

THE LANG ROAD.

Everybody cares for the lang road, gin it lends us to hame.—Maclaren
A lad trudges slowly toward home!
Comes thro' field and thro' fen.

—Woman's Home Companion.

Little Jule

Jule came around the house wheeling the baby in the buggy. She stopped when she saw the Sick Gentleman sitting on the porch and holding a little, fearing that he might have heard her sit.

"May go, too," said the Sick Gentleman. "I'll go right now and ask Mrs. Wayne," declared Jule, joyfully.



MADE YOU NOT A NAME OF YOUR OWN?

I can stay and talk to you awhile, and she sat down on the step and began to pull the buggy to and fro.

"No," said the Sick Gentleman. "No," said Jule, "that is not the way to get better."

"Dear me," said Jule again, "then you are an orphan every way you look at it."

"But this drive was only the beginning. Before long the Sick Gentleman might have been thought to have adopted Jule and Margaret Constance, so inseparable did the three become.

"Julie Devereaux Plinet Maynard," said Jule, promptly, but she said it as if the third name spelled 'ickert'; "Mrs. Tansome wrote it all out for me before she died."

"Julian Devereaux Plinet," he said, and drew her quite close and brushed the curly lock off her forehead and gazed down into her grave eyes.

"Have to practice two, three hours a day, I suppose?" he said, dutifully. "Oh, yes," said the venturesome relative, then she had a sudden inspiration.

Editorials

TRAGEDIES OF THE MINES.

BULLETIN of the Geological Survey makes by its cold statement of facts a powerful indictment against the murderous methods of coal mining permitted in the United States.

The great increase in the production of coal in this country is not responsible wholly for the shocking number of lives lost in the mines. There has been a great increase in coal production in Europe also, and there the deaths have diminished, owing to the enforcement of laws for the protection of the men working underground.

Our coal mines kill nearly four times as many men per thousand as do those of Belgium, more than four times as many as the mines of France and nearly three times as many as those of Great Britain.

THE VALUE OF PREACHING.

INDIVIDUAL cases, at least, the breaking down of the preacher by the cares of the administrator, seems clearly traceable. It may have happened in the old days that a clergyman was inviolable all the week, and incomprehensible on Sunday; but to-day the trouble is apt to be that he is only too visible all the week, "rumbling" the church, and exhausting his nervous energy in serving tables to such an extent that he is in speech contemptible on Sunday.

THE TREE'S ROOTS.

Something About What is Called Plant Intelligence. As the animal is nearer to us than the vegetable, so is animal intelligence nearer akin to our own than plant intelligence.

Little Mamie Rose Rose.

It doesn't take these little Russian children long to catch on to things in this country," remarked a teacher of the Educational Alliance. "When one explains a word to them they never forget it, and they are always ready with an illustration of its meaning too. I remember that some time ago I had explained to the class the meaning of the word 'ambiguity,' and then, as the custom is, I turned about and made them explain the word to me.

Ominous Pose.

"I hear you've got a new minister, Tommy." "Yes, an' I don't like him at all; he must 'a' been a school teacher once." "Why do you think that?" "Cause whenever he talks to me he always holds his hand behind him."

AMERICANS WORK FAST AND DIE EARLY.

PHYSICIANS have long been preaching the doctrine that American business men live too fast. With the telegraph, the ocean cable, the telephone and other modern facilities the man of affairs can do in one hour work that formerly would have occupied six. It might be thought his working day would be correspondingly shortened.

INDISCRIMINATE CHARITY.

HERE are thousands who need every incentive to honest labor that can be found, and they are readily demoralized by the spectacle of men enabled to live in comfort without any labor at all. Maladministration of the poor law is largely responsible for this state of things, but it is powerfully reinforced by the self-indulgence of the more well-to-do classes, who gratify their passing emotions and impulses by indiscriminate charity.

COMFORT FOR FISHERMEN.

In the winter the fishermen on the great lakes of Canada build little cabins on the ice. In these huts they take up their quarters, and fish through a hole chopped in the ice in the center of the cabin floor.

AMEROSE CHANNEL.

Why Gotham's New Harbor Waterway Received Its Name. The name of Amerose channel was given the new waterway by an act of Congress passed in May, 1900, one year after my father's death, says Catherine Amerose Shady in the New York Sun.



FISHING THROUGH THE ICE UNDER SHELTER.

ways of the State at large, we now desire to give pronounced expression in this manner of our appreciation of his services; now, be it resolved, That the State of New York recognize with gratitude and warm appreciation the efforts of the late John W. Amerose, and commend his unselfish labors for the advancement of trade and commerce.

Wanted Company.

"Madam," said the doctor who had been called at 2 a. m., after examining the patient, "send at once for the clergyman and also for a lawyer if you want to make your will."

LAURENCE WAS WEDDING.

Curious Accident to the Lowest Steamship River Built in Italy. A feeling akin to consternation has been spread through Italian shipping circles owing to the mishap in launching the biggest passenger steamer yet constructed in Italy, says Engineering.

The Car Conductor.

Next week the marriage bells will be rung. For I'll be there, I guess, to set, And Pansy's Ma, she won't be the bet.

Love in a Cottage.

Love in a cottage run on union rail— Can Teddy Roosevelt do a sum like that? Two can eat cheap as one, perhaps, but say.

They say I'll turn as sickly as a sheep.

When on the First, with dull and heavy boom, The fleet comes round and walks the room, Remarking, "Feel, or else file out, you scrub!"

THE GREEK MYSTER.

It was the Deadliest Weapon of the Ancient Pugilist. The four-ounce glove was unknown to the ancient pugilist. When the boxers and fighters came together in the old days of Greece they were bare-handed.

A PIONEER HEROINE.

An instance of unusual heroism, connected with the burning of Royalton, Vt., by the Indians in 1780, is recorded in 1818, A Mrs. Hendee, with her little son, seven years old, and a daughter who was still younger, was trying to make her escape, when the Indians overtook her and captured the boy.

Strong Indication.

"That boy of ours is certain to be at the head of a big crowd today," said Farmer Kunkin, as he laid down the wheat.

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