

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

FAMILY TOPICS FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

When is a Man of Wealth Useful?—A Common Affair to Do, to Agree?—An Office to Which Every American Should Strive to Aspire.

HERE'S a mine of wealth untold, In a hundred fathoms deep; There's countless store of the earth's red gold In a hundred fathoms deep; Glistening gems for a thousand brows; Gems, prayers, and terrors, vows, In a hundred fathoms deep.

The curse of a miser's years, In a hundred fathoms deep; The child of a mother's hopes and fears, In a hundred fathoms deep; Side by side in the flowing tide, The idol of gold and the idol of pride, In a hundred fathoms deep.

The sea king sits upon his throne, In a hundred fathoms deep; And laughs as he claims all for his own, In a hundred fathoms deep. These are my riches, these my hoards, These the treasures my realm affords, In a hundred fathoms deep, etc.

Life. Mrs. Barbauld was born in Leicester in 1743. In 1774 she married the Rev. R. Barbauld, a French Protestant minister, who conducted a large school, in the instruction of which she afterward took part. She published a number of works, including poems, essays, tales for children and political pamphlets. She died in 1823. The following stanza in a poem called "Life" was much admired by Wordsworth and Rogers, and is frequently quoted:

Life we've been long together Through pleasant and through cloudy weather.

"Thy heart is part when friends are dear; Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear; Then steal away, give little warning, Chase thine own time, Fly not—"Good-night," but in some brighter clime Bid me good morning.

"I Cannot Afford It." A young man was invited by a friend to enter a place of amusement which, though very popular and by many looked upon as moral, would not be an uplift to him in his Christian life, and he replied was: "No, I cannot afford it." "Do not let that make any difference," urged his companion, "I will gladly buy your ticket." "You misunderstand me," replied the more thoughtful of the two. "I was not thinking of dollars and cents, but of precious time, and in how many more profitable ways I could spend my evening."

"Well, perhaps you are right in the main, but it won't do for a young fellow to be prudish and narrow; he will make a laughing stock of himself. Go just this once to please me." But the other replied manfully and firmly: "No, the last time I went there cost me too dear, and I made up my mind I could not run such a risk again. "Toughen yourself," urged his friend. "I didn't get your pocket picked, did you?"

"It was a spiritual loss I suffered," was the low reply. "Perhaps you will think me weak, but the jokes and comments I listened to that night seemed to drive all good thoughts from my mind for many days; and when once I regained what I had lost, I determined that nothing should tempt me to go where my King would not lead the way."

What a noble answer, says a writer in Young People's Weekly. How it would rejoice my heart to know that every King's son who reads this paper had the courage to meet temptations with such a refusal!

When a girl wishes she should be treated to hold her shoulders well back and to keep her arms close to her body. The chest will then be thrown out, not form an inward curve, and the head must be held up fearlessly. Some women go through life with the head held a little forward, reminding one of nothing so much as an inquisitive tortoise out on a voyage of discovery.

The feet should be placed on the ground on the ball first, not on the heel or whole flat. The toes may rub one of all grades, and to put the heel first is too lengthy for walks. It is just as easy to mince along on the toes; it looks as though the ground was over-looked and not to be trodden on. Even when climbing a hill or mounting the outer dizzy staircase of a town-hall tower and stairs, the feet should be held up, not dropped, as though you were searching for a lost nickel.

It is a Thing to Be Proud of. In spite of the money he must spend in buying up his position, the president of the United States, according to the Chicago News, usually makes in one year of money during his term of office. The salary amounts to \$200,000 a year, but this is considered but one-third of what the chief executive officer of the government can make in one year.

watchman at his private door \$1,000. The president has fuel, lights, newspapers and stationery free and a stenographer is always on hand to write his letters. The presidency is a pretty safe life insurance, as the widow of a president who dies while in office has a pension of \$5,000 a year, besides what is usually raised by the people of the country. When Garfield died the sum of \$300,000 was raised for Mrs. Garfield, making her independent for life.

If the president does not die in office his reputation is so made that he can charge anything for after service. Take Harrison, for example; before he went to the white house he never received any abnormal fees, but now gets from \$10,000 up for a single case and can charge \$1,000 for writing a single page in a magazine.

Pretty Story of Princess Maud. The following anecdote of the Princess Maud has the distinguished merit of being true: Going shopping one spring morning last year, strictly incognito, and attended only by one of the ladies of the household, Princess Maud was accosted by a little street arab, who was the happy possessor of a pair of large, pathetic brown eyes and a tangled crop of curly brown hair. He was busily engaged in the absorbing task of earning his living (and perhaps some one else's as well) by retailing "fresh spring flowers, penny and tuppence a bunch." The princess stepped by him, and while choosing some flowers she was a little startled by the lad saying in an excited and familiar whisper:

"It's all right, Miss, I know yer; but I'll keep it dark and won't split on yer."

The princess smilingly shook her head in denial.

"Yer, I do knowa yer" (more emphatically); "yer Princess Maud; I twigged yer directly."

Princess Maud was greatly amused and we can imagine with what glee she would tell of the incident.

Got Ahead of Them. A writer in the Springfield Republican tells a story of the boyhood of Judge C. B. Andrews of the Connecticut Supreme court. The story shows how he, when a freshman at Amherst, got ahead of some hazing collegians.

It was the custom then to smoke out the freshmen. A party of a dozen or more of the fellows would enter the room of an unsuspecting boy, light their pipes and smoke until the victim gave in and offered a treat. When they came into Andrews' room they were without their pipes and had no tobacco about them, but with a stern voice one fellow handed Charles a dollar and ordered him to go out and procure pipes and tobacco for the crowd.

Charles went out, and soon returned with ninety-nine pipes and one cent's worth of tobacco. What the boys did to him for his audacious act, is not related, but it is a fact that they did not smoke him out that night.

Nothing but the Truth. One of the most striking traits in the character of Gen. Grant was his absolute truthfulness. He seemed to have an actual dread of deception, either in himself or others.

One day, while sitting in his bedroom in the White House, where he had retired to write a message to congress, a card was brought in by a servant. An officer on duty at the time, seeing that the president did not want to be disturbed, remarked to the servant, "Say the president is not in."

Gen. Grant overheard the remark, turned around suddenly in his chair, and cried out to the servant: "Tell him no such thing. I don't lie myself, and I don't want anyone to lie for me."

"Whoa." The word whoa—used in calling on a horse to stop—is merely a variant and emphatic form of ho! formerly used in the same sense. This is easily proved, for Chaucer has ho in the sense of "halt" ("Cant Tales," B. 395). When King Edward IV. had to use this exclamation he actually turned it into whoo! "Then the kyng, perceiving the cruel assault (onset) cast his staff, and with high voice, cried whoo!" ("Excerpta Historica," p. 221). Which stopped the tournament; and no wonder.—Notes and Queries.

A Scar. "John," said a father to his son, "I wish you would get me the hammer." "Yes, sir." "Now a nail and a piece of pine board." "Here they are, sir." "Will you drive the nail into the pine board?" "It was done." "Please pull it out again." "That's easy, sir." "Now, John," and the father's voice dropped to a lower key, "pull out the nail hole."

Every wrong act leaves a scar. Even if the board be a living tree, the scar remains.

To Purify Water. A chemical process of purifying drinking water has been worked out by Dr. Allen, who does it with iodine and carbon. One part of iodine in 100,000 of water, at the end of a quarter of an hour will free the water from bacilli. The iodine is then neutralized with sodium hyposulphite. The water is then filtered through charcoal, though, if it was fairly pure to begin with, the precaution is useless. The water is limpid, colorless and tasteless.

Furniture made of compressed paper is being manufactured. It possesses the advantages of cheapness and can be made in any desired shape.

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Once a Poor Physician in a Charity Hospital—Romantic Meeting With Lila Vanderbilt—Their Marriage and His Wall Street Career.

HE phenomenal success Dr. W. Seward Webb has made of his life has been added to by his recent election to the Vermont legislature. Dr. Webb, though a poor man, married Lila, one of the daughters of the late William Vanderbilt, who dowered her with \$15,000,000. The marriage, of course, laid the foundation of his fortunes. It came about in a romantic way. Dr. Webb was of an old revolutionary family and founded the "Sons of the American Revolution." There were several boys in the Webb family, all well educated, thoroughly aristocratic, but poor. Seward devoted himself to medicine and in

few years later, when he had accumulated a little money, he married Lila Vanderbilt. He was made president of the Wagner Palace-Car company, and when in New York he and his wife live in a handsome Fifth avenue residence. Their principal home, however, is at Shelburne, Vt., from which district he was sent to the legislature. Dr. Webb has his eye on the United States senate and thinks this is a stepping-stone to his ambition. He has a weakness for horses and owns a large stock, his particular fond being the breeding of hackneys. He is unsurpassed as a whip. He is a very domestic man and detests balls and receptions, preferring his own home circle. Several years ago the doctor published a book, "California and Alaska," which was the result of his observations during a trip made with his family and a few guests through those regions. The train in which the party traveled was especially magnificent, being composed of library, dining-room, sleeping apartments, observation and baggage car and another car for the servants. Dr. Webb is a republican. He is in the early 40's and a very popular man.

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MRS. NATHAN GUTMAN. Nathan Gutman, widower, a well-to-do German saloonkeeper of 217 Avenue B, New York, and Eliza Fass, widow, of 71 Amberg street, Brooklyn, were married at the residence of the latter the other evening, thereby winding up a romance begun in Germany a good many years ago. In days long gone by Gutman was a schoolmaster in the market village of Birkenau, Hesse-Darmstadt. Eliza Goldman, the pretty sixteen-year-old daughter of a prosperous burgher, thought much of the handsome young schoolmaster and the young people became engaged. The girl's parents objected and the lovers separated. Gutman, despondent and broken-hearted, came to the new world to forget his unfortunate attachment and to win fame and fortune for himself. Time healed his wound and he married Miss Helena Wolf, and by frugality and hard work saved money and established himself in the liquor business at 217 Avenue B. For fifteen years he devoted himself to business and accumulated a fortune. Three years ago his wife died. The dainty Eliza Goldman, in the meantime, at her parents' command, married Samuel Fass, and with her husband came to America, and made Brooklyn their home. After ten years of married life Fass died.

One of Gutman's friends who knew the story of his early disappointment in love told him four months ago that the one-time Miss Goldman, now the widow of Fass, lived in Brooklyn, and Gutman began to act as if he were young again. He bought a gay necktie, a fancy vest and lovely crash clothes. Then, after visiting the barber, he went to Brooklyn with electricity in his step and an old-time longing in his heart. Eliza Fass received him in her best widow's gown and her blushes were as noticeable as in the olden days. A little bit of color and bright ribbons here and there had brightened up her attire when he called again, and after a third visit Gutman told his friends he was a happy man, and the engagement was announced. Only a few intimate friends were invited to the long-deferred ceremony, at the conclusion of which the reunited lovers started for the west on a wedding tour.

being convinced from reports received that these will thrive on the Oregon coast, and he has notified Fish and Game Protector McGuire to this effect. A shipment of eastern oysters will be sent out by the commission to Oregon some time this fall and in the meantime Mr. McGuire will make a personal investigation to find a suitable location to plant them. Eastern oysters require water of just a certain temperature, neither too fresh nor too brackish, otherwise they will not thrive. Mr. McGuire thinks that good beds can be found at Yaquina bay, and, to make sure, he will make a trip there as soon as he has the time.—Portland Oregonian.



Disposing of Smoke. In a device for disposing of the smoke from boiler fires brought forward in Germany the American Machinist says that the waste gases of consumption or combustion are drawn through a conduit at the end of which is a ventilating fan, which forces them into the lower part of a gasometer. Here they bubble through a sheet of water, where they are cleaned of the solid particles held in suspension and collect in the upper part of the gasometer, whence they may be set free into the atmosphere or used for any purpose desired: The wash water is continually renewed, and, as a measure of economy, the combustible solid matter contained in it may be extracted by decantation or evaporation and used a second time for fuel. The draft is regulated simply by varying the load upon the bell of the gasometer. The system is applicable only where power is available for operating the ventilator.

Twelve newspapers to a population of 15,000 is the record of Caldwell county, Missouri.

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