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### THE ORPHAN BOYS' DREAM.

A little fair-haired child laid its pale cheek against a pillow of straw.

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### WORK AND RECREATION.

The Americans are a hard working people. There is no nation on the globe which allows itself so few holidays and recreations as we do.

Our English progenitors are not thought to be very far advanced in what the French call the science, or the fact of living happily; but even the English, hard as they are known to work, allow themselves more play than we do, they acquire and keep a bluff, hearty physique, by much open air exercise, and their habits are more cheerful and more healthful.

### POINTS OF VIEW.

A correspondent of the *Farmer* gives the following information of the interest to farmers and dairymen. A good cow is a useful institution in a family where there are children; and where food and pasture is reasonably cheap, which is not the case in this town—but as this may reach the eyes of some who are in a position to keep a cow, we commend the correspondent's views to all worthy of consideration.

### THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

The Smithsonian Institution is a great number of strangers have visited the Smithsonian Museum this summer. In addition to the many curiosities arriving at the Smithsonian, the quantity now on exhibit subjects of considerable curiosity.

### PROTECTOR OF BIRDS.

If our agricultural friends would read Audubon's account of the numbers of insects found in the "craw" of a single acre, a bird, or a farm, they would feel convinced that the birds should be protected and encouraged. They are a protection to the farmer, and a pest to the insect.

### Portial.

THE PASTOR AND COUNSELOR.

By W. W. WILKINSON.

### CHILDHOOD HOME.

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The sweet to think of early home,  
When we are far away,  
Of days and children's voices,  
We loved in childhood's day.

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### Miscellaneous.

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"An old man!" exclaimed John. "A vulgar, shocking old man!" said Mr. Collett. "A wretch who not only sold out, but soap, candles, turpentine, black lead, and brick-bats. It was a dreadful blow to the family. How poor grandmothers never got over it, and maiden aunt turning Methodist in despair. Well, Briggs, the old man died last week, it seems; and his widow has written to me, asking for assistance. Now I have thought of leaving her a hundred a year in my will. What do you think of it? I'm afraid she don't deserve it. What right had she to marry against the advice of her friends? What have I to do with her misfortunes?"

"Upon my word, I think I must say so," said John Meade, bracing himself up boldly for the part of a worldly man. "What right had she to marry—what as you observed with great justice, sir. Let her stand the consequences of her own folly. Can't she carry on the old man's business? I dare say it will support her very well."

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