### JUST A LIVELY BOY.

NOTES OF A 10-YEAR-OLD'S EXECUTION OF AN ERRAND.

Ther w s nothing peculiar about the boy's appearance. He seemed just an ordinary 10-year-old boy in knickesbockers, shoes, stockings, jacket and polo cap, the latter worn on the back of his head as most other boys wear theirs.. He was starting out of a house on Lexington avenue with a gollon tin can, a new, smooth, bright vessel, very strongly maie, and carried by means of a handle of wire at the top. In turning the corner of Fiftieth street the boy suddenly came upon a large black dog asleep in front of the grocery. Just before he reached the dog he let go his hold on the can and launched it squarely beside the sleeding animal. It struck the flagging, rattled off its cover, bounded in the air, and sent the dog out of his sleep with a leap and a yell of terror. The dog ran away, and the boy gathered up the can and its cover, fastened the two together, and went on. There are iron palings in front of the houses on Fiftieth street, and tue boy found much sport in holding the cau firmly against them as he walked along. This made a prodigions noise, and caused the can to bob inc santly from pailing to pailing, . denting it at every bounce.

The boy was tempted to desist from this exercise by the sight of a frowsy woman pitching along the street with uncertain steps, and with half a yard of her rusty black dress dragging on the pavement. The boy went up to to her with a modest and kindly air and asked her if she would not like some beer. She replied affirmatively with brightening cyes.

Follow me, said the boy.

He led her to a gate in a high brown painted fence, opened it, waited until gallon can down to the foot, where the woman was in, the gateway, and it had gone with a series of bumps the gate, and hung on the top of the pleasure the boy's eyes had power to bleaching it passee into a chest to fence with his head just over the edge, express. shouting to her that there was a savage dog in there, and that she had his ticket in the box, and when the better look out.

stant later tired of this conceit and see- through all his pockets. The man dition throughout the entire process ing a Third avenue car bowling along, discovered the ticket in the boy's of manufacture, and therefore contriwaited until it had passed the corner, mouth, took it away, and offered to butes largely to the saving of both and then yelled and whispled for it to cuff the lad's ears, but was not half material and time in moving from

close to it he shouted: All right let He put the now battered and dirty buildings where the various machinery her go, The car moved, and he flung can bottom up between his knees and his gallon on the platform. At the to a tune whistled between his teeth ferent floors, but in any case where same moment he boarded the car. He in that grating, discordant way that this advantage does not exist, pumps had thrown the can in such a way only such a boy can manage, he drumthat "t went on at one side and off at | med with his knuckles. the other into the street. The connever dreamed of wanting to ride on |-New York Sun. it. The conductor was furious, but he did not seem to be aware of the man s existence.

At the moment that he reached the sidewalk he encountered a young. playmate, who asked him what he was doing with the can.

you know how to play it? It's the boss game out

Got it to play shin loo with. Don't

he was about to say, he explaimed to water has resulted in an estimated anthe boy, who was two years younger nual saving in soda, soap, labor, etc., of than himself, all about the game, more than \$4,000. which he would have been obliged to admit that he had never heard of before, but which he now said consist squirrel's nest and in it a watch and rule being that all the coppers the Whether the squirrels had carried it little boy put in the can were counters, there or not is the questidn which he and all that he failed to get in were is now laboring hard to solve. losers. The little boy had three cents which he threw at the can, which the bigger boy had set up as a mark. All the boys coppers rolled away from the can, and the big boy picked up for his friend, and promising to give the him another chance tomorrow, he strode off, whistling lightheartedly.

A little farther down the street he noted the fact that a caudy store was in charge of a little girl. He opened the store door and went in. Helfo, little girl ! said he, assuming a wicked chowed and swallowed the conappearance, I am going to leave this tents, excepting \$30 in gold. Over thing behind the counter, and as soon \$400 in greenbacks went down the mer chie'n broth fer de pas' fo' fi' as I have gone away it will burst up good steed's throat. and blow the whole store over to A peculiar featue of Long Lake, sky ob nights.

your mother will be pulver-

At this iustant the stout German woman who kept the store opened the lace curtained inner doorway to the househeld apartment in the back and entered the store. The boy ceased teasing the child. His face looked blank and innocent, though the little girl's countenance expressed considerable alarm.

Penny's worth er chewing gum, said the boy, 'n' I'm in a hurry.

He got the chewing gum and startother hand. It banged on the floor, imprisonment. its lid rolled off, and there was noise had been expecting an explosion and seen the world by day light, though its lid. A bale of little red wooden and gradually this power of sight grew it hung on and fell with a crash that with her dolls and toys with artifical brought the German woman around light as eagerly as other children by the corner of the counter just as the daylight. boy had gathered himself and his belongings and was darting out of the

In his tright he made a pretended dash at a pile of apples on an Italian fruiter's stand, but neither touched the fruit nor stopped his flight. He did not take the trouble to look around in order to note the consequence of what he had done. He lost something by that, for the Italian in charge of the stand had almost leaped out of his coat in haste to dehe came to the stairs of an elevated with only three falls, by reason of one of which he was obliged to chase his

gateman asked him for it he pretend He dropped to the sidewalk an in- ed to indulge in a wearisome search the fiber is maintained in a wet con-

ductor pulled the bell to stop the car. Unfortunately, the reporter who Never mind; I'll get it, said the boy, observed him left him at the terminaas he plunged off the car after the tion of the elevated ride, so what he can. The car stopped, and the boy did on the return journey can only be got his can. He picked it up. and guessed at. But he was evidently an then continued walking hastily away every day New York boy, with only from the car precisely as if he had the ordinary excess of animal spirits, of her oldest boy who was carefully

# WORTHY OF NOTE.

During a recent storm at the mouth of the Columbia river, in Oregon, the waves flashed over the top of the light- yerself? Where's yer eyes? house, 190 feet above the sea level, and extinguished the light.

The importance of soft water for domestic purposes is illustrated by the experience of a large London asylum, Without taking time to think what in which a change from hard to soft

When a Mr. Blank, of Buena Vista, night with cats, and, as I read in a Ga. became engaged to his present wife scientific journal that cats can't live a number of years ago he gave her a above a greater elevation than twelve yearling heifer in lieu of an engage- thousand feet, I thought I would get ment ring. This living pledge of their up as high as I could toward the them and the can. After spending a troth has given forth increase until the twelve thousand. See! moment over an expression of smpathy lady now has a handsome herd of cat-

A gentleman in Taylor, Ga., while taking care of his horse, dropped his asked Colonel Planter of an aged big pocket-book from his coat. He darkey, who was quite a character in picked it up and laid it in the manger his way. until he should have finished his work; but the horse took a likeing to it and replied Mosi.

Hoboken, and you'll be killed and Wexford County, Mich., is that it gradually rises and subsides once every few years. It has been rising for the past four or five years, and the Grand Rapids & Indiana railway has been obliged to abandon its old roadway along the shore.

A farmer of Clarence, Me., lost a cow more than a month ago, and after searching in vain for her came to the conclusion that she had been stolen A few days ago, while he was pulling straw from a stack, his hands came in centact with an auimal's tail, and fol, d to return. In his haste he opened lowing it up, he found that it belongthe door so rapidly with one hand as ed to his long lost cow. The cow apto knock the gallon can out of his peared none the worse for her long

A handsome young girl of sixteen, beyond all estimate. The little girl who lives at Arkwright N Y. has never screamed with fright. Dropped my enabled by lamplight to read and see can, said the boy and at once squatted as well as anybody. Up to the age on the floor, spread his legs as wide as of four or five years she was believed possible, and described an arc with to be totally blind. The parents noone and a circle with the other as he ticed that after the lamp had been lunged first for the can and then for lighted she gave evidence of seeing wagons was disengaged from the nail upon her, until the little one played

#### NEW PROCESS OF PAPER MAKING.

The object of this invention is so to arrange the various machines or apparatus for treating esparto, straw, etc., that a continuous process can be carried on direct from the fiber boilers to the paper-making machine without the materials being handled by the workman as hitherto.

Iu the first place the boilers are em fend his goods. The boy ran until tied and their contents placed upon an arrangement of endless traveling railroad station. These he mounted lattices, which carry it to the breaksng and washing engines. It is then conveyed into the chests to supply the half-stuff or cleaning machine, after which it is run into a store chest to then gently shoved her in, slammed and bounces that aroused all the supply the bleaching engines. After supply the beaters, from whence it is He made believe to forget to put finally conveyed to the paper making

The advantage of this process is that one process to another. This can It stopped and he ran after it. When In the elevated car he had rare fun readily be done automatically iu is subdivided and arranged upon difand small stock chests are so arrang ed that no difficulty presents itself. Thus the boy rode on his errand This system will dispense with the making of the stuff into a solid at the presse pate machine.

> ON THE BOAD TO WEALTH. What are you doing with your apple seeds? asked Widow Jimson scraping off the table the sceds of half a peck of apples he had just devoured.

Puttin' 'em in me pocket, replied the young glutton. Can't yer see fer

For goodness sake! what do you intend doing with them?

Sell 'em.

Sell them! Where? dollars a busel for them there.

# HIS REASON.

What on earth induced you to take In cutting down an old apple tree in rooms on the tenth floor? Any one his orchard a Connecticut man found a would think you were to poor to live on the ground floor, exclaimed old ed in picthing pennies at the can, the chain which he had lost last summer. Mr. Blowy, to his partner, whom he was paying a visit.

> Well, I'll tell you. At my last lodgings I was terribly bothered at

# MISSED HIS BROTH.

Why are you so pensive, Mose?

I'se jess been tinkin' 'boss, dat's all

About what? Is'e t'inkin' 'bout bow I dun miss

## AUBREY'S GREAT RIDE

Among the deeds of early life in Aubrey from the plaza of Santa Fe to take a drink, Weightman, by the the public square of Independence, way, was editor of a small paper pub-Mo., as a physical achievement stands lished in that city. As the bar keeper without an equal. Indeed, it is doubtful whether the history of the world can present a paralell to that great ride of 800 miles through a country overrun with hostile Indians, a large about my going to California? Withportion of the distance being through out a moment's hesitation, feeling the sandy deserts and leading across rivers insult keenly, Weightman, seized the mountains, and prairies wi h only the glass, now full liquor, and threw the sky for a covering and the earth as a resting place.

An old resident of this city, who used to know Aubrev very well in conversation recently said :

When I first met Aubrey, about 1848 he was a young man of 35, the perfect picture of health and strength. Short, rather heavy set, weighing all that is remembered of him is his about 165 pounds, he had an honest, exploit in crossing the plains. Weightopen countenance and was one of the rising men of the plains. He was a French Canadian, came to St. Louis in 1840, and very soon afferward engaged in business as a Santa Fe trader, making trips to Santa Fe from Independence, Mo, and spending the larger part of his time in the saddle. He was a noted horseman, and spared neither man nor beast when on a journey. Everything he did done with a rush.

could cover the distance in eight have found after reading my work. days. He succeeded in reaching his I devote the forenoon to thought. destination three hours before the ex- In the afternoon I take my thinker piration of the time. He killed sev- through the park in a perambulator. eral horses in the ride, and it is said In the evening I think some more. that the death of one horse on his I eat plain food when at home, but times, but not one of them dared to nothing. attempt to beat Aubrey's record. He determined to beat himself and on a the morning before rising. I then second wager he left Santa Fe in rise, feeling refreshed, and go down 1851, and gave the severest test of stairs, where I jerk a low refrain out

train of twenty-five wagons filled with | what I have read. merchandise and knew nothing of his take a second look. Our wagons low it. coming around a hill proved that we for Aubrey to treat a friend in that elevated railroad. style, but when I reached Santa Fe I understood it. Every moment was precious. It was the supreme effort of his life. Night and day he rushed on. Six horses dropped dead as he

rode them. His own beautiful mare, Nellie, the one he was riding as he passed our party, and one of the finest pieces of horseflesh I ever saw, quivered and fell in the agonies of death at the end of the first 150 miles- Several splen-In New York. They give two did horses had been sent ahead and stationed at different points on the trail. No man could keep up with Aubrey. He would have sacrificed every horse in the West if necessary to the accomplishment of his design It was not money he was after, but fame. He had laid a wager that the trip would be made in six days

At the end of five days and thirteen hours, exhausted and fainting, he was taken from a horse that was trembling from head to foot, and covered with sweat and foam, at the south-west corner of the Square of Independence. He sank into a stupor from which he was not aroused for forty-eight hours. Aubrey was a man of marvelous endurance or he could never have rccovered from the strain of that ride on his system. There was no stage running to Sant Fe at the time of Aubrey's ride, and he was quanimously pronounced by Western men as the greatest exhibition of perve and strength ever shown on the plains.

After the ride Aubrey wandered into California, but returned to Sant dress and at night I wear night dress. Fe in 1854. Immediately npon en-

the regular army, who had been one of Aubreys closest friends. After exchanging salutations, Aubrey invited poured out the whiskey, Aubrey turned to Weightman, and his whole manner changed as he spoke: Weightman what made you publish that lie contents into Aubrey's face. Aubrey reached for his revolver, but befor he could draw it from his pocket, Weightman snatched a bowie knife from its sheath and buried the blade in the

heart of the great rider. That was the last of Aubrey. He was buried in an unknown grave, and man was acquitted of the charge of murder, joined the Confederate army in the late war, and was shot at the head of his brigade at Wilson's Creek. falling near the spot where General

#### EXEMPLARY HABITS.

My literary methods are simple, writes Bill Nye in the New York World. I do none of my writing Aubrey made two rides alone from while under the influence of liquor. I Santa Fe to Independence. The first state this in order to correct a wrong was on a wager of \$1,000 that he impression which the public seems to

way obliged him to walk twenty-five soar above it while visiting others. miles to Council Grove, carrying his Rather than appear rude while the saddle on his back, before he found guest of eminent people I eat the best another. He was the lion of the day of food with impunity and act as at St. Louis and Independence after though I liked it. Wealthy and this ride. There were many powerful prominent people are so sensitive that men and many good riders in these I eat what they set before me and say as the government schools. At a re-

I read all the New York papers in human endurance I have ever known, of the furnace. By that time the

design. When we were at the Rabbit fect impunity, except health food. 100, all of which went to the board. Ears about 100 miles from the old That is the only thing I ever have Statistics of Presbyterian colleges

I exercise a great deal in the open ministers. were friends and putting spurs to his air. In summer I follow a lawnsteed he dashed past, merely nodding mower around for an hour each day, cheering prospects for Chistianity his head as the dust flew into our and in winter I like to hunt rabbits faces. It was a great surprise to me across country, or take a spin on the the number of converts in China has

> I keep a note-book in which I put the book in a side pocket of my coat and give the coat to a poor man whose address I do not know.

> I give a great deal to charity, but try to keep it out of the papers as far

When the weather is such that I can not exercise in the open air I have lodgings, which I use for holding the door open. I also belong to an athletic club, and a pair of Indian clubs with red handles. I owe much of my robust health to this.

I do most of my writing in a sitting posture or in an autograph album. When I am not engaged in thought I am employed in recovering from its effects. I am very genial and pleaant to be thrown amongst, and frequently submit to all kinds of indignities, especially from people to whom I am indebted, rather than resent it, and thus cause them pain.

I keep a large pair of brass-knuckles, which I wear on my feet while riding in a crowded car. This I line better than getting myself newly upholstered every week.

I do not believe in mixing up alcohol with literature. Literature with nothing else in it will last longer when exposed to the air than the other kind.

I dress expensively, but not so as to wear morning dross, in the evening

I have forgotten, what books have weeks sence de de moon's bin outen de tering the city he met Major Richard helped me most; also, what my favor-F. Weightman, formerly an officer of ite passages of proce are I had the

benefit of the best of home influences when a child, and every body has been very tind to me, so I can not say dethe West the famous ride of F. X. his friend to step into a saloon and finitely what it was that brought me here.

### RELIGIOUS GLEANINGS.

San Francisco has only 1,500 Methodist church members.

There have been 1,500 conversions since 1881, on the Mosquito coast, in Central America, due to the labors of Moravian missionaries.

Messrs. Mateer and Parker, of Spurgeon's college, are making an evangelistic tour of the world. Mr. Mateer preaches and Mr. Parker sings. They are now in India.

During the last thirty-four years the Congregational union has had returned to it \$171,000 by churches which were aided in building their houses of worship by this society.

At its annual meeting, Plymouth Congregational church, Chicago reported 102 additions for the past year, with a net gain of forty-seven, and a total membership of 878. The Sabbath school numbers 714.

The Minnesota minutes report 152 Congregational churches in the state, 45 of them independent of the American Home Missionary society, and 9 organized within the year. The total membership is 10,859, a gain of 797.

In recognition of his services in keeping open a line of communication with the outside world, Emin Pasha has sent Mr. Mackay A Uganda, for the Church Missionary society, two tusks of ivory, valued at \$270.

A tract of land in Gage county, Neb., has been bequeathed to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian church. The land will bring, it is expected, about \$7,000 to the church when sold.

The king of Siam proposes to place the Presbyterian mission schools on the same basis as to government aid cent visit to Petchburi, he gave the hopital\$1, 440, and the queen gave the girls' school \$960.

The annual convention for the American board, at the Old South churde, Boston, amounted to \$7,500. I was on my way to Santa Fe (it evening papers arrive. I read them Of this sum \$,000 is to go to the board, was thirty-seven years ago) with a thoughtfully. I then think over and \$2 500 to missionary objects through other designated channels. I eat almost every thing with per- The bontribution a year ago was \$8,

Spanish city we saw a man approach- trouble with. Health food will send show 1,568 church members now in ug in a sweeping gallop, mounted on my pulse down to forty-eight in less college out of 2,327 students, 167 of a yellow mare, and leading another, than an hour. A man must have a whom were converted last year, and As he came nearer, mistaking us for very strong constitution to stand up 389 of whom intend to be ministers. Indians, he whirled and retreated against food which is already prepar- Princeton shows 515 students, 300 fifty or sixty yards, then turned to ed, so that all he has to do is to swal- church members, .356 Y. M. C. Amembers, seventy-two intending

Rev. Dr. Judson Smith reports among the Longols. The fact that more than doubled within ten years, and now exceeds 30,000, is at once write all my best thoughts. I then a proof that Christian work is grandly successful there, and is a powerful stimplus to more abundant labors.

A wealthy Methodist in Chicago, in giving to the Missionary society property valued at \$126,000, justifies the purpose of the gift in these words: "Every man in America has had a good chance to hear and obey the a heavy pair of dumb-bells at my Gospel as I have had, therefore, I propose to help those older in the world who had lesser or no opportunities.

# HE FOUND THE BOSS.

I would like to see the boss of the house, said a book agent to a peppery looking female with a peaked nose and a red top-knot, who opened the door of a Dakota farm-house where he had called.

Yer dew? questioned the woman, as she placed her arms akimbo. Well stranger, jest lope round inter ther back yard an' ax that wezen-faced, skimplegged deacon you'll find weedin' ther tater patch, an' be'll tell yer ef I don't boss this layout he don't know who does. Now, whidder ver

# HE WAS PREPARED.

Wife (to extravagant husband)-For Heaven's sake, George, don't spend so much money reedlessly. attract attention. In the morning I Don't you know you ought to lay something by for a rainy day?

Husband-I have done that, dear, Wife-What, I should like to know? Husband-A gum coat, love .--Washington Oritio