## The Young Folks.

THE FIRST PARTY.

Miss Annabel McCarty Was invited to a party, Your company from four to ten," the invita tion said;

And the maiden was delighted To think she was invited To sit up till the hour when the big folks went

The crazy little midget Ran and told the news to Bridget, Who clapped her hands, and, danced a jig, to Annabel's delight, And said, with accents hearty,

"Twill be the swatest party If ye're there eryself, me darlint! I wish it was to-night!"

The great display of frilling Was positively killing! And, oh, the little booties! and the lovely sash so wide! And the gloves so very cunning!

She was altogether "stunning." And the whole McCarty family regarded her with pride. That I I I

They gave minute directions, With copious interjections Of "Sit up strait!" and "Don't do this, or that !-'twould be absurd !" But, what with their caressing, And the agony of dressing, Miss Annabel McCarty didn't hear a single

There was music, there was dancing, And the sight was most entrancing. As if fary-land, and floral band, were holding

There was laughing, there was pouting; There was singing, there was shouting: And old and young together made a carnival of glee.

Miss Annabel McCarty Was the youngest in the party, And every one remarded that she was beauti fully dressed; Like a doll she sat demurely On the sofa, thinking surely It would never do for her to run and frolic with the rest.

The noise kept growing louder; The naughty boys would crowd her: "I think you're yery rude indeed!" the little lady said;

And then, without a warning, Her home instructions scorning. She screamed: "I want my supper !want to go to bed !"

Now big folks, who are older, Need not laugh at her, nor scold her, For doubtless, if the truth were known, we've often felt inclined To leave the ball, or party, As did Annabel McCarty, But we had n't her courage, and we could n't

The Bee That saved a Kingdom.

-Josephine Pollard, St. Nicholas for February.

speak our mind!

Here is a fable that has never been told in print, though it is very popular in the Bee country: Are

Once upon a time, there was a bad a certain good law.

law,-it is too good. It will make peace. feed them when severe storms prevail.-Here is the law I wish to make. Then all my people will go to war."

The two documents lay in front of him on the table all written out, and whichever he signed would be the law of the land. He took up a big quill pen, drew the bad law nearer to him, and dipped the pen in the ink.

Just then, a bee began to buzz. It was a wise bes.

Z-z-z-z! No zuch zlaw zhall pazz! nzzer-ze ozzer!"

bee lit on the end of his nose and stung him, just a little, still buzzing; "Zign ze ozzer-zign ze ozzer-ze ozzer-ze ozzer -ze ozzer."

"Open the window, and drive out this bee, or kill him," roared the king.

They opened the window. Out flew the bee, and in rushed the wind. It blew in very hard. The papers flapped and flew across the table. The had man ter to purchase these now, when we have Blunderouss"—and nothing could alter it. it. Then he saw that in his haste and rage he had signed the good law. But he was too proud to own his mistake.

whispered to the honeysuckles:

zhall be peaze and happinezz!"

best honey, and the people outside of the manure to offset the greater cost of cartking's palace built great bonfires and ing out in spring. We can accept this shouted with joy:

"Long live the king! Long live the considerable distance from the barns. good King Blunderbuss!"

have heard for many a year."

king made only good laws, and to the end of his days his people shouted

"Long live the king!"

a par with each other.

# Farm and Kousehold.

Keep the Animals Warm.

The first cold blast of wind from the north is a reminder that animals, however tough and hardy, need shelter in winter. It will take less food to keep farm stock over winter in warm stables than when exposed to severe cold. Of course. good wood, stone, or brick barns and stables are expensive, and there are many farmers, especially in the recently settled districts, who have not the means to build such structures, but there is no one who is too poor to furnish some kind of a shelter for their animals. If a man cannot afford to build what he desires, let him do the next best thing, and build something which will furnish shelter, even if it is nothing better than a shed, with sod for walls, and a roof of brush or cornstalks. All attempts at elegance or extra convenience may be left out of the question where a man's purse is light; still it is economy to keep all farm stock sheltered from cold, wind, and storm in winter, even if the owner does not possess enough of the humane feelings to care for their comfort.

More than one-half of all the diseases and parasites which infest farm stock are the direct result of neglecting to furnish them with proper food or shelter during cold, stormy winter. Cattle of all kinds, when forced to remain in muddy, wet yards, during cold weather, are liable to various diseases of the feet, such as hoofail and foot rot, and the best preventative is dry ground, or yards littered with straw or some similar coarse material. Standing a long time in filth, whether in the stable or yard, is almost certain to bring on disease of the feet. All kinds of farm stock are liable to take cold when exposed to storms, and from this comes a weakened constitution, wnich invites various kinds of disease and parasitic insects.— Weakened vitality or vigor in either plants or animals opens the way to hundreds of parasites which are resisted by the healthy individual, and the farmer should keep his animals in a condition which will enable them to ward off the attacks of such enemies. He has only to think of his own comforts, such as nutritious feed and warm clothing, and consider how the reverse of these conditions would effect him, to understand how it is with his animals.

It is unnecessary to go into details in regard to the building of sheds, stables, or other kinds of structures for sheltering stock in Winter, as every man knows best what materials are at hand or within reach suitable for such purposes, but the fact should be apparent to all breeders of animals that in all cold climates some kind of protection is required. Out on the plains and prairies of the West and Southwest it is often asserted that sheep need no protection in Winter, and it is even claimed by some that they do better without it than with it; but the frequent heavy losses by cold, starvation, and diseases, plainly show that all this talk of mildness of climate is an error. Sheep and other farm stock may live through the Winter without artificial shelter or more food than can be obtained on the range in these favored localities, but they would certainly do better with added. king, and the people wished him to make comforts every Winter, and occasionally heavy losses might be avoided by make-"No," said he, "I will not make that ing the necessary provision to protect and

## February Hints.

The seeds for the coming seasons use had better be selected and purchased now than to wait till just before wanting to use them. Much better selections can be made, too, where time is taken to study into the matter of varieties. Many of our crop yields can be greatly increased by the proper attention to the selection of seed. Let us think of and attend to buzzed the bee, over and over again; but this in season—and now is the season. no one neticed him. Zign ze ozzer-ze When we raise some kinds of our own seed, it is well to prepare them for use in The king would not listen; so the wise the present leisure time, selecting the good from the bad, and storing in a dry. moderately cool place, for proper preser-

After a careful overhauling of the implements in the tool room, as advised last month, and having laid our plans of work for the coming year, we are in a condition to know what implements we need for the year's operations. It is betwas so mad that he stamped his foot, ample time for selection then to put it off seized one of the papers, and signed it until the last moment when selection is in a rage. There was his name—"King rather a matter of convenience than mer-

Manure from the cellar may be carted out upon the distant fields. It is doubtless true that exposure to the weather The bee hurried to the garden and will not injure the manure when it is frozen up or covered by snow. Some "Zome of your bezt-zome of your claim that exposure to any weather exbezt! The good law iz zigned, and all perienced from January to the spring So the honeysuckles gave him all their ammoniacal element of fertility of the as true of that which is to be carted to a

Sandbanks which are accessible, and "Oho!" said the king to himself, when there are many such, may be opened and he heard this; "this is the best sound we sand carted for use in stables as an ab sorbent. The meadows, where muck or And after that, he was afraid to give organic matter prenominates in the soil way to anger. for fear he might sign a will be greatly benefited by a coat of sand bad law, by mistake. The bee did not spread upon its surface. When the snow have to light on his nose again. The is on the ground, is the best season for accomplishing this work. The sand may be deposited in heaps, and spread in spring; then be plowed under or allow--St. Nicholas for February. ed to remain on the surface as circumstances dictate. Sand incorporated with We would know one another better the surface of a cranberry meadow, partdid we not always try to put ourselves on ly run out, with the addition of a good dressing of lime (300 to 500 pounds per

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