

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT

SHORT STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Mollie and the Lobster—The Lost Parrot—Life in a Paris School—The Seven Stars—When Noted Men Were Boys—Familiar Kite.

NE MORNING little Mollie was walking by the sea, when she met a lobster coming as boldly as could be.

"Good morning, little maiden," said he, with manner bland. "It will give me the greatest pleasure to shake you by the hand."

"Good morning, Mr. Lobster," the little maid replied. But both her little hands, she held quite closely to her side. The lobster then held out his claw. But Mollie, in a fright, said, "Please, I'd rather not shake hands. I've heard that lobsters bite."

The Lost Parrot. Sadie and May lived in a very pleasant home in the country. All day long they would keep house with their dolls.

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A Very Peculiar Kite. A balloon maker who uses kites in experimenting has made a kite which, upon being tossed into the air, will scud away exactly like a bird. It will fall if a string is attached to it. Anybody can make this kite if he will bear in mind the appearance of a bird in the air. It consists of a wing-like main part and a paddle-like tail. It may be of any size.

Hunting Pythons in Natal. The colony of Natal, South Africa, abounds in boa-constrictors and pythons. While they do not attack men, they are especially destructive of cattle, sheep and oxen, and for this reason parties are formed by hunters and natives to burn the bush and forest in order to exterminate the pests.

Durability of Chalk Marks. About five years ago an article appeared in one of the city papers stating that when the old city bell was taken down to be replaced by the new one chalk marking was found, plainly written thirteen years before by a young engineer.

Poor Economy. Wife—If it is so necessary that we should economize, why don't you shave yourself, instead of paying a barber to do it? Husband—That shows all you women know about profit and loss accounts. Why, a little piece of court-plaster, no bigger than the end of my chin, costs 10 cents.

Life in a Paris School. The large Paris schools are called lycées, or lycées, but the pupils refer to them as "boxes," and this is not at all surprising when you consider that the boys are kept shut up in the schools just about as if they were in a box or prison. They are also required to wear a distinctive uniform, which is usually dark blue cloth with gold buttons.

AS THE CROW FLIES

VOYAGE TO THE POLE IN A BALLOON.

A Swedish Engineer Says It Will Take Just Six Days—Distance from Spitzbergen is 2,200 Miles—His Airship Is of New Design.

The Swedish engineer and aeronaut Andre, who, on a balloon trip from Gothenburg to Gothland, succeeded in steering his balloon twenty-seven degrees out of the direction of the wind, read a paper before the Academy of Sciences in Stockholm the other day, in which he explained how he thinks he will be able to reach the pole in a balloon. He will make the attempt from Spitzbergen, and, in order that it shall succeed, makes the following conditions: 1. The balloon must have a lifting power that will enable it to carry three passengers, instruments needed for observations, provisions for four months, and ballast, a total weight of about 7,000 pounds. 2. It must be made so airtight that it can be sustained in the air for thirty days and nights. 3. It must be inflated in some place in the arctic regions. 4. It must be constructed according to Mr. Andre's plan, so that it can be managed. The first, second and third conditions, Andre says, can be met without difficulty. To attain the requisite lifting power is the problem long since solved, and by experiments made some time ago by Poissinilles and Graham with a balloon twenty-eight feet in diameter. It was shown that they had succeeded in making it so airtight that at the end of one month it had lost only sixteen pounds of its lifting power.

When They Were Lads. Edison was famous for his inventions when 23. Bacon was a member of parliament at 23; at 26 one of its leaders. Hayne, when 22, had the best-paying law practice in South Carolina. Poe was a poet at 18; at 24 he wrote "The Raven." He died at 38. Bryant wrote poetry at 9. At 18 his masterpiece, "Thanatopsis," was published.

Rather Dismal. "Thought you were down at Atlantic City," somebody ventured. "So I was," thundered the club kicker. "Been laid up with the grip and thought the change would do me good. Doctor went down with me. Got a seat at a small table where there were only two other men. One of 'em was an undertaker and the other a clergyman. Nice cheerful company for an invalid, wasn't it? Doctor kept asking me about my health, all the time telling me what to eat and what not to eat. Clergyman struck up conversation and began talking about the beauties of the burial service. Undertaker occasionally chimed in with some comment about the large death rate and the particular ravages of the grip. But for the most part he just sat sort of purring at me and gloating over the prospect of more business. I stood it for three meals. Packed up today and came back to the city. Next day I went to the doctor. He, waiter, bring me another whisky and quinine."—Philadelphia Record.

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Or Perhaps to His Punishment—Hand Organ Inventor Dead. Harry F. Taylor, who killed himself at New York the other day, is undoubtedly responsible for more noise than any other person who ever lived. His profession was noise. He wallowed in it, and it is said that the hideous sounds he caused to be awaked finally drove him to his death. His chief distinction was for volumes of noise. All the cannon fired in the Franco-Prussian war, if concentrated in one vast sound, would be a breathing zephyr compared to the infernal racket that Harry F. Taylor has hurled against the universal tympanum.

Business Went On. A bow of crape was tied to a saloon door knob on Wabash avenue, says Chicago Tribune. The blinds were drawn, and on the door was a card on which was printed: "Please go the Side Entrance Until After the Funeral."

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A \$10,000 Bachelor Dance. Of course everybody is talking about the Hitecock-Bulky dance. It is said to have cost those young bachelors about \$10,000, and, as there were only about 300 people present, each person had to absorb about \$50 worth of pleasure and refreshment. It was announced that every one could order what he or she chose for supper. It was not surprising then to see terrapin and canvasback ducks washed down with rare old clarets and champagnes costing \$8 a bottle. Some of the dudes either deliberately or stupidly misunderstood the carte blanche idea of supper, and, when the waiters came to them for orders, asked for new dress suits or diamond scarf pins. I should think that one dance like this on such an elaborate scale would last society for a long time. Like everything else remarkable, Aladdin's marvelous lamp gets tire-some when swung around too promiscuously.—Cholly Knickerbocker in New York Recorder.

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