

Our Children.

I looked at the happy children who gathered around the hearth; so blithe they were, no children could happier be on earth; their merry plays, and their winsome ways, and the sound of their silvery laughter...

AUNT MARY'S SUGGESTION.

"John Thomas!" Mr. Belknap spoke in a firm, rather authoritative voice. It was evident that he anticipated some reluctance on the boy's part, and, therefore, assumed, in the outset, a very decided manner. John Thomas, a lad between twelve and thirteen years of age, was seated on the doorstep, reading. A slight movement of his body indicated that he heard; but he did not lift his eyes from the book, nor make any verbal response...

on the part of Mr. Belknap, John Thomas moved away at a snail's pace; and as the former, in a state of considerable irritability, gazed after the boy, he felt strongly tempted to call him back, and give him a good flogging in order that he might clearly comprehend the fact of his being in earnest. But, as this flogging was an unpleasant kind of business, and had, on all previous occasions, been succeeded by a repentant and self-accusing state, Mr. Belknap restrained his indignant impulses...

contrasted with the utter want of interest displayed in his manner a little while before. "Thank you, my son," said Mr. Belknap, as he took the hammer, "I could not have asked a prompter service."

Girls as Typewriters. We judge from present indications that the time is not far distant when the typewriter will come into general use in all offices and business houses; and girls who have acquired skill in shorthand and in the use of the typewriter, and possess the requisite literary qualifications, will never find it difficult to obtain employment...

True Love in Boston. "Yes," said the young man as he threw himself at the feet of the pretty school teacher. "I love you and would go to the world's end for you."

Book Markers. Pretty bookmarkers can be made, to remember our friends on Easter, instead of cards. A beautiful one is made by taking an oblong piece of celluloid and painting some flowers on, or figures and in gilt and fancy letters put "Easter" on one corner, and a little quotation on another...

A Cure For Low Spirits. Exercise for the body, occupation for the mind; these are the grand constituents of health and happiness, the cardinal points upon which everything turns. Motion seems to be a great preserving principle of nature, to which even inanimate things are subject...

The Growth of the English Language.

The growth of the English language within one third of a century past has been truly wonderful. It is said that our vocabulary within that time has been practically doubled. Prof. Whitney, of Yale College, is now engaged on a new dictionary which will contain about 200,000 words, all devoted to sound, profitable and well defined uses...

WASI SILKS. An entirely new line of goods is shown under the name of wash silks. These are twilled fabrics, somewhat resembling surah, but as soft and pliable as the finest India silk.

GLOVES. Dressed kid gloves with corded back—not widely embroidered—are being worn for morning walks and general use. They are tan colored, gray or black. For afternoon visits and receptions Suede mousquetaire gloves are worn in eight button lengths, quite plain on the back, and these also are in tan and gray shades.

PARASOLS. The new parasols are very fancy and pretty. The handles are of such a variety that it is hard to describe them. They are very long and have all kinds of fancy designs. The parasols are covered with lace, silk, satin, plain and fancy, bordered with lace around the edge, and little bows of ribbon all over, and bows of ribbon on the handle...

FASHION NOTES.

SPRING FASHIONS. Some of the cloaks for spring are very beautiful and odd. I strolled in Strawbridge's store the other day, and they kindly showed me a number of very fine ones, some of which I will endeavor to describe. One is a long, narrow cloak of ecru broadcloth, and was smoked all around the shoulders, the depth of an ordinary shoulder cape. At a little distance it looked like a cape. In the back it was shirred in at the waist line with a band fastened in front under the cloak, making it fit close at the back...

DRESSES. A very pretty dress was made of black alpaca made in the accordion skirt. The waist was Directoire style with side panels falling to bottom of skirt. A pretty suit was a steel color of striped flannel. The skirt was plain full in the back, and a plaiting of surah down the front. Directoire waist with side panels falling to the bottom of skirt. Another one was of light bordered goods. The skirt was accordion front, and the waist had the jacket effect. A very odd one was of plaid cloth. The skirt was plaited in side plaits all around, and were fastened half way down with silk. There was a large terra cotta surah sash on the side. The waist was Empire style with cream and terra cotta plait as vest and belt, etc. A very pretty tea gown was made of French flannel colored red with a light figured stripe. It was tight fitting in the back, cut in a point below the waist line with the back drapery shirred on the point. The front was shirred at the neck and waist and fell full to the floor. The front was of plain red material. The sleeves had a large puff at the elbow of the plain goods.

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HORSE NOTES.

Some months among the horses at Sheephead Bay are not uncommon of late. J. Otto Donner, owner of the Ramapo Stud of New Jersey, was a visitor at the New Orleans races. A. H. Boyer, of Brimberg, lost a \$400 horse recently. The animal fractured a knee in its stall and had to be killed. Bell Brasfield, 2.20, foaled March 10, a large bay filly, by Sultan, 2.24, and the produce was sold to a Kalamazoo, Mich., man for \$2500. "Dod" Irwin will take his string of horses, numbering twelve or thirteen, to Belmont course. Irwin is a careful trainer and a good driver. C. Haines, of Philadelphia, has purchased the 5 year old black gelding Raven, by General George H. Thomas, dam by Mambrino Patchen. Frank Bowser, President of Belmont Driving Club, has presented S. A. Tanner, the new lessee of the track, with a handsome silver pitcher for the bar. A number of shareholders in the Belmont Driving Club—those who have already paid up in full—are anxious to subscribe for another allotment of stock. The 4 year old bay colt McCurdy Enterprise, by McCurdy's Hambletonian, has been purchased by Georgia parties from N. C. Maney, of Murfreesboro, Tenn. At the international horse fair, which will be held by the South Brast Agricultural Society at Brantford, Ont., Canada, on May 23 and 24, the prizes will amount to \$3500. It is reported that a number of horse "gyps" have located at Lexington, Ky., and vicinity and that they are interfering much with the reputable and reliable Kentuckians. The 7 year old bay horse Young Lambert, by Jubilee Lambert, 2.25, out of the dam of Tony Newell, 2.19, died recently. He was owned by Dr. Campbell & Bro., of Paris, Ky. Imported Glengary, now in his 26th year, has been ailing for some time, and it is not expected that he will live much longer. There is great joy at Mr. J. B. Haggins' stud at Rancho del Paso. A full sister to the famous Dew Drop was recently foaled there. The filly is by Falsetto, dam Explosion. Jenny McFarland has been bred to Jim Gray. The latter has been retired to the stud, where he should get race horses for he was a first class one himself when right. The horses of the Virginia contingent at Gettysburg are in good form, but their owners seem to be in hard luck. Whenever they back their horses heavily they are sure to get a bad start. James Rowe, August Belmont's trainer, is now hard at work, paying much attention to Prince Royal, who promises to be one of the best of the handicap horses of the year. "Snapper" Garrison is now at the track, devoting most of his time to the two year olds, some of which will be ready to start at the Brooklyn Jockey Club's races. Jim Guest's two year old colt, Dr. Nave, by Prince Charlie, out of Crescent, by Australian, has been sent to Lee Paul, at Lexington, to be trained. He is said to be a wonder, and is well engaged. Glengary, the sire of many good racers and now in his twenty sixth year, has been ailing for some time and is not expected to live much longer. He is the property of Captain James Franklin, of the Kenesaw Stud. Entries for the Merchants and Manufacturers' guaranteed stake of \$10,000, to be trotted at Detroit next July, close on April 15. The stakes are open to all trotting horses that have not beaten 2.24 on the day the entries close. The Charter Oak Driving Park, of Hartford, Conn., offers \$6000 for ten guaranteed stake races, open to all subscribers, to be decided at the meeting June 25 to 28. The classes are 2.19, 2.22, 2.25, 2.28, 2.31, 2.34, 2.37, 2.40, trotting; 2.20 and 2.30 pacing. The Long Island Live Stock Fair Association of Huntington, N. Y., has opened the Suffolk county stake for 2.30 trotters, and the Queen's County stakes for 3 minute trotters, each \$2500, and to be trotted on September 10 and 12 over the Huntington mile track; entrance 10 per cent. R. W. Carter, Jobstown, N. J., has sold to R. W. Nelson, Glenburnie Stud, Warrenton, Va., the bay mare Fanny Peyton, foaled 1882, by imported Kyrle Daly, dam Emily Peyton, of Lexington, and the bay filly Mabel, foaled 1884, by Duke of Magenta, dam Nirvana, by Saxon. At Highland Farm on March 26 W. C. France's Rose Chief, by Brown Chief, the dam of Prince Wilkes, 2.14, foaled a bay filly to Red Wilkes. This youngster, which has received the name of Highland Princess, is large formed, remarkably shapely and handsome, with lots of bone and quality. It is healthy and doing well. George H. Rice, a well known owner and trainer of race horses, died at Nashville, from lockjaw. He was the owner and trainer of horses both before and after the war. He owned a half interest with the late George Darden in Lord Murphy, and trained Annie Bush, Wanderer, Lord Murphy, Atlanta, Kennesaw, Mattie Gorda, Glengarine, Mediator, Erebus, and Everest. One object of Mr. Redding's present visit to this country was to purchase, if possible, Prince Wilkes, he being just the sort of horse with which a lot of money can be made in Europe, but although Mr. Singery was asked to put a price on Prince Wilkes he declined to do so. It is understood that Redding was prepared to pay \$40,000 for Prince Wilkes had he been for sale. Kentucky Stock Farm. George A. Singery did not refuse to put a price on Prince Wilkes to Mr. Redding. In fact, he made that gentleman, but the latter said he wanted a mare or stallion. Mr. Redding had a chance had he wanted Prince Wilkes.