GRANDMOTHER,

- In the flickering firelight shadows
 That glimmer, and quiver, and glow,
 Grandma and little Makel
 Are rocking to and fro.
- The baby is cooing and laughing, But Grandmother does not hear, For her thoughts are wandering backward
- She is not rocking our baby,
 As she softly swings to and froBut she holds in her arms "little Sammy," Dead-seventy years ago.
- Her bonny wee, brown-eyed baby!
 She lets her spinning-wheel rest,
 And in the little log cabin,
 She holds her first child to her breast.
- Bocking, and soothing, and crooning, While the shadows dance on her face, And the flames are roaring and crackling In the old-fashioned fire-place.
- A blooming, red-cheeked little woman, With eyes as black as can be, The wild, restless spirit of girlhood Subdued by maternity.
- And Grandpa is sitting beside her— Young, and broad-shouldered and strong; And he smiles, half proudly, half gravely, As he hears his little wife's song.
- The baby's eyelids are drooping, And his spirit is far away In dreamland, where mortal children With the little angels play.
- . .
- But Grandma's head droops lower, And, I think, with tear-dimmed eyes, She sees, far away in the church-yard,
- Oh! the little blue cradle is empty:
- And Grandma's arms are, too, But they feel so heavy and listless, As they never used to do. Sorrowful, lonely and silent, She hears her little one cry, And she thinks he is fretful without her,
- So far away in the sky. And she wonders, with feverish longing, "Do they give him a mother's care?"
 Do the angels curl on their fingers
 The rings of his golden hair?"
- This was Grandmother's first sorrow; And her step was never so light,
- Her cheeks were a trifle paler, And her eyes a little less bright. Rocking, and erooning, and soothing,
- She is putting to sleep "little Sammy," Dead—seventy years ago. -N. Y. Observer.

LITTLE CARROTSON'S HOLIDAY.

Mr. Cutbill was a busy lawer, a bachelor and not very fond of children, so that his married sister, who lived in the country, made a mistake when she wrote to beg that he would provide a day and an evening's amusement for day and an evening's amusement for little Carrotson, who was returning to house in Dean's Yard on a Wednesday; he came up to London on the Tuesday fire. He had thought at first of restor- enumerated and many more. So great started in his eyes. he came up to London on the Tuesday here. He had thought at first of restorher brother might make him spend an her brother might make him spend an her brother might make him spend an her brother might make him spend an horought at first of restorand quick was its magic that many a horought was its many and the horought was its many and h son was not related in any way to Mr. greater if he simply suppressed them.

Cuthill's sister, but he was the son of a Cutbill's sister, but he was the son of a friend of hers, and was said to be an in- police reports in the Times, and looking and sent bounding off to school as sound telligent boy, well worth knowing.

Mr. Cutbill consented to entertain the youth, and little Carrotson accordingly arrived at the lawyer's private residence in Gower street one January morning, I hope you'll keep out of mischief."

little Carrotson, eyeing the lawyer with self the contempt of Carrotson by mis-"If you'll mind not to leave this room, and not to play with the fire, I'll see if I have any picture books." . .

swered the boy, on whose chubby face there was a slight flush of offended dignity. "There's a friend of mine who lives in the neighborhood, and I thought of going to hunt him up." "A friend? Is he a boy, like your-

he saw only a mere child who wanted to go and splash about in the rain, perhaps, to make mud pies and to be run over by cabs. "No, I must positively forbid that," he said. "You are under my charge to-day and must do as I tell you. Think what your mamma would say if you were brought home on a stretcher." Then, suddenly, a happy thought occurred to Mr. Cutbill. Why should he not set the boy to do a little useful work by way of making the time pass? He had read somewhere that pass? He had read somewhere that

boys enjoy a half-holiday better man a yours whole one; so he darted out of the room and returned with his washing book. asked Mr. Cutbill, with a blank look. "Look here, James; I'll see how you He wrote at once for explanations, and can do sums. Just go through this book, add up all the weekly accounts of the past quarter, and then divide the and her daughter imagined that the total of the number of weeks so as to lawyer cherished the unchivalrous deget at the average of my weekly expend- sign of retracing his proposal, and this the time I return, and without making | C. was confronted with his own hand-

Public school boys have strong expres- case. sions for describing such men as Mr. Cutbill; they call them "howling snobs." Carrotson "to play with the fire," and gins next searching question. She the utter villainy of compelling him to do smiled kindly as she said this, and Mr. a guest in holiday time, could only be shouldn't he marry Rosa? He returned a brief spell of speechless indignation carrotson laughed. He took up the by little Carrotson. lawyer's "beastly" washing book, and got through the work set him in half an Cutbill had scarcely reached home when hour, after which he added some sup-Brown, his quondam friend, marched in time, beat all the doctors yet in fighting plementary averages of his own. He with a beaming face. It should be said computed how many shirts Mr. Cutbill that this Brown had behaved very badly would wear in the course of a lifetime, to Cutbill, but now there was emotion supposing he lived to the age of seventy, and how much he would disburse in getting his socks washed during the same period, and so forth, but these calculations only amused him for another it. • No more generous letter half hour. Then he yawned, stared out than yours was ever penned; but be that muddy water may be cleared

come up and collect the delivery; but and as the lawyer always dined well. the other three he carried into the dining room where he had been working. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed, and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and there was some water in removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and the breakfast things had not yet been removed. The breakfast things had not yet been removed and the breakfast things had not yet b

The first letter was a printed invita- correspondent, the Poer, which ran tion to dine with a Peer; the second was thus a note from a lady who signed herself "Mr DEAR MR. CUTBILL-What on earth is "Flora Higgins." and wrote thanking Mr. Cutbill for a legal opinion he had given her in a friendly way. She al-luded several times to her daughter latter-one Brown-wrote, however, to frankly accept the explanation he had tendered, and that the painful misun-

derstanding between them would now It has been said that young Carrotson was an intelligent boy. He proved it by the calm deliberation with which he now went to work; for, having found a sample of Mr. Cutbill's handwriting in the adjoining study, to which he repaired on tip-toe, he applied himself during half an hour to imitating that writing till he attained proficiency. He then indited the three following answers to the lawyer's correspondents, his face being as serious as a Judge's whilst he wrote, though there was a suspicious twinkling

To the Peer he addressed himself thus:

"My Lond—It is very kind of you to invite me to dinner, but I am afraid I cannot accept, because since I last saw you I have suddenly changed my political opinions and think you are altogether wrong about everything. I shall be happy to make friends with you again if you will agree to think as I do: but, perhaps, being obstinate, you won't like to do this.

"So no more at present. From your lordship's obedient servant. Long CUTBILL."

Next came Mrs. Higgin's turn: "MY DEAR MRS. HIGGINS-Your kind letter has pleased me so much because of its allusion to dear Rosa. I am so fond of her that I have been quite miserable from wondering all night whether she would marry me, and that must excuse the shakiness of my handwriting this morning. I am sure I should make a good husband if Rosa would promise to keep my washerwoman's account properly balanced. I am very particular about this. Please think over the matter and let me have an early.

over the matter and let me have an early, favorable answer, which will oblige, yours truly.

P. S.—Shouldn't I like to catch dear Rosa un-The gentleman who wanted to be reconciled to Mr. Cutbill came in for

this kindly missive: "MY DEAR BROWN-It was I who was in the wrong all through our quarrel, so please say nothing more in the matter. I have a vile temper, which I freely acknowledge, and if you had kicked me down stairs when we last met it would have served me right, though I might have objected at the time. Pray come to dine with me on Saturday evening at seven o clock.

Little Carrotson put the letters in enthem on the lawver's table, but pantomime afterwards. Little Carrot- cluded that the fun would be much croup or cold that he was sure he no attention to me; you will mind me, as innocent as possible, when Mr. Cut-

a gentleman" for the rest of the day, little Carrotson might have had mercy towards half-past nine. It was raining on him. The boy was in doubt about hard, and Mr. Cutbill thought it would posting the letters he had written, and hard, and Mr. Cutbill thought it would never do to take the boy out of doors in kept them in his pocket like loaded such weather. He would be getting weapons, ready for reprisals if Mr. Cutwet feet, catch cold, and so forth; besides, the lawyer was absolutely obliged fortunately, the lawyer was a dull perto go to his office for two or three hours; son, and committed blunder upon blunso, as soon as Carrotson had been installed opposite a cup of coffee and a sausage, Mr. Cutbill said to him, in a show, but opposite the wax effigy of and none of which medical science, tone that was meant to be paternal: William Rufus he asked him at what which has made the slowest progress of "Look here, James; can I trust you to date that monarch had ascended the be a good boy while I am out? I shall throne. He refused to let little Carrotbe back for luncheon, and then I'll take son go into the Chamber of Horrors, you to see the wax-works, and in the saying it would excite him. He bade evening we'll go to Drury Lane. So, as him admire the noble brow of Richard you're going to have two treats to-day, Cobden and took a mean advantage of the occasion to bore him about free "Oh, certainly, if you wish it," said trade. Finally, he drew down on himquoting Shakespeare as they were surveying Charles Kemble in the part of Hamlet: "That's Hamlet saying: 'My

kingdom for a horse," remarked the "Don't trouble yourself, sir," an- mendacious lawyer. amusement from the pantomime, and "Well, he's fourteen." out of their beds after half-past ten. of brandy, and fill it one-fourth full of Little Carrotson silently ground his cayenne pepper, and put the cork of it been a boy that he had forgotten all the teeth, and from that moment Mr. Cut- to your tongue every half hour, and the early spring. habits of the species and the manner of bill's punishment was decreed beyond your sore throat will begin to heal at

> They were destined to have very remarkable effects on the lawyer's future. In the first place there came to him on the Friday morning a short but sweet throat—that is, how does it act?" He note from Mrs. Higgins:

"What the deuce does this mean?" iture. If you do all that correctly by they were determined to prevent. Mr. any blots, I'll give you half a crown to writing. He vowed it was not his, but was driven at last to own that possibly Having said this, Mr. Cutbill retired, he had written the letter in his sleep. thinking he had hit upon an ingenious He had heard of such things happendevice for keeping his charge out of ing, and though he did not believe he mischief. Little Carrotson's face was a was a somnambulist, he could not, of

course, swear that such was not the "But if you wrote the letter in your sleep, did it betray your unspoken The egregious "cheek" of forbidding thoughts?" was the clever Mrs. Higsums in a house where he had come as Cutbill gave in. After all, why ched by the impudent offer of half a to Gower street an engaged man; but in the neighborhood, and any one of crown to one who had no less than four by that time he had come to guess who sovereigns in his pocket. The whole was the culprit who had played him thing was indeed so "rich" that after this trick, and he thought with indigna-

in his eyes as he advanced upon the

removed, and there was some water in their reconciliation, Mr. Cutbill thought the slop-basin, by means of which the slop-basin their reconciliation, Mr. Cutbill thought to the degree of impurity of the water.

Many Swainhad her "spine twisted" by weilf (unrish you would be a source of interstance of the Continental Pash when the was indeded. The felt the slight same as much as men, and by our wants as much as men, and by our wants as much as many surfaced. The fruit is seen to to the edgere of individual to the continuity of the water.

The fruit is their reconciliation, Mr. C

the meaning of the inclosed note, which, I pro-sume, is a forgery? Yours, truly, A visit which Mr. Cutbill paid to Westminster School on the Monday night Rose, who was so pleased to hear Mr. for little Carrotson, but for Mrs. Hig-Cutbill's cold was better, and hoped so gins' interference. As it was, the law-much Mr. Cutbill would look in soon to much Mr. Cutbill would look in soon to take a cup of tea, and hear her sing one of his favorite songs which she had been practicing. The third letter was in a man's hand, and referred evidently to some differences that had arisen between Mr. Cutbill and the writer. The latter—one Brown—wrote, however, to say that he trusted Mr. Cutbill would from dear Rosa, who, after her marriage, become his ally, and often invited him to dine in Gower street, where she gave him no washing bills to balance, out treated him like a man, and tipped him sovereigns, earning in response his unqualified opinion as to her being a "brick."-Graphic.

The Red Pepper.

What ails the human throat in this latter day, and what has become of the old-fashioned red pepper? Men who are now forty years old knew little of throat troubles in their beyhood. There was a little sore throat occasionally, and once in a while quinsy, and you would hear at long intervals of putrid sore throat. Children were not as daintily cared for in those days as now. Few of them ever had underclothing to wear, and scarcely a boy who had an overcoat till he was old enough to earn the money for it himself. Croup was the parental horror of that day, and yet as alum and butter were early found a sure remedy for that trouble warping or contracting and so breaking the false membrane as it was forming parents had no great dread of that Children had few colds, and no serious sore throat—and when they had, a bowl of red-pepper tea sent the ailing boy to bed sweating, and brought him out well in the morning.

The red pepper of our grandmotherswhat has become of it? Who that lived in those sensible days does not rememhad been planted, raised and strung by grandmother's own hand, and hung in the place of honor, all to cure the the older folks' congestions and chills couldn't go to school, was cured at the next time, I think." mere sight or smell of its steaming tea, as a trivet and as merry as a cricket. ple, too, men who were a little afraid of working out all day in the damp or of digging in a well, and who now think whisky the medium of warding off pos-

sible chills, were often saved by grandmother's red-pepper tea. What has become of the red pepper And how did it happen that just as went out of fashion diphtheria came in. and with it a dozen other throat disall the sciences, is able to treat with much success? Our grandmothers kept the young and old throats of their gen eration cured up with red and cayenne pepper, and warded oft many other diseases with them. What, since they have disappeared, has taken their place, or is doing their work? Something, whatever it is, that doesn't cure.

A gentleman who was a boy thirty years ago, said yesterday: "The reason there is so much diphtheria is because people have quit raising the red pepper. The man he was talking to had a sore At Drury Lane in the evening it was throat, and was trying to stave it off till worse. Little Carrotson derived some night, with some of the gargles and washes of the later day, so as to get his almost relented in his revengeful pur- day's work done, and yet was growing poses; but the miserable lawyer re-fused to stay for the harlequinade. He red pepper said: "Throw that stuff

and so not conceited in its latter day nature, came in, and was asked: replied: "It acts as a local stimulus: and in two ways strengthens the diseased parts of the throat and prevents the growth of any false matter-heats and relaxes, stimulates and tones--red pepper always does that." He added: "The world would be a great deal bet-

ter off, and a great deal healthier, if it used more of it.' So, while the modern doctor stands puzzled and perplexed and unsuccessful before diphtheria, and while medical science can do no more to control or cure it than when it first appeared some twenty-five years ago, and while sometimes four or five children die of it yet in a single family, why not revive the good old plan of grandmother's—of watching the children's throats all the time, detecting the first trace of trouble, and then using the old-fashioned red pepper to fight and ward off the disease while it is incipient and before it be-

comes rooted? Doctors will laugh at it. But doctors always have laughed at the best people to cure the sick-and ward off sickness in the world—the good old women, wise in experience, healing in their nursing, and those who have raised large fami-lies of their own, and helped to raise and save all the weakly young children a child ill with children's troubles, than

all the doctors in town. We propose the restoration of th red-pepper to its old place in family favor, and to its undoubted usefulness. We believe grandmothers can take it, the dread diseases of the throat, and in saving the children from their ravages. -Des Moines State Register.

Clearing Muddy Water with Alum.

It is not universally known as it should postman's double knock. What devil of vindictive mischief was it that made him whisper then: "By Jove, I'll just answer the old cad's letter for him!"

Little Carrotson slunk into the passage and found four letters in the box. He left one, in case a servant should come up and collect the delivery; but of vindictive mischief was it that made him him with me."

with a comparatively very small quantity of alum. It is a peculiar property of this substance that, when in solution, it will combine with the most foreign particles in suspension, or even in solution. In fact, on this property is founded the praised him for his generosity, it was as when you leave it, you can blame me for neglect."

Though Fred grew up and prospered in the traveler the other day, which read:

"I didn't run over your purchase, but its attractions and pleasant memories and when, in after years, he revisited the home of his boyhood, before taking a seat in the house, he had to take a signs of a crop on them, but presuma ramble through the garden to look.

Youths' Department.

THE SELFISH OYSTER. There once was a selfish old Oyster, Who lived like a monk in a cloister, Safety housed in his shell, Like the monk in his cell, Though the bivalve's apartment was in

Anchored tight in the mud of the bay This lazy old party did stay. Nor cared he to roam Very far from his home; For exertion, he thought, did not pay.

And you will be wondering. I think, What he did for his victuals and drink. Weil, the Oyster was sly,
And when young crabs came by,
He would catch them as quick as a wink.

Then in him the peor crabs had to stay, Till in time they had melted away. So the Oyster got fatter,
And the crabs—but no matter—
For crabs have no souls, people say. And oho!" said the Oyster, said be:

What a lucky old party I be! Like a king in his pride I wait here, and the tide Every day brings my living to me."

But there came a grim Star-fish, who spied Our friend lying flat on his side; For the greedy old sinner Had just had his dinner, And now could not run had he tried, With a spring to the Oyster be came, And he threw his five arms round the sa

He shut off his broath,
And he squeezed him to death.
Then he ate him, nor felt any shame. The point of this story, my dears,
Just "as plain as a pikesta?" appears.
But please give attention,
While briefly I mention

Don't be greedy and live but to eat, Caring only for bread and for meat; Nor selfishly dwell All alone in your shell— Don't be oysters, in short, I repeat.

But you'll find it much better for you
To be kind, and unselfish, and true;
Then you'll not lack a friend
Your cause to defend,
When a Star-fish rolls into your view.
—George J. Webster, in St. Nicholas.

RAISING HIS OWN FRUIT.

An Example for Boys in the Country. "I think there never was a boy who did not love to eat every kind of fruit!" This sage remark was made by Fred Canfield to his elder brother as they ber the shining string of alternate red and green peppers that hung from the rafters over the kitchen fire, and which Black's very tempting orchard, which in the proper season produced abundantly apples, pears, grapes, peaches, plums, apricots and all the small fruits known children's colds, colics and cramps, and to the intelligent gardener. Just at that moment Mr. Black himself appeared death to all the c's. And who does not among the trees, and Fred, forgetting remember how perfectly the pepper accomplished its work—a little hard to Black, may I take some of these apples

fast table that the puzzled face of the ing the boy quite roughly, replied: modern doctor seldom shares. Ah, it "Why don't you grow apples for your-Westminster School after his Christmas holidays. The boy was due at his tutor's house in Dean's Yard on a Wednesday; house in Dean's Yard on a Wednesday house in Dean's Y but Mr. Cutbill's sister suggested that if flung the three original letters into the It cured all the juvenile ills we have turned quickly away, and the tears

> brothers, reproachfully, "but you paid "I will have fruit of my own, next

time!" said Fred, suppressing a sob and as innocent as possible, when Mr. Cut-bill returned home, toward one o'clock. Indeed, sudden cures have been known bill returned home, toward one o'clock. Indeed, sudden cures have been known at the mere mention of it. Older peo-pendence had been awakened by the drying his tears lest any one might see late affront. "There is not a tree in our garden,

said his brother, "and you know the place is not our own; if you were to plant trees you might never eat the fruit." "It will be good for other boys then," said Fred, with determination in the strange how few there are who fully his tone. "I will plant them, and I understand the care of them. There is may eat of the fruit, too!"

formed resolution; but it only fixed trimmed and a badly-trimmed lamp, more firmly Fred's manly and indepen-dent decision, and he began at once to learn the season for planting the different kinds of fruit-trees. Without losing perfectly-cleaned chimney. Yet it is a a day, he was soon at work laying out a fact that out of the many thousands of

growing wild in the wood. As they from the want of proper knowledge upon were just the size for transplanting, the subject. First of all, a lamp-wick when November came he removed should never be trimmed with anything them to his little garden. A young but a sharp trimmer, be it one of the plum tree was dug up from the fence, many patented implements now in use, with his neighbor's permission, and several peach trees, which came up of themselves the spring before, and stood in a cluster in the back yard—all were many patented implements now in use, or simply a pair of scissors. The latter is the best. Let them be sharp, and used for no other purpose, wiping them well after using. It is generally thought transplanted to the new garden. Some the best way to cut a lamp-wick is to grape-vine cuttings were carefully round the corners, thus preventing the said that little boys ought not to be kept | away and send out and get a little vial | planted in a damp corner near a high | flaring of the blaze and the breaking of wall, and a cherry tree from the road- the chimney. Others, again, simply

addressing them. In the red-headed, hope of pardon. The three letters were blue-eyed, merry-faced lad before him posted in the pillar-box of Dean's Yard squeaky." It was done, and it did. watched the growth of his trees. His the trimming. The wick should be cut on the following day, when the boy re-turned to school.

Later in the day a gentleman trained in turned to school.

Later in the day a gentleman trained in medical science, but not practicing it, he saw the strawberries put forth blos-the top of the burner. Then you are soms. "Now," said he, "I shall say nothing about them till they are ripe, a bright light. Now comes the care of

strawberries and cream." ing-pot, and when other boys were not receive the proper attention the romping along the street, he was found lamp will give very unsatisfactory light. in his garden, pulling up weeds, train- In cleaning chimneys, many are again ing his grape-vines, or, after sunset, mistaken, as they wash them, and, as sprinkling the young plants with water. In the meantime he learned how to In this they many times fail, and the graft and bud his trees and, when an result is, the chimney breaks when they

about the cultivation of fruit. den at sunrise, for he expected some- Then you have no fear of their being red with ripe clusters. He gathered are apt to adhere to the glass if cloth is some of the finest, and by the time used. This care given to both wick and breakfast was ready he had a dish of chimney will be a thousand times replate. She, too, was delighted, and good light. Caution: Be careful to keep praised the fruit. All the family tasted the ventilating tube on the burner althem, of course, and his little sister ways open and clean. Remember, also, nice, to have fruit growing in our own and cold contracts; so, if you would

which he set in the young trees all did may splash on the chimney; and, too, well. His garden was a source of great the oil should be replenished every day, pleasure to him, and he never tired of and never be suffered to get below the showing to his friends his thriving and reach of the wick.—Prairie Farmer. promising orchard. In a few years he had apples and pears, cherries and plums, apricots and peaches, and different kinds of small fruit. No wonder the

own garden." This little gardener had now grown

The Best Kind of Fooling.

Jack and Kitty sat by the fire one windy March evening, popping corn.
"Tell you what, Kitty," said Jack. "I've thought of a boss April-fool joke to play on that new boy across the road. He's so honest and solemn, you can fool

him just as easy.'
"What is it?" "Oh, I'll take a chip and write on it 'April-Fool,' and wrap it in a paper, then I'll put another paper on the out-side of that, and so on, lots and lots of papers till I have a big bundle. I'll write on the outside, 'Henry Johnson, from a friend,' and the last thing before I go to bed the night before April-Fool's day I'll run over and hang it on their door-knob."

"Won't some of them see you?" "No danger. They always go to bed early over there. I suppose because his mother is too poor to sit up and burn out wood and lights. But they get up early in the morning. He'll go out to the pump for some water, and find the bundle, and he'll think he's got something nice. Won't he be well fooled

Applicants were instructed notice, as required by law.

Recess until 1 o'clock, P. M., all prewhen he gets it all undone and finds nothing but a chip ?"

"He's got a sister not quite as big as am," remarked Kitty, not seeming to enter into the sport as heartily as Jack

"Come here," children," called their mother from the sitting-room; "and I'll suggest an improvement on Jack's plan. I dare say Mrs. Johnson would remember that it was the first of April, and tell Henry not to expect to find any-thing in his bundle. So a surer way to fool him would be to put something inside. There are the rubber-boots you tion of former road, was granted. had last year, you know, Jack, and they were so small you only wore them a trifle. You might do them up for Henry, and they would be very nice for him

to wear in this spring mud.
"Mother," said Kitty, "there are my copper-toed boots that I outgrew last year. Couldn't I put them in for the little girl?"

"Certainly, dear." Not many evenings after, you might

have seen Jack and Kitty very busy in the kitchen. The rubber-boots and copper-toed ones were tied up in a snug package, and over that was wrapped no end of papers, till the bundle was almost as large as Kitty herself. Jack wrote the address, and ran over with it at bed-time, as he proposed. The Widow Johnson's light had been out for an hour, for the children had kept watch. She found the bundle when she first got up the next morning, and carried it in to the children. "You must remember it is the first of April," she said,

with a smile, "and you mustn't expect to find much in this, if it is heavy." "Oh yes, it is April-Fool's day, isn't it?" laughed Henry. "Well, they can't fool us now, can they, Sis? But we'll undo the papers. They'll come handy for a good many things, and we shall find a stone or a brick at the last end." So the children had lots of sport unvery boots they had so much needed

"I'd like to be fooled this way every year," cried Henry, storming about in | that the Loup bridge is in fair condihis new boots. "So would I." chimed in his little sister, looking happily down at the copper-toes .- Youth's Companion.

came to view.

Care of Lamps.

Considering the number and variety of kerosene lamps in use, it seems a lito'clock, A. M. a vast difference in both the quantity His brother laughed at this newly- and quality of light given by a wellbed for strawberries. The plants were lamps in use there are but very few that procured from a neighbor, who was digging up some of his and who said that any one who wanted them might who make this mistake; it is, many Fred next found two nice apple trees | times, those who are careful, but fail side found its place in Fred's orchard in | break the charred wick with the fingers, supposing that it will then burn more Our little gardener was more and evenly, but in both these ideas they are and then surprise mother with a dish of strawberries and cream." the chimney. Unless they are well cleaned, no matter how well trimmed Fred was not sparing with the water- the wick may be, if the chimney does opportunity offered, he added another least expect it. I have found, after but once a year, and are obliged to tree or picked up some new information many trials, that the best way is never buy most of their supplies on credit. The fourth of July had come, bright into and on them, rubbing quickly with of many farmers. It has caused them and to secure sleeping car accomodate and lovely, after a heavy rain of the paper, the softer the better. Do this to buy injudiciously and to pay large night before. Fred was out in his gar-until your chimney looks clear and clean. prices. Dairying, as at present conthing of interest there. Imagine his damp and apt to break, at the same that account has special claims on the delight when he saw his strawberries time you avoid the particles of lint that attention of farmers. The public has been intormed mabeautiful berries placed by his mother's paid, if you care to have a bright and ny times during the past tew years clapped her hands and said: "How the well-known fact that heat expands low prices. Many have declared that avoid having the chimneys broken, nev-Fred's vines bore some bunches of er subject a lighted lamp to a draught grapes the second year, and the grafts of cold air, nor place it where cold water

Buying Bottom Lands.

boy was proud to hear his mother tell a was in New Orleans thought it would be of breeding the stock he had given so boy was proud to hear his mother tell a was in New Orleans thought it would be friend from a distance: . "We seldom a nice thing to own some real estate in size his attention to other kinds of Union Pacfic Land Office buy fruit now; Fred grows it all in our the South, and he wasn't long in disup to be a young man, and his father ered an extraordinary cheap price the had procured for him a situation in a Wolverine took in five hundred acres "first love" and would probably be business house in a distant town. "I of what the other called rich bottom you return as when you leave it, you letter was received from the traveler the

you will have no trouble in growing alligators twenty feet long. If you want the other 22,000 acres I think they can

Commissioners Proceedings. MAY 2d, 1882.

At roll call, all present. On application of Julius Rudat for a private road, Jacob Ernst, Wm. Lamb IT CURFS SPAVINS. and C. D. Clother were appointed Com- SPLINTS, RING BONES, CURBS AND

missioners to appraise the damage. ALLS MILARBLEM Bond of Fox, Canfield & Co., for the building of Looking Glass and Beaver WITHOUT BLISTER. bridges was approved.

Contract for building Sculley's bridge was awarded to Fox, Canfield & Co., for the sum of \$610.

Commissioner Hudson was appointed to ascertain the best route for the Rob-

erts and Moran roads. J. J. Macken filed application to sell liquor in the town of Platte Centre. Wendel Eschelbacher filed application to sell liquor in the town of Humphrey. Applicants were instructed to publish

Recess until 1 o'clock, P. M. At 1 o'clock, P. M., all present. Minutes of previous meeting were

read and approved. Commissioner Hudson was appointed to ascertain the number of culverts necessary on Mevers' road.

P. W. Schmitz was appointed roadoverseer for District No. 11, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of J. E. The petition of John Walker and others for location of county road and vaca-

Petition to build a new bridge at A. Mathey's was laid over. Lumber for culverts at Lubker's and Postle's was granted.

Bond of Henry Wasserberger, roadoverseer, approved. Clerk was instructed to ascertain the

kind of personal property tax assessed to W. N. McCandlish, in Colfax county, for the year 1881. Applications for culverts on Meridian road were granted.

Commissioner Hudson was instructed to remove Mrs. Tigner and Mrs. Child to St. Mary's Hospital. Clerk instructed to furnish lumber to

across Toby creek. Bills allowed on bridge fund: August Schneider, work for Jack-

roadoverseer Saalfeld to build a bridge

son bridge. Ernst, Schwartz & Co., nails and Hugh Hughes, lumber... Adjourned to May 3d.

MAY 3d, 1882. At roll call, present Commissioners Rivet and Hudson, and Stauffer, Clerk. Commissioner Hudson was instructed procure two dozen road scrapers.

The Commissioners reported on examination of Loup and Platte bridges, tion and that the Platte bridge needs immediate repairs at north approach. Commissioner Hudson was thereupon authorized to procure the necessary protection.

P. W. Schmitz, roadoverseer's bond was approved.

Board adjourned to May 23d, at 10

JOHN STAUFFER. County Clerk.

Milk as a Farm Crop. Many farmers who keep inferior cows, give them poor care, and make miserable quality of butter think there is no profit in keeping cows to produce milk. It is questionable, however, if there is a more profitable farm crop than milk. To make money out of milk it is necessary to keep good cows, to give them the best or food, to bestow proper care, and to have a market near at band. A report is published of the profits of a nerd of thirty-three cows belonging to Mr. Charles Millard, ot Lake Mills. Wis., during the year 1881. No account is kept of the milk consumed at home during the time. The owner of the cows sold at the creamery at Lake Mills 224,486 pounds or milk, for which he received \$2,367 25. This is an average of over \$71 per cow. Pork worth \$600 was also made from skimmed milk brought back from the factory. Ten calves were raised that were valued at \$100. The total receipts for the cows were \$3,067 25, or nearly \$100 per cow. Ot course hard work was required to produce feed for these cows during the time they were kept in stables, and constant care was needed to draw the milk at the proper time and to take it to the creamery. But the sum of money received was large, and receiving cash for farm products at the end of every week or month is an important consideration. Many farmers who produce little but grain receive money ducted, is a cash business, and on

that "the bottom has fallen out of the short-horn business," and that hereafter animals of this breed will sell at the Herefords and polled Angus were coming cattle for beef, and that the Jerseys and Ayreshires would displace all other breeds in first-class dairy herds. When it was announced that Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Canada, would sell all his duchesses and at the Union stock-yards on the 18th of April, many concluded that he was A year or two ago a Michigander who preparing to retire from the business covering a Mississippian who could ac-commodate him. For what he considhis last, and that it was his intention \$49,095. The cows brought \$14,200. price paid for the lot of cattle was \$2.081 25. It is evident from these figures that short-horns are still in speaks German. favor, and that they will not soon go out of fashion. There may be better cattle, but short-horns are still regardd as pretty good. The circumstance that the number of short-horns in the

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