YOUNG FOLKS

A MORTIFYING MISTAKE.

I studied my tables over and over, And backward and forward, too; But I couldn't remember six times

nine. And I didn't know what to do, Till sister told me to play with my doll,

And not to bother my head, "If you'll call her 'Fifty-four' for a You'll learn it by heart," she said.

So I took my favorite. Mary Ann (Though I thought 'twas a dreadful shame To give such a perfectly lovely child, Such a perfectly horrid name). And I called her my dear little 'Fifty-

four' A hundred times till I knew The answer of six times nine as well As the answer of two times two.

Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth, Who always acts so proud, Said "Six times nine is fifty-two," And I nearly laughed aloud! But I wished I hadn't when teachen

"Now, Dorothy, tell, if you can," For I thought of my doll, and-sakes I answered-"Mary Ann!"

A GRUMBLE-BoX.

"Here, Nell, put in your cent; that was a big one!"

"I only said the potatoes are stonecold, and it's the honest truth-they are. If that's grumbling, I'd like to know. Is that a grumble, mother?"

"I rather think it is, Helen," answered Mrs. Porter. "Some one had better read our contract again. We haven't heard it for nearly two days. You read it, Harry."

Harry took a box from the middle o the table, and read aloud:

"Each and every member of this family of Porter agrees to pay one cent into this box for each and every grumble or complaint he or she may make about any article of food on this table. Signed, Edward Porter, Mary Porter, Harry Porter, Helen Porter, Elizabeth Porter;"

"If that isn't the strangest agreement I ever heard read!" exclaimed Aunt Margaret, who had come in unexpectedly for lunch. "How did it ever come about?"

'Oh, we've had it for a month or more, and the box is nearly full," said Helen, "For the first day or two, cents just poured in, but now father can eat salt butter and drink weak coffee without a word. He's almost heroic. Mother always was a martyr; nothing but tough beefsteak ever made her complain, and she would swallow shoeleather now and smile. I suppose Harry and Bess and I are to fill the box-we're no saints yet."

"But," såid Aunt Margaret, "you haven't told me why you began to

have a grumble-box.' "I'll tell you," said Mrs. Porter. "Don't you remember some of the on the table? The soup was either too hot or too cold, the beef was overdone, the vegetables either too salt or not toast was burnt; sometimes we didn't 700 feet. even have the right kind of dessert. If there was pie, every one longed for custard or cream."

Aunt Margaret smiled: in other people's houses too." "So have I," said Mrs. Porter; "but don't you remember, too, the blessing father so often asks before meals: 'O Lord, for the food that thou hast given us, give us grateful hearts'? We would bow our heads and listen, and then grumble over every mouthful." "You didn't, mother; you never did.

It was the rest of us.' "Well," continued Mrs. Porter, "one beautiful Sunday morning we all went to church and heard an unusually good sermon. Then we came home and sat down to a very good dinner, but it measuring 704 feet, or twenty-four feet was worse than ever, and before we more than the wonder inspiring Great left the table father stopped us and Eastern. said: 'I've been thinking, children, it Her total depth will be about the would be just as well not to ask a bless- same as the Great Eastern's, a little ing on the food any longer. We have more than fifty feet, with the same such poor things to eat we cannot feel

of us!" said Harry. Helen. "We couldn't believe that we there is expected to be no delay, but found so much fault with everything." the construction will go steadily on, box," said Harry. "He said it would she will be launched next January, help us keep a good resolution if we and in about one year from now will had to pay for breaking it."

sugar on my oatmeal."

asked Aunt Margaret. heathen are to have it," answered larged engines, in consequence of which Harry; "Chinese, Siamese, Japanese, the broken and rebroken record of Indian, or plain American; it will go transatlantic time is expected to suffrom the heathen to the heathen." Aunt Margaret rose to take her de-

parture. Mrs. Porter. "I am so glad you came | Liverpool to New York inside of four in for lunch. I am only sorry we did | days, and this without sacrifice to comnot have a better meal to offer you." | fort or safety. "A cent, mother! A cent from you!" exclaimed the children. "That is a genuine out-and-out grumble." And Mrs. Porter laughingly slipped

a coin into the grumble-box. GAMES NEW AND OLD.

Pencil Sketches .- All the materials required are pencil and paper for each some man, woman or animal and folds over the sheet so as to cover all the drawing except a part of the neck. The papers are then exchanged and each draws the body to a head drawn by another. Again papers are folded and exchanged and limbs are drawn, and lastly the feet are added in the same way. Then all are unfolded and pictures are revealed that make Puck and Western city where they burn soft Judge seem trivial and commonplace. | coal.

"Three Things" is an excellent game to sharpen the wits and develop the inventive faculties. It can be played by a large or small number of persons sitting in a circle or facing each other. Some one starts it by giving it to the one opposite or on the left hand, three widely different words beginning with the same letter, which the person addressed must connect together in a grammatical sentence that makes sense. Whoever fails to properly connect the words in twenty seconds is "out" and the one left is declared winner. The first player might give out the words bees buttons and Benjamin. The sentence might be: "Benjamin tore the buttons off his coat when he was after the wild bees in the woods."

TRY THE PLUNGE BATH.

Girls, as a rule, are far too timid about the matter of plunging in bath. If they could only realize how much it would benefit them in health and plump, firm flesh they would as soon think of omitting it as going without a nigh's rest. It may be said that it is not always possible to indulge in a bath, even though it is appreciated. Very well; but there is never a time when the sponge bath may not be used. If, on arising each morning, you will put about two quarts of tepid water -cold water if you can stand it-into a basin and add about a tablespoonful of good ammonia or two of borax (it is a good plan to alternate) and then sponge the body all over, afterward drying with a rough Turkish towel until you bring all the skin to a fresh and ruddy glow, you will soon find a lasting good in having the skin clear and flesh firm, and a sense of freshness that will sustain you throughout the day. Surely this is recompense enough to any girl for a few minutes spent each morning.

TO PREVENT WRINKLES.

Some girls have a very bad habit of knitting their brows and making grimaces, which habits, as well as that of screwing up the face when laughing, will of course induce wrinkles. Give them up if possible, and at all events, counteract the bad effects by smoothing them out.

THE MIGHTY OCEANIC WILL BE 704 TEET LONG.

The New White Star Liner Will Exceed in Length the Famous Great Eastern-Keel Greatest of All Great Ships.

The building of the Oceanic, the greatest of ocean steamships has a paste and spread on a cloth. This been advices, the longest of ship keels for their new passenger steamer is now being laid at Belfast, on the ways of Harland & Wolff, the shipbuilders, who have the contract for the construction of the Oceanic.

When the Great Eastern, the conspicuous wonder in shipbuilding, proved a signal failure as a practical and paying ocean carrier, it was said by ship- | recommended is to take long breaths builders that never again would such a monster be attempted; that the availtimes you have been here to lunch or able length of steamships had been to dinner when everything was wrong overstepped by her 680 feet, and that thereafter the length of both large freighters and passenger steamers salt enough, the bread was dry, or the would more nearly approach 500 than

They were wrong, for experience since that time has shown the practicability, in economy, speed and safety, "I've known such things to happen of ships beyond 500 feet in length.

> there were for a time a tendency toward ships 200 feet shorter, and then a return to longer models. The City of Rome was built 561 feet long, and the Lucania and Campania each 620 feet. The St. Louis and St. Paul are each 555 feet, and the Kaiser Wilhelm, now being constructed, will be 650 feet. Then comes the Oceanic,

THE LARGEST OF THEM ALL,

mean draught of twenty-five feet. Her beam will be a little less than the eigh-"I tell you, that took the breath out ty-three feet of her great predecessor. As all needed preparation for the "Yes, but it opened our eyes," said building of the Oceanic has been made, "It was father who thought of the and if present plans are carried out be stretching her great length over the

"I've got some pennies in, too," said Atlantic waves on her first voyage. little Bess, "'cause I cried for more In appearance and interior arrangements the Oceanic will be very like the And what are you going to do Teutonic and Majestic, only on enlargwith the money when the box is filled ?" ed lines, which will add to convenience

and comfort. "We don't know yet what kind of The steamship will have greatly enfer a startling reduction. Just what the speed will be the officers of the line are not prepared to say, but there is "Must you go, Margaret?" asked a rumor that the Oceanic will go from

A great ship on the water, with half her bulk out of sight, does not impress the observer with the magnitude of her dimensions, but if placed on ents of several medical preparations, is land beside familiar objects her size is better appreciated.

A SAD LEAVE-TAKING.

Despondent Individual (on through ing of medicine. player. Each person draws the head of express)-Ah! it is so lovely, so lovely -the beautiful blue sky, the white, fleecy clouds, the glorious sunshinefor the last time.

Startled Passenger-I-I beg pardon, sir, but you don't look like a dying

death for any crime. Despondent Individual-It isn't that. You see I am going back to live in a

HEALTH.

SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES.

The cold weather with its accompanying ills and ailments gives one a chance to test many of the old recommended remedies some of which are as efficacious as they are simple. Too often no reliance is placed upon simple helps just because they are home remedies; but if more people knew of them and would use them at the proper times a fevers and owing to its taste and soothdoctor's assistance would not always have to be relied upon. Colds are the commonest of all winter ailments, and may be checked as soon as the symptoms are felt, if only taken in time. To describe the symptoms of a cold is unnecessary, as every one knows only too well when he has contracted one. Heat will break it up faster and better than medicine. Take a hot mustard bath, being careful not to become chilled after. The best way is to have the bed warmed with a hot water bottle taken by them as a choice dainty. It is or something of the sort, and then get into it immediately, covering up carefully. Then if a cup of hot water and brandy sweetened with a little sugar is taken, it will produce a sweat, which generally counteracts a cold. A strong, hot lemonade is also good. If the bath is not practicable a mustard foot bath, with a hot drink just before retiring is excellent.

For coughs the juice of the onion and sugar is recommended, and except for medicine and one which every mother Europe, the United States and Canada. should make and keep over winter is low it to remain in a warm place over night. Allow it to simmer for an hour or so. Strain and bottle. It has never failed to cure, a tablespoonful being Bush's seminary.

taken six or more times a day. There is nothing that will relieve Now Being Laid in Belfast for This pains in the lungs or back better than inustard and vaseline, in the proportion of two parts of vaseline to one of mustard. It should be mixed in the form of begun. According to the may then be applied to the seat of the pain and removed before it blisters. Pains in the neck and between the shoulders may also be relieved by the same method. For inflammation, hot water applications are the simplest remedy and about the very best. Camphor is good for reducing swellings, and a mixture of camphor, sweet oil and turpentine will relieve pains in the chest, neuralgia, sore throat and rheumatio pains. In case of a cold in the head, a simple remedy and one which is often through the nostrils and use vaseline

liberally in case of soreness in the nose. It is very dangerous to run a nail into the flesh, for it not taken care of it may result in lockjaw and death. The wound should be washed in luke-warm water in which a little carbolic acid should be mixed. With all wounds the great precaution is to get them perfectly dean. After washing a bread and milk poultice should be applied several times a day for two or three days afterwards. A piece of salt pork bound on the affected part will also take out the inflammation. All cuts and bruises may cause serious trouble if left uncared for,. After the condemnation of the Great and after a careful washing in water and and kept free from air and dirt. Carbolic acid is a poison, and if kept in the house should be labelled and set out juror's absence, said-

of reach of the children. Such a common thing as the onion, if extensively used in the diet is excellent for the nerves and u seful for insomnia, colds and constipation. Licorice powder has lost his wife." should always be kept in the house. The children like it and should be given who was not blessed with the most perthey are given plenty of fruit and veg- same." etables this may be too often; but something like it is necessary to keep their as individuals, there is often much fun. system in good order. If mother's One under examination was askedwatched every symptom in their children and used simple remedies in time. there would not be need of doctors erie in my life."

so often. For biliousness no better remedy has been recommended than boneset tea, freely for several mornings. Sour lemonade is also very good.

Ringworm may be removed by applying several times a day a little of the liquid made from vinegar in which a copper penny has lain until it turned

green. Sulphur is a good thing to keep in the house. When such diseases as measles, diphtheria or scarlet fever are in the neighborhood the children should be given a pinch of it every night, and some of it should be burned in the house. There are a few simple remedies which should always be kept handy, so that there eed be no needless delay when danger threatens.

HONEY AS A MEDICINE.

In medicine, and especially in the healing of wounds was honey in early times, used as a universal remedy. It yet constitutes the principal ingredi-

Honey mollifies, promotes festering, and to think I am gazing on it all solves, warms, nourishes, stops pain, are limited in order to maintain prices. strengthens the tone of the stomach, carries away all superfluous moisture, man, nor like a person condemned to aids digestion, thins and purifies the blood and animates and strengthens the chest, nerves and lungs. Honey is therefore to be used when suffering with a cough hoarseness, stoppage of the lungs, dy.

shortness of breath, and especially with best results, in all affections of the

Many persons afflicted with various species of consumption, thank the use of good honey, either for their entire restoration to health, or for the mitigation of their often painful condition of body and mind.

Honey is also an excellent remedy for occasional inactivity of the abdominal organs, and a means of strengthening weak nerves. For severe coughing, barley water mixed with honey and the juice of lemons, drank warm, is a pleasant relief. It appeases and mitigates ing qualities it is used as a gargle.

Honey can also be used with advantage in asthma, in constipation and in sore throat; promotes perspiration, lessens phlegm and is very healing to the chest that is sore from coughing.

With old persons, the use of honey is very useful, since it produces warmth and a certain activity of the skin. For persons leading a sedentary life and suf- never receive a ray of sunlight. fering from costiveness and especially from piles, pure unadulterated honey either mixed with their drink or eaten on their bread, is the best means of relief. Honey has also great value as a medicine for children, and is readily especially useful with children having scrofula or rickets. For removing worms, hency has often been beneficially used and is often used in diseases of the mouth and throat.

FOUND HIS SON.

Taken From a Toronto Governess - His Father Searched Europe and America.

One of the brightest and best liked pupils of the Belvidere N.J., Seminary, the disagreeable odor is very effective. left on Wednesday with his father. He The onion is sliced and put into a sauce- was the nine-year-old son of A. J. Secpan with a little water and several retan, a wealthy business man of Lonspoonfuls of sugar. When boiled until don, England, and his discovery there the juice is extracted it is strained and by his father ended a search which lastonly the syrup used. The finest cough ed nearly a year, and covered parts of

The story told by Mr. Secretan inmade as follows: Two ounces each of cludes some interesting features. He seed; one pint of New Orleans molasses of a governess in Toronto, Canada, his used bullets of garnets incased in lead. and a half pound of loaf sugar. Place wife's infatuation for certain spiritualall the ingredients, broken up fine, into ists having led to an estrangment bea kettle with a quart of water and al- tween them. By some means, he says, from 7 to 14 feet deep, while 100 othhis wife secured possession of the boy, er smaller streams are running down and gave him in charge to a woman the cave, and a big black column of friend named Price, who brought him smoke rises into the sky. to Belvidere and placed him in Miss

The little fellow was well liked, and er's London address, and persuaded The father was delighted to learn the fire. boy's whereabouts, and started for America at once. He engaged a lawyer immediately upon his arirval, and negotiations were opened for the surrender of the child. After consulting with her counsel, Miss Bush gave up her pupil upon payment of his bills, and Mr. Secretan and his long lost son left joyfully for New York on Wednesday, intending to sail at once for their London home.

LAUGHTER IN COURT.

well illustrated in an anecdote related of an Irish lawyer who shad a point in his argument ruled out by the judges. Turning to the bench he blandly exclaimed:-

"If it plaze the Coort, if I am wrong in this wan, I have another point which is aiqually concloosive."

That the judges have their little jokes is proverbial, although it is to be regretted that more of the sayings Eastern, with her length of 680 feet, carbolic acid they should be bound up record. In a Scottish court the Lord Justice-Clerk, inquiring the cause of a

"What excuse can a braw fellow like him hae?"

"My lord," answered the Sheriff,"he "Has he, indeed?" said the Justice,

from a half to a full teaspoonful once fect of wives. "Has he? That's a a week, according to age. Of course if gude excuse. I wish we a' had the With the jury both collectively, and

> "Do you know what a verdict is?" "No, sir, I never went to a menag-

While the verdicts which are sometimes brought in are ridiculous, they are, strange to say, usually recorded. A made from German camomite, if drank We sh jury, after a long deliberation gave this-"Not guilty, but we recommend the

prisoner not to do it again." A coroner's jury perpetrated this-"We find that the deceased came to

his death by a blow on his head which was given either before or after drown-

But perhaps the extreme was reached when, on a criminal trial, the Judge asked the convict if he had anything to offer before sentence was pronounced.

Baid he-"No, sir; I did have £2, but the lawyer took that."

TEN TONS OF DIAMONDS:

The four principal mines of the Kim-

berley district employ about eight thousand persons. From two to three million carats are turned out each year, and up to 1892 ten tons of diamonds, used with excellent results in many in- valued at £60,000,000 had comes from ternal and external diseases, serves as these mines. In 1895 there were found 2.435,541 carats of diamonds, realizing a means of taking powders, for the pre- £3.000,000 at an expenditure of, £1.500 parations of salves and the sweeten- 000. The largest known diamond hol. Horehound beer, blue ribbon beer, weighing 670 carats, was found at the Jagersfontein mine, and is now being drinks contained up to thirteen per cut. These mines are capable of yield- cent. alcohol. causes gentle purging, divides and dis- ing a much greater output, but they

VERNAL RAPTURES.

Are you going to make a garden this spring, Plankwalks? I suppose so; the neighbor's chickens seem to be getting my ground rea-

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly-Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

France manages to sell a billion oysters a year for 17,000,000 francs. Motor omnibuses for the streets of Paris will be built to accommodate

The Electric Cab Company of London will, within a few weeks, put 250 horseless cabs on the streets for hire.

thirty persons.

There are no fewer than 11,000 rooms in the Papal palace, and many of them -The singular punishment for bigamy

in Hungary is to compel the man to live with both wives in one house. One woman in Honolulu professes to be 124 years old. She is a native, and

says she remembers events that occurred 122 years ago. There are at least 200 horse butcher shops in Paris. The first one dates from July 1, 1866, since when the con-

sumption has grown continuously. The most valuable collection of stamps in Russia belongs to a Mr. Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg. It is arranged in over 100 volumes, and is valued at 1,000,000 rubles.

A new and very useful French coin is soon to make its appearance. It will be of nickle, its value being 25 centimes. At present there is no French coin between half a franc and a 10centime, or penny piece.

A new lead for deep sea sounding carries a cartridge which explodes on touching the bottom. A submerged microphone receives the sound, and the depth is estimated from the time oc-

cupied by the lead in sinking. Bullets made of precious stones are rarities in warfare. But during the recent fighting on the Kashmir frontier, when the British troops defeated boneset, slippery elm, licorice and flax- placed the boy last summer in the care the rebellious Hunzas, the natives

Vesuvius is an interesting sight just now. One stream of lava flowing down from the centre is 100 feet wide and

Three miles an hour is about the average speed of the Gulf Stream. At certain places, however, it attains a no unusual restrictions were placed speed of fifty-one miles an hour, the upon his movements. He knew his fath- extraordinary rapidity of the current giving the surface, when the sun is some person to communicate with him. shining, the appearance of a sheet of

Emile Zola's answer to the question should a tax be levied on bicycles? was short and simple: "I would have bicycles relieved of all tax; and my reason is simply that any imperiment placed in the way of the free exercise and development of the wheel is a social er-

According to the London Mail, Mr. Corbould-Eilis, the miniature portrait painter, has been commissioned to paint a miniature of the Queen, for insertion in a jewel which her Majesty intends to send to the Emperor of China, in The unconscious display of humor is return for the presents brought by Li Hung Chang.

An untamed swallow, which had its nest in a farm near Chetwynd, in Shropshire, was caught, and taken in a cage to London, where it was released. It returned to its nest in eighty minutes, having accomplished a distance of 145 miles at the rate of mearly two miles a minute.

In the St. Sepulchre church in London there was found in an old chest recently the bell which in the Stuart times used to be rung by the crier outside the cell of a condemned felon those gentlemen have not been put on on the night before execution. The bell will be hung up in a conspicuous place in the church.

The coffee tree culture of Gaudeloupe is an easy and agreeable one, but very slow. It takes at least five years to establish a good plantation and nearly eight years before it can be seen in full bearing. But once established, it is forever. Some trees a century old can be seen on the island.

Pavements made of granulated cork mixed with asphalt have proved successful after two years' trial in London and Vienna. They are never slippery, are odorless and do not absorb moisture, besides being clean, elastic and lasting. Near the Great Eastern station in London the wear in two years amounts to about one-eighth of an inch.

Mme. Marchesi, the famous singing teacher, regards the attitude assumed in cycling as injurious to the chest and lungs, and the rapid progression through the air as detrimental to the vocal chords. Mme. Marchesi, forbids her pupils to cycle. Nevertheless Mme. Melba, Mme. Nordica and M. Jean de Reszke are devotees of the wheel.

The Czar of Russia has one set of fifty horses, all pure white, with blue eyes. They are beautiful creatures, but deaf, as white animals with blue eyes always are. These white horses are used in showy processions on state occasions, and, like Queen Victoria's famous cream colored horses, are never sold from the Imperial stables. When past use they are shot and buried with due ceremony.

There is a row between the British excise commissioners and the manufacturers of "temperance drinks" Many of these "non-intoxicating beverages" contain over two per cent. alcohol, and the manufacturers have been hauled up for defrauding the exchequer. From the Daily Mail we gather, that many of the root beers, over a hundred of the six hundred samples that were analyzed, were found to be nearly as strong as the average beer, containing more than 3 per cent. alcowheelman's beer, and other similar

FOR CANINE PETS.

To be clothed in luxury is the latest extravagance for society canine pets. The height of all that is most smart is the coat for "wee doggies" made of the same material as that donned by their mistresses.