

OUR BOYS.

TELLING FORTUNES.

I'll tell you a fortune, my fine little tad, for you to see - or not - as you please. The use of them goes to either one hand - Now hear them, and say which you choose.

ROUND MOTHER'S KNEE.

M. B. MANWELL.

"TELL us about when you were a little girl, mother, please!" was the chorus. Outside, it rained hopelessly. Indoors, it was afternoon, and all the games had been played over and over again; all the picture-books looked at; one or two little quarrels begun and patched up. Still, the rain kept the little ones prisoners.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

By Mrs. Bowser.

When I have a sick headache I know exactly what will happen when Mr. Bowser reaches home. He will let himself in at the front door, hang up his coat and hat, walk through to the sitting-room and seeing me on the lounge with my head tied up will gaze at me for a full minute without speaking. Then he will finally remark: "Didn't I tell you so?"

SULPHUR MINING IN A CRATER.

Mouzel Los Tanos of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been visiting friends in this city recently. Mr. Los Tanos is a Mexican mining engineer. He told of his descent into the crater of Popocatepetl, the volcano which is now practically extinct.

Nine Solemn Owls.

Here is a row of the queerest creatures imaginable, nine solemn owls, whose monkeylike faces—they are well named—are usually enough to cause a general laugh among the beholders. This brood of owls are raised from one that was given to the museum, with the aid of a couple that were taken from the towers of the Smithsonian building. They are not as rule indigenous to this climate, abounding in such States as Florida and Texas; but of late there have been several broods discovered here. They are about the size of a large dove, of a light brown or buff color, and they spend most of their time standing on one leg, apparently asleep. But they are not, usually, for it is said by the keepers that each and every one of them has its eyes fixed on a certain small hole in the floor just in front of the perch.

There is a kind of aid which it is immoral for a friend to give and equally immoral for another to receive; it is the aid which takes the place of work we ought to have done, some energy we ought to have put forth, some strength and power of character we ought to have attained.

"Weren't you right here all the time? Did I do it? Did baby do it? Did some of the neighbors come in and knock it down with a crowbar?" "It fell because it was poorly put up in the first place."

A STATUE of Mary Queen of Scots has been offered to the city of Edinburgh by the Countess of Caithness, having been previously offered to and refused by the Municipality of Paris. Lady Caithness thought that Mary Stuart, as a Queen Consort of France, had a claim to a place in the heart of the country where all the brief happiness of her sad life was enjoyed. But the French have sent her image, as they sent herself, to the Scotch subjects whom she found so hard and so cold.

Immediately after the death of Rizzio, Mary was imprisoned in her apartments by the conspirators. But she succeeded in showing Darnley his blunder in joining in a plot aimed at her life and that of their child. Promptly, Darnley was faithless to his fellow-conspirators, as he had previously been to his wife, and he fled in his escape from the palace. This elopement together with the royal couple kept Mary out of Holyrood for weeks after the death of Rizzio. All the fresh traces of that murder would thus be cleared away long before the Queen was at Holyrood again. Moreover, so far from being revengeful, Mary failed in that rough cruel age because she had not the harshness to destroy proven traitors and unscrupulous enemies when they were in her power. Not one person was executed for the outrage of the murder of Rizzio in the Sovereign's presence; and ultimately every one of the conspirators engaged in this disgraceful scene was freely forgiven by Mary, excepting only the trooper who had held a pistol against her own side, and he was not punished, but merely compelled to continue in banishment.

"Well, some of you are certainly to blame for it. That's the way—the minute I leave the house something happens! Now we shall have a plumber around here for a week or more, with a bill of forty or fifty dollars!" The back kitchen door had to be taken off its hinges and planed off a little, and in rehanging it Mr. Bowser got in a hurry and only put one screw in the lower hinge. The cook found the others and laid them aside. One day, after he had got home to dinner, the door fell askew, as might have been expected.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. The born liar can't help it. There is value in experiment. Love is mutual understanding. They most assume who know the least. Idleness is the nurse of naughtiness. Hypocrisy is a sort of social treason. Proverbs are literature on the half-shell. It is a poor mule that won't work both ways. Never let a woman know she is not pretty. A poor man saved by thee shall make thee rich. A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong. Light a cigarette and see the undertaker smile. Benedicences—the salt of all earthly possessions. Pride requires very costly food—its keeper's happiness. A man with a lot of money is generally satisfied with his lot. The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfil another. Magnanimity owes no account to prudence of its motives. Nature is the master of talent, genius is the master of Nature. How quickly Nature falls to revolt when gold becomes her object. There is never jealousy where there is not strong regard. Roses and thorns grow on the same bush—and close together. In lending money to the Lord always be sure of your middlemen. He who knows right principles is not equal to him who loves them. Etiquette is the invention of wise men to keep fools at a distance. The test of every system, political or educational, is the men it forms. He who despises mankind will never get the best out of himself or others. Thou shalt thyself be served by every lease of service that he rendered. To be happy is not the purpose for which you were placed in the world. Labor is the divine law of our existence; repose is desertion and suicide. What can you say of a man worse than to call him a hypocrite and a tyrant. To be properly appreciated one's organs of speech should not be without stops. However great some men's abilities are, their liabilities are always greater. The self-made man is always an optimist. His friends are usually pessimists. Our acts our angels are, of good or ill, our fatal shadows that walk by us still. The man who "knows it all" wouldn't be so bad a fellow if he kept it to himself. No idle word thou speakest but is a seed cast into time, and grows through all eternity. Let your zeal begin with yourself, you may with justice extend it to your neighbor. Home is next to the last place a man can go. If he can't go home, he goes to the dogs. The turn in the long road traveled by most men is usually the turn into the cemetery. By the time a man realizes that he is a fool it is usually too late to realize on his realizations. It is always safe to mistrust the man who gives you his confidence the first day he meets you. If everybody knew what one said of another, there would not be four friends left in the world. When it comes to making proselytes, the devil understands his business better than anybody else. General tidiness not only pays on its own account, but because to be tidy is to be economical. Honesty is the best policy, because it is the only policy which insures against loss of character. We are apt to fall into relapses; therefore we had better overcome our sorrow than delude it. The trouble with the young is that they do not do as the old folks advise, but as they have done. Just as soon as a man loses all his property, then we all recollect at once that he was always a fool. A man should grapple with his friends with hooks of steel. He need have no fear of losing his enemies. It is the work of a philosopher to be every day subduing his passions and laying aside his prejudices. The intellect has only one failing, which, to be sure, is a very considerable one. It has no conscience. It is easier to make two men who are in the right, change their minds, than it is one, who is in the wrong. It don't pay to be a prophet; if you hit right, people will doubt it; if you hit wrong, they will curse it. Our own actions are the accidents of fortune, that we sometimes place to the credit or luck of misfortune. Many a garden seen from a distance looks fresh and green, which, when heeled closely, is dismal and weedy. A man never feels the loss of things which it never occurs to him to ask for; he is just as happy without them. If a man wants to learn just how popular he is let him have it published that he has inherited a large fortune.

HORSE NOTES.

—John H. Wallace has retired to his farm at Oak Grove, Pa. —Ed Corrigan will winter his horses at the Bascombe track Mobile, Ala. —Jockey Martin has signed a contract to ride for Eugene Leigh next year. —August Belmont has bought from W. C. Daly the fast mare Glory, by the Ill-Used, dam Mehalla. —F. Gebhard has engaged Frank McCabe to go to California to try a number of yearlings against time. —Lampighter and Pickcocket have been sold to J. W. Rodgers, trainer for S. S. Brown, at private terms. —Zoe B, 2 1/2, the famous daughter of Blue Bud, will be sent from Germany to be used to Allerton, 2 0/9. —C. J. Hamlin has bred Pigeon Chimes, by Chimes out of Estabella, dam of Prince Regent, 2 1/2, to Mambrino King. —Colonel North, the Nitrate King of England, has made five entries for the Chicago Derby of 1893, the Columbian Exposition year. —Ralph Wilkes, by R-d Wilkes, has scored a record of 2.18 at Independence, Ia., being the second two-year-old to tie the record of snail at that age. —Starter Chinn gave Rogan \$100 fine and suspended him indefinitely at Garfield recently. Jockey Drane was also given indefinite suspension. —Sidney is only 10 years old. He has a record of 2.30 himself, and seven of his get have entered the 2.30 list. Two of them are trotters and five pacers. —The kite track at Independence, Iowa, will be kept in shape as long as the weather permits as there are several hundred horses there to get records. —John Reamer offers to match Major Flowers and mate to trot a race, mile heats, best three in five, with any double team in Philadelphia, for \$5.00 or more. —A half interest in Captain S. S. Brown's horses has been bought by Trainer J. W. Rodgers. Next year they will race under the name of Brown & Co. —Lady, a black mare by a son of Cassius Clay, dropped a filly colt at the Willowdale Farm, Crown Point, Ind., recently. The filly is by Almont Brunswick 11,200. —Jack Stewart, a graduate of Palo Alto Stock Farm, has engaged with Will J. Davis, of Chicago, and will hereafter have charge of the standard animals at Willowdale. —The great pacer, Dallas, 2 1/2, owned by Michael McCormack, of Pittsburgh, strained the muscles of his hind leg at Beaver, Pa., recently, and is said to be in a very bad way. —Walter Cutting, of Pittsfield, Mass., has purchased from W. J. Bullcock, of Williamstown, Mass., the five-year-old stallion Aristides, 2.28, by Red Wilkes, dam by Almont. —Belle Onward, 2.23, made at Independence, Ia., recently has been purchased by Charles P. Rannels, of Jacksonville, Ind., for \$5,000. She will be kept in training. —Belle Hamlin (2.12), Henrietta (2.17), Nightingale (2.1-1/2), Globe (2.19), and Justina (2.20) have been sent to Village Farm to be turned out for the balance of the season. —Ben Franklin, 2.29, the handsome son of Daniel Lambert, is still "King of Morgans," having more 2.30 performers to his credit than any other Morgan stallion at the same age. —Alix, 2.16, by Patronage, holds the fastest record for a 3-year-old mare outside of California, Sunol being the only 3-year-old filly in the world with a record faster than hers. —Milton Young and George Cadwalader, Lexington, Ky., have sold to E. Dunn, of Memphis, the bay 2-year-old colt Content, by Oonagoo, dam imp. Happy Sally 22, for \$12,000. —Brice Steel has sold the 4-year-old bay filly Nina Archer, by Hindoo, dam Morgan Girl, to John E. Madden, of Lexington, Ky., for \$2,500. She will be sent to Gutenberg to race this winter. —Pike Barnes and Tiny Williams, the well-known jockeys who have been giving the Chicago bookmakers a severe tussle of late, are going to invest part of their winnings in a saloon in the windy city. —The transfers of horse flesh are estimated to amount to \$3,000,000 in Vermont the past year, and horse-raising now takes precedence of all other animal industries in the Green Mountain State. —No season has eclipsed the present one in the matter of 2-year-olds. In fact, there have never been on the turf at one time such three youngsters as Monbars, 2.13; Arion, 2.14, and Ralph Wilkes, 2.21. —The secretary of the Australian Jockey Club is paid an annual salary of \$5,000, the handicapper \$2500, while the starter is obliged to sussist on \$1750, and the judge places the horses for the modest sum of \$1250. —Bude Doble has gone into winter quarters at Terre Haute Ind., with the best performers in his stable. These include Nancy Hanks (2.09), McDoel (2.16), Graylight (2.16) and several others that have not beaten 2.20. —Three Anteeos have entered the list in California within six weeks—Myrtle, 2.19; Maude, 2.24, and Sunset, 2.29. A 2-year-old Anteeo trotter, Don Lot, went a mile in 2.33. There is now six of the get of Anteeo in the "charmed circle." —The Gloucester track will shortly be improved by lengthening the back stretch so as to do away with the curve at the start of the five furlong races. The back stretch will be extended over 200 yards, giving the sprinters a chance for good starts and better time.