

A MAN'S THOUGHTS.

Work, there is work to be done, A whole day's work in a day; From the rising sun to the setting sun Work for all who may.

Living Beyond Their Means.

BY HELEN FORRESTER GRAVES.



FIVE pounds of grapes!" said old Mrs. Mildmay, in astonishment. "Are you quite sure that you understood your mistress's order, Hester? White grapes are sixty cents a pound, and surely for so small a dinner party as this—"

Of course one can't live without money, especially if one goes into society." Rufus whistled under his breath. "But, Rosamond," said he, "if a man's income is a hundred dollars a month, and he spends two hundred, how are the accounts to balance at the year's end?"

And then begin the record of existence anew." And up in the little room which he had occupied as a child, Rufus Mildmay slept the first peaceful slumbers which had descended upon his weary eyelids for many and many a night.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

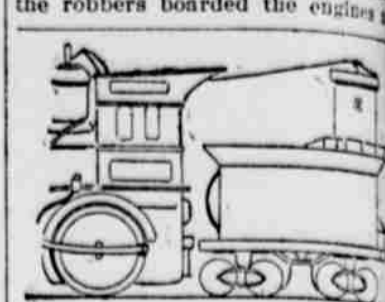
Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Caring Children.

Our Boys. "What shall we do with our boys?" he said. Old Merchant Brown, to his business wed, As with puzzled brow he shook his head.

Skeleton in the Closet. A few days ago the little son of a well-known physician was entertaining a playmate at his father's house. As children will, they ransacked every nook and corner of the building. Their curiosity led them to explore the recesses of a closet in which the doctor keeps his instruments and other personal effects, among which is a complete skeleton.

DISCOURAGING TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Louisiana Convict Invents a Robber-Proof Tender. Frank Ryan, a convict in the Louisiana State prison at Baton Rouge, has patented an invention for the protection of train robbers, which, he is bound to revolutionize the express business.



A ROBBER-PROOF LOCOMOTIVE.

compelled the engineer and fireman to go with them to the express car, and adds: "It has always been considered that anything to prevent these robberies would come from the brain of a convict."

The "Messenger Revolving Pick" is the name of this convict's patent. It is an ingenious system to protect the tender, in which an armed guard takes his place when the train pulls out of the depot. This house is made of boiler plate or steel, and it does not exceed 500 pounds in weight.

The little house is about four feet high, so as to allow a man to sit in a comfortable position and yet so high as to strike bridges or the roofs of tunnels. In the front there is a door that is fastened on the inside with a bolt after the guard enters. There are portholes in the door and sides, so the guard can open at will, thus giving him a good view of the engine and the country at large.

The picket house revolves like the turret of a man-of-war, and under the corner there is a roller. To fasten the picket house on the tender there are sockets and four rings, and on the tender there are four chains with snags, which catch in the rings. The whole is held in place by a pivot in the center.

When the train is made up the press guard mounts the engine, and the picket house and platform, rifles, revolvers, etc., inside. When the train pulls out he enters and fastens the door and sitting down, lights a pipe and begins to keep his eye out for robbers.

When the train nears a water station he covers the engine, and would take a man with more than ordinary nerve to attempt to board the engine with a rifle barrel or a shot looking him in the face. In the event of the train being cut in two the engineer could tell in a moment by jumping of the reverse lever and motion. The guard could hand a rifle to the engineer and fireman each a rifle by backing up to the detached part of the express train they could stop the express train.

Convict Ryan says of this patent claim for my invention that it affords complete protection for the engine and fireman, with no danger to guard unless it be that the engine is thrown from the track. With a determined man on the inside of the picket house it would be an utter impossibility for an armed body of men to stop, mite and rob the express car."

General Hancock's Firmness. General Hancock was in command of the train which brought General Grant's remains from Mt. McGregor, New York. He and his staff were the coach next to the last. In the car was a party of Pennsylvania State officers, who were popping an occasional bottle of champagne and being quite sociably. General Hancock saw through from his car what was going on in the rear. It did not report with his ideas of the propriety so solemn an occasion, and, calling the conductor, he said:

"Will you present my compliments to those gentlemen, with the request that they cease smoking and drinking." In a few moments the conductor turned with the announcement that the convict officers returned their compliments with a peremptory decision to relinquish their cigars or wine.

"Where is the next switch?" "Hancock." "About five miles below," replied the conductor.

"When you reach it, if the smoking and drinking in that car has not switched in on a sidetrack and left you, you may tell the gentlemen you have said."

In two minutes cigars and wine were not to be seen in the rear coach, occupants knew that Hancock was just what he said.

A woodsman does not expend a powerful blow upon a mighty tree, then stop, expecting the majestic monarch to fall; nor does a wise merchant send forth a few flaring advertisements, expecting business to fortune to come without further effort.



But I've bought me this alarm clock, and it's set at half-past four.

An Example to Others. Said the Gump, "I know full well that I'm as lazy as can be; I often waste the golden morning hours in sleep, you see;

This Is Miss Piper. Did you meet Miss Piper? If you wish to make her acquaintance, I will tell you how to do so. Take a common clay pipe and insert it in a spool of coarse black linen thread. Make a dress, cap, shawl and white apron, and paint eyes, mouth and cheeks. Miss Piper's nose is provided for, as you can see. Hang on her arm a small, black silk bag filled with shoe buttons. Pin her shawl with a coarse needle. On her apron write the following lines:



LITTLE MISS PIPER.

My name is Miss Piper, I'm not a penwiper, But if from your shoes Your buttons you lose Just bring them to me, And quickly you'll see With what great delight I'll sew them on tight.

A Polar City. Numbers of explorers who have sought the Arctic regions in quest of the Pole have told of a mysterious city mirrored against the northern sky—state buildings in choice architecture, tall and imposing spires, but such as differ from anything we know about. Whether the foundation of this mirage is a reality and only unrecognizable because of transposition as to directions, whether it is a work of some mysterious remnant of our race that once occupied the Pole, or whether this is some fanciful feature of the frost, as the peculiar shrubbery we see on the window pane—whatever this is, it must be consigned to the perplexing enigmas of the unknown region. Who knows but some spot, once the theater of busy and advanced human life, may have escaped the general cataclysmal wreck, and this city may be the silent and as yet undiscovered witness of pre-polar time, standing alone in the dead desolation, in the rigid shroud of now polar death! If we must be barred from entering this undiscovered country, we may add to our equipment by a careful noting of its mirage, and then give to the base of these phenomena a most thorough study.

Why He Had to Laugh. "We had better watch the bookkeeper a little," said the senior partner. "He has been buying a bicycle." "But you can hardly call that an extravagance," said the junior partner. "No, but it is likely to make him crooked." And the junior partner, who had entered the firm by the son-in-law route, dutifully laughed.—Indianapolis Journal.

Brains and Cold Weather. Extreme cold, as is well known, exerts a benumbing influence upon the mental faculties. Almost every one who has been exposed for a longer or a shorter period, to a very low temperature, has noted a diminution in will power, and often a temporary weakening of the memory. Perhaps the largest scale upon which this action has ever been studied was during the retreat of the French from Moscow. The troops suffered extremely from hunger, fatigue and cold—from the latter perhaps most of all. A German physician who accompanied a detachment of his countrymen has left an interesting account of their trials during this retreat. From an abstract of this paper by Dr. Rose, in the "Medicinische Monatschrift," we find that of the earliest symptoms referable to the cold was a loss of memory. This was noted in the strong as well as those who were already suffering from the effects of the hardships to which they had been exposed. With the first appearance of a moderately low temperature (about five degrees above zero Fahrenheit), many of the soldiers were found to have forgotten the names of the most ordinary things about them, as well as those of the articles of food for which they were perishing. Many forgot their own names, and those of their comrades. Others showed pronounced symptoms of mental disturbance, and not a few became incurably insane, the type of their insanity resembling very closely senile dementia. The cold was probably not alone responsible for these effects, for a zero temperature is rather stimulating than paralyzing in its action upon the well-fed and healthy. These men were half starved, poorly clad, worn out with long marching, many already weakened by dysentery and other diseases, and all mentally depressed, as an army in defeat always is. It needed, therefore, no very unusual degree of cold to produce the psychic effects observed under other circumstances only as a consequence of exposure to an extremely low temperature.—New York Advertiser.

The Sparkstoeiting. One of the novel ideas for transportation over snow and ice which is to be introduced this year is the sparkstoeiting or Norwegian sled. The sled consists of two ten-foot long runners of seasoned pine, which are about an inch thick and four inches wide, turned up at the end like an old-fashioned pair of skates. Near the center of the runner, a little to the front of the exact center, there are fixed two light uprights, three feet high, fitted in some cases with a light crossbar, and these uprights are gnyed to the turned-up ends by light but strong pieces of wood, so that they will remain rigid, the two runners are also gnyed across the ends at the front to keep them the right distance apart. Just behind each of the uprights there is a foothole made on each of the runners by tiny blocks of wood, which keep the foot from slipping off and gives it a front brace.—Current Literature.

Effective Scheme for Catching Rats. One of the funniest and, at the same time, most effective schemes for catching rats has been devised by J. B. Greene, of Garmon's. He has a two-bushel washpot which was half filled with water and cotton seed. A board was placed to run from the floor to the top of the pot for the rats to walk up on and dive off. The largest number caught in one night was fourteen and the smallest eight. The total catch was sixty-nine.—New York World.



JAPANESE CARICATURE OF THE CHINESE—THE ORDER OF DECAPITATION AS PRACTICED IN CHINA. Capt. Fong. Gen. Nieh. Gen. Ma. Gen. Wei. Gen. Yeh. Gen. Sung. Admiral Viceroy Prince Kung. The Emperor. From the Jiji Shimpo of Tokio. Ting. Li Hung Chang.