

A BOY'S VACATION TIME.

Hail, that long awaited day,
When the school books laid away,
All the thoughts of merry youngsters turn
From pages back to play.

DEERSKIN BILL'S STORY.

By THEODORE R. JENNESS.

URING a visit in Denver,
some months ago, my attention
was attracted one morning
by a sound of lively greeting on the
piazza just below my
chamber window.

"Come down, please do. He's here,
and there'll be such exciting talk!"
Descending, I found my three young
cousins gathered about the queerest,
jolliest-looking man I have ever seen
my good fortune to behold.

"Consin," Bessie said, with charming
dignity, "allow me to introduce to
you our particular friend, Deerskin
Bill."

"Five years ago I saw the sunrise
up there on Pike's Peak on New Year's
morn, and 'twas with rememberin',
I was huntin' a black-tailed deer up
ther, but when the sun riz I forgot the
deer, and bless me of I've remembered
him to this day."

"I think we need a change in the
ideals of our settlement work," said
Miss A. L. Fairfield, who has been
connected with settlement work for
several years in New York.

"To settle a bet," said the visitor to
the sanctum, "how long can a man go
without eating?"

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"Waal, it's enough to say 'twas a
tough job, but I wasn't quite ready to
be roasted, and Willie had a mother
waitin' for him back beyond the
prairies, so I persevered till the bands
gave way, and when my hands was
free I didn't lose no time in gettin'
out my knife, which the Injuns had
forgot to rob me of, and cuttin' off the
rest o' my fingers. Then I walked over
to Willie and set him free."

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every time," returned Deerskin Bill,
reflectively. "Tain't best to indulge
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DOCTORS.
Have confidence in doctors,
Whatever you may do;
Thought you may be at death's door,
They'll surely pull you through.

LASTING EFFECTS.
Howell—"A good deal depends on the
formation of early habits."

AS TO THE MODE.
Waiter—"Did you order beef a la
mode, sir?"

GREATEST OF THE GREAT.
She (at the piano)—"Who, in your es-
timation, is the greatest living com-
poser?"

AN IMPROVING INFLUENCE.
"Say, wot's de matter wit' Chimmy?
Dis mornin' he got a crack wit' a golf
ball, an' he says 'Oh gracious! my
goodness, oh, me! oh, my! oh, sugar!—
wot's de matter wit' 'im'?"

THE POET'S TRIALS.
"Don't you sometimes have thoughts,"
asked the soulful young thing, "that
are absolutely unutterable?"

HIS MISTAKE.
Young Wife—"Before we were mar-
ried you said you loved the ground I
walked on."

UNDERDONE REALISM.
Naggsby—"I notice that Bleuhariff
failed in his theatrical venture. Must
have overdone that realism that was
always his hobby."

HIS ONLY WORRY.
"Is de important questions uv de
day wot worries me," said the hobo.

QUALIFIED TO SAY.
"Ask that long-haired man over
there," replied the funny editor.

DISAPPOINTED.
"Luck never manages things just
right," said the irritable man who dis-
likes music. "It might just as well
have been the other way round, but
it wasn't."

WHY SHE WEPT.
"Dear, my dear," protests the young
husband, "you have paid \$56 for this
Easter bonnet, when I asked you not
to exceed \$25."

HORTICULTURE

'TOOT' SOIL FRUITFUL.
Do not be deterred from having a
small fruit garden because your soil is
not just what the books recommended.

HOLLYHOCKS.
Everybody knows that a "hardy per-
ennial" is a plant that dies down to
the ground every winter like a peony
and comes up again in the spring for
an indefinite number of years, and
most people know that there is a be-
wildering assortment of them, ranging
in height from two inches to three or
four feet. It is a surprising fact that
there are barely a dozen first-class per-
ennials that normally grow as high as
a man and are suitable for the back of
a border or single shrubs.

BOX OR BARREL PACKAGE.
The question whether the box or the
barrel makes the best package for ap-
ples and pears came again to a free
discussion at the meeting of the West-
ern New York Horticultural Society
and the New York State Fruit Grow-
ers' Association. It was generally
conceded that for ordinary fruit the
barrel is as yet the almost indispens-
able and only package, while for choice
or fancy apples or pears the box is of-
ten found very profitable.

BARRELS OR BOXES FOR APPLES.
Would not consumption be doubled
if apples were put in small pack-
ages like other fruits so the consumer
could get them in the original pack-
age? If the advance in the price of
barrels is due, as many think it is, to
a pool or trust, "and I will say there
are reasons for this belief," and there
is plenty of timber, the remedy lies in
the apple growers of the country
through the National Apple Growers'
Congress or some organization to put
machinery in operation cutting it into
cooperage. We are not assuming that
there is any trust, but we notice each
recurring year that barrels can be had
if we pay the advance in price. It is
a question, however, if we could se-
cure barrels at twenty-five cents each
again, whether it is the package we
should use. We are of the opinion that
the expanded distribution in a retail
way necessary for the consumption of
our large apple crops cannot be
reached by the use of the barrel. It
may be said that for storage and ex-
port trade we will have to use barrels.
If only barrels are used for this it
would relieve the barrel situation that
much. Still would not a case holding
half a barrel in use be more satisfac-
tory for storage and export?—G. T.
Tippin, in National Fruit Grower.

READ, MAPLE SUGAR.
The Department of Agriculture's
Bureau of Forestry is trying to revive
and extend the production of maple
sugar. As persons of middle age can
remember, maple sugar was formerly
obtained from the sap of maple trees.
Now it is usually compounded of glu-
cose, brown cane sugar, extract of
hickory bark and other substances cap-
able of more or less plausible disguise.
The Bureau of Forestry considers it a
moderate statement to say that seven-
eighths of all the maple sugar and syrup
on the market are counterfeit. It
thinks that the production of the genu-
ine article can be made profitable
throughout the Northern States and
down as far as the mountains of East-
ern Tennessee and Western North Car-
olina. Its investigations show that a
farmer can easily clear \$3 per acre,
and usually more, from a sugar grove
on land that would be useless for any
other purpose. At the same time this
industry would help to preserve forest
conditions. The bureau believes that
the producers can push pure goods in-
to the market at a little higher price
than is now paid for adulterated arti-
cles by forming associations, adopting
registered trade-marks carrying abso-
lute guarantees of quality and, if nec-
essary, selling direct to the consum-
ers instead of to the middlemen who
are responsible for the present condi-
tions.—Collier's Weekly.

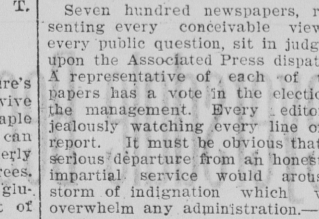
Marketing Potato Crops.
In line with the classic case of the
oyster shippers, cited by President
Hadley of Yale University in his book
on Railroad Transportation, is the case
of the Aroostook potato growers
brought by President Tuttle of the
Boston & Maine Railroad before the
Senate Committee on Interstate Com-
merce. Nothing could better show how
a railroad works for the interest of
the localities which it serves.

Potatoes are also a considerable out-
put of the truck farms of Michigan,
their normal market being obtained in
and through Detroit and Chicago and
other communities of that region.

It was noticed in Paris when King
Edward was there that he always ap-
peared in public with the right hand
gloved, but not his left. As it is a
common practice to carry the right
glove loose and not the left, much
speculation has been excited by the
king's reversal of this custom. One
learned writer suggests that it is due
to a sound perception of hygienic prop-
riety. The object of a glove, he says,
is not to adorn but to protect the
hand. Which hand has the more
constant employment and is therefore
brought into closer contact with mi-
crobes? Why, the right hand. It
follows that in keeping that hand
gloved the King shows his unflinching
sense. Vive le Roi!—London Chronicle.

UNSIGHTLY BALD SPOT.
Caused by Sores on Neck—Merciless Itch-
ing For Two Years Made Him Wild—
Another Cured by Cuticura.
"Two years my neck was covered
with sores, the humor spreading to my
hair, which fell out, leaving an unsightly
bald spot, and the soreness, inflammation
and merciless itching made me wild.
Friends advised Cuticura Soap and Oint-
ment, and after a few applications the tor-
ment subsided, to my great joy. The sores
soon disappeared, and my hair grew again,
as thick and healthy as ever. I shall al-
ways recommend Cuticura. (Signed) H.
J. Spalding, 104 W. 104th St., N. Y. City."

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senting every conceivable view of
every public question, sit in judgment
upon the Associated Press's dispatches.
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papers has a vote in the election of the
management. Every editor is
jealously watching every line of the
report. It must be obvious that any
serious departure from an honest and
impartial service would arouse a
storm of indignation which would
overwhelm any administration.—Cent-
ury.



LASTING RELIEF.
J. W. Walls, Super-
intendent of Streets,
of Lebanon, Ky.,
says:
"My nightly rest was broken, owing
to irregular action of the kidneys. I
was suffering intensely from severe
pains in the small of my back and
through the kidneys and annoyed by
painful passages of abnormal secre-
tions. No amount of doctoring relieved
this condition. I took Doan's Kidney
Pills and experienced quick and lasting
relief. Doan's Kidney Pills will prove
a blessing to all sufferers from kidney
disorders who will give them a fair
trial."
Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.,
proprietors. For sale by all druggists,
price 50 cents per box.