FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Little Impattence. It takes so many hours to make a day! It takes so many days to make a year! My seventh birthday seems so far away, And yet my eighth, they say, is nowhere

The robins' nest out in the cherry-tree Held four young birds,-naked, and weak and small.

A month ago !- so fast they grew, you see, There's not a robin in the nest at all!

They flew, fu'l grown !- and I'm no bigger now Than when the nest was built that one can

How robins grow so fast, and girls so slow, Is very strange indeed, it seems to me.

I wonder how 'twould seem to be seventeen, And wear long dresses like my Cousin Sue, She has a watch, - the prettiest ever seen, And winds it all herself .- as I should do.

I s'pose I shall be married too, some day, As mamma was. I've seen her veil and

They're in the bureau draw, laid away, She's saving them for me to wear, I guess.

I wonder who I'll have! Not Cousin Joe! Nor teasing Clare! Maybe my Uncle Tim. My papa is the nicest man I know;

But mamma's very sure she can't spare him! -Joy Allison.

Treasures from the Deep.

"The sea," says a writer who has deeply studied the subject, "contains in its bosom an exuberance of life, of which no other region of the globe affords any idea. Our forests do not afford an asylum to nearly so many anisea has its forests, long marine herbs, or the floating banks of sea-weed which the waves have detached. If we could plunge our glances into the liquid crystal of the Indian ocean, we should see realized therein the fairy tales of our infancy. Fantastic shrubs decked with that time published many important living flowers, the richest colors glow-memoirs on the subject, is about to ing everywhere; greens and browns, the issue an exhaustive work on American liveliest reds, and the most intense hedgehogs and sea-stars, of fantastic is anxious to collect from every available forms and varied colors. The sea-anemones, like great cactus flowers, adorn the rocks with their crowns, or spread over the ocean like a flower-bed of brilliant flowers. The humming-birds of ocean, small, gleaming fishes, some bright, with a metallic splendor of blue or vermilion, some with a gilded green or dazzling silver luster, play around the coral bushes. Light as spirits of the abyss, the white or blue bells of the medusa float through this enchanted

vide us with many wonderful and beautiful things. See, here is an oyster. "Not much beauty here," you say. No, but much to wonder at. He does not seem well placed for happiness, though without a doubt he has his joys. His life is spent between two heavy, stony plates, with which he can secure himself. Those lovely things called pearls are, however, his special treasure. their bodies. Pearly matter is thrown by the Supreme Court of the United out freely on the injured spot, which States. "Sealed mailed matter," size. Or sometimes a grain of sand gets from examination and inspection, except him, upon which he coats it over with pearly matter.

he wants a new shell now and then. When he feels that he must cast off his when he feels that he must cast off his old shell he first of all gets into some hole, where he can lie safely while he is weak and helpless. Then he goes without food until he is very thin, and his clothes hang about him, as we say. In this state a new shell, soft and elastic, forms about his body. Then the crab struggles and splits his old shell, and palls his long legs out of his boots. When he has got safely over this strange process the crab increases rapidly in process the crab increases rapidly in size, and his new suit becomes in a fow days as hard as his former one,

Here is a star-fish, or asteria, often called the five finger. Its mouth, you see, is in the middle of the under side, and it is a great devourer of small shellfish. It is considered so destructive to systers, that by old laws, every man was liable to be punished who did not kill the five-finger when he saw it.

And what is this mass of jelly? It is creature called the medusa, or seaottle. It has received its latter name cause it makes your skin smart when on touch it. While the medusa is loating, many tentacles or nets may be seen hanging from its underside. With these it catches food. If you take a medusa alive, you will find it impossible to hold it in your fingers. It will divide to parts and fell a shapeless mass nto parts and fall a shapeless mass. cometimes these strange animals may be seen below a ship's keel, glowing like white-hot cannon balls.

oft, jelly-like substance, sometimes shaped like a bell or a pill-box. The mouth in the upper side are arranged a high it can slowly crawl.

prosed the creature sucks the

TIMELY TOPICS.

A late invention combines an ironingtable, step-ladder and a chair.

perance by a strictly farinacecus diet, has been tested in twenty-seven cases in this country with very good effect;

Professor Riley, the government ento-mologist, estimates that the annual loss destructive insects is not less than \$150,-

The great middle State streams, like the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio, are being stocked by Professor Baird's fish hetching establishment with millions of shad eggs and California salmon,

of his class in a German university, in 1870. He was heir to \$80,000, and his prospect of a successful career could hardly have been brighter. A few days ago he died in St. Louis, where he had for a year been a porter in a medical college. An appetite for opium killed

In some parts of China crickets are regularly trained for combat, by being kept in small, earthenware pots, with a little mould and a tiny cup of water, and fed on fish, insects, boiled chestnuts and boiled rice. If they catch cold their health is restored by rations of mosquitoes. At the cricket pit they are matched according to size, weight and color, and a cricket that wins many victories mals as do those of the ocean. For the is highly honored, and buried in a small silver coffin when it dies.

The Smithsonian Institution, which has been engaged for more than a quarter of a century in researches into the antiquities of America, and has during archæology with numerous illustrations blues. The sand is sprinkled with sea- and maps. The institution, therefore, source whatever is known or can be ascertained by special investigation, of the antiquities of North America, and it invites the co-operation of all interested in the work.

Upon the appearance of rolling-chairs at the Paris Exposition nobody could be induced to ride in them. At last an old gentleman, being much entreated and being promised that the trip should cost him nothing, took his seat and was world."

But if our coasts do not present us such a fairy land as this, they yet prolouder, and presently he had a large surrounding. In disgust he left the chair, and then found that a placard upon it said that it was "especially useful for elderly and weak persons, particularly for men suffering from the results of overdrinking."

The question whether postal officials have a right, under any circumstances, except by due process of law, to open They are caused by wounds made by letters or sealed packages in the mails, worms boring the shells and hurting has again been answered in the negative soon becomes a pearl of greater or less says the decision, "is as fully guarded into the oyster's house and irritates as to their outward form and weight, as if they were retained by the parties forwarding them in their own domiciles, Here is a little crab. It lives, you see, in a hard shell. The shell does not grow, but the crab does, and therefore unreasonable searches and seizures extends to their papers, thus closed against inspection, wherever they may be. No

> captain and a clergyman, who were buried beneath the floor in endeavoring to rescue the inmates. The fireman remained trying to extricate the captain, but without avail, till the flesh peeled off his hands and face. He has died from his wounds, has been buried at the nation's expense, and for a month his name will be read out first on the roll-call of every regiment in the army.
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> Jean Plantier is a pointsman, and a few months ago, in endeavoring to close the gates of a crossing, he was struck down by a goods train, and his arm amputated. Not a soul was within reach, and aware that an express train was due, he tied up the bleeding stump, and remained at his post till a station-master, informed by the engine-driver that some accident had occurred, picked up the arm from the rail and succored the hero,

> > Lost Her Head.

A Boston letter says: Every one knows that among all the rest of our schools Perhaps the most wonderful crea-ares of all, if we consider their works, now for a woman who seeks to become a re the Polypi. These animals are of a physician to make herself familiar with all the principles of practice and all the shaped like a bell or a pill-box. The secrets of medicine and surgery. A secrets of medicine and surgery. A young student who has pursued her to this class. Round an opening or studies up to a certain point in another city came to Boston last winter and pronumber of arms, like the petals of a daisy, by means of which the creature likes his prey. The prey is sometimes quite as large as the polypi itself, but is sucked into the interior and there is sucked into the interior and there is sucked into the interior and there is one, because of the sum of mal-flower is fixed on a rock, along haps to catch her courage, she over The polypi form the substances called soral and madrepore. By their means immense reefs of solid rock, which stem the mighty waves and form large islands, are raised in mid ocean.

One of the work washing transport of the mighty waves and form large islands, are raised in mid ocean. One of the most useful treasures of the sea is the Sponge. It is believed to be an animal, but the lowest of all animals. No feelings have ever yet been discovered in the sponge, though it has been pinched and tortured with red-hot rans. It is pierced in all directions by all, out of which opening streams of are being constantly discharged. posed the creature sucks the encouragingly, "If you'll wait a minute, miss, you'll be all right. They all of 'em feels this way at the first start." But "miss" didn't wait that day.

Carious Nest of a Poisonous Insect.

The nest of the tarantula, occasionally found, excites the admiration of The exact cost of the construction of the Paris Exposition buildings and grounds is now estimated at 45,300,000 francs, or \$9,060,000.

Liebig's experiment of curing intemboth old and young, and, indeed, interior is lined with a silky material as fine and white as satin. Just at the surface of the ground is a circular opening nearly an inch in diameter. Into this fits a little door or lid made of mologist, estimates that the annual loss sand and fine gravel glued together, to agriculture in the United States from This lid is lined with the same silken stuff as the nest proper, and at one side has a hinge made of many strands of the same. This door the tarantular can open and close at pleasure. When the lid is closed it is almost impossible to find the nest, as owing to the sand and gravel on its upper side it presents the same appearance as the surrounding ground, from which were gathered Frederick Hasse graduated at the head | the materials of which it was construct-

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One certain way of not boring is never to give people too much of our company. This is a rule difficult to observe. There are times when we are too ready to believe that our friends want us more than they really do. We take their pro-testations literally, and when they say they could live with us forever and a day, we positively give them the day. This is a great mistake. Probably six hours of the day would have been quite sufficient. But we are unwilling to believe that our fascinations are so weak as not to stand a longer trial, and yielding to that weak prejudice in our own favor we become unmitigable bores. It would be well if we could hold the hand-glass up to our failings in this respect and see ourselves as we really are.

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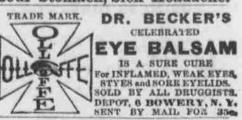
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