How a Burlington Lad Spent a Day Cutting

The grass needed cutting very badly, and in the interest of economy, Mrs. Middlerib told her son he might stay at home yesterday morning and cut the grass in the front yard. Anything suited that young student better than school, and he received the announcement that he was detailed for fatigue with great glee. Once only it occurred to him that it would be the proper thing to be very sad and dejected at the very prospect of losing a half day of study, and he said: "But I hate dreadfully to miss all this

morning's lessons."

His mother, glancing at the expression of intense concern which covered his face, said that she didn't think of that,

and perhaps he had better go to school and cut the grass after school hours. The alacrity with which the young man moved to table the motion cut off all further debate, and the original mo-

tion to stay at home prevailed. Now it was Master Middlerib's intention to cut that grass in about thirty minutes and have the rest of the morning to himself. As soon as his father was out of the house, therefore, he begau operations. In the first place he hunted up the sickle. This was a task of about an hour and a half. During the search for that agricultural implement he found a steel trap, three tops, a hatful of marbles, an old gun lock, a baseball, his father's pocketknife, a ball of kite string, an assortment of fishing lines and hooks, a funny stone, a brass pistol barrel, his Sunday hat (on top of the woodshed), an odd skate, the carving kuife, a pair of seissors and a Sunday school book. All these discoveries, with the exception of the last, required a great deal of attention and care after the articles were found, and by the time he had them all bestowed where he could readily find them when they were want-ed it was nearly ten o'clock, and he re-membered that he had taken the sickle down town to get sharpened, and could not for the life of him remember what shop he took it to. This necessitated a journey to the neighbor's and the bor-rowing of a sickle. Then he was at last ready for work and, incited to activity by the warning voice of his mother, Master Middlerib sought the shadest corner of the front yard and, seating himself in the easiest attitude, began op-

As he poised the sickle for the first stroke, however, he noticed that it was not sharp. Returning to the woodshed he instituted an elaborate search for the whetstone. He found everything he ever heard of in his life except a whetstone, and returned to his task with a fire-brick, a piece of sandstone, a threecornered file and a horse rasp. He tried all of these in succession, and soon had the sickle in the condition of a circular saw turned wrongside out. Finally the appearance of the sickle, assisted by the voice of his mother, and the fact that the sun was so high there wasn't a shady place left in the front yard, warned him it was high time to begin. With bitter thoughts of the good time he had expected to be having by this time, and mourning over the sad fate of a boy who had to work every minute he was out of school, he raised the sickle high in the air and made a vigorous sweep at the tangled

The blade flew off the handle and went whizzing out into the grass. This necessitated another search, which Master Middlerib pursued like a pointer dog, groping about on his hands and When he found the blade he fixed it in the handle, and then went into the kitchen to get a piece of string for a rag-carpet, besides making handkerto tie them together.

qu'red his mother. "Not quite," replied the truthful son. Then he went back and resumed opcrations. He cut the grass a short time in the orthodox manner. Then he got down on his knees and one hand, until he ran the point of the sickle into his supporting hand. Then he caught hold of tufts of grass with his hand, and used the sickle like a scalping knife, until he cut two of his fingers. Then he went into the house to get his various wounds bandaged and to see if it wasn't nearly twelve o'clock. And when he went back to his work he had barely time to cut his knee when the dinner bell rang, and a happier boy you never saw. His injuries kept mm away school that afternoon, and the keen eye of envy itself couldn't detect the spot in the front yard where he had cut the transfer our house, and the first thing you knew that the front yard where he had cut the saw. His injuries kept him away from school that afternoon, and the keen eye used up corset bones. She never wasted

A Coat Lined with Money.

A war correspondent writes : "Comedy goes side by side with tragedy here as everywhere, and even at a time like this men can laugh. A resident, who has come down from Eski Saghra, is in her cook potato parings so's you'd think a condition of much perplexity about the means to be adopted for the recovery of a stolen coat. Anticipating evil times in the Eski Sagbra, the resident had sewn up his money in the lining of his heaviest fur overcoat, and with this held himself ready to leave the town at any moment. Somehow when the dreaded time arrived he missed the coat, and had to come down here without it. Walking about the streets of Adrianople, he descried this very coat upon the shoulders of a big Circassian, with whom he entered into humble parley for its recovery, professing to have taken a great fancy for it. While he pretended to examine and admire the fur he ascertained by touch that his money remained undisturbed. The Circassian declined to sell, and the man then put in a claim as owner of the coat, and succeeded in bringing the C reassain before the governor of the town. The governor declined to consider the resident's claim proved, and that hapless man is now following the Circassian like a second shadow, beseeching him, with perpetual iteration, to strike a bargain. It rests on Rochefoucalud's authority that a man can always enjoy the misfortunes of his friends, and the friends of this especial man seem to find some consolation for their own sorrows in watching and laughing at the countless ruses and maneuvres with which his ingenuity inspires the hunter of the coat."

little boy not perceiving the approach of the saurian, dived, and just as he reached the surface thetopen jaws received him. The alligator drove his teeth almost through the boy's skull, making several wounds in the scalp three inches in length. The boy's comrades rushed into the water and began a loud outery, when the alligator let go his hold and disap-peared. The little fellow, although seriously injured, will probably live.

Fall Fashions.

The reproduction of old modes is ob-

Mosaic patterns in rich goods are introduced Rough knottings on fabrics is a novel

The intermixtures of dark and light gravs are effective. Various shades of bronzes are produced Brilliant threads running over dark

grounds is a new design.

Plush-like intermixtures have an exeedingly fine appearance,

Rough unfaced goods gives promise of being generally worn.

Mixtures of silk and wool, and also pure silk fabrics have knotted loopings. The prevalence for close fitting costumes is carried to excess; this style looks well on slender forms.

Worth's "stalactite" cloth in white and pale shades is quite new in character; it is thin and semi-transparent. Cashmere serges and mohairs still demand the attention of the fashionables,

and are made up a la mode.

Fashion admits of a large variety of garnitures this season, and a profusion of trimmings will be the rule.

The clair de lune beads are very "stunning;" their presence somewhat dazzles, and hence, unless carefully used, will give a "loud" effect. Steel, jet, amber and English garnet beads will figure somewhat largely this and next season in the world of dress.

Their tone is that of festivity. The fashion of buttons is very beautiful, and their finish artistic. The variety is large, including French horn, pearl, ivory, crochet, and faucet-cut buttons;

also, clair ae lune metal buttons,
Shaws will be quite generally worn
during the fall season. The modes are various, including all sorts of qualities, from the costly elegant India shawl to the "Chuddah" house wrap, so com-fortable and yet so stylish in the drawing-room,

In millinery the ruling fabrics are plush and satm. Of course velvet will be used, as this chapeau cloth never becomes passe, but nevertheless plush will this season take the lead. Foliage and plumes figure largely, and all sorts of cunning ornaments will be used in mode chapeaux. The shapes of hats and bonnets differ

rather artistically from former modes. The brims are narrow, and the crowns both high and low. The coronet front appears, and will no doubt be accepted by the beau monde. Long ribbon pendants at the back are favored. Gilt edged hats are introduced, and clair de lune garniture is affected.

Lace bonnet strings and scarfs are going out of favor, narrowsilk and satin ribbons taking their place. These may be tied in a small bow at the left side. Pure white linen collars and cuffs will be worn in street and house costumes;

the cuffs wider, and in some instances turned back all around. Belts will be worn with street costumes during the fall.

A Useful Wife.

We had been out to the graveyard to bury Mrs. Pidgeon, and we were riding home in the carriage with the bereaved widower. While he sopped his eyes with his handkerchief he told us about

her:
"In one respect I never saw her
"In one respect I never saw her that woman that's lying out there in the tomb to take an old pair of my tronsers and cut them up for the boys. She'd make a splendid suit of clothes for both of them out of them old pants, and a tie them together.
"Have you got all that yard cut?" in- chiefs out of the pockets, and a bustle for herself out of the other linings. garment and it was good as a gold mine. Why, she'd take second attack the leading files of the a worn-out sock and make a good overcoat out of it, I believe. She had a turn for that kind of economy. There's one of my shirts that I bought in 1847 still going about making itself useful as winder curtains and plenty of other things. Only last July our gridiron give out, and she took it apart, and in two hours it was rigged on the side of the house as a splendid lightning-rod, all except what she had made into a poker and an ice pick. Ingenious? Why she kept our family in buttons and whistles out of the ham-bones she saved, and she made fifteen pricely chicken coops from her old

Mary Jane'd have a muff and a set of furs, and I'd begin to find mince pies on the dinner table. She'd stuff a feather "T bed with the feathers that she'd got off of one little bit of a rooster, and she'd even utilize the roaches in the kitchen her cook potato parings so's you'd think they were canvas-back duck, and she had a way of doctoring up shavings so that the pig'd eat 'em and grow fat on 'em. I believe that woman could a built city there flourishes a ghaving and the Emetic.

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I'll never see her like again." I don't believe he will either, -Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Crazy Engineer's Freak.

Last Wednesday night, says the Ni-agara Falls Gazette, the Great Western railway yard authorities at Clifton were surprised to see Larry Callan, an engineer on the line, draw out of the roundhouse, and instead of coupling on the steamboat express, which he was to draw to Windsor, started off with his locomotive for St. Catharines. The engineer had been waiting quietly in the roundhouse and his fireman had gone to sleep. He did not move down the yard for his train when he was due, and a messenger was sent for him. After being called he started for the switch, but instead of returning for his train he pulled the throttle wider open and started off for St. At Lake Charles, in the parish of Calcasieu, La., a few days since, a most exciting scene was witnessed by a number of people on the shore. Some lads, among whom was a boy named William Haskell, were in bathing, when the attention of all was attracted to the cries of the latter, and an alligator was seen swimming in the direction of him. The press. The next day the engineer appeared as usual, but professed an utter ignorance of the transactions of the previous night, neither did he seem to understand what had been the matter with

> Seven people were blown to pieces by the face of the anxious solicitations of his the explosion of a fire-works manufacture friends after his health, to persuade himtory at Hamburg.

his mental organs. As a matter of course he has been discharged from the road.

SHERIDAN AT SEDAN.

Graphic Description of a Cavalry Charge. seen), and to your lengthy criticism, I continued: "I should like to know if related as coming from your lips, or was it told you by some officer who was on the skirmish line? I should like very much to receive from you your recollec-tions of this affair. * * I am afraid Colonel Denison has been im-posed upon; and it will require your own

were at once discovered by the French cavalry, a small brigade of which, say from twelve to thirteen hundred strong, was in the immediate vicinity. The line had advanced but a short distance upon the plateau when the manufacture is confidently believed to be far superior to any other. It seems to purify the very fountain of health. Sold by dealers generally. the plateau when they were met by the cavalry, which charged them. As the cavalry came down upon them they were broken into small knots or detachments of men, of somewhat unequal size, the cavalry having ridden completely through the line; but meanwhile the little groups of infantry kept up a galling fire upon the troops by turning to their rear and constantly firing upon them as they broke back and around their flanks and back through the groups of skirmishers toward the direction from which

they had come.
"No sooner had the cavalry fallen back than the skirmish line reformed, and was rapidly strengthened by some of the soldiers of the main body, who, as soon as they reached the plateau, saw at once with a volley, and adopted precisely the same tactics which they seem to have been forced to do at first. Again the same tactics which they seem to have been forced to do at first. Again the cavalry broke through the line, but practically accomplished nothing, for the Germans poured in a withering fire from their small knots or detachments until the cavalry once more retired around the flanks, having lost layer numbers of the cavalry once more retired around the flanks, having lost layer numbers of the cavalry once more retired around the flanks, having lost layer numbers of the cavalry once more retired around the flanks, having lost layer numbers of the cavalry once more retired around the flanks.

and horses. came out upon the plateau and hurried forward with great speed to the skirmish line, which now, from constant accessions had been constant accessions and beautiful for the neights, bottle. Send for almanacs, Gracfenberg Co., New York. ing up the rough ground of the heights, sions, had become very strong; in fact,

almost a line of battle. "Once more the cavalry rallied, and, having reformed for the third time, gallantly came down at a charge; but their valor was of no avail, for the Germans met them with such a terrible and destructive fire that they badly cut up the leading files, and completely broke and scattered the French squadrons, who this time utterly failed to break the line, and were fearfully punished. With scarcely any delay the German line adscarcely any delay the German line adaptive and bushed on to their objective to the result of the result

"This action was plainly seen by many officers, who were looking at the battle, my aide, General J. W. Forsyth, being among them."

city there flourishes a chemist, and in another a lawyer, each eminent in his single pine board; or a steamboat out of particular line. Being somewhat of the same feather it is not wonderful that they sometimes came together. The fact is they came together rather more frequently than the apothecary's assistant liked.

Whether it was because "old ---" was always at his elbow and looking over him at his business or not, for some reason that individual conceived the idea of getting rid of his master's friend. Accordingly one fine day lately "old " turned in as usual, and found the assistant alone. The master had gone out, but that did not deter the lawyer from taking his seat on the corner of the counter where the assistant was busy pounding some lump sugar in a mortar. Turning toward a shelf, he fancied he saw our friend the lawyer dexterously wetting his fingers with his tongue, and having dipped them in the powdered sugar, applying them to that member with evident signs and smacks of enjoy-ment. The time had come, and the young chemist resolved upon his course. Resuming his pestal, he began pounding Catharines. The fireman, who, by this time was thoroughly awakened, ventured to suggest that they return for the train, and in answer got a short disquisifrom a shelf; and in a few moments poor —— was retching and groaning in the greatest agony of body and mind.

It is unnecessary to say that he ha not taken arsenic, but a few grains of powdered sugar. He has not been in his friend's shop since, his two chief difficulties being, first, to know whether he was poisoned or not, and secondly, in self that nobody knows.

All Done in a Trance.

The San Jose (Cal.) Mercury has the A correspondent sends the following to the London Athenaum: In the Athenaum I read a lengthy review of Colonel Denison's "History of Cavalry," and must say I was greatly interested more particularly with that portion where Lieutenant General Sheridan is mentioned having described the defeat of a cavalry regiment at Sedan. I at once wrote to Sheridan on the subject.

After calling his attention to the book (a...) following doubtful story : Miss Ella Ma-While in this state she is said to execute After calling his attention to the book (a difficult music on a piano with her eyes copy of which I regret I have not yet closed, being evidently in an abnormal condition. After a few performances of this kind she is able to give the same you have been correctly quoted in this music in her normal state. In this way, matter. If so, will you please to inform in less than a year, without the least me as to the place of the charge; also, how it was that a line of skirmishers is able to execute many difficult pieces previous knowlege of written music, she is able to execute many difficult pieces with the skill and precision of an artist. At times her "control," as the influence could resist—in fact, destroy—a regi-ment of Hussars? Were you in a posi-tion where you could see that which is is called, improvises music, and has composed several pieces, which Ella plays in her normal state. In this way she is acquiring her musical education independent of books or earthly instructors.

afraid Colonel Denison has been imposed upon; and it will require your own statement to dispossess me of that belief. I write you in the interests of the service, here and abroad, and have the honor, etc."

In a very few days I received a letter from the lieutenant general as follows:

"Headquarters
"Military Division of the Missouri,
"Chicago, June 23, 1877.

"My Dear Captain—Yours of the sixteenth inst, is just at hand. Lieutenant Colonel Denison's statement, as quoted by you in reference to the charge of the French cavalry at Sedan, above and near the village of Flowing, is in the main correct.

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the main correct.

"I was watelfing the advance of the German troops through a field glass and saw the whole affair distinctly. The facts are as follows: The German infantry after passing through the village of Flowing moved up a steep ascent with a skirmish line in advance. Upon reaching the brow of the hill the skirmishers came out upon a sort of plateau and were at once discovered by the French cavalry, a small brigade of which, say from twelve to thirteen hundred strong,

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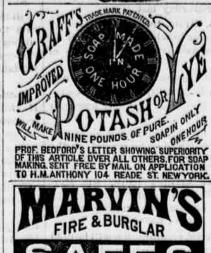
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