

HER BOY.

Where is the child that used to play
Around her while she sewed away—
Whose baby rhymes she used to hear,
Forgetting that the world was drear?

Where is the child that used to place
His cheek against her pallid face,
Who used to sing, all unaware
Of troubles she was forced to bear?

Where is the child who made her glad,
Who was the only hope she had,
For whom she toiled, for whom she
Prayed,
For whom her fondest plans were laid?

The child is gone! She sits alone—
He's claimed another as his own—
They've flown, but they'll return anon—
The mother's lips are white and drawn.

Her poor, old, torn-wool fingers bleed;
She sits alone in drear need,
And thinks—oh, solemn thought and grim!
The girl's not good enough for him.

—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.



ANDY SHOWERS does not ask for anybody's sympathy because one of his eyes is gone and he wears a glass counter-foil in its place. Indeed, the chief fun of his life is focused upon that glass eye. Every week or two he has a new joke about it, and in telling it he laughs louder and longer than anybody else.

"Long about thrashing time," he says, "I've got the best of the men with two good eyes. If one eye catches a thimbleful of dust two catches two thimblefuls. That's plain enough for a man with no eyes to see. And if a whole pile of specks cost \$5 half a pair oughtn't to fetch more'n \$2.50. If I want to go to sleep when Elder Jones is preaching I just keep this bad lump of mine on picket duty and dose off with the oiler."

From the nature's standpoint of numbers Andy is better off with eyes than any of his neighbors. He has the biggest collection in Shelby County—eyes for work days and eyes for Sundays, eyes for weddings and eyes for funerals, eyes with stony stares and eyes with romantic dreams in them. He always speaks of his ophthalmic prop-

"While you hadn't seen pa's eye, have you?" asked his mother.

There was a moment of silence and Willie's lips quivered violently. He knew his time had come.

"Johnnie Silver's got it," he whimpered.

"Why, how in the world did Johnnie Silver get it?" pressed Mrs. Showers.

"He—he beat."

"Beat what?"

"Playing marbles."

The next day Johnnie Silver traded back the store eye for the biggest marble in town, and Andy Showers gave him the marble—John Howard Todd, in the Chicago Record-Herald.

Domestic Ice Machines.

Periodically the question is asked why there is nothing available in the shape of a small ice or refrigerating machine for domestic use. That such a machine is in wide demand and would meet with a ready sale is generally admitted, so that to many it seemed all the more curious, no doubt, that commercial enterprise did not long ago undertake to solve the problem.

The whole question, however, may be answered by the statement that no better method of refrigeration has yet been found than the use of ammonia in a smaller system, which involves the use of certain pressures and a certain number of elements in the cycle, such as compression, expansion and condensation, regardless of whether the plant is to turn out a fraction of a ton or a hundred tons. The handling of the refrigerating cycle and the safe manipulation of pressure requires skill—in fact, a skill somewhat above the average, and which cannot be expected from ordinary domestics. It, therefore, seems that the facts as they stand at present preclude the possibility of small domestic ice or refrigerating plants, and will so continue until some system may be devised differing widely from those now in use.—Cassier's Magazine.

A Judge's Daughter Opens a Barber Shop

Because she was turned down by the Barbers' Union Mary Clagett, daughter of the late Judge W. H. Clagett, of Spokane, Wash., has opened a barber shop of her own, the first one of its kind in the State. Judge Clagett was one of the best known men in the Northwest. He was once elected a Senator from Idaho, but was not seated, owing to a technicality. He represented Montana in Congress in his earlier years. After his death his daughter sought employment in barber shops as a livelihood. She had learned the trade in Chicago. The local union would not admit her so she started alone, keeping up union prices and making no complaint. She is a bright, intelligent woman, and while her family objects to her present employment she is cheerful and determined to continue. Many of her father's old-time friends patronize her.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Clock at Greenwich.

The clock at the Greenwich Observatory is the most important one in Europe, for it furnishes correct time all over that part of the globe. It is, therefore, looked after and regulated with the greatest care, and is never allowed to get more than one-tenth of a second fast or slow. Of course, it is impossible to correct so small an error by moving the hands, but an electro-magnet serves the purpose admirably. The magnet is near the pendulum, which it attracts the least bit when the electrical current is turned on. The current is so timed that it delays the pendulum if the clock is fast, or quickens it if the clock is slow. In this way a few thousand swings of the pendulum will correct the error of a tenth of a second.—Jewelers' Review.

The Value of a Rich Mind.

A rich mind will cast over the humblest home a radiance of beauty and wholesomeness which an upholsterer or a decorator can never equal. Emerson says, "There is no beautifier of complexion, form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy, and not pain, around us."—Success.

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