MOTHER NATURE AND HER TWELVE CHILDREN.

BY MARGARET EYTINGE, IN "DETROIT

FREE PRESS. Old Mother Nature was sitting by a bright fire with her twelve children around her, when there came a loud knock at the door. Three or four of the boys started to open it, but made so much noise that she made them sit down again and opened it herself. The school-master, whose name is Father Time, stood on the step. After bid-ding her "good afternoon" he said it had been a long while since he had called on account of always having so much to do, but as he had just finished his almanac for the next year, and sent it to the printers, he thought he could spare half-an-hour and give himself that pleasure, and after he had entered and seated himself, he also said he d'th't know where there could be found another such a fine family of children, and at this Mother Nature smiled approvingly and told January to recite the piece he had learned tor the school exhibition. He knew it would be useless to refuse, so getting up he began (forgetting as most boys do to make his bow):

"The north wind doth blow, and we shall have And what will the robin do then, poor thing?
He will sit in the barn to keep himself warm
And hide himself under his wing, poor
thing!"

He started for the door before he had hardly finished, but his mother called him back to hear little February, who was the smallest in the family, and who recited in a little shrill voice:

"Thirty days hath September April, June and November. All the rest have thirty-one Excepting February alone Who hath but four and twenty-four Till leap-year gives her one day more."

This made the old gentleman laugh till he choked, for he had divided the days himself, and as they did not come out even, he thought February would not care if she didn't have quite as many as the other months, she wasso good natured, and now to have it put in rhyme

seemed very funny.

March never could learn easily so he did not know anything to speak, but his mother suggested that he should whistle, as whistling was now very fashsion able. Heimitated the wind, and did it so perfectly that Father Time pounded with his stout stick on the floor and said, "my! what a rough night it is going to be." You never could tell what April would do, so no one was sur-prised when she hopped up from her seat, made a pretty curtsy to the schoolmaster and said as quickly as she could rattle it off.

"April showers, bring forth May flowers," And sat down with a flirt of her violet gown. Her mother was mortified at her not saying more, for she knew any number of beautiful verses that had been written about her, being a great favorite with the poets, but perhaps it was just as well, for blue-eyed May recited a long poem by Tennyson, every verse of which ended:

"For I'm to be Queen of the May, mother, I'm to be Queen of the May."

It was very touching and the schoolma-ter, at its conclusion, wiped away a

tear. She would never wear shabby clothes and to-night looked beautiful in a rosecolored mantel dotted with butterflywings. She threw a kiss to the admiring visitor and said:

"The rose is red.
The violet blue.
The pink s sweet
And so are you."

This certainly was not the proper way to treat such a dignified elderly person, but will you believe me, he seemed to enjoy it and actually threw a kiss back, which made July and August laugh so heartily that their mother was afraid they could not sing their duet in which they imitated the katydids and crickets, but they did sing it, and sang it beautifully too, and it was followed by their tall brother September's song "The Mocking Bird," in the chorus of which all joined.

"It was in the mild September. I remember, I remember."

October's song was "Harvest Home," November recited Hood's poem "No-vember" and jolly December ended the entertainment with:

"'Twas the night before Christmas."

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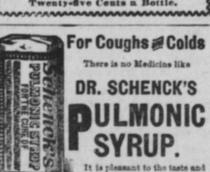
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"Possibly," retorted the zebra. But no one ever takes me for an ass., AN INNOCENT AMUSEMENT .- Hus-

band-"What have you been doing all day?" Wife-"Shopping."
Husband-"Oh! Only shopping. I

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Stranger-(suspiciously, knocks Roolahan down)-"It just struck one." Hoolahan - (bewildered) - Begorra, oime glad oi didn't ax yez an hour ago."

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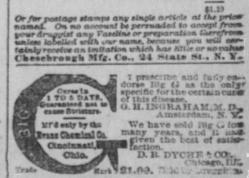
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