describle to keep it growing. The sprouts may run over the top of the barrel, but will be no disadvantage. Put in green and it will bleach, and you can wash and trim as you wish for the table.

Heavy sows often kill their pigs by the bleach and sham when attempting to give her friend was congrutulating her upon her green and it will be not fashiograble as any of her "swell" the neighbors. She was telling a lady visitor the other ovening that she had just be negative. inserte | her head in the doorway, and asked her: "Share, misses, as' shall I pale the praties, or bile on will their ackets on "

Our Toung Readers.

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It updated by the county bed county for these And DO Combined by you so sell to the glad

thesh I'll tions my eyes just once entity electing there. Perhaps if was the little mant, perhaps it was -Arthur's Home Magneton.

----GRANDFATHER'S SLIPPERS.

"Shahh now! Somebody might

"No they won't Listen, Unch Poll No and Sude wants to bay a post probably the firsthereditary honor con of slippers for grandfather, handsome present. We're going to put our money together, because one of us hasn't got especially among the chi dren lated

> "Or p'raps that's too much?" "Well-no, I think it will be about

We'll go down this afternoon and rou can show them to us. And, Uncle 'hil, you can keep a secret can't you ?"" "You must per-romise not to letter. In English it come as of one let-breathe ope word."

"Keep it till we say you may tell." "Keep it in a pansy.

Tom gave a very provoking laugh. get mamma to show her the poem in which came the line:

"The secret kept in violate." emply, "In violet or paney or any- it, other people are tired of bearing thing you say, Susy. I'll keep it if I about him. We once heard of a man have to get a dozen people to help me." who was so in love with himself that With resebuds, or forget-me-nots.

and things on," said Susy. "Pshaw" that a what they have on girls' doings," sa'd Tom in contempt. what he had done, the printer said he he had a splendid pair-a tiger's head many of the letter / in his cases of the on his toes. When he crossed his feet Now we have noticed that the people in and put em up on the fender it made this world who really he we the man you think of a fight.

pers, but he found a pair of dog's heads the f in any way. There was that here which charmed Tom, though Susy did by sister of Dr. Arnold, who to use not like them at all. She spied a pair his own words) possessed intense love. with daisies and a fern-lest which ex- almost to annihilation of selfabores actly suited her fancy. She declared During a daily martyr lom of twenty the dogs were ugly and snubby nosed years, she adhered to her early-formed and puggy-looking (as, indeed, they resolution of never talking about herwere), which made Tom angry.

"I'm a boy and I'm bigger than you. and I'm going to have the dogs." "Isn't it polite to give up to ladies, Uncle Phil?" Uncle Phil could not say no to such

an appeal, and began to realise that he him, as customers waite I and there appeared no prospect of these very dif-

of you take one slipper you like best and leave grandfa her to choose. Nothing better could be done. They were wrapped separately, and fom wouldn't speak to Susy as they walked home. New Year's Eve was always a busy

half bour for them. So, with little Bert on her lap, Susy's curls falling over one shoulder, and Tom's short-cropped head resting on the other, she tried to impress on them a lesson of love for the year coming.

drawn from experience of the year that was gone. As she whispered of kindness and gentleness between brother and sister, fom glanced shame acedly over at Susy, and wished he hadn't been so cross. And Susy's little heart was soon filled with a plan which brought her

back to mamma as soon as the others were out of hearing . "Mamma, let me go down to Uncle Phil's, please, all alone." She had never been so far by herself, but she coaxed and coaxed "because it was for New Years," so the little for cap went on over the curls, and soon the small at which many diseases are cured by lassic stood again smiling up at Uncle beating the surface of the body will

"I thought I'd change," she said,

Uncle Ph I had his own opinion about that, but he kept it to himself as he which it is made, varies according to She wanted to get into the house made.

very off-hand manner. "I think they of this manipulation over all others, is still really be more suitable." that it makes the texture of the skin

Uncle Phil looked puzzled, then As form was going out of the door he stood holding it half-open so long that a lady-enstomer looked impatiently at

trich-tips. Then he marched back to That's bosh, you know, Uncle Phil, about being more suitable and all that. I think the dogs are twice the prettiest, but I'm sorry I was so ugly to Sue—and

him, as the sharp wind shook her

Now he felt like an honest boy. He met Susy in the hall skipping in to ten as he got home. He sensed and

raised her from her feet with a mighty "O Tom. dear! I'm going to be good to you all the new year.

Mo, too, Soo, was his fervent, though rather indifferent, answer. She was helf afraid he would read in her beaming face all about what she had been doing. And he clapped both hands were alle much in face that is might

"No I didn't" mid a

There comed an apremises stiffsees about them sad he held up both less into a better light to see what was the

"Ob b b b b p p " present

Why-I changed mine" entires So did I" Both stared to if the louble exchange ought to have main the two more like than ever bulars As the others gathered around to are Uncle Pail relieved himself by a fearful shout of laughter, and then went on to

explain how it was that the effects question was unsertied. And section likely to remain so Turn declared Suns's choice should be kept while Suny inested that Tom's

At last, Uncle Phil proposed a soleria bally consoil on the matter But grandfather gathered a buy a one arm and a girl in the other, and gave Tom a loving kies and Sure two Den the dear old gentleman so tled a himself, and how do you think it

of shall been flow both " he will with a docided stamp of the fowers

That was how. And to this day the puggy dog and the daisies and fern-leaf more covir side be side about the house, errying as an every-day reminder to Sues and funa

that they had resolved to be good to

each other "all the New Year".

at | " and " You."

Touch's Companies.

One particular wird we have noticed has a great deal to do in some families. We've got thirty cents aplece we have often elt quite serry he in t do?" "You I think it will," said Uncle a little rest, for its own said as we as for the sake of everybody class Wa are sure you will all be very curious to know what word it is. It so east of only one letter. It is the proposes / in English it is written with a capital perhaps to aftract attention), but in the man it is always written with a small ter, while in other languages cometimes

of two, or even of three-ie in Francis, sol in German, and ego in Latin. W. "In a paner. That's the way too first one up this morning. I want to seep a secret; I heard manima read I gait by mamma. I have done more work than any besty eige. I was the one that thought of that; nobesty else would are but Susy hunted out a book and ran to have thought of it. I have walked so many, many miles, and I was the first one to reach the top of hill," etc. And so it goes on all "There" she said, "a violet's al- day, until one really feels sorry for poor "I'll keep it." said Uncle Phil sol- in want of rest, and if he does not need "Pretty ones, we want," exclaimed whenever he said "I did so and sa sometimes he went so far as to seek of "his majesty myself." And there was

another man who wrote a best and in it he talked so much about himself and When I was down to Cousin Reland's could not print it, for he had not so and do the most, are the most modest. Uncle Phil had no tiger-heade I slip- and make the least mention of poor self; thoughtful about the very post and ribbons of my wife a dress, about the making of a doll's cap for a child but of herself-save as regarded her im

provement in all goodness whally thoughtless." The sweetest flowers are often holden had undertaken a task quite beyond beneath their leaves, and one can on y find them by their fragrance. So the more a man knows, the more humble be fering tastes being brought to an agree- is likely to Le. and the less he thrust his acquirements offensively for "I'll tell you," he said af last, "each | ward, for real, conscious merit, like the violet, hides beneath its own leaves.

and lets its presence reveal itself only by the evidence i cannot conce ! There is another word which though also very small, can be used constant ly without danger, and its use pro luces a very different impression on those wason, but mamma thought it a good who hear it. In German it is written time to have a little talk with the chil- with a capital (probally to give it inderen; and she always managed to find a por snee), while in English always with a small letter. This word is got and can be used very often to attract attention to what others have den-For instance: "You have been very kind; you have thought of everybody; win land tired.". This is on the principle: "Look not every man on his own things, but every min also in the teaches us the priceless value of humilily: "He that exel eth himself hall be abaset, and he that hymbleth himself shall be exalted." And even our great Example humbled Homest, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and he has taught us we ought to foi-

low in his steps. - N. Y. Gharcor.

In Riga, Russia, there is a gymnasinm

the hands, or instruments calle i 'mus-

cle-beaters."

about that of a finger, its length, as also the thickness of the material of the different purposes for which

without Tom's seeing her, and she did. Dr. Klemm, the manager of the instifor he was at that moment in the barn tution, holds that, as so much refuse ooking lovingly at the puggy dog's matter is constantly thrown off through the skin, it is of the utmost importance "But I'll do it! ' he said, resolutely, that this organ should be kept in the down the street, reaching the store not best method of doing this and promote a half-hour after Susy had left it. ing nerve currents and blood circulation.

seemed about to speak, then checked its a tion spreads deeper and not only himself and turned quickly to the promotes nutrition of muscle, but also the activity of the blood ressels of the It is especially beneficial in cases of rhequiation and all chropic diseases re-

sulting from an impaired circulation of the blood. If the surface of the body is cold at any point, it is an indication of an ob-structed circulation, and by slapping with the hands or bestern till the parts are warm, the equilibrium of the circuation is restored, and serious concepences to health are often avo ded It is a very old custom to treat the diseases of the busines hody by me-chanical means. The most ancient peoples, the Egyptians and Indians, had in use many different manipulations and exercises of the body for the pay, one of aiding the cura ive tendencies of nate Dr. Karell, physician to His Empo Majosty, the Emperor of Stanta, says agrees completely with the principal laid down in a work on this satisfiest.

retter. "that gratitude is a passion

softer and more elastic, and that