

Song and Story

THE SILLY LITTLE GIRL.

She is such a little girl!— Such a pretty little girl!
 And pasted on her forehead is a cunning little curl.
 And on her youthful cheek, alas! like peach-blow showing taint
 Or courtesan in temple white, a little daub of paint.
 For the childish ignoramus, the sprightly little fool,
 As dainty as a butterfly and stubborn as a mule,
 Has the idiotic notion that the stuff that mars and harms
 Will add to her attractiveness, will multiply her charms.
 She is such a little girl!—such a winsome little girl!
 One grieves to see her captive in Miss Vanity's mad whirl.
 She is ramping like a thoroughbred all ready for the race—
 A silly little filly that can never keep the pace.
 Poor little kid! She's never learned while striving after style
 That the cheeks by Heaven painted are the only kind worth while—
 I wonder why her mother doesn't spank her, as she ought ter!
 Well, maybe, 'tis because mamma is as foolish as her daughter!

A Doubtful Compliment

The banquet hall was adorned with many beautiful paintings and the president of the little college was called upon to respond to a toast. Wishing to pay a compliment to the ladies present he designated the paintings with an eloquent gesture and said: "What need is there of these painted beauties when we have so many with us at the table?"

One On Billy

Billy Sunday stopped a newsboy in Philadelphia the other day and inquired the way to the postoffice.
 "Up one block and turn to the right," said the boy.
 "You seem a bright little boy," said Sunday. "Do you know who I am?"
 "Nope."
 "I'm Billy Sunday, and if you come to my meeting tonight I'll show you the way to Heaven."
 "Aw, go on!" answered the youngster; you didn't even know the way to the postoffice."

Repented Her Choice

A short time ago a servant living in Yorkshire, gave notice of leaving her situation, informing her mistress that she was about to be married.
 As the time drew near for leaving, she addressed her mistress thus:
 "Please, mum, have you got a girl yet?"
 "No, Bridget. Why do you ask?"
 "Because, if you haven't I should like to stay."
 "Why, I thought you were going to marry the sweep!"
 "Oh, yes mum," replied Bridget, hesitatingly. "But when I saw 'im with 'is face washed I felt I could not love 'im."—Tit-Bits.

A Gentle Hint

A bachelor had courted a girl for a long time without coming to the point. One evening in Leap Year, the young lady being musical, he took her to a concert.
 The orchestra played No. 6, a selection that seemed to the bachelor very beautiful. He bent his head over his companion and whispered:
 "How lovely that is! What is it, do you know?"
 She smiled demurely and replied in a low, thrilling voice: "It is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"
 "The Maiden's Prayer," he repeated in astonishment. "Why—"
 But she handed him her program, pointing to No. 6 with her finger.
 He read and started for the real name of the selection was "Mendelssohn's Wedding March." He bought the ring the next day.

Whenever I get in a fog and can't see clear and so tired out I can't eat and plum run down, I say to myself: "Your folks ain't ever flunked yet, and you just keep your head up where the Lord put it." He put it up.

Folks see me laugh a lot. I do, I couldn't learn to play on the piano, though I'm clean crazy about music. I couldn't learn none of the things I yearned for inside, so I said to myself: "You learn to laugh, laugh hearty," and somehow it's helped a lot, laughin' has. There's many a time I done it to keep the tears back. Ain't nobody but has tears to shed some time or other. But 'tain't no use in keepin' a tank of 'em to be tapped at every slip-up. When I get so I can't keep mine back any longer I goes to the 'wood-house and locks the ' door and have it out. But that's just when I'm tired out and there don't seem nothin' ahead.

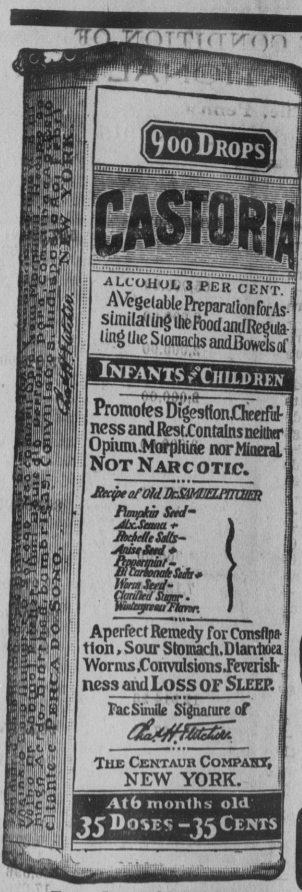
—Kate Langley Bosher.
 From "Miss Ghibbie Gault."

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DEDICATED.

The Pike Church of the Brethren about five miles west of Somerset was dedicated on Sunday May 9, with services beginning at ten o'clock in the morning in charge of H. S. Replogle, of Sealp Level. The church cost about \$5,000.

For many years there were two Churches of the Brethren in the western part of the county, known as the Plank Road Church and the Kimmell Church, erected probably 50 and 40 years ago respectively, their memberships being branches of the Middlecreek congregation. About a year ago the members of the two branches decided to unite in the erection of a single house of worship, and selected a site about five miles west of Somerset and almost midway between the old churches which have been sold and will be torn down by the purchasers. The new building, the dimensions of which are 40 by 46 feet, framed and cased with brick, was completed in the latter part of last December, but although meetings have been held in it since then, it was not permanently furnished until a month ago.

The 92nd annual session of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which includes the Allegheny, Blairsville, McKeesport, Pittsburg and Washington districts, will be held in Christ M. E. Church, East End Pittsburg, on September 15, two weeks earlier than usual. The semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops has just adjourned at Des Moines, Ia., and Bishop Earl Cranston has been named to preside over the Pittsburg Conference session.



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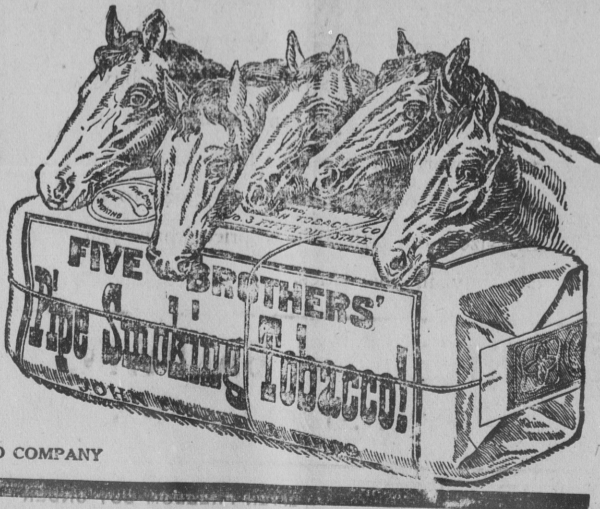
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