

YOUNG FOLKS.

Three Little Dolls.

I have three little dolls in my play-room Annie, and Fanny, and May. And one is witty and one is pretty, And one is naughty all day.

MAUD'S REMINDER.

"Oh," exclaimed Maud impatiently, "I wish mother wouldn't! Why can't she let things alone?" Out of the window she had caught sight of her mother working in a flower-bed which an intruding mass of periwinkle with its multitude of rooting, progressing runners threatened to occupy to the exclusion of the rightful plants.

throat. Supposing she should ever have to say that! Maud's memory awoke. "When I was going to school," she thought, "mother worked and worked at home, sweeping, and cooking, and washing paint and windows, and ironing, and doing everything, and she was so tired at night, and yet I couldn't spare time from my lessons to help get supper, and she'd tell me to keep at my books, and she'd wash dishes, and everything. Some mothers would have thought they needed me too much at home to let me keep on going to the seminary, but mother wasn't that way. She had to hard a time getting her own education to start me on mine. And how she used to spend time hearing my lessons when I was little and wasn't strong enough to go to school all the time? Some mothers couldn't have thought they could spare a couple of hours a day to hear a child recite, but she did. And here I am, letting her do everything now! What sort of Christian have I been? A person who didn't even profess to be a church-member might have been better."

A Chicago, Ill., despatch says:—Visitors from the tropics who are not accustomed to snow and sleet and chilling rains have had a rough experience this week. Many of them came here late in order to escape the early spring, and were somewhat surprised to find that they had dropped into town almost in midwinter. There is not a native of the warm countries now at Jackson Park, with the possible exception of the Arabs, who is not sick, either with la grippe or bronchitis, and the only reason these sons of the desert are exempt from the ills that beset the other warm blooded people is that they are full of beer all the time. They have taken very kindly to the Chicago brew. In fact they drink it at every opportunity and are very quarrelsome in consequence.

A STATION MASTER'S MORTAL AGONY. I had been travelling all the afternoon, and it was with a feeling of disgust that I alighted at the little station of D—, where I must wait five hours for the train to take me to the city. There was no one in the station but the station master, and as misery loves company we were soon on friendly terms. As the evening wore on I occupied myself in examining the railway maps and in finishing a novel which I purchased that afternoon on the train. At about eleven o'clock I heard the dull and laborious puff of a freight engine approaching in the distance. Louder and louder the noise became, until, suddenly, with a glare from the headlight, the great locomotive thundered by the little window and in a moment the train rolled away in the direction from which I had come a few hours before.

TRADE AND COMMERCE. It is said that shad are used as money in many of the North Sea islands. France has three dynamite factories, which produce over 25,000,000 dynamite cartridges a year. The hair springs for watches are made principally by women on account of the careful handling required. The orange crop in Southern California this year is said to have been the largest on record, amounting to 7,000 car loads. The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Rail way for the week ending April 4th were \$397,000, an increase of \$3,000 as compared with the corresponding week of last year.