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Better in the Morning.

You can't help the baby, parson But still I want ye to go Down an' look in upon her, An' read an' pray, you know. Only last week she was skippin' round A pullin' my whishers 'n' hair, A climbin' up to the table Into her little high chair.

"The first night that she took it When her little cheeks grow red, When she kissed good-night to paps. And went away to bed-Sez she : "Tis beadache, papa Be better in mornin'-bye ; An' somethin' in how she said it Jest made me want to cry.

"But the mornin' brought the fever, And her little hands were het, An' the pretty red uv her little cheeks Grew into a crimson spot. But she laid there jest ez patient Ez ever a woman could, Takin' whatever we give her Better'n a grown woman would

"The days are terrible long an' slow, An' she's growin' wus in each ; An' now she's jest a +lippin' Clear away out uv our reach. Every night when I kiss her. Tryin' hard not to cry, She says in a way that kills me-* Be better in mornin'-- bye !

"She can't get thro' the night, parson, So I want ye to come an' pray, And talk with mother a little-You'll know jest what to say-Not that the baby needs it, Nor that we make any complaint That God seems to think He's needin' The snile uv the little saint."

I walked along with the corporal To the door of his humble home. To which the silent messenger Before me had also come : And if he had been a titled prince, I would not have been honored more Than I was with his heartfelt welcome To his lowly cottage door.

Night falls again in the cottage ; They move in silence and dread Around the room where the baby Lies panting upon her bed. " Does baby know papa, darling?" And she moves her little face With answer that shows she knows him ; But scarce a visible trace

Of her wonderful infantile beauty Remains as it was before The unseen, silent messenger Had waited at the door. "Papa k ss-baby-I's-so-tired " The man bows low his face. , ud two swollen hands are lifted 1: baby's last embrace.

And into her father's grizzled heard The little red fingers clin

laugh. " What a capital traveler and it by one of our errand boys, with strict sight-seer you would make ! You could injunctions not to answer any questions, rush through a gallery of paintings, for to the residence of Miss Daisy Russel. instance, and carry away as many in your mind's eye as those unfortunates who, not possessing your extraordinary talent —

" ' Don't chaff, that's a good child,' I interrupted. 'Who is she?' 'She,' answered Constance, with a with a shrug of the shoulders and a grimace- 'who comes here every afternoon, Sundays excepted, to teach my lit-

-anonymously, of course. It was such

a ridiculous thing for a man to carry around with him. If it had been a handkerchief, or a glove, or a ribbon, or a flower-but it wasn't. sheer good luck that very evening, when I went to call on Constance. "Miss Howard was not at home, but

Mrs. Fairman (Aunt Fidelia) was, and had a message for me. " 'The very thing !' I inwardly exult-

of speaking. "' Constance has gone skating,' she

said. 'Her orders are that you follow her. I suppose you'll obey them ?' " 'Can't I stop and rest a few moments ?' asked I.

"The old lady smiled. 'I haven't the -perhaps a little better, Have you any news (

"My news was exhausted in five minutes, apparently not at all to the disap-probation of Aunt Fidelia, who, like most old ladies, delights much more in talking than in listening, and who in five minutes more (I never could tell how softened a shade when I spoke of mother), 'and I never dreamed'questions of mine) began to hold forth on the subject above all others I would have chosen—the nursery governess, "Such a dear little thing !' she said, and so kind to her widowed mother !-a poor seamstress, unable on account of her delicate health to sew half the time. I con't imagine what she would do if it were not for Daisy.' And do you know, old fellow," said Douglass, breaking off in his narrative to take a long whiff at his cigar, and send a fleecy ring floating upward, "that if I had been asked to choose a name for her, that's the very

hand which betrayed extreme agitation, and which read thus:

"' Miss Russel thanks Mr. Douglass orrel of her lip, 'is a young person, one of my Aunt Fidelia's favorites-by-the-bye, I'm not included among them,' verses and other things sent by mistake. "Imagine my feelings, my dear fel-low. No, you can't imagine them; it's impossible. My cheeks, man as I am,

tle sisters their A B C's.' "Well, sir, I did nothing but think impossible. My cheeks, man as I am, actually burned with mortification. I about the brown faced governess and the came near flinging the money, or 'the mite of a tooth all next day, and the other things,' as she called it, out of the next, and at last I determined to find out where she lived and send it back to her eted it instead.

"How in the world had she found me out? No doubt she knew, through the Howard children, there was such a person, but in what manner had she discovcred that the sender of the valentine and. "How to find out where she lived be Robert Douglass were identical? What came the question, solved for me by should I do to pacify the little gypsy? how prove to her that what I had done had been in thoughtless kindness? I made up my mind to call upon her. The affair could not be properly explained by letter. Embarrassing as an interview might prove, I must face the situation "The very thing ! I inwardly exult-ed, as I entered the room, with outward composure and dignity. You remember Aunt Fidelia? A slim, keen, blue eyed, rather dramatic old lady, with 'no non-sense about her,' and a very decided way

me with her lovely near sighted eyes. It was evident she didn't know me by sight. "'I would like to speak to you a mo-ment, Miss Russel, I said. 'I am Robert Douglass.' "Her brown cheek flamed like an au-

tumn leaf with the light of the setting sun slightest objection,' she said ; 'on the contrary, I shall be glad to have you. I like you as well as I like any of them cumscribed sitting-room. "'I have come to beg your pardon,"

I began, as soon as the door was closed behind us, 'I had no intention of wounding you—God forbid! I knew you found it hard struggling in this cold world, that you had a dear mother almost dependent upon you' (her face softened a shade when I spoke of her "But the verses,' she interrupted, raising her eyes and darting a look of

reproach at me (by-the-bye,did I tell you she had forgotten to send them with the 'other things?'), 'and Miss Howard? Oh, Mr. Douglass, it was cruel and unmanly of you!"
"" Miss Howard and I are not on as friendly terms as formerly,' I answered ;

which was true, as the count had made his appearance at the skating party. "Still, sir, I am only a poor teacher, and not in your circle at all, and they were too-too'— And, by George ! she burst into tears."

name I'd have chosen-Daisy. A bright, sturdy, constant, frank faced little flowers, "Were they 'too-too?' asked Earl, making pleasant the fields and meadows with a smile. Oh, there was something happiness of the fairy tooth in being imprisoned in so lovely a prison as her tin. fairy mouth, and some reference to a ciss-that's all !" "And quite enough," said Earle "taking into consideration that you had never been introduced to the young lady. "Well, sir, when the little thing be gan to cry, I thought I should go wild, 'Miss Russel,' I cried, 'do-do forgive Upon my word and honor, I reme ! spect and esteem you with all my heart, and have admired you ever since the I first beheld you-the day I day caine neav knocking you down." "A smile beamed through her tears as she held out her hand and said : "That's about thirty-six hours ago. But I'll de-tain you no longer, Mr. Douglass. I believe you are sincere in what you say.' " 'And you forgive me?' I asked, odd way of scratching themselves. " 'I forgive you, Good-bye.' " 'One moment more,' I begged. Pray tell me before we part how you liscovered I wrote the valentine. "She looked at me in great surprise I have heard of you often from my pupils,' she said, 'and one day when we were out walking they pointed out to me do. the house in which you live.' " 'Yes, my dear Miss Russel, but they knew nothing about the tooth, the box, or the verses." "Still more surprised, she looked at me as she went to her desk and took from it the offending valentine, which in her anger and haste she had neglected to reurn, and handed it to me. complaints "By George ! old fellow, in my absent minded way, I'd signed my name to There it was, bold and free-little fourish at the end of the last 's,' and all -'Yours to command, Robert Doug-Earle burst out laughing. "Just what might have been expected of the boy who came to school one morning with tin pie plate under his arm instead of his slate "So I did, by George ! I'd nearly forgetten that," said Douglass, joining in the laugh. Then throwing away the end of his cigar as the strains of a waltz reached them, he added: "There's your dance.

New Cloths for Spring Wraps. An important advantage of large farms Dolmans and scraf mantles will be worn in the spring, and the counters of retail stores are already heaped with the that they enable the farmer to employ more help and do the work by groups of laborers rather than by source, individuals. It is a well attested fact new cloths to be used for them. Gray, drab, cream, brown, and fawn shades are shown in variety for these wraps. There are rough fleeced camel's hair cloths a that two men working together can and

third of an inch thick, yet of light weight, for warmer weather. They cost \$4.50 a yard in stylish shades, are of cloth width (which is forty-eight inches), and can scarcely be distinguished from the heavier camel's hair cloths sold for \$10 a yard. Basket woven cloths with checks of various sizes are from \$3.50 to \$4 a yard. alone. Every Northern farmer's boy knows how "lonesome" it seems to hoe

or plant alone in a large cornfield; how the work drags, and how tired the work-er becomes. A dozen men and boys making twenty-four rows in a "bout," yard. Fine Scotch cloths in gray mix-tures are \$4.50. The most stylish of all are the quadrille patterns of blocks, bars or dice checks, made of finer twill and more changes everything, a much smaller number can work with nearly the same advantage. Work of this kind should glossy than the broadly twilled ground. The American twilled cloths are soft and never be done by isolated laborers. They cannot accomplish as much alone, and pliable, cost only \$2.50 a yard, and though not very heavy, they rival the Scotch and French goods in appearance. the fatigue is far greater. Working in the same field with others is a stimulus and decidedly advantage-ous. In harvest field with a self-raking These will be made up in long dolmans of very simple shape, trimmed very simply with galloon and fringe. It will reaper the binders see each other only occasionally; but how the countenance be the fashion merely to border such garments instead of destroying their shapely outlines by lines and angles of trinning sewed on up and down the back brightens when the turns come together and the driver of the reaper cheers and encourages all. Raking and binding after a cradle, as I remember it, was or across the front and shoulders, as has equally social work. There was a conlately been the custom. The fringes used for such wraps must be very thick and rich, as thin, poor fringe destroys stant strife between cradler and binder to see which should excel. Under this stimulus some of the largest days' work the effect of the garment. It is always best to buy fringes of good quality, as they wear, like lace, without changing sometimes by men who were not good for much else. They needed the stimugreatly in style. The domestic fringes lus of competition and were good for are far stronger than those that are imlittle without it. There are many more ported. The beauty of the French such men than we think. fringes is in their design, not in wearing qualities. When purchasing fringe, the farms, and mostly working them with litdifference is easily told by breaking one or two threads of the fringe, when it will be discovered that the French fringe is tle help, live too isolated a life. The remedy is not altogether in farmers' very fragile. Bias brocaded silk bands will also be used for trimming wraps as a heading for fringes, for collars, and for These are all good; but they do not reach pockets.-Bazar.

Whales on the California Coast.

Last week, says a recent number of sity of marriage, but this is nearly as apthe Monterey Californian, our Portuplicable to the need for society and comguese fishermen killed a large female panionship in work. Thousands of farmwhale, of the California gray species, about sixty feet in length, being some ers become insane-some more and some less, and in a great majority of instances twenty-two feet larger than has ever this aberration is the direct result of a solitary life. Farmers wives suffer from been killed here before—the average of females killed being about forty-two fect. After cutting off the blubber, they found inside a nearly full grown this cause even more than the men, especially where children keep the housewife closely at home. Children are com-panions only in a partial sense. They stimulate the affections, but they are male calf, which measured eighteen feet from the end of its nose to the tip of its tail, or fluke as the whalers call it; the more or less duplications of their parents circumference of the body at its center, and do not demand the mental activity nine feet; the head about four feet in required by association with intelligent length; pectoral fins, three feet; breadth of tail, three and a half feet; and it had adults. Farm help is not usually so nearly on two ridges on the lower jaw. When brought on shore is still had three feet of the umbilical cord attached to it. It is onite rare that farmers nowadays

It is quite rare that farmers nowadays The whalebone on its upper jaw was soft seek, or seeking find, intelligent comand white; the tongue, large and soft; the eves, nearly full size, about as large many exceptions to this; but what I have as a cow's; and the skin was of a dark brown, mottled white. It had no dorsal The females, when with young, generally keep off shore when on their way down south, to bring them forth in not only a duty but their decided interthe warm waters of the bays of Lower est. California, where they remain all winter and do it better for being treated as an and go north in the spring. The fe-males, when with calf, are dangerous, as they often attack the boats of the intelligent being rather than as a slave whose only use was to dig and delve for his monthly wages. This consideration whaters. The writer once saw a boat should be more thought of in hiring cut completely in two by the flukes of help. Any man whom you cannot aff rd one of these whales, and it looked as if it to associate with you cannot afford to had been chopped in two by a dull ax; hire at any price. Intelligence and morel and several of the men were wounded. worth are as important on the farm as The term of gestation is about one year. anywhere, and if they do not command Formerly these marine monsters were so as high a price it only shows that they numerous in Monterey bay that whalers are not fully appreciated by farmers. would fill up lying at anchor. Often-After all, I suspect that the true remtimes they would be seen playing in the surf and rolling the barnacles off of their edy for the isolation of farmers is to be found in co-operation with each other. sides and backs on the sand beach-an "Changing works" used to be contaon

Co-Operation in Farming.

Beaten by a Large Majority.

Advocate.

The Detroit Free Press says : A boy, aged twelve, whose uncle is a member of the Legislature, was permitted to make a trip to Lensing a few days ago in order to visit the State House. He came home chuck full of importance, and when his little brother ran to meet him at the gate William coldly waved him back and

"I refer you to the committee on fish-eries, bub, and how's my dog ?" His mother was glad to see him, and when she asked if he had enjoyed him-

self he replied : "Oh, I suppose so, though I now move to strike out all after the enacting

move the previons question and bring on the paucakes."

and wanted to know how he liked Lansing. He looked at her with great dig-

"I now move to lay your petition on the table, Hannah, for future consideration.

She got mad about it, and William slyly informed his mother that it was his opinion that Hannah's title should be ade to conform to the body of the bill. He went out to see the boys after dinner, and a house painter asked him where No.

657 was, "We'll have a call of the House and see," replied the boy, as he looked around.

Our Northern farmers, owning small er, who thought the boy was making fun hill beyond. of his red nose.

"Of course not. Let's pass the bill to a third reading, or else go into com-mittee of the whole and debate it." think you need dressing down !"

the greater difficulty—the isolation of farmers in their fields and during the working season. "It is not good for man to be alone," not only as to the necesof snow down behind his collar.

He would have been wolloped had not

out

with instructions to report a bill to walk you into the police court," replied the representative, and he went in to tell his mother the difference between suspending the rules and rushing a bill, or referring it to the committee on cornfields till some one came around with the

Little Things.

A serpent's fang is a little thing, but death is its victory. A baby is a wee little thing, but a con-

The day laborer must strike for hire wages

Items of Interest.

Peaceful sleep is the sheet anchor of health.

NO. 2.

There are ten printers in the United States Senate. A bit of nonsense-One that will not

check a horse. Houses will not go up while rents are

coming down. An incalculable weight-The weight of

ndignation. It is often easier to pick flaws than to

do better yourself. Railroad agents are always ready to

answer a fare question.

Please keep your eye on the fact that medical men pronounce cigarettes a great promoter of consumption.

The very shortest answer a lady can give to a proposal is NO, for it consists of only one letter, and nothing after it. Inducements are offered by the land

department of Florida for 50,000 wealthy Mennonites to immigrate to the grange

Gamblers in Virgina City have presented a petition to the Legislature to prevent a man's wages from being at-tached for a saloon bill of over five dollars.

The English society for the prevention of cruelty to animals obtained during the year 1876 2,698 convictions. This does not include convictions obtained by the police.

A bullet fired by a hunter in Texas struck the surface of a lake at consider-able distance, glanced upward, and wounded a girl who was walking on a

The rage for alcohol in the treatment of fever, introduced in England twenty years ago by Dr. Todd, has abated, and hospitals are rigorously cutting down wine allowances.

The narrow guage roads are gaining favor rapidly. Several are being built out of Cincinnati, and over ninety miles are already surveyed and will be built this year in Indiana.

An exchange remarks that in China it is customary to kill poets and cat them, which moves the Norristown *Herald* man to add, "on account of their tender lines, we suppose."

An old but still available Massachusetts statute has been discovered, which prohibits the extension of credit to students in colleges. The penalty is a fine of twice the amount of the debt.

"Pa, I guess your man Ralph is a good Christian." "How so, my boy?" "Why, pa, I read in the Bible that the wicked shall not live out half his days; and Ralph says he has lived out ever since he was a little boy.

Bashful youth (at his wit's end to say something smart) : "Err-I hope you-er-like this-er-weather, Miss Ga-brielle," Miss G.: "Oh, no indeed; whatever makes you think so?" B. Y. "Er-oh, only because-er-everybo says its delightful weather for the little ducks.'

generally will do more than twice as much as one; and three, four or more can work together with proportionate advantage. It is not only pleasanter but easier to work with others than to work said

clause." "What sort of talk is that, Willie,

dear ?" she asked in great surprise. "Never mind the talk, mother, but

The hired girl came in with the dinner

nity and replied :

on record have been performed, and

"Whose house ?" asked the painter.

"Or you can rise to a question of privilege," continued the lad. "I don't want no sass," said the paint-

growled the painter, and he banged Wil-liam into a snowbank and pushed a heap

"Have the minority no rights ?" yelled the boy, as he kicked the painter on the

his mother appeared. The painter moved away at sight of her, but called

"I'll see you again, boy." "I refer the whole subject to father,

cigars.

Wille her husky whispered tenderness "ears from a rock would wring, Baly -is—so-sick--papa--Pui - don't-want-you-to-cry :" The little hands fall on the coverlet-"Be -better-in-mornia'-- bye!

And night around baby is falling, Settling down dark and dense Does God need their darling in heaver That He must carry her hence? I prayed, with tears in my voice, As the corporal solemnly knelt With such grief as never before His great warm heart had felt.

Oh ! frivolous men and women ! Do you know that around you, and nigh-

Alike from the humble and haughly Gooth up everyone the erv -" My child, my precious, my darling, How can I let you die?"

Oh ! hear ye the white lips whisper-"Be-better-in-mornin'-----bye !"

-Leander S. Coan, in Concord Monitor.

THE FAIRY TOOTH

" One afternoon I was hurrying along the street as fast as the snow and ice would let me toward the residence of Miss Constance Howard, and had arrived within a few door of the house, when I saw a small, plainly dressed young woman cautionsly descending the steps, and then as cautiously, with eyes bent on the ground, advancing in my direction. She wore no veil, and as she drew afternoon, in fact-to match Daisy's near to me I studied her face with pleasure. It was such a bright, brown, honest, innocent face.

Well, sir, I was looking so earnestly at this bright, brown, innocent face, and not minding my steps at all, that I never saw a large lump of ice directly in my pathway, and tumbling over it in the the most awkward manner, was precipitated into the very arms of the small woman, my tall hat striking her full in the face

and then bouncing off into the street. I regained my perpendicular in time to hear a half-distressed, half-sharp little voice exclaim : 'Oh, my tooth !' and see a pair of peculiar gray eyes raised to my face, as a pair of reproachfully woolen gloved hands went up to a pair of charming crimson lips. Before I could utter a word of apology and regret she had glided, slided or skated awey, and I stood looking like a fool, and won-dering whether I'd better glide, slide or skate after her, when I saw something glittering on the ice at my feet. stooped and picked it up-a fairy tooth ! You needn't look so horror stricken, Earl ; it wasn't a real one, of course.

" 'Tisn't likely I could have struck the young creature so violent a blow as to knock a tooth that had grown there out of her mouth without knocking her down. It was a false one, but the tiniest I had ever seen in my life, false or real. I looked at it a moment and put it into my pocketbook. The first question that asked Constance, when she came down into the parlor to receive me, was:

" 'Who is the small woman who left this house a short time ago-brown as a gypsy, dark arched eyebrows, nose retrousse, mouth like a baby's, gray eyes, with queer look in them, and woolen gloves ?"

" 'Pray, how long did you look at her?' said Constance.

id road sides. Are you shinn pardon-thought ; 'n were ; and I didn't wonder at it. ' The girl is the life and light of the humble place she calls her home, and to the eyes of her mother there is no sunshine like Daisy's smile,' said Aunt Fidelia ; ' and apropos of that, let me tell you something odd that happened to Miss Russel a couple of days

ago --unless you are sufficiently rested and wish to follow the skaters.' "I assure you, my dear madam, I am not sufficiently rested, and very much interested,' I said. ' Pray go on, "The old lady went on. 'Daisy has the loveliest tiny teeth in the world, but unfortunately last week she broke one of the front ones, Away goes the child to the dentist, and has what was left of it pulled out, and then home to her mother, and smiles. "Oh, dear ! oh dear !" cries the mother-who is, as I told you before, a weak, nervous thing-" where is your tooth ? and where, oh ! where, is your smile?" You see, the tooth, Mr. Douglass, had taken Daisy's smile with it, and the poor girl didn't look at all like Daisy. So the modest little thing,

who hadn't given a thought to her looks herself, sceing her mother's distress, went directly back to the dentist, and begged him to tell her what to "Have a false one in its place," said he; "but it will take some time to get up a permanence, and you must have

something immediately. The only thing we can do is to find a tooth and fasten it in with a bit of wax to serve as a temporary. "'' Easier said than done, Mr. Doug-It took a long while-a whole lass.

pretty teeth; but at last it was done, and the dear little daughter went home in the twilight, and smiled again at her contented mother. Well, a day or two after, going from here, some stupid man sips on the ice, falls violently against child, his tall hat striking her straight in the mouth, and out flies the "temporary," And now Mrs. Russel is

pining for sanshine again,' "'Who was the man?' I asked.

"'Why, what a silly question !' said Aunt Fidelia, sharply. 'How should I know ? And as for Daisy, her near-sighted eyes didn't rest on him an instant, and she couldn't tell him from Adam. So, poor thing, after all her trouble, she's lost the tooth. Can't get another, because she isn't able to recompense the man for the time it would take to find one, and is obliged to go about with her mouth shut. You needn't say how dreadful for a woman; I'll say

it for you. " ' The mother is a seamstress,' said I; 'perhaps my mother, who is kindness itself, could help her to some work that would pay her well. Can you give me her address ?'

"'You're a good boy,' said the unsus-pecting old soul; and scribbling it on one of her own cards, she gave it to me. And now I think you'd better go, Good-night.' "The next day after my highly satis-

factory interview with Mrs. Fairman was St. Valentine's day, and what I considered a happy thought flashed into my

mind, and I instantly proceeded to put it into execution. I bought a pretty little tortoise shell box, laid the tooth in it on a bed of white cotton, in company with two or three small gold pieces to pay for the 'permanence ;' and wrapping

her?' said Constance. " 'Two minutes,' answered I. " 'You saw a great deal in two min-ntes,' she retorted, with a disagreeable the box in a sheet of rose perfumed pa-per, on which I had written a verse or two—what a time I had trying to find rhymes to 'mouth' and 'tooth' !- I sent Renick, held in jail for identification.

" But the end of the story ?" "You've heard the first chapter. The cond and last is a very short one. Perhaps, not being entirely bereft brains, you may have discovered that I was half in love with Miss Russel when I went to offer her an apology for trying

befriend her. Well, sir, I came away wholly in love with her, and that in time she returned my passion may be inferred from the fact that we were married three days ago, on the anniversary of the day I found the fairy tooth-fairy in more senses than one, for it certainly enchanted me, and led me by force of

that enchantment to where happiness and- But don't wait another moment, my dear fellow. Off to your waltz, and when it's over, I'll introduce you to Mrs. Robert Douglass."

A studentnamed Talford, on returning to his home in Missouri recently from the cars, and leaving his sachel of books in his seat, leaped from a train on the North Missouri railroad, as it was going at full speed. He was captured near and was taken to be a wild man. He is

Infectious Disease Propagation.

left to die out. The farm help should so far as possible be domiciled in separate In view of the alarming prevalence of scarlet fever in many parts of the counhouses built for their use. This plan try, the following hints by the British generally secures a better class of work-Medical Journal are wholesome warnmen, besides the further advantage of ings: There are three common ways by two distinct families on the same farm. If possible, neighbors should build their means of which infections diseases may be very widely spread. It is a very houses in clusters, and in all cases should usual practice for parents to take children live and act like neighbors. The German suffering with scarlet fever, measles, etc., custom is to have small villages of farmto a public dispensary, in order to obtain ers, whose land often lies one, two or advice and medicine. It is little less more miles distant. Our practical Yanthan crime to expose, in the streets of a kees scorn this way of doing things. town and in the crowded waiting room of "It is too unhandy for the work." a dispensary, children afflicted with such everything is sacrificed to convenience Again, persons who are refor work. covering from infectiors disorders borplish more than the people of any other country, but the effect is seen in broken row books out of the lending departments of public libraries; these books, on their down constitutions and prematurely old reissue to fresh borrowers, are sources of very great danger. In all libraries, notices should be posted up informing mon, and in our farming population the effects of an almost complete isolation from social life. By-and-bye we shall borrowers that no books will be lent out learn that more is gained by co-operation to persons who are suffering from disthan by isolation. Farmers will work eases of an infectious character; and that together, and their wives will also. The any person so suffering will be prosebaking for a dozen families may be done cuted if he borrow during the time of his in summer by a fire in one large stove or illness. Lastly, disease is spread by range, and a housewife will no more

tract distributors. It is the habit for such well meaning people to call at a hand with the present slow processes house where a person is ill and leave him than her husband would of reaping his tract. In a week or so the tract is grain with a sickle, or thrashing his encalled for again, another left in its place, and the old one is left with another per-

Country Gentleman. son. It needs not much imagination to know with what result to health such a practice will lead if the first person be in

carlet fever or smallpox. Dr. Hutton offers a warning on the reckless manner in which parents allow their healthy children to run into the houses of acquaintances who have mem-bers of their families suffering from scarlatina, etc., and states that he has seen the infection thus carried from the patient, and several families attacked.

A French Story.

One day, on the Boulevard Pereire, Paris, a mad dog started in pursuit of a velocipede, mounted by a boy of fourteen, named Dupraty, living in the Boulevard, No. 16. The chase was a terrible one, and ended in the fall of the boy. Hapbank, draws 200,000 francs and drives to pily it was in the iron of the velocipede wheel that the teeth of the mad buildog closed. * * * There ended the first the jeweler. "What do I owe you for those diamonds?" "Two thousand college in Indiana, became insane on act of the drama. The second follows. francs." In an impulse of pssionate joy at seeing her son saved from so great a danger, Yes. I saw that your lordship was somewhat exhilarated yesterday, and so secouri railroad, as it was going peed. He was captured near Missouri, in a dense thicket, took the liberty of giving you paste diamonds." The prince reflected. He had recovered from the effect of the bright and after an agony of a fortnight the poor mother died, raging mad. eyes and the champagne, and he said : "You did quite right."

was once a Daby. written is the general rule. Farmers A lap dog is a little thing, but he is ant and thoughtless their help, they mistake in this, for no matter how ignorvery silly thing besides.

So

We labor harder and accom-

A Jewel of a Jeweler.

A cross word is a little thing, but it is what stirs up the elephant.

The tongue is a little thing, but it fills Any hired man will do more work the universe with trouble. A star is a little thing, but it can hold

this great world in its arms. An egg is a little thing, but the huge

crocodile creeps into life out of it. A hornet's sting is a little thing, but it sends the schoolboy home howling. An oath is a little thing, but it is recorded in the great ledger in heaven. An orange peel on the sidewalk is a

little thing, but it has upset many a giant. A kind word is a little thing, but it is

inst what soothed the sorrows of the setting hen. in all new settlements, and it is a great

A kiss is a very little thing, but it be-trayed the Son of God into the hands of mistake that this custom has ever been his enemy. A word is a little thing, but one word

has been many a man's destiny, for good or for evil. A spark is a little thing, but it can

light the poor man's pipe, or set the world to burning.

The acorn is a little thing, but the black bear and his family live in the oak that springs from it.

A penny is a very little thing, but the interest on it from the days of Cain and Able would buy out the globe.

A minute is a little thing, but it is long enough to pull a dozen aching teeth, or to get married and have your owa mother-in-law.

Life is made up of little things, Life itself is but a little thing; one breath less, then comes the funeral .- Josh Billings.

The Poor Sheep.

The acuteness of the sheep's ear, it is said, surpasses all things in nature that think of doing the week's washing by I know of. The ewe will distinguish her own lamb's bleat among a thousand, all bleating at the same time. Besides the distinguishment of voice is perfectly tire harvest with a flail, - W. J. F. in reciprocal between the ewe and lamb, who, amid the deafening sound, run to meet one another. There are few things

which have ever amused me more than a A Russian prince invited a couple of sheep shearing, and then the sport continues the whole day. We put the flock into the fold, set out all the lambs to the charming young actress to a little afternoon luncheon, and between bright eyes and champagne found himself over head hill, and then send the ewes to them as they are shorn. The moment that a and ears in love with one of them. They separate as the hour for the evenlamb hears its dam's voice it rushes from ing performance draws nigh, and the prince, still under the influence of the the crowd to meet her, but instead of finding the rough, well clad, comfortable mamma, which it left an hour or a few bright eyes-and champagne-drives to hours ago, it meets a poor, naked, shiv-ering—a most deplorable looking crea-ture. It wheels about, and uttering a the florist's and purchases an exquisite bouquet. This wasn't enough, and he went to the jeweler's and asked for some diamonds; they showed him some single loud, tremendous hleat of perfect destones, but he cries : "Give me a lot-spair, flies from the frightful vision. a handful !" A basket of brilliants is produced, and he sprinkles the bouquet The mother's voice arrests its flight. It returns, flies, and returns again, generwith them abundantly, and drives to the ally for ten or a dozen times, before any theater. Next morning he goes to the reconciliation is perfected.

> Roger M. Sherman was arguing a "Two thousand francs !" ease, and made a point which the judge did not at once see. "Mr. Sherman," said he, "I would thank you to state the point so that I can understand you." Bowing politely, Sherman replied in his blandest manner : "Your honor is not probably aware of the task you are imposing on me,"

Children must have love inside the house and fresh air, and good play, and some good companionship outside-otherwise young life runs the greatest danger in the world of withering, or growing stunted, or, at best, prematurely old and turned inward on itself.

It is surprising how many of the world's most wonderful facts owe their discovery to trivial and unimportant circumstances. But for a piece of ice at the corner of the street on which a gentleman slipped up, we should, perhaps, never have knows that it was enstomary in our best circles to put light colored basements into dark clored pants.

The London customs officers, it is reported, seized twenty-seven gills of a peculiar fluid the other day, and on exmination found it to be nicotine, the product of two thousand five hundred bounds of tobacco sweepings, mixed with alcohol, which virulent fluid was to be used in transforming cabbage leaves into the finest Havana cigars.

Fruit as a Medicine.

The irregular eating of unripe fruit is well known to be unwholesome. The regular and moderate use of well ripened fruit is not so widely a preciated as con-tributing to health. Residents in regions where more or less malaria prevails have discovered that nothing is a more sure preventive of its deleterious effects than

a regular supply of fruit. But fruit will not only prevent disease, but in some instances it has proved one of the best medicines to cure it. Many years ago a chronic cough, which had excited a good of uneasiness, was cured by eating ripe raspberries, recommended by a medical writer of high authority as an excellent expectorant. Severe colds are more apt to occur on the first cool and damp days of autumn than at any other seasons. We have often cured these diseases on the first attack by eating copiously of ripe watermelons. The beneficial effects of drinking freely of cold water on such occasions are well known. Watermelons supply a larger quantity than one could easily swallow in any other way .- Country Gentleman.

Vegetable Electricity.

A botanical traveler in Nicaragua describes through the columns of a Belgian horticultural publication, a species of phytolacca which is in the vegetable world the counterpart of the gymnotns or electric cel. On attempting to gather a branch of this plant the hand feels a shock as if from an electric machine; and a compass is sensibly affected by proximity to the plant, the needle being agitated in proportion to its nearness to the shrub, taking on a rapid gyratory movement when the instrument is placed in the middle of the bush. There is, it seems, no doubt that the phenomena are due to an electrical state of the plant itself; for, first, the intensity of the action varies according to the time of day, being slight during the night, and at its maximum an hour or two after

noon; and, secondly, during stormy weather it considerably increased, while in dry seasons it reaches its minimum, the plant remaining in a withered state until the arrival of rain.