Poetry.

The Trundle-Bed.

As I rummaged through the attic, List'ning to the falling rain As it pattered on the shingles And against the window pane; Peeping over chests and boxes, Which with dust were thickly spread, Saw I in the furthest corner What was once my trundle-bed.

So I drew it from the recess Where it had remained so long. Hearing all the while the music Of my mother's voice in song, As she sung in sweetest accents What I since have often read: " Hush my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed."

As I listen, recollections That I thought had been forgot, Came with all the gush of mem'ry, Rushing, thronging to the spot; And I wandered back to childhood, To those merry days of yore, When I knelt beside my mother By this bed upon the floor.

Then it was, with hands so gently Placed upon my infant head, That she taught my lips to utter Carefully the words she said. Never can they be forgotten, Deep are they in mem'ry driven : " Hallowed be thy name, O Father! Father! who art in heaven."

This she taught me; then she told me Of its import great and deep; After which I learned to utter "Now I lay me down to sleep." Then it was, with hands uplifted, And in accents soft and mild. That my mother asked: "Our Father! O do thou now bless my child!"

Years have passed, and that dear mother Long has mouldered neath the sod. And I trust her sainted spirit Revels in the home of God. But that scene at Summer twilight-Never has from mem'ry fled; And it comes in all its freshness When I see my trundle-bed.

For the Poung.

Prud'y White Tea.

BY SOPHIE MAY. "Blessings on the blessed children! said Aunt Madge, coming into the nursery with a newly ironed apron for Susy. "So we little folks are going out to spend the

day, are we?" "Yes," said Prudy, dancing in high glee, "grandma wants me to go, and I'm goin'. I mean to do every single thing

grandma wants me to." "I wish you could go with us, Aunt Madge," said Grace, pouting," we don't have half so good times with Aunt Louise." "No, we don't!" said Prudy, "she wants us to 'take care' all the time. She do n't love little girls when she has the ner-

Almost while they were talking, Aunt Louise came into the room, looking prettier than ever in her new pink dress. She was a very young lady, hardly fifteen years

"Come Prudy," said she smiling, "you run up stairs and get my parasol, will you, that's a darling !"

But Prudy was picking a pebble out of her shoe, and did not start at once. "Ah," said Aunt Louise, drawing on her gloves, "Prudy is n't going to mind

"Well, don't you see me getting up out of my chair? There, now, do n't you see me got clear to the door?" said the child. "Oh dear!" said poor Aunt Louise,
"what shall I do all this long day with three noisy children? I'm afraid some of

them will get drowned, or run over, or break their necks! You see if something awful doesn't happen before we get back !" "Oh, I hope not," replied her sister Madge, laughing. "Here's your par'sol, auntie," said Prudy, coming back. "I know who I love

best of anybody in this house, and it ain't the one that's got her bonnet on ! It's you, a r-n-t aunt, M-i-g, Madge!" Well, you ought to love your aunt Mig, all of you," said aunt Louise, laughing,

" for she thinks you children are as lovely as little white rose buds. Come, are you all ready? Then run along, and I'll follow after." "Oh I'm so glad I'm alive," oried little

Prudy, hopping on one foot. "I hope I shall never die!" "I just mean to be careful and not get

a speck of dirt on my clean apron," whispered Susy to Grace. "I wish I'd brought

They had such a pleasant walk through the streets; of the beautiful village, "in the sunshine calm and sweet." they had almost reached Aunt Mary's house, Aunt Louise said: "Now tell me if you're going to be

good children, so I shan't be ashamed of

"Why yes indeed, auntie," said Grace, looking quite grieved. "Oh, auntie," said Susy, "did you think we were going to be naughty?"

" No, you 'll mean to be good, I dare say, if you do n't forget it. And you'll be a nice, dear little girl, won't you, Prudy?" "I don' know," said Prudy, coolly. "Don't know? Why, do you think I

should have taken you visiting, if I had n't supposed you'd try to be good?"

"Well, I did n't say I would n't," re-

plied Prudy, with some dignity. "I said I don' know, and when I say 'I don' know.' I mean yes." "Well I'm sure I hope you'll do the

very best you can, and not make anybody crazy," sighed Aunt Louise. By this time they had gone up the nice gravel-walk, and Grace had rung the door-bell. Aunt Mary came to the door, open-

ing her arms as if she wanted to embrace them all at once. "Dear little souls," said she "come

right into the house and let me take off your things! I've been looking for you, these two hours. This is my little nephew, Lonnie Adams. Shake hands with the little girls, my dear.". V Gue-

Lounie was a fair-haired, sickly little boy, seven years old. The children felt acquainted with him at once. It was so pleasant in Aunt Mary's shaded parlor. and they took such delight in looking at the books and pictures, that they were all sorry when Aunt Louise "got nervous," and thought it was time they went off

somewhere to play. "Very well," said dear Aunt Mary, house and grounds if they like"

went in a very few minutes, and at last a great thing to have her keep her word came to a stand-still in Bridget's cham- Susy has a tender heart, and it grieves her ber over the kitchen, tired enough to sit to be blamed unjustly, but she would bear down awhile-all but Prudy, who "didn't it all rather than tell a falsehood. For my have any kind of tiredness about her." "Look here, Prudy Parlin," said Grace,

" you must n't open that drawer!" "Who owns it?" said Prudy, putting in both hands. "Why, Bridget, I suppose."

"No, she does n't," said Prudy, "God owns this drawer, and he's willing I should look into it as long as I 'm a mind to." "But I'll tell Aunt Louise, you see if I don't. That's the way little Paddy girls act that steal things!"
'I ain't a stealer," said Prudy. "Now Gracey Clifford, I saw you once, and you was a-nipping cream out of the cream-pot! Oh, here's a inkstand!"

"Put it right back," said Susy," "and come away." "Let me take it," cried Lonnie, seizing it out of Prudy's hands.

"I'm going to put it up at auction. I'm Mr. Nelson riding horseback," said he, jumping on a stand. "I'm ringing a bell. Oh yes! Oh yes! Oh yes! Auction at two o'clock. Who'll buy my fine, fresh ink?"

"Give it to me," cried Grace, "it is 'nt yours!"

"Fresh ink, red as a lobster!" "This minute," cried Grace. "As green as a pea. Who'll bid? Go-

ing! Going!" "Give it to me, Lonnie," said Susy, get ting into a chair and reaching after it. 'You aint fair a bit!"

"Do you say you bid a bit? It's yours. Going! Gone! Knocked off to Miss Parlin!" Somehow in knocking it off, out came the stopper, and over went the ink on Susy's fair, white apron! Lonnie was dreadfully

frightened. "Do n't tell that I did it!" cried he. 'You know I did n't mean to. Won't you promise not to tell?"

"Yes," said Susy; though she ought not to have promised any such thing. Oh dear! Oh dear! what was to be done? Little black streams were strickling down the apron on to the dress. Grace pulled Susy to the sink, and Prudy thought she meant to put her into the

washbowl, and tried to help. "I guess this honey soap will take it out," said Susy; but with all their washing and rinsing, they could not make black white, any more than the poor negro could, who scoured his face.

"Stop a minute," cried Grace; "soap only makes it worse. Ma puts on milk. "Oh dear, I wish we had some!" said Susy; "how can we get it?" "I'll go milk the cow," said little Lon-

nie, anxious to do something. "I'll tell you what we'll do," said Grace; "we'll send Prudy down stairs to Bridget to ask for some milk to drink." "I like milk and water the best," said

Prudy, "with lots of sugar." "Well, get that," said Grace, "It's just as good; and come right back with it, and don't tell about the ink getting spilled. Aunt Mary and Bridget were taking up the dinner when Prudy went down into

the kitchen, calling out: tea?" what may that be, now?"

little once in a while." Mary; " had n't you better wait till dinner, my dear?"
"But the girls can't wait," said Prudy,

they want it now." "Oh, it's for the girls, is it?" "Yes, but when they've washed the apron, I can drink the rest-with white

sugar in it." "The apron," said Aunt Mary, "what apron?"

"Oh, nothing but Susy's! I told grand-ma I'd be good, and I did be good—it was n't me spilt the ink!"

"Has some ink been spilled?" said Aun Mary, and she rose from her chair and stopped beating the pudding sauce. "Oh, I ain't a going to tell," cried Prudy, beginning to tremble. "I did n't, did

I? They would n't 'low me to tell!" Aunt Louise, passing through the kitchen. caught some of the last words, and rushed up stairs two steps at a time. "Just as I expected! Oh Susy Parlin you naughty, naughty girl! What have you been into? Who spilled that ink? "It got tipped over," answered Susy, in

a fright, but not forgetting her promise. without hands, you careless girl! Do you get your shaker and march home as quick as ever you can. I must go with you."

Lonnie should have come forward now like a little gentlement of the like a littlement of the like a story, but—he had run away.

"Oh antie," said Grace, "she was n't a bit to blame—she "—
"Not a word," said Aunt Louise, "she

tening at the stairs; "it's not much like the child's mother she is! A mother can pass it by when the childers does such capers, and wait thil they get more sinse."

for the nice dinner she had left. "Oh Aunt Madge," sobbed she, when weeks ago—the tenth day after he was they had got home. "I kept as far behind Aunt Louise as I could, all the way, so nobody would think I was her little "There, there, try not cry," said Aunt wickedness of some of the lowest dens of these substances remains, after the demands and succeeding white crop have been satisfied as the took off Susy's soiled clothes. "But I can't stop crying, I feel so bad! If there's any body that gets into a fuss, it's always me. Why is it always me?

trouble, and I wish there was n't any such girl as me!" eyes, and she made up her mind that the on the other hand. If my little contrapoor little child should be comforted. band had any thing in his nature which So she quietly put away the silk dress she could be called a moral sense, it was comhad been trying to finish, and after dinner pletely hidden from my family, every one took the fresh, tidy, happy little Susy of whom took the liveliest interest in. across the fields to Aunt Mary's again, searching out all that was good in him.

I'm all the time making some kind of

joyfully after all. Madge, that night after the chidren were fitted him for any other freedom than that in bed, " Lonnie spilled that ink, and Susy which comes after a long-suffering preparwas not at all to blame! You scolded her atory training. It was license, not liberty, lower end, like seedlings, I take a cutting without mercy for being careless, and she that he craved; and if there was a power; about ten inches long, and prepare it in bore it all, because she would not break her in this, or any other world, whose right of the usual way, by cutting off the lower promise to that cowardly boy!" "Oh, how unjust I have been!" said I could not see the first indication of it. promise to that cowardly boy!"

Aunt Louise.

So all over the house and grounds they a little child to soil her dress! And what part, I am proud of such a noble, truthful little niece."

Miscellaneous.

A Bit of Experience.

The following, from the New-York Examiner, is quite readable. It is adapted to the times, and furnishes food for reflec-

OUR LITTLE CONTRABAND. A contraband, Mr. Editor. Did ever undertake to clean, to tame, and to turn to some account, a genuine little contraband, straight from Virginia, where they have been in the way of breeding "niggers" very much as the farmers of New-York breed colts, or calves, or pigs? I have tried that experiment on an elevenyear old, and will give you a short history

The little fellow's name was Toss, with a skin only the faintest shade lighter than ebony, and with an eye so speaking and brilliant as to make you sure he was nohody's fool About five weeks ago, Toss worked his way out of a somewhat cele-brated section of the Old Dominion, and found a refuge in my family. I did not need a contraband; but received this one for his own sake, and because the scraps of his history, which I had picked up, interested me. I knew how he got away from some claim upon my sympathy. I felt like honoring the draft, and among the first things I did was to have Toss dressed, from head to foot, in clothes, hat and shoes, which fitted his well-formed little person. That was a memorable day in the life of Toss—the exchange of a man's pantalogus; cut off at the bottom, and a man's worn out boots, for shoes and trowsers of the length of his own feet and legs. He was

proud of his suit, of himself, of his new

home, when he thus suddenly became the

owner of jacket, trowsers, cap and shoes, bought for nobody but himself. He was told, the night after he came to our house, that he ought to say his prayers. pefore he went to bed. But he never heard of such things as prayers. Now, however that he was the owner of a new suit of clothes, his gratitude had to find vent. So off he started into the yard, and sitting upon the grass, with his feet stretched out before him, lifted up his hands in he most devout attitude, and said, with a heart bounding with joy, "I tank de Lord," "I tank de Lord," and over he went in a most artistically-turned somersault. Thus he continued to mix up his devotions and his fun, until tired of both. But Toss had to be cleaned as well as clothed. Bridget, a kind-hearted servant. volunteered to do it. And such a cleansing as he got! Toss felt that he never

not do for him to steal again, or tell another lie. We had hope of Toss. He could do "Oh, Bridget, may I have some white many little things in and about the house.

But for nothing did he consider himself "White tay, is it?" said Bridget, "and quite so competent as to take the whole

favorite sport. "Why, Toss," said I, "this assist in the healthy decomposition of the is Sunday, you must not drum to day." "I accumulating vegetable matter.

dis nt know it was Sunday," said my con When inferior pasture arises from an dis'nt know it was Sunday," said my con-

me to church. plugged half a dozen of my best unripe for obvious reasons, the effects are now melons, and then flatly denied having done usually much less marked on these than on any thing of the sort. The evidence was turnips. like a little gentleman and told the whole was immensely proud, and to put on his old ones. But, within fifteen minutes after he had passed into this state of humiliation, was taken to him, and his penitence seemed to be of that broken-hearted type which

one accepts as a pledge of reformation. The next morning Toss was especially Poor little. Susy had to go home in the good, showing some impatience, however, noonday sun, hanging down her head like a for the time to come when he should have guilty child, and crying all the way. Some his new clothes again. These he soon got of her tears were for her soiled clothes, from my tender-hearted wife, and the first some for her auntie's sharp words, and some use he made of them was to run away a second time! This was on Monday, three of a pitiable contraband. Since then I have gained no knowledge of him, but have no doubt that he is revelling in the filth and

first experience with a small contraband. And it has led me to wish that every Northern pro-slavery man, and every immediate emancipationist, could have such an illustration as I have had of the debasing influence of slavery, on the one hand. Tears came into Aunt Madge's kind gray and of the obstacles to its instant abolition where the unlucky day was finished very Brimful of life, pleasing in his person, and remarkably quick and apt, slavery had "The truth is, Louise," said Aunt made a ruin of his moral nature, and un-

Agricultural.

Straw as Food for Cattle.

That straw, in a chopped, or what is still better, thoroughly bruised state, is a most useful feeding substance, the results of its chemical examination, and of actual feed-ing experiments with it, place beyond doubt; and as its price is comparatively low, it will be found a more economical feeding stuff than washed-out coarse hay.

The analyses of hay which from time to time are published, exhibit everything but uniformity. This arises from the complex and unconstant nature of the article, which, as is well known, is a variable mixture of

various grasses and clovers. Good hay, carefully saved, has, on an average, the following composition:

Coarse hay, which has been subjected to the influence of heavy and constantly re-curring rain, will probably have the follow-

ing composition: Water.....Flesh-forming substances. Fat-forming substances... Woody fibre.....

The following table, compiled by Voelck er, exhibits the composition of the straw of the cereals; and, by comparing the analyses set forth in it, with those above given, tolerably accurate estimate, for practical purposes, of the relative value of both classes of feeding substances may be real-

| Wheat Rye Barley Oat | Straw. 14.28 | 14.30 | 14.30 | 12.0 | Flesh-formers... 17.79 | 2.29 | 1.68 | 1.6 | Fat-formers... 31.06 | 31.15 | 39.98 | 37.8 | Woody fibre.... 45.45 | 48.18 | 39.80 | 43.6 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.8 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 1.63 37.86 43.60 4.85 . 7.47 - 3.08 4.24

100.00 100.00 100.00 100.00 From these tables it will be seen that the only very important difference between hay and straw, is the high percentage o flesh-forming substances in the former But it should be borne in mind, when com paring the relative value of the two articles that the amount of flesh formers in a sub stance is no longer taken as the absolute criterion of its nutritive value. There is good reason to lead us to assume that all the fat-forming substances in the oil-cake given to animals are assimilated, whilst a large proportion of the nitrogenous or flesh-forming substances pass through the animal's body unaltered. This fact for so we believe we may term it is of importance to farmers who use their straw chiefly as food for cattle. The straw is deficient in flesh-forming matters, and abounds in fat-forming elements. In the oil-cake here is an excess of the flesh-forming, as compared with fat-forming substances. It is clear, then, that by a mixture of the two articles the "happy mean" would be at-

Manure for Grasses.

A thick carpet of such fine grasses a care of the horse! In Virginia he had are seen in our old and rich lawns is on driven two horses, and could he not drive of the most beautiful sights that can mee with sugar. They let me have it every one in New-York? I reasoned the case they eye. The great variety of species with him. But he could not see it as I which are found in the best pastures flourish "Milk and water, I suppose," said Aunt did. He began to doubt whether it was on the same spots for centuries, and often just the thing for him to stay where he grow without much or any care bestowed could not have the care of a horse. Small upon them by man. It is, generally speak jobs of light work hung heavily on his ing, only first or second class land that hands. His A B C lessons grew irksome, an extemporized tin-pail drum would get best and most nutritive grasses soon die in between him and his lessons or work. The whole family expostulated. But he forgot all his promises, and reproof began from an actual deficiency of nutritive matto lose its power. Theft chased theft, lie ters as from a certain conditions of soil followed lie, until our little contraband which does not maintain the roots in proved himself to be a rather startling ex- healthy state. On a great many descriphibition of general depravity.

tions of land the application of lime has a Rub-a-dub went Toss' tim drum on a wonderful effect in lending vigor to worth-Sunday morning. Sure enough, my little less and worn-out soils, when all other apfriend had planted himself at the outer plications have comparatively little. On gate, on the broad highway, to enjoy his of the functions of this agent appears to

traband, and I thought he must have mis- actual deficient supply of mineral matters. taken the day. So I talked to him about such as phosphate of lime, the application the Sabbath, and told him he might go with of bones is well known to produce favor able results. The use of bones has been Soon after we had returned from meet, the right arm in increasing the productive ing, Toss betook himself to the garden, and powers of our rotation pastures, though

field, or even those of the young layers of any of our rotations, have an ample staff word came that Toss had run away! Search of roots running through the soil. These was made for him, and, several hours later, are already in contact with the earthy should n't meddle with ink. If she was I found him adroitly hidden, halt a mile food of plants, and can much more easily my little girl I would have her sent to bed from the house, waiting for the Sunday take up what they require than a plant like for the day. That dress and apron ought to be soaked this very minute. Susy never lated with him, whipped him rather moderately must grow fast and meet with a corresponding liberal supply. This is the secret of the magical effects, which a dressing of superphosphate often has upon young tursuperphosphate often has upon young turnips. We have sometimes to dress liberally with phosphates or superphosphates for the turnips, even when there is abandance of the fertilizing ingredient to which they owe their efficacy already in the land.
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How to Propagate Currants.

cuttings so that they may have a clean stem and but one set of roots, and those at the lower end, like seedlings, I take a cutting the usual way, by cutting off the lower end square. I then cut out the buds or eyes, excepting the three or four uppermost ones, which are reserved to make the top. I then stretch a line, start the cutties in the lower of the stretch a line of the st Poor boy! An accursed system had made most ones, which are reserved to make the

row, their ends one inch in the ground, and mould them up four or five inches in depth, like corn hills when planted in drills. When they become well established by having roots, which will be in mid-Summer, level the mould of earth back to its place. Should any roots have started

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