PITTSBURGH GAZETTE

BOYS.

BY JOHN C. SIZE.

"The proper study of mankind is man."—
The most perplexing one, no doubt, is woman;
The noblest study that mankind can seek,
Of all deep problems, fearfully or human,
But of all studies is the round of learning,
From nature's nursery down to human toys,
To minds well tilled for acute discerning,
The sweetest one is that of boys.

If to ask questions that puzzle Plato,
And all the schoolmen of the middle ages,
If to make precepts worthy of old Cato,
Be counted philosophy—our boy's a sage,
If the possession of a seeming fancy—
Although forsooth, the reasoner doesn't know it,
Which he can use in rarest supremacy,
Be thought poetical, your boy's a poet.

If a strong will and most courageous bearing,
If to be cruel as the Roman Nero,
If all that's chivalrous, and all that's daring
Can make a hero, then your boy's a hero.
But charging sore with his increasing stature,
The sin of being too much wiser than you,
And with him gone his former triple nature—
No longer Poet, Hero, now—but Sage!

NOTHING TO SPEAK OF!—Old Gent. 'Pray' my good man, what is the matter?'

Confused Individual. 'Matter, sir! Genim's ose run away with a Broom, sir! Niver see noythink like it in all my born days! Down he comes the 'ill with the shavers a dangling all about his legs—knocks a butcher's cart into a linendraper's shop—bangs agin a carriage and pair, and smashes the panel all to bits—upsets a greengrocer's stall, and if he 'adn't a-run up agin this here cab and dashed it right over, and stopped himself, blowed if I didn't think there'd a been some accident!'

A SPECIMEN OF THE BLUE.—At Chicago a most singular bet was made upon the Presidential election by a German, who bet his house, lot and wife and baby, that Fremont would be elected. After hearing the result, he took his deeds, wife and child, and made a tender of all in good faith. But his friend, having one wife and five children, refused to increase his stock in that way, and, therefore declined to take the poor man's family and property, but gave him a piece of advice; took a drink of beer, and they parted good friends.

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