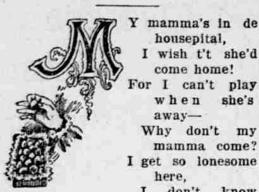
FOR LITTLE READERS.

Wail of Little Paul-The Dog Understood German-A Capitol Romance-Converted When Children-Heaven on Earth-Mary's Horse.



housepital, wish t't she'd come home! or I can't play when she's away-Why don't my mamma come? I get so lonesome here. I don't know

what to do: Arsur's away mos' all 'e day, He goes to school, you know. 'N' when he does come home at last

He likes to play with Ray; Says little boys makes too much noise, 'N' don't know how to play! I guess, if I was as big as him,

'N' I was 'way to school all day, I'd try my best to be Jus' awful good when I came home, 'N' make him happy, too; 'N' wouldn't play one bit wid Ray-

'N' he was little's me,

Fink dat's'e way to do! My g'amma twies to do her best, She's kind, 'n' loves me so; But it's so long since she was young She doesn't seem to know

Jus' how a fellow feels Who's lonesome as c'n be; 'N' all 'e cake 'at she c'n bake Won't make it up to me.

My papa's gone de whole day long, A-workin' hard's he can; I tell you, I will help him lots When I'm a grown-up man!

But dat's a long ways off, you know; 'N' here I am at home, 'N' mamma's in de housepital-Oh, my! I wish she'd come!

#### A Capitol Romance.

A quiet litle romance, of which only those most interested are suposed as yet to know, has grown from the fertile agricultural department, says the Washington Star. Once upon a time there was a pretty girl in a far-off Western state. Hard times pressed heavily upon her aged father and mother. With the brave thought to earn sufficient money to lift a mortgage from the small farm, the young girl came to Washington, and, after many rebuffs and disappointments, secured a position in the seed division of the Agricultural Department, Quietly and faithfully she did her daily duty, saving much more of her salary than she spent, and dreaming of a time when the savings would be enough to lighten the mortgage and the dear old hearts at home. When the seed division was abolished her hopes sunk very low. All efforts to find another place were fruitless, and Washington seemed big and strange and lonely. Before giving up and going home, she made one final throw for success and future happiness. She wrote a letter to the newlyelected Congressman of her home district, and asked him to aid her with his influence in obtaining a Government position. She imagined him to be a benevolent, Peffer-like old gentleman, with a fatherly disposition. He happened to receive her letter as he was starting to Washington on ante-congressional business, and he answered it in person. He was neither old nor Peffer-like; he was young and goodlooking and susceptible. His business in Washington lengthened itself out unaccountably. The pretty girl has gone home now, but this winter there is going to be a happy young bride in a modest little home on Capitol Hill, and that western congressman is going to challenge every fellow member who shall dare to lift a word of protest against the abolishment of the seed di-

### Converted When Children.

Many of the brightest lights in the history of Christianity have been converted in early life. Some one gives a few examples as follows: The brightest lights in the churches were converted in early life. Adam Clarke, the commentator, was converted at four years of age. His influence will shine in the moral heavens while the sun shines in the natural heavens. Alfred Cookman, the great revivalist, was converted at ten years of age. He will shine in the kingdom of God as the stars in the firmament of heaven forever and ever, and thousands will rise in the judgment and call him blessed. Isaac Watts, the great poet, was converted at the age of nine years. His influence will be felt through the endless ages of eternity. Robert Hall was converted at twelve, Jonathan Edwards at seven, and William Penn at nine.

### Dog Understood German.

"It will by no means do to assume," said Mr. Goslington, "that because dumb creatures do not respond promptly to our kindness they are insensible to it. This truth was brought home strikingly to me once in the case of a dog that I once owned. That this dog was not impervious to gentle treatment was clearly shown by the fact that when you patted it on the head it would | Mich., has introduced a decided novelty wag its tail; thereby showing not only | in church work. The trustees have that it understood the kind treatment, authorized the pastor to throw the an administration favorable to protecbut that it was pleased with it all church doors open on Saturday after- tion and its decline under the freethrough. But I observed that when I noons in order that farmers and others trade administration form strong conspoke to the dog when it was not look- who come to the city may, notwith- trasts that should attract the attention ing at me, it paid no attention. This standing the saloons, find a place to of all traders, whether wholesale or rewas surprising, and at first rather dis- warm themselves, and spend a pleasant tail. Even this year the holiday trade turbing, but the dog seemed in other hour. Music will be provided, and all has not yet reached its proportions in respects so kindly that I did nothing will be welcomed by committees of 1890. about it.

"One day when a German friend of mine was visiting me, and when I had called the dog with the usual result, I it, and then it is as a last year's nest, -American Economist, Dec. 23, 1895. asked my friend to call him to see if | from which the bird has flown.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. he would mind him any better. He did HOLIDAY BUSINESS. call, and naturally enough, being a German, he called in German. To our SOME GOOD SHORT STORIES great surprise the dog turned and came joyously bounding toward us. The simple fact was that the dog understood the universal kindness of touch and eye, but the only spoken language he Hundreds of Millions Less Money Spent knew was German, from which country, as I subsequently learned, he had been imported only about ten days be-

fore I bought him. "The only question now was whether I should teach the dog English, or whether I should learn German. I thought it would be easier for me to learn a new language than for the dog. and that is how I came to take up the study of German."

#### Mary's Intelligent Horse.

head.

A little Massachusetts girl tells the following story of her wonderful horse: This is a true story of Mary's horse. He was just as black as a coal all over, except a pretty white star on his fore-

"Once in two or three weeks Mary had him take tea with her and her little brother and sisters. She went to the stable where he lived with Kate and Nell, two pretty twin ponies, and said to him:

"'Come, Jack! Don't you want some

"At that he came right up to her, and found out the buttons on her dress and tried to pull them off and then untied her apron strings.

"'Now, Jack,' Mary said, 'tea is all ready. Come along!-and he followed her along the sidewalk to the back door and up the three steps into the house.

"What a clatter his iron shoes made along the entry to the dining room! Harry and Annie and Fanny rushed out, crying:

"'Oh, mamma! Here's Jack coming to tea!'

"Then mamma filled a large bowl with tea, put in plenty of milk and three or four pieces of white sugar (for Jack had a sweet tooth) and cut a slice of bread into pieces and put it on a plate with a doughnut or piece of gingerbread. And Mary said: 'Now, Jack, come up to the table!'

"You see, he was too big to sit in a and stood there and drank his tea with- for buying when prices were advancing. out slopping any over and ate up his In nearly every branch stocks not yet bread and cake. And when he had distributed to consumers stand in the done, what do you think he did? Why, way of new orders, and competition of he went up to the piano that stood in a producing force largely exceeding the the corner of the room and smelled the present demand puts down prices, that keys and looked around at Mary. That decline retarding purchases yet more was to ask her to play a tune before he After the holidays men look for a larger went home.

"Then she said: you want!'

merry tune, while he pricked up his inspiriting, because business men know ears and put his nose down close to her | perfectly well that there is always a fingers, he was so pleased. Then he sluggish season after the holidays, so rubbed her shoulder with his nose, and they are likely to "look" in vain for Mary played another tune for him.

had a nice time, but you must go back and to manufacturers, Dun's Review to your stable. Kate and Nell will miss gives this cheerful Christmas greeting: you if you stay longer.'

"Then Mary opened the dining room door, and Jack followed her down the and prices are gradually sinking." long entry and out to the stable, just like a dog."

Heaven on Earth.

How much more happiness and joy and peace there would be on earth if every Christian would take the following words of Charles H. Spurgeon to heart! It was said of an old Puritan that "heaven was in before he was in heaven." That is necessary for all of us; we must have heaven in us before we get into heaven. If we do not get to heaven before we die, we shall never get there afterward. An old Scotchman was asked if he ever expected to go to heaven. "Why, man, I live there," was the quaint reply. Let us all live in those spiritual things which are the essential features of heaven. Often go there before you go to stay there. If you come down to-morrow morning, knowing and realizing that heaven is yours, and that you will soon be there, those children will not werry you half so much. When you ge out to your business or to your work, you will not be half so discontented when you know that this is not your rest, but that you have a rest on the hills eternal, whether your heart has already gone, and that your portion is in the everlasting dwellings. "Lay hold on eternal life." "Get hold of it now." It is a thing of the future, and it is a thing of the present; and even your part of it which is future, can be, by faith, so realized and grasped as to be actually enjoyed while you are yet

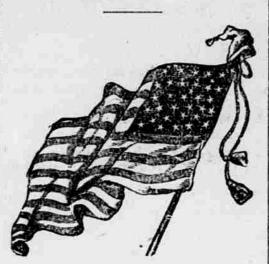
The Passion for Souls. Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, himself a noble example of burning zeal for Christ, says about impassionate men: It is the impassioned men that have made history always, religious and secular both. They are torch to the heapedup combustibles; they are pulse to the general body that is listless and waiting. No man has moved the world like Jesus Christ, because no man besides him has embodied so wide, so profound, and so divine enthusiasm. People are passionate in everything but their passion for men; and that is the one Christian passion.

Church to Compete with Saloons, The Congregational church at Flint,

Success is full of promise till men get Let us hope that it will be the last one. | the house of representatives to provide

SHOPPING NOT AS LARGE AS IT USED TO BE.

in Buying Presents - Shoppers and Shopkeepers Were Most Busy in 1892 -What Bradstreet's Shows.



A year ago the free-trade papers were pointing with pride to an increase in the volume of last November's business as compared with 1894. They slish, Hon. C. H. T. Collis, Commisstated that the real movement of goods | sioner of Public Works, New York City; for the Christmas trade begun in November. Let us see how it has been

Bradstreet's, December 7, told us that the totals of last month's bank clearings were smaller than for October, and that "the falling off shown from October is not unexpected, in view of the recent lull in trade reported from week to week." This seems peculiar. Here we have been approaching Christmas, when there should be an extra boom to business, over and above the freetrade boom that is said to be in existence, yet Bradstreet's has reported a 'lull from week to week."

Again we quote from that authority: Rather more than the usual number of decreases (in bank clearings) are shown to have occurred during November as compared with November a year ago." This is disheartening Christmas cheer. Let us turn to Dun's Review for something brighter:

"Business is still sluggish as if gorged chair, but he came close up to the table | by excessive indulgence of the appetite

This is about as cheerful as missing "'Oh, you dear Jack. I know what the last car at night and having to walk home. Not even the expectation of a "And she sat down and played some larger demand after the holidays can be that "larger demand." To the produc-"'Now, Jack,' mamma said, 'you've ers of raw material, to wage earners

"In this country the manufacturer meets with a much reduced demand,

Not even free wool can brighten the gloom of the holiday season, for Dun's Review says of this branch of trade: "Manufacturers have much machinery

idle at present, and orders thus far are not encouraging." A later issue of Bradstreet's, Decem-

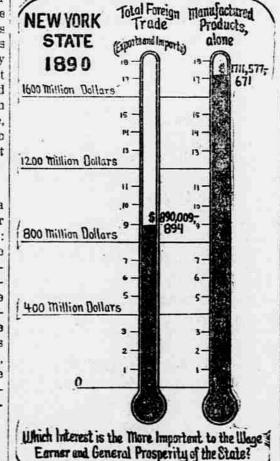
ber 14, confirms this opinion when it

says that "among more conspicuous

trade features are the disappointing Christmas trade at several cities." It also gives a comparison of the bank clearings of the country during the first two weeks of December this year and for five preceding years, which we reproduce as follows: 1891 ..... 1,328,000,000

Year. December 5. December 12. 1890 .....\$1,316,000,000 \$1,186,000,000 1,213,000,000 1892 ..... 1,450,000,000 1,354,000,000 1893 ..... 1,118,000,000 915,000,000 1894 ..... 1,163,000,000 1,019,000,000 1895 ..... 1,247,000,000 1,129,000,000 The rise of the Christmas trade under

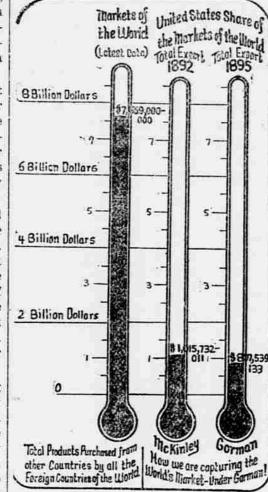
New York's Best Interests.



It looks as if we were having a regular old, dull democratic Christmas time. Republican "Sunday School."

The Republican crub of the city of New York is perhaps the most aggressive and effectual political-social organization in the country, and from a small beginning this club has attained a membership of between six and seven hundred. In connection with all clubs, societies and organizations there is nearly always some feature peculiar to each. The Republican club of the city of New York is no exception. The peculiar feature of this organization is what has become known as the "Republican Club Sunday School." There is scarcely a Sunday afternoon of the year when, between the hours of 3 and 6, less than a hundred members of the club drop in and discuss the political topics of the day. This afternoon of political chat has become, perhaps, the most popular feature of the organization, and it is not unusual of a Sunday afternoon to see in the club rooms Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, General Samuel Thomas, Hon. William Brookfield, His Honor William L. Strong of New York, Hon. Elihu Root, General Horace Porter, Frederic Billings, E. W. Bloomingdale, Hon. John Proctor Clarke, George W. En-Judge Joseph M. Duel, Col. C. H. Denison, Alfred Dolge, Commodore J. F. Hitchcock, Col. Charles H. Homer, Senator Frank D. Pavey, City Chamberlain Anson G. McCook, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Hon. A. H. Steele, Judge T. F. Wentworth and many others of national reputation.

Those Markets of the World.



#### Holding on the Dollars.

The careful buyer has been holding on to his dollar. The purchasing power of the people having been restricted this year, there is a large accumulation of goods both in wholesale and retail houses, especially of clothing. A big drop in prices will occur after the close of the year and then, perhaps, the wage earner, who has been at work only during six out of the twelve months, may be able to make a modest purchase of some winter clothing. He will not, however, replenish his wardrobe as in 1892.

### Recognize the Situation.

Selfishness is out of place among the majority in the present congress. Revenue is needed and revenue must be supplied. There is no opportunity for a successful revision of the existing tariff law. The friends of protection cannot do this until they are in control of the entire administration. They must simply frame a bill that will provide the needed funds in the best possible manner, disregarding individual claims for recognition. Our comparative statement of duties collected under the McKinley law and the Gorman bill should materially assist those to whom the work may be intrusted. All should cheerfully recognize the situation.

### The Tariff for Deliciency.

The customs revenue derived from the Gorman tariff last month was considerably below the average, which, from September, 1894, to October, 1895, had been \$13,558,456, whereas last month's customs receipts were only \$11,455,314, or over \$2,100,000 less than the average. This also was only \$4,-500,000 less than the revenue derived from the McKinley tariff during the first fourteen months of its existence, yet the president ignored the fact that there was a deficiency in the revenue.

### What Time Has Proven.

The American people cannot be fooled all the time by the ward politician or "bummer." It is now plain to be seen that a reduction of the tariff means a disturbance of the business interests of the country. The democratic party has demostrated to the American people its incompetency, inability and unfitness to rule or govern this great nation.

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National Bank Earnings.

Harrison, 1890-93, annual average ..... 4.00 per cent Cleveland, 1894..... 2.25 per cent Excess for Harrison.... 1.75 per cent

We Must Have It.

Additional revenue is needed for the national government. It is the duty of Thought He Had Quit.

Colonel McLaughlin sent his Swedish foreman out a few days ago to do some work around the mouth of an old mining shaft, and he took a green countryman with him as an assistant. In a couple of hours the foreman walked up to the colonel's office and remarked:

man sent out with you?" Inquired the colonel.

'Oh, he fall down de shaft 'bout an hour ago, an' he don't come up. I t'ink he yumped his yob."-San Francisco Post.

High, Low, Jack.

Fine ice means very cold weather, then comes a high old time in skating rinks, and skating ponds, on slides and rides, and we go home tired and overheated. It's the same old story of cooling off; off with wraps and on with all sorts of aches and pains, rheumatic, neuralgic, sciatic, lumbagic, including frost-bites, backache, even toothache. They who dance must pay the piper. We cut up Jack and are brought low by our own folly. What of it, the dance will ge on, all the same. It is generally known that St. Jacobs Oil will cure all such aches and pains separately or collectively, and the cry is on with the dance.

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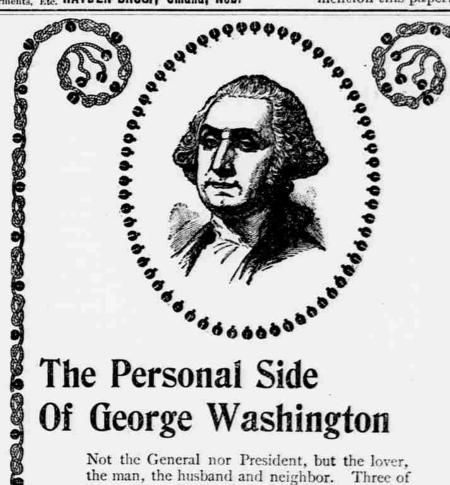




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