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GRANDMOTHER.

In the flickering sunlight shadows... Grandmother's old and gray hair... She is not rocking her baby...

But Grandma's head droops lower... And I, with my trim-dressed eyes... Oh! the little blue cradle in my eye...

Mr. Carrotson's holiday... Mr. Carrotson was a busy lawyer... and not very fond of children...

Mr. Carrotson consented to entertain the youth... and Little Carrotson accordingly arrived at the lawyer's private residence...

Mr. Carrotson, eyeing the lawyer with some surprise... "If you will mind not to leave this room... I have a picture book."

"What the deuce does this mean?" asked Mr. Carrotson... "Look here, James; I'll see how you can do sums."

Public school boys have strong expressions for describing such a man... "The egotistical 'check' of forbidding Carrotson..."

Little Carrotson slunk into the passage... and found four letters in the box... He left one in case a servant should come up...

The first letter was a printed invitation to dine with a Peer... The second was a note from a lady who signed herself 'Flora Higgins'...

It has been said that young Carrotson was intelligent boy... He proved it by the calm deliberation with which he now went to work...

My Lord!—It is very kind of you to invite me to dinner... I am afraid I cannot accept... I have a headache...

The gentleman who wanted to be reconciled to Mr. Carrotson... Mr. Carrotson came in for this kindly message...

Mr. Carrotson put the letters in envelopes... directed them with stamps of his own... and stamped them with stamps of his own...

Now, if the lawyer's old behavior... Mr. Carrotson might have had mercy on him... The boy was in doubt about his...

They were destined to have very... Mr. Carrotson, in the first place... In the first place there came to him on the Friday morning...

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correspondent, the Peer, which ran thus: "Dear Mr. Carrotson—What on earth is the meaning of the invitation which, I presume, is a forgery?"

What all the human throat in this land... The red pepper of our grandmothers... what has become of it?

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Youths' Department.

THE SELFISH OYSTER. There once was a selfish oyster... who lived like a monk in a closet...

THE BEST KIND OF FOOLING. Jack and Kitty sat by the fire one windy March evening... Jack was whistling and popping corn...

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..."

Care of Lamps. Considering the number and variety of kerosene lamps in use... it is surprising to me that any one of ordinary observation can be satisfied to use a badly-trimmed lamp...

Buying Bottom Lands. A year or two ago a Michigan farmer who was in New Orleans thought it would be a nice thing to own some real estate in the South...

Clearing Muddy Water with Alum. It is not universally known as it should be that muddy water may be cleared with a comparatively very small quantity of alum...

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Commissioners Proceedings.

At roll call, all present. On application of Julius Rudat for a private road, Jacob Ernst, Wm. Lamb and C. D. Uthner were appointed Commissioners to appraise the same...

Contract for building Scully's bridge was awarded to Fox, Canfield & Co., for the sum of \$610. Commissioner Hudson was appointed to ascertain the best route for the Roberts and Moran roads...

Petition of John Walker and others for location of county road and vacation of former road, was granted. Lumber for culverts at Lukker's and Peck's was granted...

Commissioner Hudson was instructed to remove Mrs. Tigner and Mrs. Child to St. Mary's Hospital. Clerk instructed to furnish lumber to road-builder Saffell to build a bridge across Tolly creek...

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