THE LITTLE SCHOOL.



was situated on a gered. diminutive village of a wood and said

place. Miss Mattle, however, had nev- hadn't lived long in the village of er seen any snakes and didn't believe Wales or he would know better than to tell him right decidedly that she must came into her cheeks, too, and she inhave a new school house, one with a quired a trifle sharply, "Is there anydesk away from the draught.

air she could get as she sat at her desk. sor's pants?" hearing the spelling lesson.

pockets of her apron. "Well," queried the teacher.

little girl; "I know so well that I didn't ing that other boy's trousers. have to look in the dictionary, but I can't say it to save my life."

school room window. a boy," said Nan, hastily, "a boy who- a pair with her wash money."

ph. dear, I cap't say it." Miss Mattie put a sudden end to the wears Ben Windsor's pants," said Char-

"Your mother is a very good woman, I am sure," returned Miss Mattle carelessly. "You mustn't mind what the HE school house school children say."

over which Miss | Snit's face flushed to the very roots Mattie Smith had of his white hair. "Oh, I don't mind." reigned for quite a he said, with his eyes upon the platnumber of years form, "'tain't that," and still he lin-

hill just beyond the Now, perhaps, it came to Miss Mattie Smith that this little white-haired mortal realized that something must -Truth. of Wales. It was Dutch boy considered it her duty to upon the outskirts stop the school children's chattering up a stick and the next instant Ben to be in a snaky If so, it was very foolish of him. He there were any. She had no objections expect such a thing of her. Why, she whatever to the rituation, but the house hadn't even attempted to hush that itself was old. Whenever Miss Mattie audible whisper directed towards her

The little Dutch boy's head was

her, for poor little Snits, fumbling and pulling at the baggy trousers, laughed "I know what it means," declared the Yes, he minded very, very much, wear-

"I know one thing," remarked the teacher's pet, throwing her proud little "Oh, yes, of course, I know it means ought to go to the store and buy him

difficulty by furnishing the dictionary ley Stills, virtuously.

"I reckon she's caught," said George Watts. "Mebbe a snake's got her." suggested a little girl.

Many and many a time the school chil- in th' ould counthray!"-Puck. dren had laughed at Ben for calling a rat a "wat," but none of them laughed pigs was sick, so I brought it some su-

be done. The little Dutch boy picked through the opening.

"Oh, dear," cried Miss Mattie, wring- Fliegende Blaetter. ing her hands harder than ever, and Miss Mattie's pet hid her face and wept aloud. There was a terrible scuffle under the old school house. It seemed met a school trustee she was bound to own high heeled slippers. A faint red to last a long time; then there was a the only chance he has to get a word strange quiet. Ben Windsor, pale and in."-Indianapolis Journal. trembling, had drawn back from the

> "Mebbe they's both dead," said Sammy Linger, huskily.

> his knees. "Some'n's a-coming." he announced in a fearful whisper. The something that first showed up

tear-stained face, and Ben Windsor understood how very small the hole ton Star. was. The little Dutch boy's fair face Student-"I learn that there are cases wear people's old pants. His mother quite dark as he got upon his feet and stood bashfully, whirling by the tail Learned professor-"They are victims but it hadn't hurt her yet," he an- soap."—New York Weekly. nounced, soberly. The third something was a dead rat. Then Miss Mattie's pet, who had unveiled her eyes, cast an eloquent glance into the teacher's face. "Snits is a hero, ain't he. Miss Mattie," she asked?

Miss Mattie nodded her head. "And I reckon he's paid for them coast is proposed. ants a hundred times over!" cried Willie Day, enthusiastically, and again Miss Mattie nodded her head. Later on it was declared that Snits

built the new school house, for if Ben Windsor's father hadn't seen the dead rat with his own eyes, he might never have roared out threateningly: "The old rat hole shan't stand another summer; we'll get a new school house, or we'll have none!"-Louise R. Baker, in the New York Observer.

PARADISE AND NORTH POLE. cologists Contend That Garden

ive article, Edward S. Martin reviews the atmosphere allows them to fly very the numerous theories advanced by scientists in the endeavor to solve the After sifting the theories the writer concludes that the question is no nearer answered than it was 2,000 years ago, and that there are no present indicathe latest and most ingenious theories poses are rushing in. Mr. Martin thus refers: The north pole will seem at first thought to the average investigator the most unlikely site on the earth for Paradise to have occupied. Nevertheless several sober and singularly refreshing.-Talleyrand. thoughtful books and pamphlets have pole's pretensions. The north pole Bee. nowadays is bitter cold, but it has ret | Love makes the world so round, but it that the earth was excessively hot when | go round .- Puck. creatures, except, perhaps, a salaman- Holmes victim.—Washington Post. der. As it grew cooler vegetation be- It might be as well to remark parenpled, first with fishes, and then with not mix.—Philadelphia Press. The first spot on earth to get cool are sure that you will never want to the process of time it got too cold, but | The wife of a Massachusetts minister there must have been a long period when the polar region was the most her husband's mood. comfortable part of the world. During believe, there existed around the north | the construction of it. pole a continent now submerged, and that on that continent our progenitors were comfortable in their first home. calls him "Kelsey-mine." It is known with entire certainty that the polar region was once warm enough for tropical vegetation to grow there.

There was light enough, also, for such vegetation-abundant light, indeed, for all uses, and plenty for primeval

have lived at the north pole.

To Purify the Atmountere. New York Sun: Noxious gases arising from imperfect sewage may be destroyed by the free use of copperas water poured down the pipes. Saucers of chloride of the lime put about the bathrooms and under the traps purify the atmosphere of a house.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Wear a clean apron while ironing or

brush dipped in salt water. The eyes should be bathed every night in cold water just before retiring, and they will do better work the following

When very tired lie on the back, allowing every muscle to relax, letting the hands go any way they will, and keep the eyes closed.

Oil stains may be removed from wall paper by applying for four hours pipe clay, powdered and mixed with water to the thickness of cream. If you have to sew all day, change

your seat occasionally, and so obtain rest. Bathing the face and hands will also stimulate and refresh. For stains in matting from grease,

wet the spot with alcohol, then rub on white castile soap. Let this dry in a cake and then wash off with warm salt

Where it is desirable to see the tongue of a very small child the object may be accomplished by touching the upper lip with a bit of sweet oil, which will cause the child to protrude its

Sore or inflamed eyes are relieved by China. bathing in tepid or warm water in which a little salt has been dissolved. An individual towel should be used in

HUMOROUS.

Mistress-"Have you a stranger down there, Bridget?" Bridget-"N', mum: Then Ben screamed, "I thee a wat!" it's Con Calahan; sure. Ol knew him "The farmer said one of the little

gar." "Sugar!" "Yes, sugar. Haven't In all that anxious crowd only one you ever heard of sugar-cured hams?" The Prince's tutor-"What can your highness tell me about gold?" The about Ben Windsor's discarded apparel. Windsor's trousers went wriggling Prince is silent. Tutor-"Quite right your highness. Silence is golden!"-

> "Do you think," said Chappie, "that a gentleman ought to speak to his barber when he meets him on the street?" "Certainly," said Briggs. "It's about

"The highest elevation attained by man," said the professor, "is about 20,-000 feet." "H'm." whispered Undergrad, "I got so high on hard cider one At a safe distance from the opening a day down on the farm that I didn't get boy was stooping, with his hands upon back to earth for four days,"-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I'm perfectly convinced," said the ambitious young man, "that I can at the opening was a round, dimpled write the greatest novel of the period." "Why don't you go ahead and do it caught his little sister in his arms and then?" "Oh. I would not think of such kissed her wildly. Following after a thing. I am happy in my belief on Fanny came Snits. Watching Snits the subject. Where's the good of my drawing himself through the hole, one risking disapointment?" - Washing-

was whiter than usual, almost as white in which people have had from childsoap. What is the cause of that?" that third something, which, had it ap- of sappessomania." Student-"Umpeared first, would have caused a scat- what does sappessomania mean?" teration in the crowd. "It skeered her, Learned professor—"A desire to eal

INDUSTRIAL.

A cotton compress to press a bale minute is to be built at Natchez, A ship canal in England, sixty miles long, from Newcastle to the Scotch

\$1,100,000,000. Our cotton crop, including the seed, is worth \$350,000,000. erected at New Orleans to cover thirty-

two acres. Locomotives using compressed air will be used. Locomotives are now turned out which weigh 96 tons. The electrical shops and factories all over the United

The 25,000 coal miners of Alabama

Kentucky and Tennessee have formed a union. One-third of the coal mined in Ohio is mined by machinery. Birds in flocking north and south sometimes reach a height of seven In an interesting and highly instruc-

States are overrun with orders.

Labor organizations are not extendperplexing problem as to exact location ing in point of membership fast just of the site of the Garden of Eden. now, but there is a determination among wage workers to have the full value of their labor.

The granite belt in North Carolina is fifteen to twenty miles wide and inextions that the matter will ever be def- haustable; quarries are being opened initely settled by any man. To one of and orders for street and curbing pur-

EXCHANGE.

I find that nonsense at times in Hardin must think that Kentucky been written in support of the north platform is a merry-go-round .- Toledo

always been so. Geologists tell us will not make the eligible young men it first began its course-much too hot | As a last resort in her desire for noto admit of the presence of any living toriety Zella Nicolaus might pose as a

gun on it, and then it began to be peo- thetically that beer and the blcycle do birds and beasts; finally with man. Don't criticise a woman unless you enough to use was the north pole. In marry her.-New York Evening Sun.

wears a blue dress on Monday to match There wouldn't have been any milk this period, many eminent geologists in a cocoanut if some dairymen had had

A Pittsburg girl whose lover is a whitewasher named Kelsey, always Bright's disease seems to have a preference for great statesmen, and others

of the same kidney.

Insuring Consumptives. Cincinnati, Oct. 21.-Special.-Reman. Geology tells us that man might ports say that a leading life insurance company is accepting risks to the amount of \$200,000 on lives of consumptives taking the Amick Chemical Treatment for lung disease. The Amick Chemical Co. of Cincinnati is actually paying the premiums on this insurance and presenting policies to their patients. This company claims to have the most complete statistics on consumption in the world, and that these risks are good, providing the patients take a course of the Amick treatment

RELIGION AND REFORM. John G. Woolley is prominently men-

prohibition party for president in 1896 General Booth held a Salvation Army | alfalfa farmer who is not well-to-do service in the King's Gardens, Copenhagen, at which there was an attendance of 6,000 people. An 86-year-old missionary in Texas.

making his report of a recent month's work, laments that owing to bad weath- realized. I find men every day who er he was able to preach only 31 times. Last year 242 different young women and girls found help and situations through the Anchorage Mission of Chicago, where 2,000 lodgings were

Jewesses of St. Louis have formed the Sisterhood of Personal Service, a charitable organization which will care for the poor of their own denomination and educate their children. The government of Belgium, alarmed

by the ravages of the liquor traffic. has ordered that in all school-rooms a printed placard shall be displayed detailing the injurious effects of alcohol: A missionary preacher records the fact that a young woman school teacher. with a salary of \$1,000 a year, is living on half of it and giving the other half for the support of a missionary in

In 1812 all Christian teaching was prohibited in India. Now the government, in appreciation of missions, gives large sums and valuable lands for the all such cases—never one which is large sums and valuable lands for the used in common by members of the erection of hospitals and the forward-green spot on every Nebraska farm? ing of education and missions.

the Mortgage Must Go-

Alfalfa vs. the Mortgage. A correspondent of the Lincoln Journal writing from Danbury, Nebraska, says: This is the place where alfalfa first started in Nebraska twelve years ago. It is worth coming all the

one green spot Before I describe these alfalfa farms at Danbury, let me go back into the country half way between Danbury and Lebanon, where I left Sam Mesner on his farm. I met him first at Lebanon, where he was loading a car of fat cows for shipment to Omaha. I saw these cows as I got off the train at Lebanon, that they were unusually

fine looking, and Mr. Mesner informed me that they had not tasted grain, either winter or summer, but had been raised and fattened on alfalfa alone. Twenty-three years ago, a young man then, he lived at Fairbury. Everyody had the blues there then. There

was a very light crop, almost a total failure in 1873 and 1874. Nearly everybody was discouraged. All the people were poor there then, and the farmers placed but little value on that land (now worth \$35 to \$40 an acre), just as some people here place but little value on this land now. Some of the farmers there who had borrowed \$300 each on their farms, abandoned them, and said to Sam as they went away: "You can have that land just as it is for nothing if you want it. It is no use to us." dwelling now stands. For several years | according to the experience of the Dalf conditions of life. Some of the boys of alfalfa and in making money or took up land, and they wanted Sam to take some, but land here had no value then, and so far as he could see, never

would have. Some of the boys took up land, built themseives little homes and married wives. One by one these bold riders settled down into quiet and civilized life, and Sam, finding the long rides across the plain to the mountains miles, where the decreased resistance of | and | back | lonesome without his old | companions, married and settled down Up to 1890 the seasons were favora-

ble and the crop conditions good. But 1890 was a dry year. There was a scarcity of hay and roughness and many farmers on the uplands sold their stock for whatever they could get. Mesner, who had made some progress | minutes after the ax fell. in alfalfa, had plenty of hay and could buy and feed all the stock that came rave him a big boost. He had a supply of old hay on hand. It will fatten hogs and cattle as well when it is one or two years old as when it is new. The alfalfa farmer always keeps a supply on hand, so that when his neighbors are only 270 such to the 1,000. short of feed and offer their young stock for sale he can take them. He made enough money that year to pay ther castle, in preparation for the visit off \$3,000 of debt that he had incurred by the purchase of additional land. Alfaifa had served him so well during the sold from the farm \$2,700 worth of still. hogs that had been brought to maturity and fattened largely on alfalfa. He

sold that same year \$1,500 worth of fat steers that had subsisted chiefly on alfalfa. He used this money to buy more He now has 600 acres in this one-half. farm. He showed me a carload of fat are now being fed a little corn to harden them up and give them weight. He showed me 100 head of fine shoats in the clover field, growing rapidly and ers." thriving without grain. He showed me twenty-five fat steers that will be ready to ship in thirty days. He showed me 100 tons of alfalfa hay in

the stack, besides 100 acres that will vield another cutting yet this year. Last year he cut twelve acres for seed from which he threshed 103 bushels, which sold at \$5 a bushel. He has a world who do not by their dress indigood bank account and does not owe a

Mesner believes that alfalfa will revolutionize the stock industry all over western Nebraska. He believes it will inaugurate a new system of farm man- a tumble. agement that will run more to hogs the corn and wheat raisers work too mechanics of the various trades. hard with their hands and not enough with their brains. It is not hard work. but good management, that makes a farmer rich. He says that alfalfa will not stay on a farm year after year and been known to fall in that region. work side by side in harmony with a The Fall River Club, the one from cattle and hogs, the mortgage folds its for the New England League pennant. salvation." tent like an Arab and silently steals away. Now I have proven satisfactorily, to myself at least, in my ob- United Mine Workers of America, is servations here in the last ten days, in Pittsburg urging the members of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer" was the work tioned as the probable candidate of the that this is literally true. In all my that district to strike if the increase is of Charles Mackay, the noniry I have not yet heard of a single | not granted.

> and out of debt. How could it be otherwise with the phenomenal profits that have been realized from this clover in the last two years? It may be true that these at \$400,000,000. enormous profits will never again be have no alfalfa of their own, men who which 357,616,755 are improved or unare always ready to prophesy evil to every new enterprise, repeating this suggestion, that alfalfa will soon be overdone, that the seed will come down in price to \$2 a bushel and that the hay, when it becomes plenty, will not sell for more than \$3 or \$4 a ton, and some of these men, when they speak of this, act as if they really wished that it might come true. But I say, let it come true and still it will be worth more by the acre than any other crop, and will go right on making beef and pork just the same. What the hay and the seed will be worth is a shallow view to take of the alfalfa question. It is its meat producing power that gives it its value. Meat will always be valuable and whatever crop will produce the most meat per acre will be the most valued occupant of the ground. Sam Mesner last winter turned a drove of hogs into a stack yard where they ate the stacks down little by little, every straw, all through the win-

CULTIVATE ALFALFA. plain why Nebraska farmers and ali other people will spend their time and money and mind force in reaching out for reforms that can come only by evolution, that are beyond the reach of the individual, while those practical reforms which are within the reach of the individual are

within the reach of the individual are overlooked and neglected from year to year and from generation to generation. It has always been true, not only among farmers, but among all classes of men, that they are too slow to adopt a new system that changes radically

the detail of their business affairs, or the every-day routine of their lives. If you ask me to prophesy as to when all the farmers of western Nebraska will be imitating these alfalfa farmers of the Republican and Beaver valleys: when they will shake off the environment of 15-cent corn and 50-cent wheat and inaugurate in their stead a system way from the Missouri river to see this of meat production that will lift every mortgage and put every farmer on his feet financially, then I say, knowing as I do the indefatigable grit and the pro-gressive spirit of Nebraska people; knowing that the record of this farming state in the last twenty years for progressive development, is not equaled by more than one state in the union, and is not excelled by any community of farmers in the world, in ten years from now our valleys will all be green, our uplands will all be subsoiled, and our 250,000,000 bushels of annual corn

yield will be consumed and converted into meat on the farms where it is produced. The campaign against the homes of industrious, peace-loving men, where cows give rich milk, and where white honey from the alfalfa meadows is on the farmer's table.

results as I find them where the industry has been inaugurated. I am not a farmer and I do not presume to lecture

western Nebraska land. MISSING LINKS.

The maximum age assigned to the pine is 700 years. A cannon ball fired from one of the great Krupp or Armstrong guns travels at the speed of 2,887 feet per second. According to figures and statistics

prepared by the provost marshal the wars of the past thirty years have blotted out 2,500,000 lives. Observations recently made on criminal beheaded in France proved that the heart beats continued for six

The number of volleys fired over a soldier's grave depends upon the numcompany firing one volley. Among every 1,000 inhabitants in the

At the present time some 300 workmen are engaged in overhauling Low-

of the German emperor in August. fields in '91, '92 and '93. From Sep- upon the seventieth year of its pub-

> If the Atlantic ocean could have a layer of water 6,000 feet deep removed | whom occurred the happy idea of treatfrom its surface is would only reduce ing them to a little music on a metal the width of that great body of water

A business firm on the third floor of hogs nearly ready for the market that a Market street building in Philadelphia in which there is no elevator re- ten to it, and was at once followed by joices in the name of "Walkup Broth- all the swarm. It was an extraordinary

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Federated Metal Trades of America. Americans are the only women in the cate whether they are married or single.

James O'Connor, president of the

The value of all property used for educational purposes in the United States is placed at \$600,000,000; the public school property alone is valued The total acreage of all the farms in

the United States is 623,218,619, of der cultivation, and 265,601,864 acres remain uncultivated.

MINES AND MINING.

Our total copper production in 1890 was 115,669 tons. The hyacinth is found in Maine and the lake regions. The moonstone exists in North Caro-

lina and Georgia. Tin is known to exist in half a dozen different localities. In 1891 the country produced 8,279,870 Pogue." tons of pig iron.

Mica is found in North Carolina, Georgia and elsewhere. Obsidian exists in large quantities in New Mexico and Arizona. The turquois has been found in New Mexico and Arizona.

Grains of platinum have been found work of Epes Sargent, an American poet, the idea being suggested to him in Colorado and Cslifornia. Jasper is found abundantly during a walk on the battery in New lake regions and elsewhere. York one day when a high wind was Labradorite has been found ! blowing in from the sea. It was set to I can't answer that I cannot ex- Carolina and Michigan.

FORGOTTEN TREASURE.

Interesting discoveries of lost he have just been made in the unclaimed bank deposit cases. The public administrator, Attorney Oscar D. Shuck, and the legal representatives of the various San Francisco savings banks, where \$500,000 are unclaimed, have lately settled with a number of the heirs of depositors, but there are several hundred unclaimed deposits still in the banks. One of the most remarkable of the long list of abandoned deposits is that of Jeremiah Pendergast, to whose credit there are \$12,000 at the Hibernia bank. His heirs are in Ireland. Very little is known of Pendergast, save that he was never a resident of San Francisco, though he was here for a short time about 1868, and probably as late as 1876. These facts are known, because the Empire hotel, which he gave as his residence, was opened in 1868 and closed in 1876. For many years there has been a search for Pendergast or his heirs, and Attorney Shuck has just located the heirs in Ireland, and has learned that the depositor was burned to death in his mining cabin more than twenty years ago. Pendergast was unmarried and lived in an isolated cabin, where he was burned to death in a fire which grain speculator is already begun, not enveloped his home while he was by the blathering politician, not in the brawls of political jealousy, but at the Henry C. Benn, who left \$2,400 in the Hibernia bank many years ago, there is no clew whatever. It is known that he once lived at the corner of Kearney Now I can't talk alfalfa. I don't and Jackson streets, but further than know the points. I am only a student. this there have been no tidings. The am trying to learn about it and in my money awaits the coming of the owner. investigations I am simply recording At the same bank there is a deposit of \$1.600 in the name of William E. Crosten, who was a sailmaker in San Franfarmers or give them advice. But I cisco in 1868. Shortly thereafter he

love Nebraska and I believe in its fu- quietly left the city and has never been But Sam was young then, unmarried, ture. I believe that every man who heard from, though there are several and he didn't want land. He had heard has a farm home in this state and who persons here who knew him well and of the buffalo that were then plent; in holds onto it, will see the day not far worked with him at Crawford's sail Red Willow county, and he longed to in the future when there will be plenty loft. If the depositor, who was born in get on a strong horse, under a big white of buyers and few sellers of Nebraska hat, and ride free and bold among the land and when the farmers here will Norway, is still living, he is 72 years buffalo on the plain. He came with be surrounded with such conditions of of age. A search for his heirs has been temporary abode in a small cabin paid for all the anxiety of these hard is that of Charles N. Miles, supposed among the trees on the Beaver, near times. In my next letter from this to have been a seaman. There are A 750,000 bushel elevator is being where his present comfortable farm point I will relate the results of alfalfa \$2,500 to his credit at the Hibernia Paid in Capital he lived much in the saddle, sleeping brothers and the Ashton brothers here, bank. He lived at the old United States at night wherever night found him, on and I will try to give as I have received hotel. Oscar McEarman left \$1,250 at the soft, brown buffalo grass, giving no from them, some of the practical de- the bank in 1872, refusing to give his thought to land, or home, or settled tails necessary to success in the raising address, and has never been head from since, and about the same time P. D. Malloy left \$1,200 at the same bank in the same manner, refusing to give any particulars about his residence. Thomas Standon, of 424 Powell street, but whose name does not appear in any of the old Johas Welch, name does not appear in any of the old directories, left \$1,000 at the Hibernia and has never been heard from since. John B. Casey, who was a carpenter for the Southern Pacific, also left \$1,000 at the same bank and disappeared in an

equally mysterious manner. BEES AT ASCOT.

They Made Things Exceedingly Lively at the Racetrack for Awhile. A curious incident occurred at Ascot. While a large number of pleasant luncheon parties were enjoying the dehis way. Here is where alfalfa hay ber of companies in the regiment, each lights of an open-air repast in the gardens behind the grandstand a great swarm of bees settled down on the United States there is an average of 381 | guests around a table in a corner. They who are under 16; in France there are | buzzed and buzzed everywhere. Ladies had bees in their bonnets and gentlemen found their hats turned into striking likelinesses of "Catch-'em-aliveoh's." Some of the swarm settled on the cold salmon and other members of L'Abeille (the Bee),the French news- it tumbled into the champagne cup. In dry year of 1890 that he enlarged his paper of New Orleans, has just entered fact, the bees created the greatest consternation among the ladies and gentletember, 1893, to September, 1894, he lication. It is buzzing at a lively rate men in that quarter of the grounds. They were gradually drawn off the luncheon party by a gentleman, to

tray under a tree. After the tapping or tinkling on the article had continued for two or three moments the queen bee settled on the branches above to lissight to see hundreds of the insects hanging like a great black and gold cluster on the tree while the tinkling continued. It ceased with the luncheon, A new national labor body has been and the bees did no more harm. In organized in St. Louis. It is called the the early part of the performance a 'ady was pretty severely stung.

What Japan Needs.

An educated Japanese who is a It is now estimated that this year's Christian recently wrote the following cotton crop will be about 8,000,000 as being what Japan needs: "We Japbales, and prices are expected to take anese want Christianity, but no denominational differences such as would The woodworkers' unions of Chicago build a barrier against the ultimate and cattle, less to wheat and oats, and are steadily increasing in numbers and union of all who believe in Christ, Thestop the sale of 15-cent corn. He thinks | memberships, and embrace the best ologians might differ in their vews, but our principal and spirit, as followers of The very driest place in the world the cross, shall be one and the same for is that part of Egypt between the two all time to come. Thou, O Christ, inlower falls of the Nile. Rain has never spire us with thy Spirit of universal kinship and love of humanity; help us to direct our efforts to hasten the time mortgage. Whenever alfalfa begins to which Pitcher Mercer gradu: ted to the when all the people of the world shall get in its work, begins to put fat on big league, has a good lead in the race unanimously rejoice in thy universal

ORIGIN OF SONGS.

by Henry Russell. It was the outcome of an evening of conviviality in 1843. "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" is from a poem entitled "The Forest," by Ben Jonson. The air is an adaptation from one of Mozart's opera melo-

"What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" duet that was once immensely popular, was suggested to Dr. Joseph Edwards Carpenter by the conversation in "Dombey and Son."

"Rule, Britannia" is usually credited to James Thompson. It first appeared in a play entitled "Alfred," by Thompson and Mallet in 1740. The air was by Dr. Thomas Arne. "The Wearing of the Green" exists

in several forms and versions. The best known one was written by Dion Boucleault, the dramatist. It is sung by Shaun the Post in "Arrah-na-"Scots Wha Hae" was by Burns. It

was written on a dark day while the author was on a journey. The tune is "Hey Tuttie Tattle," an old march that is said by tradition to have animated Bruce's men at Bannockburn. "A Life on the Ocean Wave" was the

music by Henry Russell.

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keeping on with her writing.

For a silent minute. Snits awkwardly at the voluminous trousers, then he blurted out, "My mother can't help it about Ben Windsor's pants. She wish she could."

ceilar for the coal and room for her thing else you have to say, Johnny Smeltzer?" But in the spring time the draught from the door was very welcome, and bowed very low, as he murmured: "Can Miss Mattie was grateful for all the I run for the prize if I wear Ben Wind-

Miss Mattle burst into a ringing "Hero, hero," drawled Miss Mattie's laugh; she couldn't help it, it was so pet, Nan Foster. Then Nan came to a exquisitely funny. But even as she pause and fiddled nervously with the laughed, she felt her conscience prick

"It means a boy," volunteered a very head in the air, "If I was Snits I small girl, giancing dreamily out of the wouldn't come to school if I had to as his hair, and his blue eyes looked hood an uncontrollable desire to eat

"I won't play with him while he



"IT SKEERED HER. meaning, whereupon the pupil at the foot of the class murmured grumblingby that that was just what he would have said if he had been given his turn. After the spelling class had retired the arithmetic class came and established itself in a very long row before table Miss Mattie. Down at the end of the matth matter along man a little Dutch have

ly upon Miss Mattie's face as she put the question: "If an apple is divided into two parts, what are the parts called, Johnny Smeltzer?" "Halves," answered the little Dutch

"If the halves are divided into two

parts what are the parts then called?"

as if he would remain foot all the time.

The blue eves were fastened earnest-

two parts what are the parts called?" inquired Miss Mattie, determined to was during the fifteen minutes' recess discover what prodigious amount of ar- that she grew determined and ventureithmetic this small boy knew. "Snits," answered the little Dutch

boy without a moment's hesitation.

Head," but when the next recess arrived he was christened "Snits." It was astonishing, considering the limited dimensions of the viliage of old school house there would have been Wales, that its youthful population a probability, at least, that the trusshould have been of such a critical tee's small daughter had wandered into turn of mind. The children at the litthe old schoolhouse on the hill laughed cellar would have had no steps. openly at tongue tied Ben Windsor, notwithstanding that his father was a the three girls who had been slapped, To clean bamboo furniture use portance. They made derogatory re- missing child. Ben said that she marks in regard to Sarah Wyand's new | couldn't have gone home, because she bonnet and Danny Rider's big shoes was afraid to cross the stream. and Tommy Gill's poor little hat that It was a faint, far away sounding cry day. his mother had cut out of a piece of that told them, cellar or no cellar, Fanblue velvet. They even smiled at Miss ny Windsor was under the school house. Mattie's bronze slippers, and declared She had crept through a small opening. in audible whispers that they "must which, by all means, should have led pinch awful." But when Johnny Smelt- into the cellar. It was such a very zer appeared one morning in Ben Wind- | small opening that only a very small ser's treusers, the uproar was tremen- boy, who no longer lived in the village, dous. The silence bell sounded, but had ever investigated the region from the whole room continued in convulsive which sounded the forlorn cry. The giggles, for Ben Windsor's trousers small boy had seen wonderful things

pants" they were, without doubt, "high "Snits must be terrible poor," whissered Jessie Brown, "to have pants

were extraordinarily long and for "long

"He ith pore," returned Ben Windsor "hith moths ith our wathwoman" It was upon the following day at noon that the little Dutch boy diffidently approached Miss Mattie's desk.

"What is it?" asked Miss Mattie,

"Neither will I," cried George Watts. "Neither will I," echoed Sammy Lin-

nurse main, put an end to the unchariarithmetic class was a little Dutch boy with blue eyes and flaxen hair. He was well litely, she was not allowed to cry a very new scholar, and he didn't look in vain. Ben was ordered to take good care of his little sister and the nurse departed, leaving her harge an the midst of ah admiring group, Fanny Windsor was fat and dimplet, and did

not show any sign of her recent illness except | n a certain imperiousness of manner that was extremely amusing. All the early part of that afternoon in "Quarters," answered the little Dutch perfectly. See was only three years old, but she repeated her letters with her eyes off the primer and she counted up to twenty with creditable rapidity. It

some. She insisted upon seesawing with one of the large boys, she slapped three of the girls, and in the end was seen marching off alone, crying vehebeen calling Johnny Smeltzer "Tow mently that she dared anybody to come with her. When the bell rang Fanny Windsor had disappeared. If there had been a cellar to the little

> it, or fallen into it, for very likely the Miss Mattie and all the pupils, even | bed-making. were in a great flutter looking for the

lagged about the little Dutch boy's legs under the school house, lighted very in a manner never intended by any civ- well, he declared, by sunshine shooting ilized tailor, and for "short pants" they through the chinks. He had seen four snakes and a nest of spiders as big as butterflies, and a whole lot of bats. Ben Windsor's little sister must have been seeing the wonders, too, for she began

"Can't anybody get her out?" cried

Ben put his scared face to the opening

The screams under the house grew

Miss Mattie, wringing her hands.

and called, "Fanny, Fanny!"

to scream loudly.

"We'll have to tear up the school house floor to get her "exclaimed Willie Day, excitedly. "She'll be smothered by that time," said Sammy Linger. "Fanny, come along this way," pleaded Ben. "Here'th brotha."