

A BUSY DAY.

My papa has a little sign, Printed in black and gray; It's only just a single line— "This is My Busy Day!"

THE ELVES' BUSY WORK.

'Tis said elves thought a lack of time Could be the only reason The autumn leaves were not curled Before the Jack Frost season.

A TRUE STORY.

How many of the readers of this story have ever owned a Newfoundland dog? I know of no more faithful animal. My youngest brother and the dog who is the hero of my story were born on the same day.

We wandered about, feeling very lonely. Everything seemed dreary without our companion. On the evening of the third day after Rover's departure we were just saying good-night when, suddenly, a bark and a scratch at the front door brought a loud exclamation from us both—for whose bark was that if not Rover's!

What Do The Birds Eat?

In order to determine the harmful or beneficial relations of birds to agriculture, horticulture, and all plant life, a remarkable work is being carried forward by Prof. F. E. L. Beal, who is in charge of the Division of Ornithology of the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C.

The department suggests that wild fruits be planted in close proximity to orchards, so that birds may be attracted and kept out of mischief. As many of these wild growths are ornamental, the advantages of having them about would be doubled.

About the Presidents.

Twenty-five Presidents of the United States in one hundred and sixteen years, makes the average term for each four years and eight months. Had none been re-elected and all served their full terms, there would have been twenty-nine. Had all, both elected and re-elected, served their full terms, there would have been only twenty, or an average term for each of five years and nine months.

Toys as Educators.

A striking feature of the Christmas toys now being exhibited in the shop windows is the use that has been made of modern inventions. "Two-thirds of our toys are educative," said the manager of a certain toy department the other day.

His Number.

Two men stepped up to the desk at the Brown Palace Hotel yesterday afternoon and one of them registered. The other was acquainted with C. H. Churchill, the clerk. "Hello, Church!" he said. "I want you to meet my friend, Mr. Fish. He's out for a Chicago firm."

Mutually Satisfactory.

They had been married in due and ancient form. "Geoffrey," said the young wife, you endowed me with all your worldly goods, didn't you?"

Too Many Meaningless Things.

The average house is too full of furniture and meaningless things. Everything in the house that does not add something to the convenience, happiness or education of the family or some member of the family is an extravagance.

Taking No Chances.

An epileptic dropped in a fit on the streets of Boston not long ago and was taken to a hospital. Upon removing his coat there was found pinned to his waistcoat a slip of paper on which was written:

Heavenly Plumting.

It was raining very hard and little Mary, who wished to go out, fretted. "Mother," she asked, "where does so much rain come from?"

Paradise is Here.

Paradise is here, visible and tangible by mortal eyes and hands, wherever self is lost in loving.

Bottled Wine Tastes Good.

At the time of the San Francisco fire last April 100,000 quart bottles of choice California champagne booted for over forty-eight hours in 1,000,000 gallons of sherry. The result was the production of 10,000 quarts of champagne of rare flavor at a cost however, never before expended on a like quantity.

A Distinguished Lawyer.

A distinguished lawyer, when a small boy, made a visit to friends, after giving his mother a solemn promise that he would ask for nothing to eat. The family were not accustomed to the ways of boys.

Mary Elizabeth.

Mary Elizabeth—"Mamma, have we any ant-brothers?" Mamma—"No, dear; but I don't quite understand you."

Very Well, Sir.

"Very well, sir," cried Dr. Kwack after his quarrel with the undertaker, "I'll make you sorry for this."

Merchant.

Merchant—"I would be glad to give you the position, young man, but I make it a rule to employ married men only."

Do you believe in divorce?

"No, indeed!" "Why not?" "My wife won't let me."

Learning by study must be won;

t'was ne'er entailed by sire to son.

A kind word will go farther and

strike harder than a cannon ball.

The preacher does not show his grit

by slinging sand at the saints.

One man's reputation cannot be

built on another's ruin.

Some men mistake their moral dyspepsia for religion.