

WHY THEY LAUGHED.

BESSIE opened her eyes first on Thanksgiving morn and pulled her sister Sophy's sleeve to waken her. "Sophy," she whispered, "is it so very wrong not to feel thankful on a Thanksgiving Day?"

And then those grownups laughed again in that cruel way. "Nasty things," whispered Sophy. "I think so, too," whispered Bessie. But here they were at last at grandpa's house, and out came grandpa and grandma and Aunt Jennie and Aunt Eliza and Uncle William, Aunt Eliza's husband, and their boy.

THANKSGIVING AS AN ART.

An Accomplishment in Which Our Mothers Excelled the Girls of Today. In an article entitled "An Old-Time Accomplishment," in the Woman's Home Companion, Edward L. Pell says: "The girl who has cultivated the spirit of thankfulness does not gush over at the gift of a daisy, and snap over an indifferent 'Thanks!' at the man who has lost a day from the office to gratify her little whim."

HE WANTS MORE SOLDIERS.

Gen. Miles Urges Enlargement of the Army.

GUNS FOR COAST DEFENSE.

Important Recommendations Made by the Head of Our Army to Secretary of War Alger—Seventy Thousand Men in Arms Should Be the Limit.

General Nelson A. Miles would ask congress for more than \$15,000,000 for coast defense work next year. He also wants two more regiments of artillery properly to man the harbor fortifications already constructed. He urges the addition of at least 10,000 men to the strength of the army, and he would give the president power to increase the standing army to 70,000.

IDEAS ON CURRENCY.

Col. Trenholm Gives His Views on the Subject.

Colonel William L. Trenholm, who was comptroller of the currency under President Cleveland's first administration, has submitted his views of currency reform to the monetary commission. Colonel Trenholm recommends the fusion of the greenbacks and Sherman notes into one form of paper redeemable in gold.

MINERS FATALLY HURT.

Twenty-Three Injured in an Accident in Indiana.

Twenty-three men were hurt in an accident on the Chicago & Indiana Coal railroad the evening of Nov. 19, nine miles north of Brazil, Ind., near Coal Bluff. It is believed three of them will die. The miners' train on its homeward journey, bearing about 500 miners, was wrecked on the Gladstone switch and two cars left the track, rolling down the embankment. The accident was caused by running over a horse.

Indiana Whitecappers Indicted.

The grand jury has returned indictments against nine well-known citizens, brutally whipping Milton Southers, his mother and a young woman on the night of Aug. 17. The men under indictment are William Sexton, Ell Eads, George Hartsock, Oscar Mitchell, John Mitchell, Everett Chambers, Charles Bodkins, Maurice Lucas, Geo. Palmer. All belong in the vicinity of Fairfax, about ten miles southeast of Bloomington, Ind.

Warrant for Willett's Arrest.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of R. W. Willett, the fugitive cashier of the three broken banks at English, Marengo and Leavenworth, Ind. It is now thought that Willett must have taken a large sum of money with him. President Weathers says the deposits at the time of the failure aggregated \$170,000. Less than \$8,000 in cash was found in the three banks after the departure of the cashier.

Damages for Being Blacklisted.

Fred R. Ketchum, a conductor who was discharged during the A. R. U. strike by the Chicago & Northwestern railway, and who alleged that he was prevented from securing another position by reason of a blacklisting agreement between the defendant and other railroads, was awarded damages in the sum of \$21,000.33 by a Chicago jury.

Fatal Fire at Baltimore, Md.

The five-story building, 317 and 319 North Howard street, Baltimore, Md., was destroyed by fire Nov. 22, and Mrs. Susan E. Maxon of 1534 Williams street, lost her life. The total damage to the building and contents is estimated at about \$125,000; insurance, \$100,000.

Carliss 4-yr. Old Remained.

An unconfirmed report has reached Madrid from Saragossa, capital of the province of that name in northeastern Spain, stating that the Carliss have risen in the vicinity of that city.

Former Wisconsin Man Dead.

Judge J. T. Mills of Manitowish, Wis., died at Denver, Colo. Judge Mills was prominent in the early history of Wisconsin being active in the organization of the Republican party.

Fire in an Ohio Village.

Fire did about \$25,000 damage in Lygrance, a small village eight miles south of Elyria, Ohio. The loss amounts to \$21,000.

ABOUT THE KLONDIKE KING.

Joseph Ladue at His Office, His Appearance, and a Short Interview with Him.

When Joseph Ladue, the Klondike king and founder of Dawson City, returned to his Chicago office in the Chamber of Commerce building last week from the East, he found an immense accumulation of mail awaiting him. From all parts of the country came thousands of inquiries of every sort and nature. The crank who is going to walk to Alaska would like to know if the walking is good; the man with the all-but-finished almsy wants but a few millions to complete it; a well-meaning spinster would like several thousand dollars, that she may protect the Chicago youth from the evil influences of cigarettes, and so on without end, while the man who wants to be taken to Alaska is so numerous that he requires the services of two extra mail carriers. Unlike most millionaires and busy men of affairs, "Joe" Ladue, with the hearty good fellowship which characterizes the Western pioneer, insists that each letter so received shall have a reply, and in most instances the worthy "begging" ones get fat enclosures, too.

"I'm a very busy man these days," he said to the newspaper man. "Since coming back from the Klondike I have



been compelled to cross the continent four times on business in connection with my company, and now I have to go again. I shall, however, be most of the winter in Chicago, as I propose to take with me on my return to Dawson City everything needed in the way of modern mining machinery, so that commencing next spring, notwithstanding the inexhaustible resources of our mines, not an iota of gold will be lost through lack of proper facilities for mining it. I shall return to Dawson about March 15."

"No," he continued, "the wealth of the Klondike has in no way been exaggerated. In personal appearance the Klondike king is a rugged, well-proportioned man of medium height, with hair and mustache of almost raven black. He has a mild, conservative method of speech, but when interested, his honest, gray eyes snap of the fire and determination which marks the successful pioneer. He is temperate in his statements and every word he utters concerning the new Eldorado he has given to the world carries with it a conviction of truth.

A Wonderful Talking Doll.

Of all the splendid gifts which President Faure conveyed to Peterhof on his recent visit to Russia, none can have been more thankfully received than "the three gorgeous dolls, which he bestowed upon little Grand Duchess Olga. The morocco portmanteau containing the trio was decorated with the arms and initials of her imperial highness, and, on opening the cover, a fair-haired dolly became disclosed to the eager eyes of its baby mother, dressed in blue surrah and valenciennes. The grand duchess was now advised to press a spring in the region of her daughter's chest, and imagine her surprise when the waxen lips opened and a tiny voice was heard saying in very good French: "Bonjour, ma chere, petite maman! As-tu bien dormi cette nuit? Moi j'ai fait un beau reve. J'ai reve que l'on m'avait apporte un tres joli bebe qui parle. Et et chante aussi bien que moi," which, translated into English, means: "Good morning, dear little mother! Did you sleep well last night? I had a beautiful dream. I dreamed that I had given to me a pretty baby that speaks, laughs and sings as well as I do."

After a moment's pause this wondrous doll commenced to sing several songs, of which "Ah! mon beau chat-neuve" and "Maitrough s'en va-t-on guerre" was the first. And before the grand duchess could get over her surprise, Dollikin put her hands behind her, and recited a long monologue. More splendors were, however, to follow. Another doll, superbly attired with a trowseau, which included an ermine mantle fastened with emerald clasps; and yet a third, owing to four costumes of the provinces of France, Norman, Breton, Bearnaise and Arlesienne, each doll accompanied by the authentic jewels belonging to her costume. The talking doll is the wonder of the hour at Peterhof.

THINGS WE OUGHT TO KNOW.

Fountainbleau's great grapevine produced 7,872 pounds of grapes this year, which when recently sold at auction, brought in \$715. Irish donkeys are being sent out in large numbers to South Africa. Five thousand pounds have already been spent in three counties alone. The province of Parana, in Brazil, which is about the size of Austria-Hungary, has only 200,000 inhabitants, one-third of whom are foreigners.



Bessie. "That is fun, or maybe she has new dresses for our dolls." "I don't care for taffy, or dolls or anything," said Sophy. "I'm homesick. Well, of course I am at home, but it isn't home without mamma and papa."

and all the aunts laughed "tee, tee, hee," and grandpa gave a great "ho, ho, ho," and the poor children felt as if their hearts would break to be laughed at like that. "None of them love us," they whispered to each other. "And we won't love any of them."

that today the average man is utterly upset and undone when his ears catch the old sweet sound. Of course, this does not justify nor account for the current lack of gallantry among men, but I am not engaged in the hopeless task of restoring men to the old paths, but in the hopeful one of pointing out a neglected talent which the most charming of girls may cultivate with good results. I am not grumbling. I do not mean to say that the girl of the period is one whit behind the girl of the past. I do not believe in the decadence of women. I believe that the girl of today is equal to the girl her mother used to be; but I do not believe that it is equal to the girls of the past, any more than it is enough to say of a flower that she has had the best attention of the best florists for a generation, that it is as beautiful today as it was thirty years ago.



"Well, now, darlings," cried grandma, holding out her arms, "how do you do?" "They are not a bit thankful, ma," said Aunt Rosy. "They won't even smile."

A Thanksgiving Proclamation. Know all men by these presents that We turkeys do protest Against an annual outrage which Brings sorrow to the nest. We think it most becoming for A nation to give thanks, But we object in firm tones when It cuts into our ranks.

A Reform in Siberia. Up to the present year the great province of Siberia, covering an area considerably larger than all Europe, has been without organized courts, the whole country having been subject to the arbitrary administration of officials appointed by the czar. On the first of August a modern and uniform system of public justice was instituted, and new courts were opened in each of the provincial capitals, with a court of appeal at Irkutsk. There is still no appeal at Irkutsk. There is still no appeal at Irkutsk. There is still no appeal at Irkutsk.



Gobbler—"Oh, you feel very tickled over Thanksgiving coming, don't you?" Boy—"Yes, and when it gets here you'll feel very much cut up over it."

Good Advice Made a President. The following advice was imparted to John Quincy Adams, by his mother, in 1778, in a letter to him while he was in Europe: "Great learning and superior abilities, should you ever possess them, will be of little value and small estimation, unless virtue, honor, integrity and truth are cherished by you. Adhere to the rules and principles early instilled into your mind, and remember that you are responsible to your God. Dear as you may be to me, I would much rather prefer that you would find a grave in the ocean which you have crossed, than to see you an infamous, godless, villain."



Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, has been elected president of the National Union of Conservative Associations, in succession to the Earl of Derby. There was a large attendance of delegates from the different associations of conservatives at the convention, which was held in St. James' hall, London. The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of the establishment of a royal residence in Ireland and its occasional occupation of the queen or a member of the royal family, "as this would tend to increase the sentiments of loyalty to the crown and attachment to constitutional government."

For Coalition Against America.

Italian newspapers approve the plan of Count Goluchowski, the Austrian statesman, for forming a European commercial league against the United States. It is said Germany, Italy, Russia, Switzerland and Sweden have already accepted the project.

Gen. Albert Ordway Dead.

General Albert Ordway of Washington died at New York Nov. 21. Death was due to jaundice and pleurisy, superinduced by a severe cold.

Close of Baptist Congress.

The Baptist congress closed its deliberations at Chicago Nov. 18. In his valedictory Dr. Kendrick insisted that although the congress was a representative body, the Baptist denomination was not responsible for the utterances of its appointed speakers and writers.

No Sale of Bonds Likely.

Rumors of an impending bond sale are authoritatively denied by men of prominence at Washington.