The Family Circle.

OUR LOST KITTEN.

OR, HOME THE SAFEST PLACE.

Flora, Drisy's little kitten, a
Having tired hersel wil
By the kitchen fige the
Very prim, the other One eye opening one eye closing, Just as sleepy pussies do; Sometimes waking, sometimes dozing,

Thus her thoughts at random flew; "What a tedious life I'm leading!

Crabbic is my only toy;

Nothing to be done but feeding.

Very little fun or joy.

"If the birdcage were hung lowers.

Dickey soon should feel my nail;

If that movey had run slower. If that mousey had run slower, I had caught him by the tail.

"A delicious world is yonder,
Further than the gaiden doon;
Are there birds, to class I wonder?
There are crowds of piece I misure.
Who can ever gless the reason
Why the gardener shuts the gate? But I mean to watch my season,

And slip out some evening late.

"Then what fun, and what enjoyment Threads and bobbins, balls and strings; Dhasing mice my chief employment, Mougst a thousand glittering things. "True, the sounds from thence are rougher, And men's voices seem more rude

And the dogs do bark there gruffer Than our Crabbie ever could. "But I'll try. Good morning, Daisy, You may stay at home and doze: You are getting old and lazy; But your little daughter goes. "Now you need not fuss and flurry,

I'll be back in two short hours; None so soft as you and furry, And no bed so warm as ours.' Flora then stole out, and, watching Till the cook came home at night

As the garden door was latching, She departed out of sight. Whether birds were found for chasing, Ready waiting in her way;
Whether there were mice for racing,
I have never heard them say.

But I know, though long we sought her, 'Midst the boys, and dogs and men, Little Flora, Daisy's daughter, Never more was found again. -Youth's Penny Gazette.

THE BUTTERFLY'S WINGS

Willie had come to visit his cousin Ada, and they both were walking in the garden one fine morning, when a gay butterfly flew around that will be sure to find its objects. them, attracting Ada's notice by its brilliant colors of various hues.

"Oh! what a beautiful butterfly," she ex-

flower to flower. "Oh! Willie, pray don't; you will hurt it," thing good under every form of humanity, is the cried Ada, running after him, and laying her usual, if not constant accompaniment of the very hand on Willie's arm. But Willie took no no same faculty, when brought to bear upon the tice; like many other boys, he thought only of wide varieties of human nature, in all classes of gratifying his own desire, regardless of the pain society, in all countries, and all times. None he might cause the poor butterfly.

At length he brought it to the ground, too much downy wings, he ran to Ada, exclaiming, "Here it is! caught at last; look, Ada!" "Poor little thing—what a pity i"

"Tush, Ada! don't make such a fuss. But, look, all the color is gone from its wings, it's no

"Oh! Willie, why leave it half dead? Sec! it is trying to crawl alone; poor little thing!
I'll put you out of misery." So saying, Ada set her foot upon it, and covered it with gravel; gerous of employments; but the study of it on then, taking her little hoe, she went to work at the weeds, sighing to herself, "I wonder how brious.—Isaac Taylor. Willie could be so cruel!"

Ada was a loving, gentle child; and so she could not bear to see any thing put to unneces sary pain. Willie was naturally lively and thoughtless, and often acted more from impulse than any vicious motive.

"Willie," said Ada, as though she wished to find some excuse for his conduct, "You did not know that what looks like dust on the butterfly's wings are feathers, did you?" "No, indeed," exclaimed Willie, looking at

his fingers. "Who told you that these are feathers, Ada?" "Mother did. I will fetch you the magnifier, and long life. and we will go into the arbor, and then you can look at the dust on your fingers through it."

"Oh, Ada! I had no idea that butterflies were so beautiful." said Willie, after he had examined them some time. "Everything God has made is beautiful, a moment, when he exclaimed: Willie; and don't you think he will be dis-

"A butterfly is such a little thing, Ada, I don't think God cares for them."

a sparrow falleth to the ground without his no- do you think it can be done? "The boys at school don't think any thing it is quite unnecessary to take any medicine.

think they feel pain?" "Certainly they do, Willie; don't you think it would hurt you if any strong man were to "I should tell him that I cou take you by the hair, and drag you about? Or, suppose some rough boy knocked down your dove as it flew, and then held it up by the wings and pulled-

"Stop, stop, Ada!" interrupted Willie; "if

can feel, however small; and as God has made his creatures to enjoy themselves, we must not some thin men whom I know." put them to pain."

Then said Willie, with a sigh-"But how is it you know so much, Ada?" give the least unecessary pain."

"I wish I had some one to teach me, Ada; but my mother is dead, and father is always out; so I never thought about these things till you told me. I'm sure I'll never chase another butterfly, Ada."

Ada threw her arms around Willie's neck and

"And when you kneel to God in prayer.
To seek his Holy Spirit's aid,
Ask for a gentle heart to love All creatures that his hand hath made."

THE ACORN AND THE OAK.

taken it and planted it, I should have had an rarely knows the sensation of hunger. moment's further reflection, she said with a sigh, how silly the practice, common among girls, of "But I didn't take the acorn."

"Ah, my darling, you are not the only one among men, steeping in tobacco, to reduce the who has failed to have an oak for want of taking flesh. an acorn."

See, though it be an oft-told tale, how tiny circumstances affect great events; see the shadows of the magnificent forest-king, how delightful, how secure from the burning summerheat—not for a day nor a year merely, but for ages. Some hand planted that tree, one, perhaps a baby, took the acorn.

The things of beauty and strength, which are or may be composed of its noble timber, the sturdy ship which defies the waves, is, through this good gift of God, made the thing she is; and even the cheerful firesides round which we so love to linger, are all proofs, each in their way, that somebody took the acorn. This little lesson is, in its application, so wide, so various, that I hardly know where it begins

Every good impulse, each word of kindly gounsel, even our failures and mistakes, may be to us the acorn which taken, planted and cultivated, may make us, like the oak, in a spiritual sense—trees meet for the garden of God. There are, in every human life, times when little turning points occur. Acorns are offered; refuse them, pass them by, and in after years memory looks back, and says, in bitterness of soul. "I did not take the acorn !"-Nat. Ban.

A WORD TO BOYS AND GIRLS ABOUT ORDER.

Little friends, put the things right back in their proper places. Never leave things all about helterskelter, topsy-turvy-never. When you use any article-hoe, shovel, rake, pitchfork, axe, hammer, tongs, boots or shoes, books, slates, pencils, writing apparatus, pins, thimbles, pincushions, needles, work baskets, kitchen furniture, every article of housewifery or husbandry, no matter what it is the very moment you have done using it, return it to its place. Be sure to have a special place for everything, a place for everything, and everything in its place. Order, order; perfect order is the watchword—heaven's first law. How much precious time is saved, (aside from vexation) by observing order—systematic regularity! Young friends, begin early to keep things straight in their proper place; study neatness, order, economy, sobriety,—everything just, honest, pure, lovely, and of good report.

STUDY OF PERSONAL PECULIARITIES.

Children have a strong sense of physiognomy and this instinct, if vivid, and if left to take its own course, very readily, and especially in the female mind, becomes allied with unamiable or even malign sentiments; and its ripened form constitutes an order of character remote from whatever is lovely and benevolent.

Now, in any such case, instead of preaching charity in a formal manner, one might endeavor to put the keen, observing instinct upon another track; and by directing the shrewd eye to more broad characteristics, partly comic, partly picturesque, give innocent occupation to a faculty

It is certain that while malevolent or chilling sentiments almost invariably connect themselves with a keen sense of personal peculiarities, when this power of discrimination takes its range only "I'll catch it!" cried Willie; and instantly within a narrow circle, as upon the individuals. taking off his cap, he pursued it as it flew from of a neighborhood, on the contrary, bland and kindly feelings, and a disposition to find someare more indulgent toward their fellows, none assimilate more readily with persons and modes injured to fly again, and then taking it by its new to them, none walk about the world with a broader preparation of comprehensive charity, none are so free from petty jealousies and sour evil surmises, none so exempt from splenetic prejudices, as those who have a quick eye to catch the dramatic and the picturesque in human use now," and he threw it on the ground im- character, and whose imagination teems with whatever of this sort may be furnished by travel and converse with the world, or by history

Miscellaneons.

TALKS ABOUT HEALTH.

BY DIO LEWIS, M. D.

Perhaps you fancy your shape. You do look comfortable and jolly. But as a physiologist, I must find fault with you. Obesity, like emaciation, is a sort of disease—unfavorable to health

This warm weather makes you pant and per-I met one of your number down on the beach. the other day. It was a warm afternoon. He was very uncomfortable. We stopped to chat

"I would give ten thousand dollars to be repleased with us if we destroy wantonly what duced to 150 pounds. I pant, wheeze, and sweat; pant, wheeze, and sweat, every time I stir," and looking earnestly into my face, he "Oh, Willie! I'm sure God cares for all his can I take? My family doctor tells me he can works; for in the Testament we read that 'not give me something that will whittle me down;

"Oh, yes," I replied, "nothing is easier; but of chasing butterflies, Ada; they would laugh Suppose, sir, you have a very fast horse, much if you said it would hurt them. Do you really in the condition of yourself, and some doctor were to propose to reduce his weight with "I should tell him that I could reduce his weight by reducing the amount of his food."

"Just so; and you would be quite right. Allow me to commend the same practice to yourself. Reduce the quantity of your food one-quarter, and I venture to say that in a month any boy dared to use my dove so, I don't know | you will weigh from 5 to 10 pounds less than what I should do." And he jumped up and now. At the end of the first month, reduce the looked quite fierce for a minute. "Bat, Ada, mount of your food another quarter. Within my dove is much larger than a butterfly," argued Willie, not willing to be convinced by his er by 20 to 50 pounds. Your digestion will be much healthier, your respiration freer, and your "Willie, you ought to know that every thing activity and endurance greatly increased." "But," said he, "I don't eat half as much as

"This is not improbable, and I presume their excessive eating keeps them thin, as with your tendency, excessive eating produces fat. If they Mother teaches me, Willie; and she often were to reduce the quantity of their food, they says it is the duty of every one to alleviate suf- would, like yourself tend toward the normal fering as much as possible, and by no means to standard—they would gain in weight while you would lose."

He promised to try it, and started on. In a horse-car the other day, I met six corpulent, uncomfortable men, all quite sure to die prematurely. Every one of them might, in six or twelve months, be reduced to the normal standard, and enjoy a degree of health and activity to which he is now a stranger. Is any physiological statement more self-evident than that every fat person cats more than he needs? "But, "exclaims some fat young woman, who would "give the world; to be in good shape, 'I cannot go hungry and faint ever.'" This remark shows you have never tried what

I have suggested. It is only the great eater who is troubled with hunger and "goneness." My little daughter sat silent while busy at If you would reduce the quantity of your food, d, with a sober face: even one-half at once, after three days you will "Mamma, this morning, when I was at Miss not suffer from faintness or hunger... The man W.'s, she offered me an acorn. Now if I had who eats temperately of unstimulating food, oak-tree some day, shouldn't I?" And after a In the light of these undeniable statements,

swallowing acids, and other killing things; and I have personally known scores of young

tible things, all to take away their fat. keeping themselves comely and in shape.

I have met hundreds of fat men who were besmeared and saturated with tobacco juice-oband all to keep their flesh down.

prescribe for you. Rise early; exercise much, particularly in coarse food, and reduce the quantity until you and happy.—Independent.

ANCIENT TELEGRAPHING.

The communication of intelligence by the electric telegraph, now come into use at the East, recalls an interesting circumstance of ancient history. Compare it with the mode employed lately in sending news to Constantinople from Ephesus, that the railway was completed to the latter place from Smyrna. The ancient message was dispatched over the same

"When Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, was prosecuting her pious researches in Jerusalem, she caused a series of towers to be built along the sea-coast from Tyre to Constantinople, and when she had effected what she and the Christians of the fourth century regarded. as her great discovery, the uncovering of the she believed, for some reason which we may well doubt, to be the wood of the cross of Christ, she 'telegraphed' the account of the discovery to her son in Byzantium. A fire blazing on the hill of Acra sent the intelligence to the hill at Ramah, the city of Samuel, and thence it flew to the hill of Samaria, where the city of which makes these breeds more valuable both Omri was then splendid in its Roman decorations. They saw it from far-off Carmel, and life their fires to tell the news to those who watched on the spur of Lebanon that goes down to the sea of Tyre, and so it flashed slong the shore by Berytus and Tripoli, and Laodicea of Syria, and the strange story was dropped from the line at Antioch, then the most lordly and mag-sired to take the honey: Having bored a hole nificent city in the world. It crossed the battle near the top of the hive, it was then inverted, plain of Issus; it blazed along the Tarsus. It and an empty box of the size placed over it. crossed the hills above Philadelphia, it leaped Both were then lifted into an empty tub, into the mountain passes about Colosse, it lit with which water was slowly poured, allowing time starlike radiance the waters of the Archipelago | for the liquid to penetrate through the holes. as it went from bill to hill by Thyatira and but not too fast, in order to avoid drowning the Pergamos, and over Ida, many fountained bees. As the water rose among the combs, the Ida, and the plains of Troy. From the sum- bees found their way up into the empty box, mit of high Olympus (Olympus in Asia) the which was then lifted off and placed on the beeinhabitants of the new city of Constantine saw stand. The box, full of water and combs. was the flash of the expected message, and their then lifted gradually out of the tub, the water shouts and hymns of thanksgiving in the mid- escaped through the holes which it entered. streets answered the enthusiastic rejoicings of The whole operation occupied but a few minuof that dispatch. It would not be surprising coming dissolved, and, as the greater number if the wires of Morse's invention are some time of the cells are closed up, there is really little affixed to the walls of those very towers. There would be singular fitness in this, and the mind | water was drawn off, it was found to be only would be irresistibly directed by the coincidence slightly sweet these combs soon became dry, to the message which Professor Morse himself and the honey was in no way injured. caused to be the first sent over the first wire established; (that be ween Baltimore and Washngton,) giving to God the glory of the grand

TURNING SUDDENLY GREY.

achievement of modern times.

The hair of Mary Antoinette, Queen of France, turned grey during the first night of detention of her husband, Louis XVI. by the revolutionists. Dr. Darnell thus explains this phe nomenon: "Grief, fear, and other emotions," says he, "are well known to alter the color of the secretions, and such mental conditions are known also to have been the proximate causes of sudden changes of the hair." The doctor speaks on this subject from his own experience. He says, "The hair of a lady in my own family connection, from some distressing circumstances which deeply affected her, became grey in a single night. Fear especially seems to have the power of depriving the hair of its color."
We have it on the authority of Dr. Darnell that a medical man in London, under the fear of bankruptcy, had his dark hair so changed in a single night that his friends failed to recognize him; but the color of his hair returned as his worldly prospects revived.

NATURAL BAROMETERS.

Chickweed is an excellent barometer. When the flower expands fully, we are not to expect rain for several hours; should it continue in that state, no rain will disturb the summer's day. When it half conceals its miniature flower, the day is generally showery; but if it entirely shuts up, or veils the white flower with its green mantle, let the traveller put on his great-coat. The different species of trefoils always contract their leaves at the approach of a storm; so certainly does this take place, that these plants acquire the name of the husband-man's barometer. The tulip, and several of the compound yellow flowers, all close before rain. There is a species of wood-sorrel which doubles its leaves before storms. The bauhinia or mountain ebony, capial, and sensitive plants, observe the same habits.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR LEATHER.

Leather, to a great degree, is to be superseded. The London Times endorses the claims of an invention, owned by a Mr. Szerelmy, of England | jell ly which, according to the description of the article. possesses every quality of the real leather, and is vastly superior to it on many accounts. It will not crack, is tougher, will wear longer and will resist water as effectually as rubber. The leather-cloth can be of any color, and a pair of boot tops which cost of calf-skin, \$1 50, will cost, of this material, only 25 cents. The invention is of immense value.—Exchange.

REMAINS OF GIGANTIC ANIMALS.

Russian geologists are making preparations to promote the discovery of congealed remains of mammoth animals in Siberia. It is stated that during the last two centuries, at least 2000 mammoths, and probably twice or thrice that number, were washed out of the ice and soil in which they were imbedded, by the action of the spring floods. The tusks only have been preserved for their commercial value-in-ivory. An effort is now to be made for the discovery and preservation of one of these carcases as perfect and entire as possible, as it is considered that microscopic investigation of the contents of its stomach might throw appowerful light on a host of geological problems.

IMPORTANCE OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

The United States Economist contains an THE DAILY AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. elaborate and well-written article on the importance of sheep husbandry to the loyal States, from which we condense some interesting ideas Of this full and valuable Record of the Proceedings Window Shade, Curtain and Upholstery which are worthy of the attention of all farmers: of the late GENERAL ASSEMBLY, admitted to be which are worthy of the attention of all farmers: "For years past the quantity of wool manufac-125 millions of pounds. Of this quantity not more than one half has been grown here. While we have been exporting grain and provisions to an immense amount, we have imported wool from Australia, the Cape of Good Hope, South America, China, Russia, India, and inshort from

women whose health has been ruined by drink- every other quarter of the globe and are doing ing vinegar, or eating chalk and other indiges- so to-day, though it is an indisputable fact that no country on earth is better adapted to sheep And I have known a still greater number to husbandry than the North-west. Should the ruin themselves with corsets, in the hope of agriculturalist neglect to grow a sufficient quantity of wheat and corn to supply our home demand, it would be regarded as a most surprising evidence of lack of enterprise, and yet facilities jects of disgust to all beholders, a terror to de- of soil and climate are no better for producing cent housekeepers, peregrinating stench-pots, corn and wheat than they are for the growing of sheep. In Australia and the Cape of Good My poor, dear, fat simpletons, allow me to Hope, where sheep husbandry is carried on extensively and at a large profit, the climate is not so favorable, the soil is barren, and there is the open air; bathe frequently, rubbing the skin no market for mutton; while in the West the very hard; but most important of all, eat plain, soil is rich, the climate dry and cool, and our large cities farnish a ready market for mutton. find yourself growing thinner two or three at higher prices than in London and Paris, pounds per week. Your sluggishness, short- For years past the people of the West have seen breath, and other discomforts will soon leave the wool-buyer running through the country you, and you will become bright, clear-headed, eager to contract for wool "on the sheep's back." How much more will they be in the future, when the consumption of wool has increased fifty per cent, as it is likely to be! Although the clip of wool will be larger this year than upon any former occasion, still our Western farmers do not realize the immense increase of the demand which will be created for this great staple by the cutting short of the cotton supply. We have at present in the loyal States twenty-five millions of sheep, and we believe that this number could be doubled without producing a sufficent quantity of wool/or mutton to supply the demand for the next five years. There is no mystery about sheet husbandry. All that is required to conduct the business successfully is the exercise of plain common sense, which dictates that all domestic animals (and sheep in particular), to thrive well, require to be well fed, to have plenty of room and to be protected from storms. The soil and climate of the North-western States are admirably adapted to sheep husbandry, and beams of wood in the pit near Calvary, which the farmers of that section could not possibly turn their attention to a more profitable branch of agriculture. The sheep best adapted to the production of worsted are the Leicester and Cotswold breeds, and can be obtained in Canada to any extent and at reasonable prices. The carcasses are large and the ficeces of long staple,

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