THE FOOTBALL PLAYER.

He is brave beyond a doubt Valiant deeds,

And lusty college yell Is the qualat admiring knell Of his meeds From his shoulders broad and square

To his merry flaunting hair

And he takes a "humming" knock like a stalwart woo ien block In the van.

He "tackles" and he falls. As he guards the precious ball For his life.

And his courage brightly glows When he meets his sturdy foes In the strife. Then honor to the lad

As he plays May he win a victor's place From the heated jostling race Of these days

-Elizabeta Alden Curtis in Hartford Courant.

IN THAT BLACK BAG.

"I want you," said our superintend-ent one day, "to go down to Strandon hall. Some mysterious thefts are taking place and the local police can make neither head nor tall of the affair."

I found that I had been announced as a new tutor to a boy of thirteen years of age, who, however, was not to commence studies at once, as his holidays were not yet concluded.

The thefts had been going on for some time, and only three days after l arrived the superintendent's wife's gold watch had disappeared. She had wound it up the last thing before she had gone to bed, and when she and Mr. Stanton had gone down stairs to breakfast they had both observed that it lay upon the dressing table. The chambermaid, too, who had gone in immediately after, had also, seen it

I had no suspicion of the chambermaid. I did not like the butler, but that perhaps was because he did not any great partiality for me, though he was forced to show me some respect as the new tutor who had come to educate and look after Master Reg-

I discovered that he was not above orening a bottle of wine and inbibling its contents, and that occasionally he might be found at a public house in the town. Yet I did not on this account jump at conclusions. The man who would steal bottles of wine and drink them was not the thief of watches. rings, plates and valuable ornaments. of which things quite a large number had disappeared. In two more days two valuable ornaments had been taken from the drawing room.

"Mrs. Stanton," I said, "I think i will be necessary to make a thorough search through the place and into every servant's box in the house."

What really struck me was that on neither of these occasions had any servant apparently left the house, or been visited by anybody from the out-

"Of course, to allay suspicion, my boxes shall be searched as well." said.

"As you will," she replied; "perhaps however, I ought to tell you that this has again and again been done, and that the servants have themselves so frequently urged it, and almost forced it to be done, that at last I said it should not be repeated."

boxes and their sometimes secret ways may be of service."

The examination was made. No secret places were found. A few articles were taken to Mrs. Stanton to see if she would lay claim to them, but they were not hers. I had never before so utterly failed.

In the course of as many weeks two other thatts had taken place, and as I make the least suggestion, in order to get away from the place, I thought it was time to go back to London.

One day soon after my return to town whom should I see pass into a well-known pawnbroker's shop in the west end but Mr. Stanton! I followed him in and spoke to him but he seemed in no way to know me.

"My name is Trevelyan of Scotland yard and I have been in your house at Winchester striving to detect thefts that are taking place there."

"I have no house at Winchester and I do not know you," he rather curtly

"Well, this is a funny go," I involuntarily exclaimed. In no way disconcerted, however, the gentleman unfastened his bag-a bag I well knewand offered in pledge two or three articles that to me were perfectly fa-

"Why, sir, you are Mr. Stanton of Strandon hall, Winchester, and these are things I know to have been in your

"Yes, and you have pledged many such things," the pawnbroker, who knew me, said, "but always in the name of George Suffield."

"Certainly," he replied, "and I live at Cumberland place," mentioning

number. I went to Cumberland place, but no such name a Suffield was there known and though I lingered about till late at night, the gentleman whom I knew

to be Mr. Stanton never appeared. The next morning I was off to Winchester, and, of course, went straight too Stanton hall. Mr. Stanton, as usual,

had left for business. "Did Mr. Stanton tell you that he saw me in London yesterday?" I asked Mrs. Stanton.

'I am not aware that he was in London yesterday. He has not said anything about it."

Well, at any rate, I have discovered how your property goes, and where some and the whole of it is."

"And you have caught the thief?"
"It is not a thief who takes it." "What do you mean?" "Your goods are taken from this

house and disposed of, though not sold, by Mr. Stanton." Mrs. Stanton was astonished, and could hardly believe her own cars.

"But how can it be accounted for?" "Only, I think, in two ways-either

he needs to raise money for business

purposes, or he has an hallucination." "He is not short of money, for he certainly is very wealthy, and his business is exceedingly prosperous. As to an hallucination, he once did suffer from a very peculiar one indeed. He thought that his right arm was off; but he was cured of that."
"I think," I said, "you had better

consult the doctor again."

The doctor was immediately sent for and he advised that nothing should at present be said, but that first of all the black bag day by day should be examined to see if any articles from home could be found in it, and perhaps it would be better for that to be done by the head cierk at the office, who, of course, must be let into the se-That was done, and many articles supposed to be stolen were recovered in that way .- London News.

Queer Railway Economics. Railway economy has taken some curious forms: "Every line Its own manufacturer," says the London and Northwestern Rallway, and hardly a thing that it needs, whether a locomotive or a printed label, is made for it by people not belonging to the com-

it is its own artificial leg maker. When an employe has had the misfortune to lose a limb on the line a wooden leg or arm, as the case may be, is sent to him from the carpenter's shop at Crewe. The leg making deeartment of the Northwestern employs a couple of expert instrument makers rocking continually to supply the demand.

At Wolverton, on the same system, ou will see in the carriage works a non engaged in etching fancy designs iron the plates of the ground glass ised in first-class compartments and

The Midland Company has found it advantageous to have a "photographera-ordinary." If a bridge shows signs decay or an embankment is likely slip, the engineer-in-chief, on reort, sends him to photograph "accident" (they call everything accident on the railway), thus saving personal visit.

In the case of a "smashup" the phographer immediately takes several photos of the train or trains from difcrent points of view, so that, when the card of Trade inquiry comes on there can be no dispute as to how the engines and carriages were lying

The Cat and the Lizard.

We have all heard of the odd power a lizard has of throwing off his tail when frightened or excited. We witnessed a curious instance of this when sitting at tea on the flowery terrace of one of S. Remo's prettiest villas. The cat of the house appeared, returning .rom a hunting excursion, with a still wriggling lizard hanging from mouth, and the cat's mistress at once made a humane effort to rescue it, with this success, that the lizard was text seen running away to a neighboring tree quite uninjured, but without its tall. Then a queer scene occurred. The ownerless tail, still retaining its vitality, spun round and round upon the flagged terrace, at intervals executing a nimble skip up into the nir, while the cat, disappointed of her original prey, returned to play with it as she would have done with a nouse. She sat down to watch the planks of the playful tall, occasionally giving it a gentle pat with her paw, or starting back as it made one of its higher skips, as if half afraid of the uncanny power of the thing, which "I think, perhaps, madam," I modestly urged "that my knowledge of alive. Finally, as the mechanical vitality died out gradually, the cat swallowed the tail and returned to the tree to look for its owner, which, let us hope, she did not find .- London Spectator.

Next to the Oldest Railroad.

The Ponchartrain railroad, ...though now occupying a very humble position among the rallways of the world, yet never could detect the culprit nor enjoys the distinction of being the secand road that was completed in the United States. Its line extends beween New Orleans and the lake shore at Milneburg, and the cost of building was \$200,000. In its palmy days it elded an income of eight per cent. all of which was used in improvements of the harbor of Milneburg, etc. For twenty years it carried the greater number of passengers and most of the freight coming to New Orleans, Pensaco.a and the East.

The Age of Stone.

Recent study of the remains of stone and fiint implements found near Abville, France, has strengthened the helief that, when those implements were made by pre-historic men, ele-phants belonging to two species were accordent in that part of Europe. But, of course, the date in centuries, or even in thousand-year periods, cannot be ascartained.

Stone Soles for Shoes.

A German inventor has hit upon a re hod of putting soles on boots and He mixed a water-proof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand, and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation. quartz soles are said to be quite flexile and practically indestructible. They give the foot a firm hold on the most slippery surfaces.

He Cheerful.

Tears in the household cant a gloom over it; smiles fill it with a light which is more radiant and genial than that of the noonday sun. It is so easy to be cheerful, aye, and it is so easy to he sad. The wise man and the wise oman will do their utmost to be the former. Only dyspeptics and miser-able folks yield to trifles and feel sad.

His Best Opportunity.

"Can you play 'The Maiden's Prayer?" he asked. "Why, yes, I can, the replied, wearily, "but what's the "Then it was that, after a few moments of deep thought, he decided that he never would have a better opporunity to propose.

A New Discovery.

An English paper claims that by use of the Roentgen rays it has been discovered that, in cases of asthma, the right half of the diaphragm stops work during the attack, leaving the left half to bear all the exertion.

SOME EXPERIENCES.

Both With Fruits and Vegetable

Raising. One-fourth to one-third of the limbs in the tops of an old apple orchard are dead, and the owner wonders what is best to do to put it in the best condi-tion. Our advice is that the trees which are in the best shape receive a load of well-rotted manure, to be scattored evenly over the surface of the ground as far out as the limbs extend. Prune the trees severely, and cultivate well during summer. Dig out those trees which are badly affected.

A village lot was planted to potalast spring, having been plowed last fall; about the same amount of ground alongside was planted the same time, it had been plowed in the spring. Both plots were given the same care, On the fall-plowed ground the potatoes are making a much better growth and are much superior to those on the spring plowed. It seems that the fail plowing proved the best for retaining the moisture.

There is a fine patch of the Wilson and Warfield strawberry grown in hills. The plan is to grow alternately in the row a hill of Wilson and one of Warfield. There is no doubt that Warfield's No. 2 will be laden with well-formed

In layering plants of Schaeffer raspberry, it is well to have the tip point almost straight down and not to layer too early. If layered at too much of an angle, it pushes out of the soil, often making but a few roots, and when layered too early, the little germ at the crown starts in to grow in the fall, the severe winter weather freezing the tender shoot back.

In improving varieties of small fruits we select out of each variety those having the highest number of good points and propagate plants from

After a good shower we like to start the cultivator to hold moisture, but we do not start until the soil is in a "mealy" condition or not to wet.

One gentleman generally has a good erop of apples and raspberries on the same ground, but he keeps the ground covered the year around with a heavy mulch of straw and marsh hay, so the soil cannot be seen at any time. The mulch is well loosened up in spring and fall to give air to the soil before putting on more.

Many growers in Michigan being disgusted with the price of small fruits this year, are plowing under a part of their plantations. This means a fair chance for those who keep at it.

With regard to asparagus, we find there is more in the richness of the ground than in the variety.

We have found by experiment that black raspberry plants should not be set too shallow, the plants which were set three or four inches deep (four inches on sandy soil is none too much), stand up straight, but on those which were set a scant three inches deep, the canes will have to be staked and tied up.

It is profitable at this season of the year to cultivate the late cabbage early in the morning as possible while the dew is on, especially if the weather be

Not a weed should be allowed to go to seed on the lawn. We must have a good pile of sods

piled up with alternate layers of poultry manure; it is one of the most sat-sfactory of fertilizers when allowed to rot and shoveled over a few times before next summer.

A Hundred Years Ago.

Life on farms and in our villages 100 rears ago was very different from that of the present day says a writer. The houses were built of logs, the chinas laubed with clay, the roof thatched with rags or in the case of the more prosperous owners the logs were hewn square, so as to need no chinking, or a frame of heavy timbers, sometimes eighteen inches in diameter was made. I'wo small lead frames, set with diamond-shaped frames of glass or oiled paper served for windows. The prinsipal rooms were the kitchen and best

The chief feature of the kitchen was the great fire-place. The room was six or seven feet high, and from the joists hung bunches of herbs, seed corn, strings of dried apples, etc. The furniture generally consisted of a tall woodin clock, a dresser or sideboard, a spinning wheel, some wooden chairs, a wooden table with hanging leaves and sometimes a loom for weaving. There was no carpet in the best room of 100 years ago, but the floor was sanded and marked off in some simple design. The andirons before the fireplace shone like gold and the fireplace itself, in summer time, was filled with feathery

branches of asparagus. The coarse, but plentiful, food of those days was usually served on wooden platters. It consisted mainly of salt pork or beef, salt fish, vegetables, "rye and Indian" bread or "bannocks," which was something like the present 'hoecake" of the south, and bean porridge. Tomatoes, called "love apples," were cuttivated only for the beauty of their fruit, as they were thought to be polsonous.

Pinching Back Squash Vines.

A practical gardener makes the folowing important statement: year, as a test of frequent practice among growers of meions and squashes pinched the ends of the long, main shoots of the melons, squashes and cu-numbers, and left some to run at their own will. One squash plant sent out a single stem reaching more than forty eet, but did not bear any fruit. An other plant was pinched until it formed compact mass of intermingling side shoots eight feet square, and it bore sixteen squashes. The present year a nuskmeion plant thus pinched in covers the space alotted to it, and it has set twenty-three specimens of fruit, the most of which have been pinched off. The pinching causes many lateral branches, which latter produce the female or fertile blossoms. The differ-mee in favor of the yield of an acre of melons treated by this pinching pross may easily amount to 100 barrels."

The Canning Idea.

Why not have some competent man egally appointed in every community to apray trees and destroy insect pests nd lungous discases, taxing each man for the number of trees grown? The thrifty man would then no longer suffer from the habits of his negligent is about correct for an average. zeighbor.-Wisconsin Agriculturist.

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"One day, after considerable treatment, my physician brought me a bex of pills.

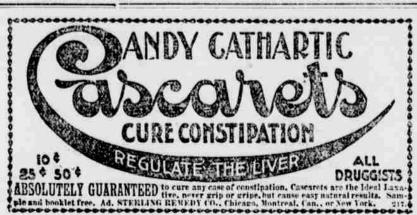
"You need a tonic," be said, "and something shut will act at once, and this is the best medicine I know of for that purpose."

"Pilla," I exclaimed in surprise as he onened the box and showed me the little pink globes. "These are Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"Yes," he replied, "but you need not be alarmed, they are not physic, and my word for it, they il do you good."

"Before I had been taking them a week I noticed a great improvement in my condition. Soon my rheumatism was gone, I crew stronger each day and now am in the best of health.

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Self Destruction.

Just now a wave of suicide seems to be sweeping over the country, and all causes under the sun are assigned for reasons for the many cases of self destruction. It cannot be attributed to poverty, for the times are brightening daily and if every one has not employment the conditions of business activity are such that all have the hope of being soon busy. Insanity the loaner, and at the end of ten or nervous prostration are two of the principal causes, but imitation has a good deal to do with the frequency and universality of suicidal acts. We sometimes find a series of murders following each other in rapid succession then a number of lynchings, most of them inspired apparently by the power of imitation. Even casualties seem to run in cycles, as witness railway accidents, bicycle accidents and accidents by runaway horses. These do not come from imitation, but it does seem that one horror is followed by a dozen.

Milk, Cream and Butter.

Here are a few facts which may be preserved for reference. In 100 pounds of milk there should be sixshould be made three and a quarter pounds of butter. One quart of milk and a quart of cream containing 25 pound of butter. One pound of butter | Sovereign. fat should make 1 15 pounds of butter; that is, add 15 per cent. to the butter fat to estimate the butter. Of course, milk and cream vary, but the above

Interest on Money.

Interest on money is wrong because money is a dead power. The oak tree grows from the acorn of some other oak, but a dollar never grows from the seed of another dollar. Dollars have no seed. Money cannot reproduce itself. A thousand sheep may be borrowed and the borrower pay 10 per cent, or 100 sheep, each year to years return 1,000 sheep in cancellation of the principal and have several thousand sheep remaining for himself. Sheep reproduce themselves, but dol lars do not. A thousand dollars borrowed has not power to produce its own interest. Both principal and interest cannot be paid out of the original sum. The interest has power to absorb the principal and leave the borrower a helpless, ruined bankrupt. Money loaners have it in their power

to corner the money as it is received for interest payments and bankrupt a whole nation at will. Organized labor may strike and temporarily inconvenience a whole community, but when the organized money loaners go on a strike they paralyze all industries and desolate the entire country. The London money power has compelled teen pounds of cream, from which all the nations of the earth to do homage to its greed. Its walking delegates are on Wall street, and when weighs two pounds and three ounces, they order a strike we pass out the bonds like a Hindoo mother casts her per cent. of fat should weigh two babe to the crocodiles of the Ganges. pounds one and a quarter ounces; We mistake the jingle of their gold; half a gallon of cream should make a it is the clank of the chains .- J. R.

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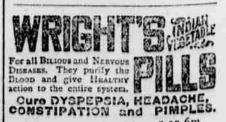
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